

The Wellington News

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Important Dates:

- **January 2-31:** Wellington PTO Helping Hands Gift Card & Coat Drive
- **January 22:** Winter ASE classes begin
- **January 23:** Library Shelf Reading Event, 1:00-2:30pm
- **January 24:** 1:40 dismissal
- **January 26:** Report cards posted for parents
- **February 2:** Gwen Irish Comfy Cozy Day
- **February 5:** General PTO Meeting, 7pm with special guest presenters from Wellington's Green Team
- **February 7:** PTO Green Committee Meeting, 8:45am (Wellington cafeteria)
- **February 9:** Fine Dining Day
- **February 9:** Multicultural Night

Dear Wellington Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend and enjoyed the "warmer" temperatures! I stopped by the PTO Bingo Night on Friday evening and I was thrilled to see so many students and families enjoying themselves. A special thank you to our music teacher, Craig McMahan, for being the bingo caller for this fun event.

Last Tuesday evening, we hosted a district-wide parent presentation on executive functioning, led by Sarah Ward. This event was co-sponsored by the generous donations from the FBE and the Wellington PTO. I'm pleased to share that **145** parents attended this engaging and informative event! If you're interested in learning more about Sarah Ward, please visit her website: <http://www.efpractice.com>.

With the recent cold weather, Wellington has been dealing with inconsistent heat throughout our building. My primary job is to keep students and teachers safe, so everyone is able to do their best learning. Unfortunately, the heating issues have been well documented prior to my arrival at Wellington. Due to these systematic issues, I speak to Superintendent Phelan daily, as well as to the facilities department. In the fall, our HVAC

unit on the roof had issues and was fixed. Most recently, I have been working with the town HVAC department and an independent contractor, taking one room at a time, to assess and monitor the heating situation. For the past two weeks, the HVAC department has been at Wellington to remedy persistent heating issues. Last week, the HVAC department had to manually override the system in a few classrooms and they were able to identify issues regarding broken parts. New parts have been ordered and should be here within a week. On a daily basis, we continue to assess and monitor the heating issues. We are working on a direct and timely correction around this and hopefully, the building will be where it should be soon. Thank you for your patience and understanding around this.

As always, please let me know if there is anything I can do to help your child at Wellington.

And, how are the children? Well, very well indeed.

Annemarie

Electronic Report Cards Are Coming!

Our January elementary school report card will be shared with families via a link to PlusPortals and no longer sent home in hard copy! An e-mail will be sent to parents from the portal stating report cards are available. If you have any questions or concerns about access, be sure to let us know. Anyone who cannot access the portal for any reason will still be provided with a hard copy of the report cards. Thank you!

Lost and Found: Please be sure to check the lost and found for jackets, gloves, hats and snow pants. We will be DONATING all remaining items in our lost and found on **Friday, January 26**. Thank you!

Fine Dining Day: We are looking for musicians for our Fine Dining Day for **Friday, February 9th**. All instruments are welcomed and appreciated! If you, or someone you know, would be interested in playing the piano or any musical instrument during the hours of 11:25AM to 1:35PM (with 15 minute breaks every half-hour) please let Kaitlyn Kennedy know. Thank you for consideration to share your talents with our students! Email: kkennedy@belmont.k12.ma.us

Appropriate Footwear Reminder: Please remember to have your child wear sneakers on the days they have Physical Education class! Sneakers/athletic shoes provide a safe level of support for running, jumping and turning activities that other shoes do not offer. If your child prefers to wear a different type of shoe such as boots, flip-flops, crocs, dress shoes, etc., he/she can bring sneakers to school and change into them for P.E. class. If you have any questions about appropriate footwear for Physical Education please feel free to contact Mr. Giusti or Ms. Doherty.

Student Drop-Off SAFETY Reminder: With the new year and the winter weather challenges, this is a friendly reminder for all families! The SMALL loop on the K/1 side of the school is NOT a drop-off (or pick-up) area for students; however, students **may** be dropped-off along Orchard Street. Drivers must first pull into a vacant parking space

BEFORE unloading students; please DO NOT double park in order to drop-off students. Students may also be dropped-off in the MAIN parking lot on the flagpole side of the school. Staff members are there to assist students in getting out of the vehicles.

Keeping all students safe takes all of us working together. Thank you for your cooperation and for following the drop-off procedures at Wellington!

***Nurse's Notes:* Viruses (including flu) are around**

There have been reports of illnesses involving fevers, some including nasal congestion and cough. Some viruses can cause rashes on hands, face or belly. A child who is actively coughing/sneezing/blowing nose, or has a new rash, even in the absence of high fever, should spend some time at home resting, both for their benefit, and to help prevent the further spread of their illness to others in the school. Your child's doctor should advise you on when it is wise to resume school attendance. Viruses are spread through exposure by air from coughing/sneezing, from close contact, and from touching contaminated objects. Let's work together to keep their spread to a minimum!

Terry Grimm RN

PTO News:

Helping Hands Gift Card & Coat Drive Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated coats to our Coat Drive! These will be much appreciated donations to Children's Services of Roxbury. *We are also collecting gift cards to local grocery stores and Target to be distributed by the school Administration to Wellington families in need of a little extra help throughout the school year.* Please send gift cards in any donation amount into school in your child's folder. We are so lucky to have such a generous and supportive community!

Multicultural Night Volunteers Needed! Multicultural Night (Feb 9th, 6pm) brings the community together to learn about and celebrate the many international cultures we have at Wellington. The event features country tables where students and families can discover different cultures, a dessert potluck and a live performance. This year's theme is **Song & Dance**, and the Senegalese drumming ensemble Rambax will perform. We need a lot of help to make this event a reality! Have you lived abroad or are you from a different country? Share your culture by volunteering to host a country table! Interested in helping out another way or before the event? **Check out all of the volunteer opportunities and sign up here:** <http://signup.com/go/izDbwHO>

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Questions? Email April Julich Perez at aprilpomme@gmail.com

Belmont SEPAC News:

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 Parent Information Session "*Coordinating Your Special Needs Financial & Estate Plan*",

6:30pm - Parent Mingle

7:00pm - Presentation

8:45pm - End (We have to be out of the building at 9pm.)

Where: Daniel Butler Elementary School Cafeteria, 90 White Street, Belmont MA 02478. Entrance to the cafeteria is on the side of building by the parking lot.

Gain insight into the many issues you may face as a caregiver for special needs persons. Discover how government programs may pay for basic living expenses if certain conditions are met; and, careful planning is in place. Examine some of the steps you can take to make sure your special needs loved ones have the lifestyle you prefer - during your life and after your death. Presented by Caleb Harty, Financial Advisor/Principal of Harty Financial. RSVP's appreciated: Email: Diane Hutchins-Fridmann, dianehf98@gmail.com.

Thursday, January 25, 2018, Belmont SEPAC Coffee/Tea – 10:30am, Brueggers Bagels 41 Leonard Street. RSVP's appreciated: Email Rachel Nathan, rlnathan@gmail.com.

SAVE A DATE of upcoming Belmont SEPAC Parent Information Sessions (February 28 (no meeting), March 28, April 25, May 23 (awards ceremony)).

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