

WELLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

W.E.S. - WHERE EVERYONE SUCCEEDS!

“Teamwork: Simply stated, it is less me and more we.”
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Dear Parents,

I was so happy to get an opportunity to meet with so many of you. The Sneak Peek Events for applicable grade levels was tremendous. It was awesome to see so many students eager to return to school or come to school for the very first time. Lots of smiles in the hallways and I know this will continue.

I want to take a moment to apprise you of the unbelievable work demonstrated thus far by the Wells Elementary School Staff.

Dave, Ron, Dick, Pete, and Melinda worked diligently to make our school look second to none. The floors were unbelievably clean as was the entire building. Sometimes it is easy to take the condition of the building for granted and we owe our custodial staff a huge debt of gratitude for all their hard work during the summer. Thank You!

Sarah was here all summer and was instrumental in getting so many of the new initiatives off the ground. I am grateful to Sarah for her exceptional work in the front office. Without her attention to detail and organizational skills, we would not have been able to have such a great start to the school year. Thanks Sarah!

Chris and Holly came on board this past week and the front office was a team of 3 accomplishing the work of 10. Their energy and positive attitudes truly made the difference as they worked tirelessly to prepare for the beginning of the year. Thank you!

I wanted to acknowledge the hard work of **Marty Cryer** as she worked diligently to put together a google training for all the applications specific to transitioning to google calendar. Thank you! I also wanted to commend **Jen Abbott and Nancy Talbot** for going above and beyond by helping students.

Ken Spinney and **Pam Ingram** have been tremendous and we are making incredible strides towards becoming the school that others wish to emulate. There are many other staff members who deserve recognition and this will happen in the upcoming weeks. Without a doubt, this staff is incredible!

P.B.I.S. Team

This group did 3-5 years' worth of work in a matter of weeks. By working in teams, they accomplished more work than I ever thought could be accomplished. I am so grateful that this committee of volunteers went above and beyond in the best interest of our students.

Recess:

Parents, please know that if there is a light drizzle or mist in the air, we will be going out to recess. Today, I was privileged to have taken part in 3 kickball games. The students loved seeing staff taking part in the games at recess. This builds positive relationships, trust, and students really find out that you care about them. It was a great day!

CORE VALUES' Bracelets/ Tuesday 10:00am Meeting in Cafeteria:

On Tuesday, staff and students received Core Values' bracelets. These bracelets exemplify the values that we will exhibit every day as students and staff members. **Honesty, Respect, Trustworthiness, Compassion, Responsibility.** At 10:00am, we will meet as a staff and students in **grades 1 through 4.** We will review our Positive Behavior Support and Intervention model for behavior as well as giving out the bracelets to exemplify our core values. We will then have a brief skit about what it means to be safe, respectful, and responsible on the bus. Students will learn about our reward system both at school and on the buses. The P.B.I.S. Team moved forward with "Hoot Loot" as our token economy and the "Owl Outlet" as the name of our school store.

TEAM

This is a phrase that has come up repeatedly in this newsletter and previous correspondence. Most of the day today was spent discussing the concept of team, becoming a team, and knowing that we are all in this together. The only way a school can really be successful is when there is collaboration. On August 25, 2016 the WES staff adopted the following guiding beliefs to complement our core values:

W.E.S. Guiding Beliefs – Established 2016-2017

- Á **W.E.S. - WHERE EVERYONE SUCCEEDS** Á
- **W.E.S. is a team that provides a safe, nurturing environment which advances the social, emotional, and academic growth of all students.**
- Á **We build positive relationships with all students.** Á
- Á **We believe that communication and collaboration are essential to student achievement.** Á
- Á **We believe education is a shared responsibility.** Á

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The culture of WES is such that we learn from our mistakes, practice and improve, and acknowledge the hard work of our students.Á

**BEGINNING THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR -JEN ABBOTT,
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER: Á**

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