

# WINDOW INTO WELLS ELEMENTARY

News from the Principal's Office

April 2018

## Important Updates:

It looks like we are out of the woods in regards to snow, and I'm looking forward to the green grass and bright sunshine! I hope if you go away for the April vacation with family or friends, that the time is memorable. The spring brings so much excitement with learning and celebrations, and I look forward to sharing that with the families in Wells.

As a reminder to families who drop off in the circle each morning, we ask that you have your child sit on the passenger side of the vehicle so they can exit onto the sidewalk. The traffic is intended to allow two lanes through. The right side, closest to the sidewalk, is for dropping off students, the left lane is to allow cars who have dropped students already to exit the circle. Please do not allow children to get off in the far left lane and cross through traffic. It would also be helpful if your children were prepared to exit the vehicles quickly so we are not holding up traffic. We appreciate your cooperation during this morning routine.

We are in our last week of MEA testing which is intended for any make up tests. For two weeks the students in grades 3 and 4 have been working on completing one test per day for 8 days. Mrs. Curran and I are so proud of their work ethic and positive attitude during the test taking. We also want to thank the students in the rest of the building for making accommodations to keep hallways quiet during testing. Schedules were interrupted, and we appreciate students and staff's flexibility during this time period.



### April Dates:

- 4: School Committee Meeting
- 5: Parent Teacher Conferences
- 7: PTSA Consignment Sale
- 12: Parent Teacher Conferences
- 13: No School for Students (Parent Contact Day)
- 16-20: Spring Vacation
- 24: PTSA meeting
- 26: PAC meeting @ 5:30

## Performing Arts:



We have enjoyed sharing the wonderful presentation of *Tikki Tikki Tembo* and *Three Little Piggies Opera* with our BK, Grade 1 and Multi ½ families. The children have been working hard to be prepared for their performances. Thank you for your understanding while we continue to monitor everyone who enters the doors during school hours at WES. Once you have had your license scanned at the front desk, for subsequent visits, you simply need to tell the secretaries your name, and a

## PAC Update:

In March, the PAC met and had a guest visitor, Shelby Levesque. Shelby is a local licensed mental health professional, and parent of a first grader at Wells Elementary School. She came to share with our team suggestions for positive behavior, and for the implementation of easy changes to enhance empathy and education to assist in preventing acts of violence from taking place in our home town. Shelby's presentation was well received by the PAC and the team will debrief on her presentation at our next meeting, April 26th. Also present at April's meeting will be our school counselor, Pam Ingram, to talk about the school counseling program. If you have questions or concerns regarding this topic or others, please reach out to a PAC member so your ideas can be shared at an upcoming meeting. PAC members: (Kim Bohn, Summer Roy, Sarah Moody, Andrea Hall, Jennifer Adams, Michelle Allen, Eric Lawson, Morgan Gaines, Eilean Worchester, Theresa Bolduc, Jenny Jo K. Collin, Nichole Donovan, and April Noble)

## After School Entrance

Beginning this week, the Wells Rec. Department will be asking ALL participants in their after school programs to drop off and pick up students through the music wing, rather than through the front door. This door is marked #2. Camp Sunshine and Camp Sundown drop off and pick up procedures WILL NOT be changed. This change will allow easier access to the facilities used for after school rec programs, and will ensure the safety of students and staff.



badge can be printed for you. We know this has slowed down the entry process, but the safety of students and staff is our number one priority. Second grade families will be enjoying the Rodeo performance in May.



## PBIS Update:

We are proud of WES bus behavior! Each day students bring in a "score" describing the day's bus behavior. Marbles are earned hoping to fill a jar on display in the cafeteria. This past week, bus 12 and bus 1 were recognized for their second time this year! Way to go!



## Multi 3/4 Visits Avita

Our Multi 3-4 classrooms have partnered with our neighbor, Avita, to create a shared memory experience. Each month these students visit Avita and work with their residents. A special project will be created sharing past and present memories. A celebration of this work will take place in May at Avita.

