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April 3 - 10: Spring Break

April 13: School resumes

April 13: BOE Work Session (WW)

April 15: Third grade ELA state test

April 15: WHS College Visits to BGSU & University of Toledo

April 18: Duke Pride Carnival

April 21: BOE Business Session (WHS)

April 28 & 29: Third grade math state test

SPRING IS HERE

LETTER FROM DR. PELTZ, SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Wellington Families,

Spring is here, and the final quarter of the 2026-27 school year has begun! I am hopeful that we will not be adding to our record number of snow and cold days. Warmer weather reminds us that we have come so far since the first day of school.

The fourth quarter is full of celebrations, concerts, field days, and outdoor sports, but it is also a chance to show off all of our academic growth, too. In April, the annual Ohio State Tests will give us the opportunity to compare ourselves with our peers across the state. We will host our annual art show so everyone can see our kids' amazing artistic talents. Academic awards will be given in every building. Our seniors will have a special night dedicated to scholarships and recognitions, but the greatest celebration will be our Class of 2026 Commencement on May 31st, where we can see the efforts of thirteen years of hard work and dedication pay off with a Wellington diploma and the skills needed for a successful future.

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LETTER FROM DR. PELTZ, SUPERINTENDENT

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While there is plenty to look forward to, this is not the time to take our foot off the gas. It is good to daydream of end-of-the-year celebrations and summer nights, but we still have plenty to accomplish in the classroom, on the stage, on the track, and out on the ball fields.

Let's finish the year strong.

Go Dukes!

-Andy Peltz, Superintendent



Dr. Peltz enjoying the teacher & staff appreciation breakfast from the WHS FFA students on March 18th. Thank you Mrs. Thome & the FFA students!

Governor's Recognition for Westwood! Science of Reading Champion School!



Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, in coordination with the Department of Education and Workforce, developed the Governor's Science of Reading Champion Awards to recognize schools that are demonstrating strong implementation of evidence-based instructional practices aligned to the science of reading and where students are making significant progress. Schools that are selected as awardees will receive a school building banner and may be contacted for a site visit to receive their award and recognition. Only seven elementary schools in Lorain County received this honor.



To achieve the Governor's Science of Reading Champions Recognition, a school must demonstrate a deep, multi-year commitment to evidence-based literacy that goes well beyond basic state mandates. The process evaluates the school's systemic integration of High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) and advanced professional development, alongside a rigorous, data-driven framework for student success.

This includes the consistent use of universal screeners and Tier 2 diagnostics to differentiate core instruction, backed by transparent "decision rules" and robust teaming structures (such as BLTs and TBTs) that hold staff accountable for student growth. Ultimately, the award identifies "Champions" as those who have established a building-wide culture of literacy, evidenced by high rates of progress monitoring and proactive initiatives that exceed the requirements of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee and the Dyslexia Map.

We are science of reading champions!

Read the article here!

TREASURER'S OFFICE UPDATE

A MESSAGE FROM MR. BAILEY

It is that time of year when we are all hoping we are done with the cold and snow. A huge shout out to our maintenance department, Dan Doehr and Justin Reffert for making sure we had plenty of salt for the snow and ice and keeping the parking lots clear.

This winter we completed some important indoor projects with the help of Mr. Doehr and Mr. Reffert. They installed new LED lights in the McCormick cafeteria, new scoreboards in the high school gym and assisted with the installation of a new dishwasher in the high school kitchen.

The purchase of new scoreboards would not have been possible without generous donations from our supportive community.

With spring around the corner, they have already shifted to some outdoor projects. They replaced the stone with sand in the shot-put pit at the track. They also started preparations to prepare the fields for softball and baseball season.

We will be planning for new signage for the board office and signage for the gym entrance at the high school. They are also in the planning phase of getting the parking lot at the high school sealed. Looking forward to spring sports and the return of warmer days.

Read the Financial Forecast Report on our district website or click here.

Sincerely,
Mr. Bailey



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Thank you to the generous scoreboard donors:

The Wellington Eagles
The Drew Guyer Memorial Foundation
The Wellington Schools Endowment Fund
The Boys Basketball Parents Club
The Volleyball Parents Club
Wellington Athletics Boosters
Dan Gossman Allstate Insurance

NUTRITION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



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Director of Nutrition Services

Munch The Fox visits Westwood!





Munch the Fox visited Westwood for a special taste test of maple glazed carrots on March 4th! This was part of our partnership with the amazing program "Feed Our Future," *local foods for growing minds.* Learn more here and find recipes.

Students enjoyed watching Munch The Fox dance and get them excited to try new, healthy foods in a taste test. Students could vote if they "loved it, liked it, or it's not for them" and they also wrote their feedback on a whiteboard. Check out the Westwood Facebook page here for the video!

WHS featured Tyson **wings on March 5th** and students and staff enjoyed them! Thank you to our amazing nutrition services team for working hard!



Chicken Wings!



Happy WHS students!

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JIM TRESSEL VISITS MCCORMICK!



Click here to watch the videos!

Video 1

Video 2



Thank you to Lieutenant Governor Jim Tressel for visiting McCormick as part of his "Jim Tressel Fitness Challenge!" He discussed the pillars of success in life, including focusing on your fitness, strength, flexibility, cardio, nutrition and sleep! His goal is to make Ohio the healthiest state in the nation. Thank you, Coach for celebrating the challenge with us and to Mrs. Voss for working with all our Dukes in grades 3-6 to become healthier! Thank you to Curriculum Director Ms. Glasure for connecting us with the Jim Tressel Fitness Challenge!

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LORAIN COUNTY JH HONORS CHOIR



On Wednesday, March 18th, 19 of our JH Choir members participated in the Lorain County Honors Choir and Band Festival at Keystone High School. The festival is an opportunity for selected vocal and instrumental students to perform with students from area Lorain County schools under the direction of a guest conductor.

The participating students rehearse with their individual district choir directors for 4-6 weeks before coming together with students from the other area schools in sectional rehearsals that are cooperatively led by the directors from the participating districts. The students finally come together to practice as a large ensemble with the guest director in an all day rehearsal to prepare for the concert performance!

Our participating students this year were: Kaitlyn Rudd, Makenna Cole, Morgan Gibbs, Peyton Schaffer, Chasity Snyder, Makenna Piotrowski, Ruby Wisecup, Hayden Porter, Timmy Heefener, Jonathan Nance, Arianna McGovern, Chloe Oliver, Nevaeh Wilder, Jaelynn Ford, Paisley Tripp, Alexis O'Keefe, Lilly Rickman, Avery Greenleaf, and Michael Chavez.- Choir Director Mrs. Arcuri

LORAIN COUNTY JH HONORS CHOIR







PERFORMING ARTS NEWS - THE OUTSIDERS















THE OUTSIDERS CAST & CREW











WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

1: FINDLEY STATE PARK PRESENTATION
3-10: NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK
13: SCHOOL RESUMES
14: PARENT CO-OP MEETING @ 6PM (WWE)
15: 3RD GRADE ELA STATE TEST
15: END STOLLER FUNDRAISER
16: 3RD GRADE ELA STATE TEST
18: DUKE PRIDE CARNIVAL (WHS GYM)
21: DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM - 2ND GRADE
21: K-KIDS MEETING @3PM (WWE CAFE)
28: 1ST GRADE PLAYHOUSE SQUARE FIELD TRIP
28: 3RD GRADE MATH STATE TEST
29: 3RD GRADE MATH STATE TEST
29: GREEN CIRCLE GROWERS - 2ND GRADE

MAY

4: STEWART LITTLE PERFORMANCE (LINDLEY)
7: BASKETBALL JONES ASSEMBLY
12: PARENT CO-OP MEETING @6PM (WWE)
15: FFA FOOD FOR AMERICA DAY
18: HERRICK MEMORIAL LIBRARY PRESENTATION
20: 2ND GRADE ZOO FIELD TRIP
22: FIELD DAY
25: NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE

3: 3RD GRADE CLAP OUT
3: LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS







Duke Pride Carnival



Saturday, April 18, 2026
Wellington High School Gym

629 North Main Street



Free Breakfast: 8 - 11 a.m.
Carnival: 9 a.m. - noon



All funds are donated to the Summer Food Voucher Program in partnership with Well-Help.







WELLINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

SENIOR FAMILIES- CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT PHOTOS!

DON'T FORGET

SUBMIT THE SENIOR PHOTOS



ALL PHOTOS CAN BE SUBMITTED USING THE QR CODE LINK

Class of 2026

SUBMIT PHOTOS BY MAY 1ST

WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Important Dates:

- **4/3-10: Spring Break (No School)**
- **4/15:** College Visit to Toledo and Bowling Green
- **5/22:** Last Day for Seniors
- **5/25:** Memorial Day (No School)
- **6/3:** Last Day of School

2025-2026 YEARBOOKS!

- *Order your 2025-2026 Wellington HS Yearbook today!*

Yearbooks are $75. Click here to order online.

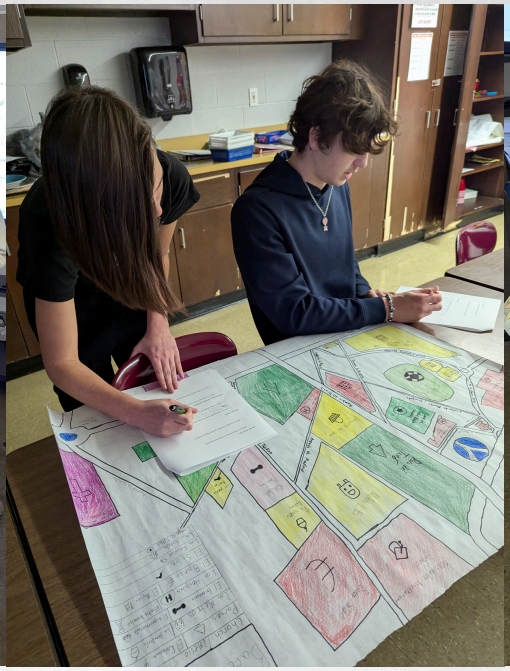
Bowling Green & University of Toledo College Visit!

Students in grades 10-12 are invited to attend our College Visit on 4/16 from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- WHERE: The University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University.
- DETAILS: It's completely free and lunch will be provided.
- WHY: This is a great opportunity to check out these schools to see if they may be a future fit for you!

Spots are limited so listen for the announcement that it is time to sign up. You can pick up a permission slip in the office.







Lettuce Harvest yum!



Students in 8th grade Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) classes harvested their first round of hydroponic lettuce!
After weeks of learning, growing and caring for their plants, students were thrilled to see their hard work pay off in the McCormick cafeteria for lunch.











During FFA Spirit week, WHS FFA students prepared a delicious breakfast for teachers & staff at WHS.
Thank you!

Ag Sales CDE Team



Our Ag Sales team of (left - right) Tyler Burns, Kelsey Urig, Nicholas Sword and Max Hook competed in the state finals in March and finished 12th in the state. Individually, Nicholas placed 3rd.

Congratulations!



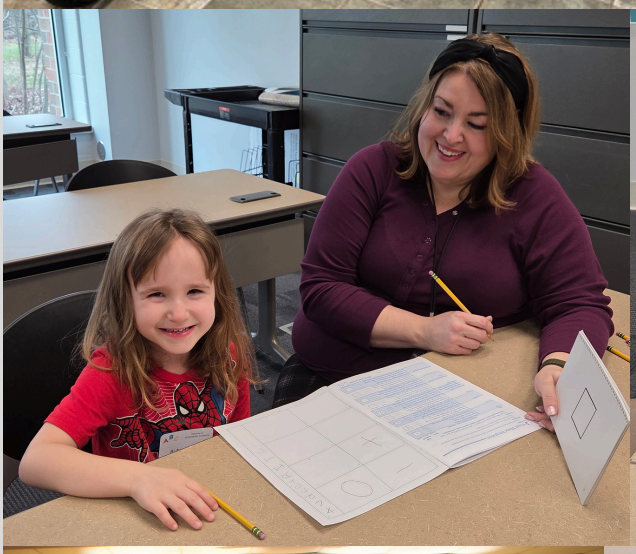
WHS FFA Officer Team

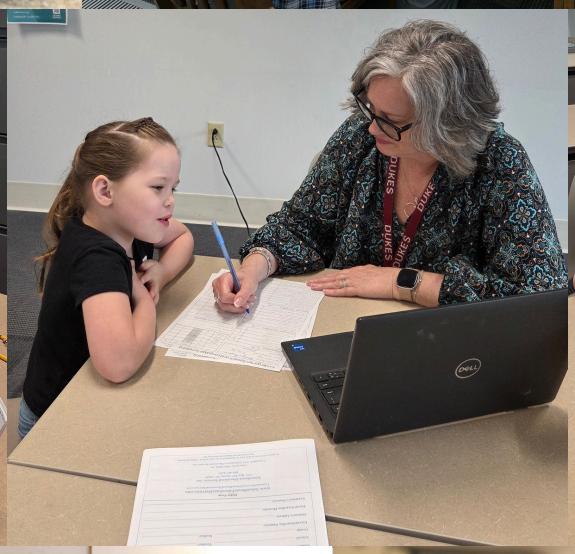
Watch the FFA Spirit Week Tractor Day Video here!

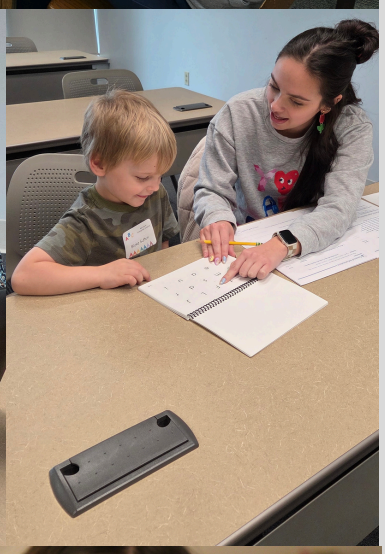
AROUND OUR DISTRICT

















BROOKSIDE/WELLINGTON STUDENT SWAP









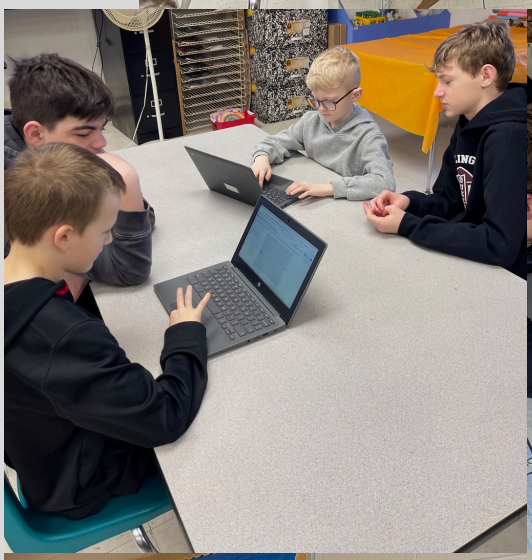
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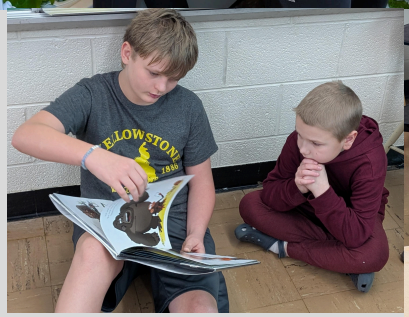
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