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THE OVERVIEW

To prepare our students to be successful, contributing members of their communities, through excellence in education.


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Tyler Brion Named YNN Scholar Athlete of the Week

Time Warner Cable News is proud to announce a new program designed to honor, highlight and celebrate the best “Scholar Athletes” in our local high schools. Each week during the school year, Time Warner Cable will choose one scholar athlete for a profile that will be seen on YNN News. Those athletes will also be featured in a year end special honoring all the athletes. The YNN Scholar Athlete for the Week (date of airing as yet undetermined) is senior **Tyler Brion** (*shown at right*).

Congratulations Tyler on this outstanding honor!

Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration Set for March 17-19

Wellsville Central School will hold registration sessions for both Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten on March 17-19 (Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday), from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. and also on Wednesday, March 19, from 6-8 p.m. at the Elementary School. To be eligible to attend Pre-Kindergarten in September 2014, your child must turn four by December 1, 2014. To be eligible to attend Kindergarten in September 2014, your child must turn five by December 1, 2014. For more information, please visit our website at www.wellsvilleschools.org or call 585-596-2104. Registration forms are available on the Elementary School page. Hard copies can also be picked up at the Elementary School Office. **Parents are advised to pick up, complete, and bring the forms to one of the registration sessions as this will significantly shorten the registration process.**

Three Vacancies on School Board

The Wellsville Central School Board of Education announces three school board vacancies expiring on June 30, 2014. These vacancies are three-year terms and will expire June 30, 2017. Anyone interested in running for the school board can pick up a petition at the District Office located in the MS/HS Complex at 126 West State Street in Wellsville. The petition requires signatures of twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, and must be filed with the District Clerk at least thirty (30) days prior to the budget vote on May 20, 2014. The last day petitions can be accepted is April



21, 2014. Please direct any questions you may have to Dawn Youmans, District Clerk at 596-2170.

To qualify for membership on the school board, the following conditions must be met:

- Must be able to read and write.
- Must be a qualified voter of the district; that is, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age or older, and not adjudged to be an incompetent.
- Must be and have been a resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the dis-

trict for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year immediately before election.

- May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year.
- May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family.
- May not be a current employee of the school board.
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

WCS Calendar of Events

- March 3** - BOE Meeting, MS Room 212, 6:30 p.m.
- March 7 & 8** - All-County Music Festival # 2 at Bolivar-Richburg C. S.
- March 12** - Staff Development Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- March 15** - WCS Hosts Regional Odyssey of the Mind Competition
- March 17** - BOE Meeting, MS Room 212, 6:30 p.m.
- March 17-19** - Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Registration at Elementary School, sessions held daily 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. and on March 19 from 6-8 p.m.
- March 21 & 22** - All-County Music Festival # 3 at Genesee Valley
- March 24** - PTA Meeting Elem. School Library, 6:30 p.m.
- March 25** - Middle School Report Cards Mailed
- April 1-3** - NYS ELA Assessment, Grades 3-8.
- April 4-6** - High School Musical, 7:30 p.m. on April 4&5 and 2 p.m. on April 6.
- April 7** - BOE Meeting, MS Room 212A, 6:30 p.m.
- April 8** - HS Marking Period 3 Report Cards/Parent Portal
- April 11** - Elementary Report Cards sent home with students
- April 12** - Odyssey of the Mind State Competition at Binhampton University
- April 14-21** - **Spring Break – NO SCHOOL**
- April 22** - BOE Meeting, MS Room 212A, 6:30 p.m.
- April 24-26** - Senior Trip
- April 28** - PTA Meeting, Elem. School Library, 6:30 p.m.
- April 30** - May 2 - NYS Math Assessments, Grades 3-8
- May 3** - SAT College Entrance Exams
- May 5-16** - Advance Placement Exams
- May 6** - BOE Meeting, MS Room 212, 6:30 p.m.
- May 6** - Elementary School Idol Contest
- May 12** - Middle School Report Cards Mailed
- May 16-17** - Houghton Strings Festival
- May 19** - PTA Meeting, Elementary School Library, 6:30 p.m.
- May 20** - School Budget Vote, 7 a.m. – 9 p.m., HS Riverside Lobby
- May 20** - Middle School Spring Concert, 7 p.m.
- May 20 - BOE Meeting, 9:15 p.m., District Office
- May 21-30 - NYS Science Performance Test
- May 22 - High School End of the Year Awards Assembly
- May 26** - **Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL**
- May 29 - High School Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m.



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To submit information or offer constructive suggestions for improvement, please contact the reporter for your building or department. Remember, these "reporters" can't report what they don't know -- so please keep them informed!

WCS Mission Statement

"Our mission is to prepare our students to be successful, contributing members of their communities through excellence in education."

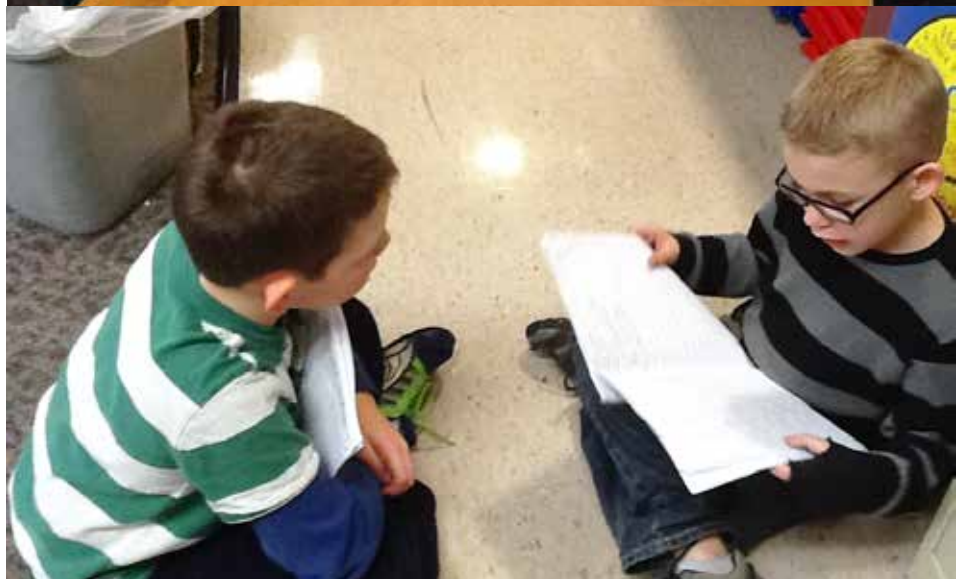
Second Graders Write Informational Reports

Students in second grade got together and shared their knowledge with each other! They spent the last two months learning how to write informational reports. The reports each had a cover page and a table of contents, followed by at least five pages of information on the topic they selected. The topics ranged from putting puzzles together, to how to build a bird house, to how to do a split, to information about whales. According to Second Grade Teacher Sheila Murphy, "It was amazing how much the children knew and they truly enjoyed sharing with their peers and learning more!"

IN TOP PHOTO - Students share their informational reports.

IN MIDDLE PHOTO - Lily Ball and Jayla Crandall shared their knowledge with each other.

IN BOTTOM PHOTO - Brody Heaney listens as Breydan Crittenden reads his report.



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will be produced monthly as a service to district residents, taxpayers, students, parents, and employees. Staff members and others can submit information on significant events via e-mail to the designated reporter for their building by the following deadline(s):

April 2014 *March 14*



Creative Minds Will Compete in Wellsville

(Wellsville, New York) – On Saturday, March 15, 2014, 45 teams from across the Southern Tier will be showcasing their creativity during the Odyssey of the Mind Regional competition. Odyssey of the Mind is a world-wide creative problem-solving tournament that promotes original and divergent thinking as a team sport. Divergent problems, that is, those with more than one solution, encourage students to learn and lead the way using 21st century skills. By working in teams of up to seven members, participants learn teamwork, the appreciation and understanding of others, and the concept that a group is a more powerful thinking force than an individual.

Wellsville Central School will be hosting more than 300 creative kids aged ten through eighteen years old, who will be showing off their brain power in this high-energy tournament. The winners, who will be announced at the end of the day, will represent Region 19 at the New York State Tournament at Binghamton University on April 12 and possibly World Finals at Iowa State University on May 28-31.

Teams from 11 area school districts have worked hard to come up with solutions to one of these five mind-bending problems posed by Odyssey of the Mind:

Problem 1: Driver's Test -- Teams will design, build, and drive a vehicle that will travel a course where a student driver attempts to complete tasks in order to pass a driver's test. The vehicle will travel using



This team represented Wellsville Central School at last year's World Finals for Odyssey of the Mind held last May at Michigan State University.

one propulsion system and then travel in reverse using a different propulsion system. The vehicle will encounter a directional signal and have a Global Positioning System (GPS) that talks to the driver. The team will create a theme for the presentation that incorporates the vehicle, a driver's test, a student, and the talking GPS.

Problem 2: The Not-So-Haunted House -- The team's problem is to create and present an original performance that includes a "pop-up-style" not-so-haunted "house" where four special effects take place. The intent of the special effects will be to scare others, but they will produce a different result instead. The performance will include at least one character that experiences the special effects and a narrator who relays the experiences to the audience. It will also include a surprise ending. The special effects will be scored for originality and engineering.

Problem 3: It's How We Rule -- In this Classics problem, teams will recreate a King's Court from history and make their own Royal Court set in an original kingdom at a different time and place. The Historic Court will issue a decree that fits in with its history, while the team-created Royal Court will issue a decree that changes an everyday behavior for the people in the kingdom. The Historic Court will be composed as the team wishes, but the original Royal Court will

be made up of a leader, a minstrel that performs a song while playing a team-created instrument, and a jester that makes fun of the leader. The performance will include puppets and a Peoplet (a person portrayed as a puppet), and will be scored for humor.

Problem 4: The Stackable Structure -- Teams will design and build a structure made up of separate components stacked on top of one another. The structure components will be made of only balsa wood and glue, and will be tested by balancing and supporting weights after they are stacked. Teams will be scored for the number of components they use in their final structure. Before they are stacked, the separate components will be integrated into an artistic representation of Earth. The team will include the stacking of the components, placement of the weights, and Earth into the theme of its performance. This event is sponsored by NASA.

Problem 5: Seeing is Believing -- Teams are to create and present an original performance about a community that feels threatened by something in a location it has never visited. The community townspeople will use a creative method to select one or more Travelers to visit and explore the location. While at the location, a Traveler will use a means of communication to send a message home to convince the community

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that there is nothing to fear. The performance will also include a narrator character, two rhymes about the travels, and a moving set piece.

Students have spent months of their free time solving these problems as well as developing teamwork skills, independent study, friendships, confidence, all while improving their brainstorming and problem-solving techniques. They learn new things and utilize their individual strengths to solve the problem. Teams also learn how to budget money since there is a cost limit to each problem. Throughout the day, one will witness imaginative costumes, elaborate props, dances, original songs and poetry, creative writing and much more.

Not only do the participants compete within their chosen problem, but teams

must also perform well in a “spontaneous problem,” where they solve a new problem on the spot. They must be creative, quick thinking and work well together as a team.

Spectators are welcome to join in the excitement of the day. Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES is still recruiting volunteers. No prior experience is needed and training will be provided. Anyone interested in getting involved is encouraged to call (716) 376-8284.

Saturday, March 15 is the culmination of many months of work from students,

coaches, parents and judges who all work together with the common goal of expressing creativity, supporting the arts and learning new things in a fun environment. The tournament starts at 8:30 a.m. and continues throughout the day. The Awards Ceremony begins around 3:15 p.m.

Thousands of teams from throughout the United States and 25 other countries participate in this program. For more information visit www.odysseyofthemind.com, www.nysoma.org or www.caboces.org or call C-A BOCES Student Programs at 716-376-8284.

The SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR will be held at the Wellsville Elementary School on the following dates:

Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 8th	March 10th	March 11th	March 12th	March 13th	March 14th
K.I.S.S. Event 8:00-10:00 am	9:30-3:30	9:30-3:30 Family Night 5:00-7:00pm	No School	9:30-3:30 Family Night 5:00-7:00pm	9:30-3:30

More information will be sent home next week.



Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk, Dawn Youmans, at 126 West State St., Wellsville, NY at least seven days before the date of the budget vote (May 20, 2014) if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the budget vote if the ballot is to be issued to the voter in person. Absentee ballots may not be mailed by the District Clerk earlier than 30 days before the vote. An absentee ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk, 126 West State St., Wellsville, NY not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the budget vote.

Emergency School Closings & Delays

CLOSINGS and DELAYS will be reported per a telephone call via our GLOBAL CONNECT SYSTEM. It is essential that the District has your correct and operating telephone number on file. If the phone number you would like the Global Connect message sent to has changed, please notify us, in writing, with the correct phone number.

Emergency CLOSINGS and DELAYS will also be announced on:

- WLSV (Wellsville, AM 790)
- WJQZ (Wellsville, FM 103.5)
- WZKZ (Wellsville, FM 101.9)
- WHDL (Olean, AM 1460)
- WPIG (Olean, FM 95.7)
- WLEA (Hornell, AM 1480)
- WCKR (Hornell, FM 92.1)
- WFRM (Coudersport, AM 600)
- WBEN (Buffalo, AM 930)
- WGRZ-TV (Channel 2)
- WIVB-TV (Channel 4)
- WKBW-TV (Channel 7)
- YNN (Time Warner Cable News)



Guidance News

Important Dates

- March 4** - Class of 2014 Meeting, 7:55 a.m., WHS Auditorium
- March 11** - High School third quarter progress reports available on parent portal
- March 12** - **NO SCHOOL – Superintendent Conference Day**
- April 1** - Deadline for Allegany County Area Foundation Dollars for Scholars Scholarship
- April 4** - Registration deadline for 5/3/14 SAT College Entrance Exam at WHS
- April 4-6** - Spring Musical
- April 7** - Penn York College Night at Reilly Center on the campus of St. Bonaventure University, 6-8 p.m.
- April 11** - MP 3 report cards are available on the parent portal
- April 14-21** - **NO SCHOOL – Spring Break** (The guidance office will be closed during the break)
- April 18** - Late registration deadline for the 5/3/14 SAT College Exam to be given at WHS
- April 22** - School Resumes
- April 22** - Senior Data Sheets must be returned to the guidance office to be eligible for local scholarships
- April 24-26** - Senior Class Trip to Boston

Penn-York College Night

The annual Penn-York College Night will be held at St. Bonaventure University's Reilly Center on Monday, April 7, 2014, from 6-8 p.m. There will be over 100 colleges, universities, and technical school representatives available to provide information and answer questions.

Making Schedules For Next Year

Counselors will begin meeting with students in grades 8-11 to prepare class schedules for the 2014-2015 school year. During the meetings, students will receive a general orientation to schedule preparation including a review of their individualized graduation plans and Wellsville High School graduation requirements. Parents are cordially invited to attend these meetings. You may call 596-2160 to schedule an appointment with a counselor, or if you have any questions concerning your child's schedule and/or graduation requirements.

Special Notes for Seniors

- Please bring a copy of all college acceptance letters and scholarship offers to the guidance office.
- Be sure to apply for financial aid! You must complete and submit a FAFSA form to apply for federal student aid for college. You may apply online using FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Contact your college's financial aid office to learn more about your particular college expenses.
- If you have not yet applied to college, it's not too late. See your counselor NOW!

Scholarship Deadlines

- March 1** - Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York
- March 1** - Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo
- March 15** - The Firemen's Association of NYS
- April 1** - Allegany County Area Foundation Dollars for Scholars
- April 1** - Benjamin Teater Memorial Scholarship
- April 11** - Farm Credit East Awards
- April 30** - Olean Kennel Club Scholarship
- June 1** - Aspiring Pharmacy Technician Scholarship Program
- June 1** - Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship Program
- June 1** - Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship Program

For more information on these scholarships, please see guidance. Local scholarship applications will be available in the spring. Free reputable scholarship searches are also available at: www.fastweb.com, www.collegeboard.com, and www.srewxpress.com.



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Pre-K Kids Celebrate Kk Week With Focus on Kindness

Pre-kindergarten Teacher Tiffany Grimes wanted to put a strong focus on kindness during Kk week. According to Ms. Grimes, “We have a kindness jar, but I wanted to REALLY focus on it for a week. We read some wonderful books, one titled, *Heart Prints*. The message of the book was that doing kind things for people really leaves an everlasting heart print, so I asked the parents if anyone would like to donate

baked goods so that we could randomly drop them off to community helpers to let them know that they are greatly appreciated.”

She explained, “The students chose eight “people/places” to take the baked goods to. The destinations included the police station, the fire station, Dr. Kassas’ office, the maternity ward at Jones Memorial Hospital (people who take care of babies, **see photo at right**), the library, the post of-



“The bus garage and the Comfort House (I told them about the Comfort House and they agreed it was a great place to take a plate of goodies).”

She further elaborated, “Myself and three families -- the Brockway family, Richardson family, and the Means family -- baked cookies and cupcakes and I delivered the plates to each destination. The expressions on the faces of the people who received the appreciation goodies were priceless! They were so surprised and so grateful.”