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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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## ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION

**Tuesday, May 19,  
7 a.m - 9 p.m.,  
H.S. Lobby**

**[Riverside entrance]**

***More on Pages 2-5.***

AT LEFT - Wellsville High School students answered phones on the March 20-22 weekend at Wellsville's satellite of the Telethon for the Variety Club of Buffalo, supporting Children's Hospital. Shown L-R are: Jon Piscitelli, Morgan Choate, Leah Christman, Grace Erway, and Shawn Murphy.



## All-County Band Members

All-County High School Band Members from Wellsville are shown from left to right: Luke Seeley, euphonium; Madison Ewing, Flute; Leah Christman, flute; Rachael Ferraloro, flute; Chelsae Peterson, clarinet; and Darren Evens, French horn.

## Come to the H.S. Talent Show!

The WHS Student Council is again sponsoring a **High School Talent Show** on **Wednesday, April 29** at **7:30 p.m.** in the H.S. Auditorium. Student Council is requesting a \$5 donation from each person attending the show, with the proceeds to be given to the WE CARE Foundation (an organization that helps victims of domestic violence). **Mark your calendars; you won't want to miss this year's Talent Show!**

# From the Wellsville BOE and Administration

Dear Residents,

The Wellsville Central School District’s mission statement continues to guide our budget decisions, “**To prepare our students to be successful, contributing members of their communities through excellence in education.**”

**For the second year in a row, the Wellsville CSD Board of Education has approved a budget that proposes a 0% (zero percent) tax levy increase.** The 2015-2016 budget-to-budget increase is 1.65%. The budget increase is being covered by an increase in state aid.

In past years, we spoke of the detrimental effects of the GEA or Gap Elimination Adjustment. The GEA was enacted in 2010 and has caused the District to lose over \$4 million dollars in aid over that period of time. Ninety-eight percent of the GEA funding has finally been restored in this year’s budget. This is a step in the right direction but even with the restoration of GEA funding, we are still operating at an aid level equal to that of a time prior to 2010. The inequity in NYS school funding causes our District to be included on the list of the 50 most underfunded school districts in the state. On a student-by-student basis, we are listed as being underfunded by approximately \$3800 per student. Details of this report can be found on our website ([www.wellsvilleschools.org](http://www.wellsvilleschools.org)).

Regardless of the above-mentioned constraints, we have continued to maintain all programs and services necessary for educating our students in an evermore competitive and challenging world. We believe we have accomplished this goal through a process that takes into account the growing needs of our students as well as the ongoing financial challenges of our community and taxpayers.

We continue to be proud of our staff members who are dedicated to educating our children and greatly appreciate our incredible facilities. We must continue to work together in order to prepare our students to be able to meet the educational challenges they face not only today, but also in their futures.

We are truly grateful to a community that is supportive of our schools and students. We encourage you to be informed about the budget. Join us for our public budget hearing on May 5th at 6 p.m. in the Middle School room 212A, and then please exercise your right to vote on the budget in the Wellsville High School Lobby (Riverside Entrance) on May 19, 2015, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. We also encourage you to contact the District Office (596-2170) with any questions or comments you may have regarding the Wellsville Central School District.

## 2015-16 Budget At-A-Glance

Proposed Budget	\$28,294,181
Budget Increase	+1.65%
Proposed Tax Levy Increase	+0.0%

## Budget Hearing -- Tuesday, May 5

6 p.m., Middle School Room 212A

## Vote -- Tuesday, May 19

7 a.m. to 9 p.m., High School Lobby (Riverside)

## 12-Year Comparison of Tax Levy Increases

Year	Change in Levy
2004-2005	7.95%
2005-2006	4.45%
2006-2007	3.25%
2007-2008	3.67%
2008-2009	3.76%
2009-2010	3.97%
2010-2011	4.00%
2011-2012	2.46%
2012-2013	1.50%
2013-2014	1.00%
2014-2015	0.00%
<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

## Four Candidates Running for School Board

Four district residents are running for election to the Wellsville Central School Board of Education. The Board has three (3) three-year terms of office set to expire at the end of June. These four candidates will appear on the ballot for the May 19, 2015, school board election in the following order:

1) Carol English 2) Daniel Martelle 3) Jeffrey LaBenne 4) Clinton Gilkey

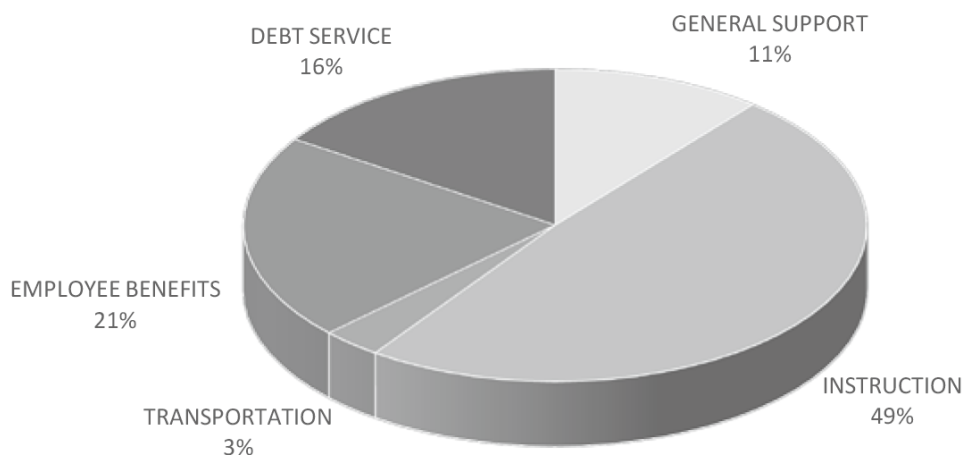
### Voting Qualifications

A person shall be entitled to vote at this meeting and election of School District Officers and upon other matters, which may be brought before such meeting, and election who is:

- a) A citizen of the United States;
- b) 18 years of age; and
- c) A resident within District for a period of 30 days preceding the election.

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## 2015-2016 Proposed Expenditure Summary

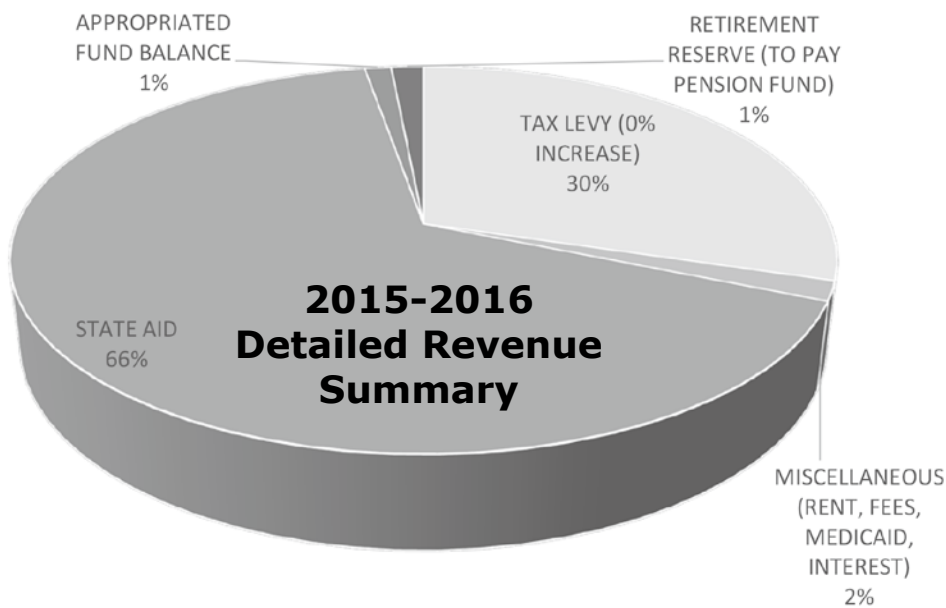


CATEGORY	2014-15 BUDGET	2015-16 NEW BUDGET	\$ CHANGE
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$20,725	\$23,525	\$2,800
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$214,457	\$218,067	\$3,610
FINANCE	\$270,061	\$274,395	\$4,334
STAFF (PERSONNEL, LEGAL)	\$403,478	\$403,478	\$0
CENTRAL SERVICES (OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE, PRINTING & MAIL)	\$1,481,872	\$1,668,536	\$186,664
SPECIAL ITEMS (INSURANCE, BOCES ADMIN.)	\$504,500	\$505,000	\$500
<b>TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$2,895,093</b>	<b>\$3,093,001</b>	<b>\$197,908</b>
SUPERVISION OF SCHOOLS	\$978,541	\$1,006,186	\$27,645
TEACHING	\$5,958,525	\$6,019,954	\$61,428
SPECIAL APPORTIONMENT PROGRAMS (SPECIAL & OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION)	\$4,221,276	\$4,906,328	\$685,052
SPECIAL SCHOOLS	\$109,028	\$110,600	\$1,572
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA	\$946,072	\$795,399	(\$150,673)
PUPIL SERVICES	\$990,268	\$963,095	(\$27,173)
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$13,203,710</b>	<b>\$13,801,562</b>	<b>\$597,853</b>
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$906,307</b>	<b>\$879,550</b>	<b>(\$26,757)</b>
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$6,372,718	\$6,041,396	(\$331,322)
DEBT SERVICE	\$4,457,987	\$4,448,672	(\$9,315)
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS (CAFETERIA)	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b>	<b>\$10,830,705</b>	<b>\$10,520,068</b>	<b>(\$310,637)</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$27,835,815</b>	<b>\$28,294,181</b>	<b>\$458,366</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET INCREASE</b>			<b>1.65%</b>

**VOTE on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 7 a.m - 9 p.m.,  
at the High School Lobby [Riverside entrance].**

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2015-2016 Estimated Revenue	
TAX LEVY (0% INCREASE)	\$8,388,802
MISCELLANEOUS (RENT, FEES, MEDICAID, INTEREST)	\$461,000
STATE AID	\$18,667,894
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$350,000
RETIREMENT RESERVE (TO PAY PENSION FUND)	\$426,485
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$28,294,181</b>

### LEGAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The Board of Education of the Wellsville Central School District, Wellsville, New York, hereby gives notice that an Annual District Meeting on the proposed 2015-16 budget (being Proposition No 1) and related propositions will be held at Wellsville Central School, Wellsville, New York, Middle School Room 212A, 126 West State St., on the 5th day of May, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purpose, exclusive of public moneys, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen (14) days preceding May 19, 2015, except Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, at the following school house in which school is maintained during the hours designated: Wellsville Central School District Office, 126 West State Street, Wellsville, NY 14895 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District, 126 West State St., Wellsville, NY not later than 5:00

p.m. on April 20, 2015. The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education:

1. Three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2018, current incumbent, Mrs. Carol English;
2. Three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2018, current incumbent, Mr. Clinton Gilkey;
3. Three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2018, current incumbent, Mr. Daniel Martelle

Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, must be filed with the district at least thirty (30) days prior to the budget vote on May 19, 2015, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that voting will be held on May 19, 2015, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the High School Lobby (Riverside Entrance) for the voting upon the election of three (3) board members of the Board of Education and to vote upon the acceptance of the proposed budget (being PROPOSITION NO. 1) for the school year 2015-16 and:

**PROPOSITION NO. 2 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Wellsville Central School District No. 1 of the County of Allegany, is hereby authorized and directed to purchase two (2) 77 passenger conventional

buses at a total maximum cost of \$235,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to be raised by taxes on the taxable property of the said school district and to issue obligations of the school district, therefore, in accordance with the education law and local finance law:

**PROPOSITION NO. 3 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Wellsville Central School District No. 1 of the County of Allegany, is hereby authorized and directed to increase the annual tax levy to an additional \$6,384 and to pay over such funds to the trustees of the David A. Howe Public Library.

**PROPOSITION NO. 4 RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Wellsville Central School District No. 1 of the County of Allegany, is hereby authorized and directed to decrease the number of members of our Board of Education from being a nine (9) member BOE to a seven (7) member BOE effective with the 2016-17 school year.

**AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that applications for absentee ballots to vote on these propositions may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk, 126 West State St., Wellsville, NY at least seven days before the date of the aforesaid district meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such district meeting if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours on each of the five days prior to the day of the vote (excluding Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday) and such list shall also be posted conspicuously at the place of voting. An absentee ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk, 126 West State St., Wellsville, NY not later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of such district meeting.

Notice is also given that there will be no separate registration required to vote in the election of School Board members or for the budget or separate propositions.

A person shall be entitled to vote at this meeting and election of School District Officers and upon other matters, which may be brought before such meeting, and election who is:

- a) A citizen of the United States, b) 18 years of age, c) A resident within the District for a period of 30 days prior to the meeting or election at which he or she offers to vote.

Board of Education, Wellsville Central School District No 1 of towns of Wellsville, Willing, Scio, Alma, Andover, and Independence, Allegany County, New York.

By: Dawn Youmans, District Clerk, Wellsville Central School.

## School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2014-15 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2015-16 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2015-16 School Year *										
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$27,835,815	\$28,294,181	\$28,188,581										
Increase/Decrease for the 2015-16 School Year		\$458,366	\$352,766										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.65 %	1.27%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.62 %											
<b>A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>	\$8,388,802	\$8,388,802											
<b>B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable</b>	\$0	\$0											
<b>C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **</b>	\$0	\$0											
<b>D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy</b>	\$0	\$0											
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	\$8,388,802	\$8,388,802	\$8,388,802										
<b>F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit</b>	\$267,193	\$238,638											
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>	\$8,280,732	\$8,477,379											
<b>H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)</b>	\$8,121,609	\$8,150,164											
<b>I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **</b>	\$159,123	\$327,215											
<b>Administrative Component</b>	\$2,782,853	\$2,884,585	\$2,825,785										
<b>Program Component</b>	\$18,735,084	\$19,053,958	\$19,027,158										
<b>Capital Component</b>	\$6,317,878	\$6,355,638	\$6,335,638										
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2015-16 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.</p>													
<p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Prop. 2-Authorization to borrow for the purchase of 2 buses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$235,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prop. 3-Authorization to increase the David A. Howe Library levy</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$6,384</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prop. 4-Authorization to decrease Board Members from 9 to 7 to be effective in the 2016-2017 school year</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$0</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Description	Amount	Prop. 2-Authorization to borrow for the purchase of 2 buses	\$235,000	Prop. 3-Authorization to increase the David A. Howe Library levy	\$6,384	Prop. 4-Authorization to decrease Board Members from 9 to 7 to be effective in the 2016-2017 school year	\$0		
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NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: [emscmgts@nysed.gov](mailto:emscmgts@nysed.gov)

Under the Budget Proposed  
for the 2015-16 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

\$695

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2015-2016 by the qualified voters of the Wellsville Central School District, Allegany County, New York, will be held at the Wellsville High School (Riverside Entrance) in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Wellsville High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

# Guidance News

## Important Calendar Dates

**May 2** - SAT College Entrance Exam to be given at WHS. Students should be at the high school by 7:45 a.m. Please bring your admission ticket, two #2 pencils, and a calculator.

**May 4** - Allegany County National Honor Society Banquet

**May 4-15** - Advanced Placement Examinations

**May 8** - Deadline to register for the June 13, 2015 ACT College Entrance Exam to be given at WHS. Please register online at <http://www.act.org>. Late registration deadline is May 22, 2015.

**May 11** - "Big 30" Academic Team Scholarship Banquet at Old Library Restaurant in Olean at 6 p.m.

**May 15** - MP 4 Progress Reports are available on the parent portal.

**May 25** - **NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day Holiday**

**June 1** - Allegany County Area Foundation Scholarship Awards

**June 2** - Senior Art Show, 5:30 p.m., WHS; and Senior Scholarship Night, 7:00 p.m., WHS Auditorium

**June 5** - Awards Assembly 8:00 a.m. WHS Auditorium

**June 13** - ACT College Entrance Exam to be given at WHS. Students should be at the high school by 7:45 a.m. Please bring your admission ticket, two #2 pencils, and a calculator.

**June 16-25** - Regents and RCT Exams

**June 26** - Graduation

**July 1-24** - Driver Education - Session 1

**July 27 - August 19** - Driver Education - Session 2

**July 6 - August 11** - Summer School

**August 12 & 13** - Regents Exams



## Scholarship Deadlines

The Wellsville High School Guidance Office would like to share with you valuable information the Class of 2015 is currently receiving about local scholarship opportunities. Listed below are local scholarship opportunities and their deadlines that are available to the Class of 2015. Applications for these scholarships are available in the Guidance Office. Please stop by Guidance or call 585-596-2160 with any questions. Please do not let these opportunities pass you by!

**May 1** - Friends of Allegany Arc Scholarship and Allegany County Deputy Sheriff's Association Scholarship

**May 4** - Elizabeth Walchli Memorial Scholarship

**May 8** - Wellsville Elementary PTA Scholarship, Altar & Rosary Scholarship, and American Legion Scholarship Trust Award

**May 11** - Steuben Trust Company Scholarship

**May 15** - Association of Former New York State Troopers, Inc. Scholarship

**June 30** - 2015 Aspiring Nurse Scholarship



## Youth Recognition Award Program

The Allegany County Youth Bureau and Youth Board are sponsoring a Youth Recognition Award Program. An individual is eligible for consideration if he or she exhibits one or more of the following criteria: service to the community, positive role modeling for other youth, or overcoming personal challenges. The Youth Bureau is looking for youth who are not necessarily scholars or athletes but in their own way are making positive contributions to the community.

The Youth Recognition Award Program recognizes **Shawnee Ives** with this award. Congratulations to Shawnee on this recognition.







**Domzalski  
to Attend  
Boys State**

Junior **Christopher Domzalski** (*above*) has been selected by WHS teachers and administration to attend the American Legion *Boys State* Program. *Boys State* candidates must be potential leaders, display character, scholarship, loyalty and service to their school and community. *Boys State* is a unique summertime educational program for high school juniors that focuses on participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with government bodies and elected public officials. It is designed to mirror the structure and operation of its respective state government, providing training in practical citizenship, leadership and character development. The program will be held at Morrisville State College from June 26 thru July 2. *Congratulations, Chris!*

**THE OVERVIEW**

*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):*

**June 2015** **May 15**

## Schoolhouse Rock Live Draws Praise

Wellsville High School's production of *Schoolhouse Rock Live* was a terrific success! Not only were audiences pleased by the performances on March 13th, 14th, and 15th, so was the adjudicator from the Theatre Association of New York State (TANYS).

Adjudication offers an opportunity for a cast and crew to hear constructive, objective feedback about their production. The process provides an outside eye that allows a production not only to bring applause, but also to grow. This year's adjudicator was Diane Mashia. She gave individual and group insights into what she saw on the stage. She complimented the singing and dancing of the students. She also mentioned how much she

appreciated the director's use of black light effects, beat boxing, and stomp in the show. In the end, the show received two awards:

■ Meritorious Achievement for Vocal Performance and Dancing to the Cast

■ Meritorious Achievement in Directing and Theatre Education to Director Lori Brown and Music Director Cody Hampton

An award of Meritorious Achievement indicates that the adjudicator noted some advanced theatrical skill in that area. The cast, pit, crew and staff can be very proud of the work they did for our show!

## WCS Calendar of Events

**April 23-25** - Senior Trip, New York City

**April 28** - PTA Meeting, Elementary School Library, 6 p.m.

**May 2** - SAT College Entrance Exams

**May 4-15** - Advanced Placement Exams

**May 5** - BOE Meeting, MS Room 212, 6:30 p.m.

**May 11** - M.S. Report Cards Mailed

**May 15-16** - Houghton Strings Festival, Houghton College

**May 19** - Budget Vote and BOE Election, H.S. Riverside Lobby, 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

**May 19** - PTA Meeting, Elementary School Library, 6 p.m.

**May 19** - Middle School Spring Concert, HS Aud., 7 p.m.

**May 19** - BOE Meeting, District Office Conf. Room, 9:15 p.m.

**May 20-29** - NYS Science Performance Test, Grades 4 & 8

**May 25** - **Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL**

**May 27** - High School Spring Concert, HS Aud., 7:30 p.m.

**June 1** - NYS Science Written Test, Grades 4 & 8

**June 1** - BOE Meeting, MS Room 212, 6:30 p.m.

**June 2** - Senior Scholarship Night, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

**June 4** - "June in Bloom" Jazz Festival

**June 4** - Jump Day

**June 5** - Jump Day (Rain Date)

**June 9** - Elementary School Spring Concert, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

**June 11** - "An Encore Performance", David Howe Library, 7 p.m.

**June 13** - ACT College Entrance Exams

**June 16-25** - Regents Exams

**June 16** - PTA Meeting, Elementary School Library, 6 p.m.

**June 23** - Elementary School Report Cards sent home

**June 26** - Graduation, Wellsville High School, 7 p.m.

**June 26** - High School Report Cards available on parent portal

**June 30** - Middle School Report Cards Mailed

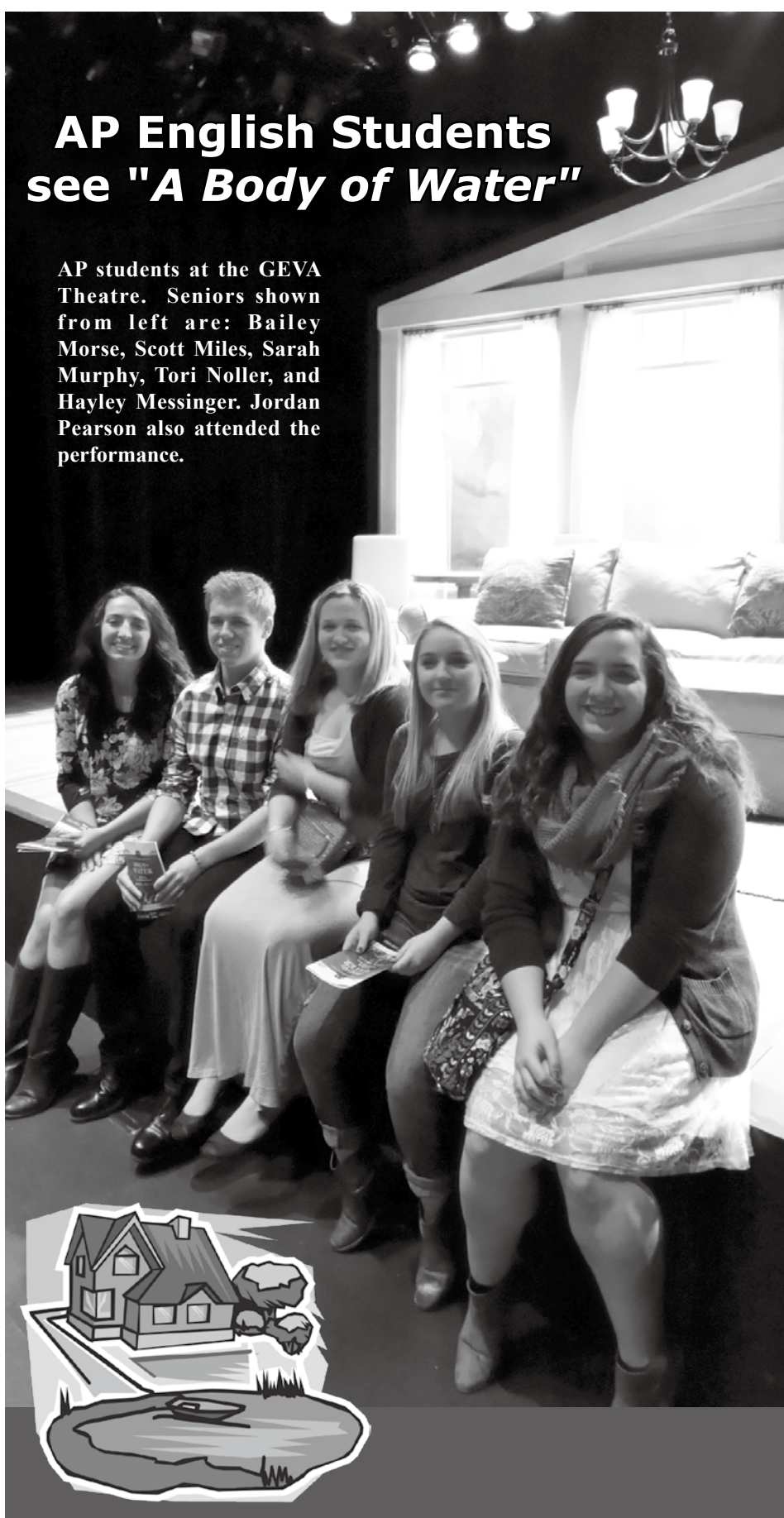


## WCS Mission Statement

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## AP English Students see "A Body of Water"

AP students at the GEVA Theatre. Seniors shown from left are: Bailey Morse, Scott Miles, Sarah Murphy, Tori Noller, and Hayley Messinger. Jordan Pearson also attended the performance.



A play about amnesia proved to be a memorable experience for members of Ms. Figura's Advanced Placement English class. Students saw the contemporary drama *A Body of Water* performed at Rochester's GEVA Theatre in March.

The play by Lee Blessing focuses on a man and a woman who wake up every day not knowing who they are or why they cannot remember anything. A visitor arrives and over the course of the play offers three troubling versions of the events that triggered their amnesia. The play forces the audience to examine the link between memory and identity.

AP students read the play in class and afterward discussed how the live performance conveyed the play's themes.



### **Ceramic Association of NY Scholastic Recognition Award**

Dylan Griffiths (*above*) has been chosen to receive the Inamori School of Engineering/Ceramic Association of New York Scholastic Recognition Award for high school juniors. Encouraging students to pursue careers in science and engineering is critical to our nation's future in the global economy.

Engineering requires mathematical abilities and scientific knowledge. It has become increasingly important in engineering to have strong communication skills. This award is given to recognize a junior who demonstrates a solid mathematical and scientific background.





**Kids Raise \$ on Bubble Gum Day**

On Friday, February 6, WES second graders celebrated Bubble Gum Day by donating \$.50 or more to chew gum. The money raised was then donated to the SPCA. Second Graders Eva Brammer, McKenzie Osborne, Brooklyn Dahlgren, and Skylar Shutt are shown presenting Lynda Opiela, from the SPCA, with the money raised on Bubble Gum Day.

**THE OVERVIEW**

*The individuals listed act as reporters for their respective buildings or departments.*

**Elementary School**  
Dean Giopulos, Ann White

**Middle School**  
Mary Ellen O'Connell, Kasey Riley

**High School**  
Jeffrey White, Cindy Chapman

**Additional Staff**  
Dawn Youmans, District Office  
Lenore Braunscheidel, H. S. Guidance Office  
Jeffrey Joslyn, Music  
Dennis Miles, Athletic Schedules  
Mary VanEtten, Special Services

*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!*

**Do you want to help our school? Do you like to volunteer?  
Join the Wellsville Elementary PTA today!  
Please fill out & return this membership form for the 2015-2016 school year . . .**

**Wellsville Elementary PTA Membership Form 2015-2016**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Only used for PTA updates & activities)*

You can help the PTA at different levels of involvement. Please check the ways you wish to participate.

- Attendance: Monthly meetings. (Usually the 4th Tuesday of the Month at 6pm)
- Volunteering: Activities include community reader day, teacher's luncheon, book fairs, giant receipts, box tops for education, and more.
- Support: My \$5.00 membership fee is support enough. I do not wish to volunteer.

*\*Please return this form, with your dues of \$5 per person, to your child's teacher in an envelope marked "PTA" or mail to 50-98 School St. Wellsville, NY 14895  
Make checks payable to: Wellsville Elementary PTA. Thank you for your continued support.  
Please visit and like our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/WellsvilleElementaryPTA](http://www.facebook.com/WellsvilleElementaryPTA)*

## Creative Minds of WCS Compete In Odyssey of the Mind

On Saturday, March 14, 2015, several teams from Wellsville Central School were among the 49 total teams from across the Southern Tier who showcased their creativity during the *Odyssey of the Mind* Regional competition held at Randolph Central School. *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.

In conjunction with Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES, Randolph Central School hosted more than 300 creative kids, aged 10-18, who showed off their brain power in this high-energy tournament. The winners, were announced at the end of the day and represented Region 19 at the New York State Tournament at Binghamton University on April 11 and possibly World Finals at Michigan State University on May 20-23.

Teams from 14 area school districts -- including Wellsville -- worked hard to come up with eight-minute solutions to one of these five mind-bending problems posed by Odyssey of the Mind:

- *Runaway 'Train'*
- *Experiencing Technical Difficulties*
- *Pandora's Box*
- *Lose Your Marbles*
- *Silent Movie*

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

Participants compete within their chosen problem, but teams must also perform well in a "spontaneous problem," where they are required to solve a new problem on the spot. To pull it off, they must be creative, quick thinking and work well together as a team.



**TOP PHOTO** - This team from Wellsville High School took first place in the Pandora's Box problem. Shown left to right are: Loralai Crawford, Danielle Gilfert, Richie Murphy, Leah Christman, Jason Greene, and Julia Wesche.

**MIDDLE PHOTO** - This team from the Middle School won a special OMER Award. Pictured L-R are: Sarah Carlton, Max Lanphere, Jett Cunningham, Ryan Ludu, Elayna Jennings, Reanna Plyer, and Andrea Cook.

**AT LEFT** - This Middle School team was tops in the Silent Movie problem. Shown L-R from the top of the pyramid are: Keara Ludu, Braden Scott, Shea Hennessy, Molly McKee, Chloe Hand, Lauren Feltz, and Aleigha Casey (front).

# Spring Sports

## Varsity Baseball

Games at 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Mon., April 27 Hornell, 5 p.m.  
 Tues., April 28 Dansville, 5 p.m.  
 Fri., May 1 Addison, 5 p.m.  
 Sat., May 2 @ Batavia N.D., 7 p.m.  
 Wed., May 6 @ Cuba-Rushford, 5 p.m.  
 Thur., May 7 Geneseo, 5 p.m.  
 Thur., May 14 Wayland-Cohocton  
 Sat., May 16 Olean, 12 noon

## JV Baseball

Games at 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Sat., April 25 @ Fillmore, 11 a.m.  
 Mon., April 27 @ Hornell, 5 p.m.  
 Tues., April 28 @ Dansville, 5 p.m.  
 Sat., May 2 Addison, 2 p.m.  
 Mon., May 4 @ Bath, 5 p.m.  
 Tues., May 5 @ Bolivar-Richburg, 5 p.m.  
 Thur., May 7 Geneseo, 5 p.m.  
 Sat., May 9 @ Portville, 11 a.m.  
 Mon., May 11 @ Bolivar-Richburg, 7 p.m.  
 Tues., May 12 Fillmore, 5 p.m.  
 Thur., May 14 @ Wayland-Cohocton  
 Sat., May 16 Olean, 12 noon

## Varsity Softball

All games at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Mon., April 27 Hornell  
 Tues., April 28 Dansville  
 Wed., April 29 @ Alfred-Almond, 5:45 p.m.  
 Fri., May 1 Addison  
 Sat., May 2 East Aurora, 7 p.m.  
 Tues., May 5 @ Genesee Valley  
 Wed., May 6 @ Cuba-Rushford  
 Fri., May 8 @ Avoca, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sat., May 9 @ Keshequa Tourney (2)  
 Tues., May 12 Bolivar-Richburg, 7 p.m.  
 Fri., May 15 Addison, 6:30 p.m.  
 Sat., May 16 @ Portville, 10 a.m.

## J.V. Softball

Games start at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Wed., April 22 @ Canisteo-Greenwood  
 Sat., April 25 @ Fillmore, 11 a.m.  
 Mon., April 27 @ Hornell  
 Tues., April 28 @ Dansville  
 Thur., April 30 Bolivar-Richburg  
 Sat., May 2 Addison, 2 p.m.  
 Mon., May 4 Fillmore  
 Tues., May 5 @ Bolivar-Richburg  
 Sat., May 9 @ Keshequa Tourney (2)  
 Mon., May 11 @ Bolivar-Richburg  
 Wed., May 13 @ Alfred-Almond, 5:45 p.m.  
 Fri., May 15 Addison, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sat., May 16 Portville, 10 a.m.

## Modified Baseball & Softball

Games at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Sat., April 25 @ Andover (SB Only), 11 a.m.  
 Sat., April 25 Baseball Tourney (2)  
 Bolivar-Rich., Andover, Hornell  
 Tues., April 28 @ Genesee Valley  
 Thur., April 30 @ Canaseraga  
 Sat., May 2 Fillmore, 11 a.m.  
 Sat., May 2 East Aurora (SB Only), 5:30 p.m.  
 Tues., May 5 @ Olean, 5:30 p.m.  
 Thur., May 7 Bolivar-Richburg  
 Sat., May 9 @ Cuba-Rushford, 10 a.m.  
 Tues., May 12 Scio  
 Thur., May 14 Whitesville  
 Mon., May 18 Bath

## Track & Field

SPRING BREAK – March 28 - April 6  
 SENIOR TRIP – April 23-25

Sat., April 25 @Olean Invitational, 10 a.m.  
 Tues., April 28 @ Hornell, 4:30 p.m.  
 Fri., May 1 @ Hornell Invitational, 5 p.m.  
 Thur., May 7 @ Wayland-Cohocton, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sat., May 9 Wellsville Spring Day, 9:30 a.m.  
 Tues., May 12 @ Bath, 4:30 p.m.  
 Sat., May 16 Wellsville Modified Invitational, 10 a.m.  
 Fri., May 22 @Super 8 Invitational, 5 p.m.  
 Sat., May 30 Sectionals @ Wheatland-Chili, 10 a.m.  
 Fri., June 5 State Qualifier @ TBD  
 Fri., June 12/13 State Meet @ SUNY Albany

## Modified Track

Meets at 5 p.m. unless noted.

Mon., April 27 @ Bolivar-Richburg  
 Mon., May 4 @ Genesee Valley  
 Mon., May 11 @ Houghton College  
 Sat., May 16 Wellsville Invitational, 9 a.m.

## Boys Tennis

Matches start at 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Mon., April 27 Fillmore  
 Tues., May 5 @ Andover  
 Wed., May 6 @ Hammondspport  
 Thur., May 7 @ Cuba-Rushford  
 Fri., May 8 Alfred-Almond  
 Mon., May 11 Campbell-Savona  
 Wed., May 13 @ Prattsburg  
 Fri., May 15 Addison

## Golf

Matches start at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Wed., April 29 Genesee Valley  
 Thur., April 30 @ Bath  
 Mon., May 4 Addison  
 Tues., May 5 @ Cuba-Rushford  
 Wed., May 6 @ Fillmore  
 Thur., May 7 Bath

All dates and times are subject to change.

Schedule also posted online at: [www.wellsvilleschools.org/athletics](http://www.wellsvilleschools.org/athletics)  
**DENNIS MILES, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR PHONE: (585) 596-2106;**  
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March 13, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Wellsville Elementary School Pre K and Kindergarten Screening Team will host an informal meeting for the parents of INCOMING pre k and kindergarten students. At that time we will introduce the members of the screening team and provide information to you regarding the screening process for your child. This meeting will take place in the Elementary School Multi-purpose room from 6:00-7:00 pm.

You will be asked to sign your child up for his/her screening date and time. Pre K screening will be July 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, Kindergarten screening will be July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

We will look forward to meeting you on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Yours in education,

*Dean Giopulos*

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# BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION -- Tuesday, May 19, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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## Stevens Nominated for Wells College Leadership Award


Recognizing the need for ethical leadership, Wells College presents the 21st Century Leadership Award to high school juniors who demonstrate leadership ability in high school and community activities and exhibit academic excellence. Recipients are nominated by their high school guidance counselor and the administration in the spring of their junior year and are then recognized by the Admissions Committee. The 21st Century Leadership Award program is designed to honor these students and grant them a \$40,000 Scholarship for Leaders (\$10,000 per year) for four years of study at Wells College.

The nominee must carry a cumulative average of at least 90% throughout high school. Wellsville High School's nominee for the 21st Century Leadership Award at Wells College is **Rebecca Stevens** (above).

Featuring WAVE  
performance at 6:45pm!

## POETRY GALLERY



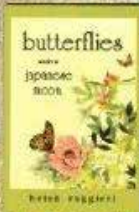
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Special Guest: Helen Ruggieri  
Ruggieri, a published poet, has taught at the University of Pittsburgh, Bradford, PA and in the Arts in Education Program in Cattaraugus, Allegany, and Chautauque counties. She spent a semester teaching in Japan at Yokohama College of Commerce and is a member of the East Asian Faculty Association at the University of Pittsburgh. She also teaches a writing workshop for the Mental Health Association of Cattaraugus County.

Wellsville High School Library  
April 29, 2015  
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Light snacks & beverages will be provided.



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