

2019 - 2020 Schedule

August

- 6 (New Teacher In-Service)
- 12-14 (All Staff Professional Development)
- 12 (Back-to-School Night: **MS - (6-7pm) | HS - (7-8pm)**)
- 13 (Elementary Back-to-School Night: 6pm)
- 16 (First Day of School - 8:00am - Hawaiian Theme)
- 17 (Booster Club Golf Tournament)

September

- 5 (Community Resource Fair / Future Tiger Night)
- 6 (Jess Andelique Assembly)
- 16 (FTA Field Trip, Teaching Careers)
- 19 (ASVAB Testing-All Juniors / Any Interested Seniors)
- 19 (Picture Day)
- 20 (Little Cheer Night)
- 26-28 (Wellington Fair)
- 28 (Homecoming Parade 7:00pm)

October

- 1 (ACT Testing/10-12 Graders Are Able to Take the Test)
- 2 (Homecoming Pep Rally: 7pm)
- 2 (Special Olympics Track and Field Day)
- 4 (Homecoming Football Game)
- 5 (Homecoming Dance: 8-10pm)
- 12 (PTO Carnival)
- 16 (National Honor Society Induction: 7pm)
- 17 (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- 24 (Odessa College Fair: 1pm for All Juniors and Seniors)
- 24 (Senior Night Volleyball)
- 25 (Senior Night Football)

November

- 11 (Veterans Assembly: TBA)
- 19 (Mavericks Kids Day Game)

December

- 6 (HS Band and Choir Winter Concert: 6:30pm)
- 12 (Elementary/MS Band and Choir Winter Concert: 6:30pm)

January

February

- 14 (Courtwarming)
- 20 (Senior Night Basketball)
- 25 (Spring ACT Testing)

March

- 9-13 (Spring Break)

April

- 1-5 (Senior Trip)
- 25 (High School Prom)
- 26 (FFA Banquet)
- 28 (Art Show)

May

- 1 (Last Day for Seniors)
- 1 (Baccalaureate: 7pm)
- 3 (Graduation: 5pm)
- 8 (Senior Awards and Scholarships Banquet: 6pm)
- 12 (High School Band and Choir Spring Concert: 6:30pm)
- 13 (Elementary/MS Band-Choir Spring Concert: 6:30pm)
- 14 (Last Day of School)

Monthly Meetings

- School Board (2nd Wednesday of Every Month at 7pm in Library)
- PTO (1st Monday of Each Month at 7pm in Library)
- Booster Club (1st Wednesday of every month at 7pm in Library)

(IMPORTANT)

- The dates above are subject to change depending on snow days or other obstacles that may occur.

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Wellington-Napoleon

R-IX Schools

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This Years Topics

- *District News*
- *New Staff*
- *Elementary News*
- *Middle/High School News*
- *District Calendar*
- *Athletics*
- *Other Valuable Info*

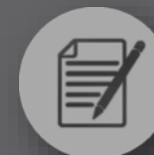


School Lunch Program

All meals will be on a pay before you eat basis. A la carte items may be purchased by the students if they have money in their accounts. The amount of each item will be deducted from the student's account. Any student who is unable financially to pay for school lunches should contact the principal for assistance.

Meal Prices

- Breakfast: K-12 (\$1.75)
- Breakfast: Adult (\$2.25)
- Lunch: K-5 (\$2.25)
- Lunch: 6-12 (\$2.50)
- Lunch: Adult (\$3.00)



Registration Requirements

A child must be five (5) years old before August 1, 2019 to enroll in Wellington Napoleon R-IX Schools. No student will be allowed to enter school without updated immunizations in accordance with Missouri state laws. Student fees or fines owed from the previous school year must be paid prior to enrollment. Secondary students participating in athletics must have a completed physical form on file before participation is allowed. Each school office has forms available. All students new to the District are required, at the time of registration, to provide the following documents:

- Updated Immunization Records
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency
- Previous School Name, Address and Telephone Number
- Any School Records at Home
- Current Address, Telephone Number, and Work Telephone Number of Parents or other Emergency Contacts

Enrollment forms are available in the high school and elementary offices.

CLASS STARTS



AUGUST - 16

Back-to-School Nights

- Elementary, Aug 13 (**5:30pm-7:30pm**) (Student Council Sponsoring Burgers and Dogs Dinner: **7:00pm-8:30pm**)
- Middle School, Aug 12 (**6pm-7pm**)
- High School, Aug 12 (**7pm-8pm**) (PTO Sponsoring Taco Dinner: **5:30pm-7:30pm**)

New Student Enrollment Day

- Aug 5th (**11:00am-7:00pm**)

School Information

Address

Wellington Napoleon R-IX
800 Hwy 131
Wellington, MO 64097

Contact Us

P: 816-240-2621
F: 816-934-8649

School Hours

- K-12 (**8am-3:15pm**)
- Student Drop (**7:40am-8am**)
- Bus Drop Off (**7:45am**)
- Breakfast (**7:40am-8am**)
- Gym Dismissal (**7:55am**)
- Tardy Bell (**8am**)
- Dismissal (**3:15pm**)
- Teachers (**7:45am-3:30pm**)
- Office (**7:30am-3:45pm**)

Wellington Napoleon R-IX Staff

Central Office

Superintendent: Mindy Hampton
Administrative Assistant: Elaine Burnett

High School Office

Principal: Todd Shannon
AD/A+/Asst. Principal: Bill Hughes
Secretaries: Jennifer Paige, Kristin Holliday

Elementary Office

Principal: Justin Mefferd
Secretary: Linda Varner

Director of Special Services

Aileen Hephner

Technology Director

Nate Anderson

Maintenance Director

Shane Zeysing

Custodial Staff

Maria Solis
David Tackett
Nikki Reikhoff

Kitchen Staff

Amy Soendker
Debbie Wallace
Karla Barnett
Tasha Hinkle

Nurse

Terrie Schuster

Elementary Staff

Preschool: Nicole Petet, Paula Nowak
Kindergarten: Tina Niendick, Sherri Collins
1st grade: Heather Kirchhoff, Heather Layman
2nd grade: Mindy Frazier, Amanda Ronkoski
3rd grade: Laura Beckemeyer, Austin Soendker
4th grade: Aleshia Datschefski, Shaylynn Craig
5th grade: Tristan Layman, Tanja Kubis
Title I: Christine Harris, Peggy Banner
Special Services: Ed Gooseman, Stacey Williamson
Art: Kamela Jarman
PE: Michelle McKown

Librarian: Amanda Travis
Library Assistant: Carol Hough
Music: Linley Tate
Speech Pathologists: Michelle Roush
Counselor: Mary Burkhart
PAT Educator: Taylor Gussman
Sensory: Devin Graf

Middle/High School Staff

Math: Quenton Bainbridge, Lincoln Bainbridge
Science: Penny Schumaker, Ryan Burton
Social Studies: Katie Pastorella, Ashley McClain
ELA: David Hunter, Jamie Wieligman, Whitney Bachman-Twombly
Business: Brent Zweifel
Physical Education: Andy Hampton, Michelle McKown
Art: Kamela Jarman
Music and Band: Linley Tate-Ionis, Travis Wittman
Family & Consumer Science: Donna Fahrmeier
Vocational Agriculture: Devin Garland
Special Services: Lisa Wright, Pete O'Keefe, Cheryl O'Keefe
Counselor: Jobie Shannon
Librarian: Amanda Travis

To contact any staff member via email, type in their first initial and last name followed by @wntigers.net (example: mhampton@wntigers.net)

Contacts and Communications

Providing our students, parents, and community with relevant and up-to-date information is a goal of our school district. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, concerns, and even suggestions on how we can better communicate with you! Below you will find various contacts and ways to find timely updates and information.

ELEMENTARY

- Principal**
- Justin Mefferd
 - jmefferd@wntigers.net
- Secretary**
- Linda Varner
 - lvarner@wntigers.net
- Phone** (816-240-2621)
Fax (816-934-8649)
Office Hours
- (7:30am - 3:45pm M-F)

HIGH SCHOOL

- Principal**
- Todd Shannon
 - tshannon@wntigers.net
- Secretary**
- Kristin Holliday
 - rholliday@wntigers.net
- Secretary**
- Jennifer Paige
 - jpaige@wntigers.net
- Phone** (816-240-2621)
Fax (816-934-8649)
Office Hours
- (7:30am - 3:45 M-F)

CENTRAL OFFICE

- Superintendent**
- Mindy Hampton
 - mhampton@wntigers.net
- Administrator Assistant**
- Elaine Burnett
 - eburnett@wntigers.net
- Phone** (816-240-2621)
Fax (816-934-8621)
Office Hours
- (8:00am - 4:00pm M-F)

August 2019				
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October 2019				
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December 2019				
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February 2020				
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March 2020				
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April 2020				
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May 2020				
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T = Staff Inservice

(M) Mid-terms - 9/12, 11/12, 1/31, 4/3

(Q) End of quarters - 1st- 10/11, 2nd- 12/20, 3rd- 3/6, 4th- 5/14

Final Copy of Calendar

(P/T) Parent/Teacher Conferences

10/17 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

No School/ Staff days

8/12 8/13, 8/14, 9/13, 10/16, 10/17, 11/4, 1/6, 3/20

12:00 Dismissal Days

12/20 Christmas Break

5/14 Last Day of School

6 snows days are built into the calendar (May 7-14). No additional make up days required. May 14 will be the last day of school.

Staff Days - 173 Student Days - 164

No School/No Staff

08/15

9/2 Labor Day

9/27 Fair

10/18

11/27-11/29 Thanksgiving Break

12/23-1/3 Winter Break

1/20- Martin Luther King Day

2/17 President's Day

3/9-3/13 Spring Break

4/10-4/13 Easter Break

5/3 Graduation

RESOURCES FOR FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS

Free or Reduced Breakfast/Lunch

If your family meets the financial guidelines set by the state, your child may be eligible to receive free or reduced breakfast and lunches. The guidelines are based on family income and the total number of people living in your household (family members or not).

- Once eligible for this program, that eligibility is good for the remainder of that school year and the first 30 school days of the following year.
- If your application has been denied, but your family income status or the number of people in the household changes, a new application can be, and is encouraged to be filled out.
- Anyone receiving government assistance, in foster care or under homeless status (as determined by the school district) is automatically eligible for the free breakfast and lunch program.

Health Insurance for Kids

MO HealthNet for Kids (formerly MC+ for Kids) is a low-cost or free health insurance for children. It is based on family income and household size. For more information call 1-888-275-5908. Your children may be eligible if they meet the following requirements:

- Family's income falls within the eligibility guidelines
- Child is without insurance for a minimum of 30 days

Applications for each option are available at your request and are provided to each child.

If you have any questions or need additional applications, please contact:

Aileen Hephner - Director of Special Services
ahephner@wntigers.net or 816-240-2621 ext. 253

Kristin Holliday - Food Service Secretary
rholliday@wntigers.net or 816-240-2621 ext. 251

Inclement Weather Notifications

The Wellington-Napoleon R-IX School District offers the following methods to access information with regard to school closings or cancellations.

- Tiger Text Alerts (To sign up or update your information, visit www.wntigers.net and click TIGER TEXT)
- Check our district website at www.wntigers.net
- Check our Facebook account (www.facebook.com/wellingtonnapoleon.tigers/)
- KMBC Channel 9 News
- WDAF Channel 4 News
- KCTV Channel 5 News

Recycling at Wellington Napoleon

Our Elementary, Middle School, and High School Student Councils are pleased to bring another recycle center to our community in collaboration with Lafayette County Enterprises (a non profit Sheltered Workshop). Located in the parking lot, next to the football field are 5 recycle bins, for aluminum, paper, cardboard, plastic 1 and plastic 2. To identify which type of plastic a container is, check for the recycling symbol on the bottom or on a side label.

Inside the symbol will be a number. If the number is a 1 or 2, we can accept it. Plastic 1 is commonly soda, water, and salad dressing bottles. Plastic 2 is typically milk jugs, shampoo bottles, grocery bags, and soap/detergent containers. Our students hope this service helps our community take care of our environment by providing the recycling containers in a location that is Convenient.

Flood Relief
 If you and your student(s) were displaced due to the flooding we have resources available. Please contact Aileen Hephner at:
ahephner@wntigers.net
 816-240-2621 ext. 253

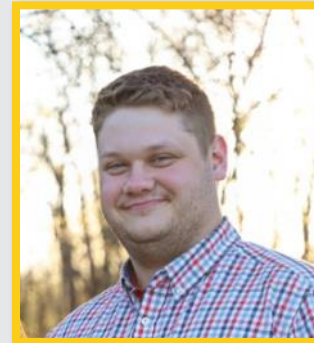
Girl Scout Updates

TIGER APPAREL NEEDED

Gently used tiger shirts of all sizes are being collected at the elementary and high school offices, as part of a Girl Scout Gold Award project. Collected Apparel will be available to any students interested or in need of spirit wear.

-Sydney Rukavina
 Troop 407

2019-2020 New Staff



Travis Wittman graduated from Oak Grove High School in 2014, and then from the University of Central Missouri in 2019 with a BME in instrumental music education. During this time, he served as a weapons repairman with the Missouri Army National Guard alongside his wife Logan. Travis and Logan live in Oak Grove with their two month old son Oliver. After student teaching at his high school alma mater, he accepted the 6-12 band director position. He will also serve as one of the sponsors for the class of 2024.

Travis Wittman

Katie Pastorella graduated from Tuttle High School in 2013, and Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2017 with a BA in History Education. She also obtained her teaching degree in 2017. Katie taught one year at Blanchard Middle School in Oklahoma before moving to Missouri. This past year, she worked as a paraprofessional at Osage Trail Middle School in the Fort Osage School District. Katie and her husband were married in November of 2018, and are living in Independence. Katie will be teaching World History, US History, Government and will serve as a 7th grade class sponsor.



Katie Pastorella



Lisa Wright graduated from Blue Springs High School in 2002, earned a BA in Special Education from Central Missouri State University in 2005 and a Masters in Special Education from the University of Kansas in 2010. She taught 7 years in the Blue Springs School District, 1 year at Burlington Community High School in Burlington, IA, and the past 5 years at Fort Osage High School in the Fort Osage School District. Lisa lives in Wellington with her husband and three children. Lisa Wright will be teaching 6-12 Special Education.

Lisa Wright

Shaylynn Craig graduated from the University of Central Missouri in December of 2018 with an Elementary Education degree. Her hometown is Stanberry, which is a very small town in Northwest Missouri, where she graduated with 24 people! She grew up on a farm and showed cattle and hogs at local and state fairs. Her mother is the high school principal at Stanberry, and her dad is a district seed manager for a grain elevator. Shaylynn says, "my brother will be a junior at Northwest University, and my sister will be a sophomore in high school. Grain Valley is where I currently live. I love to play softball, basketball, and cook. My weekends consist of hanging out with my family and friends and doing crafts on my Cricut". Shaylynn will be teaching 4th grade here at the Wellington Napoleon School District.



Shaylynn Craig



Mrs. Datschefski (Mrs. D for short)! graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Missouri - Kansas City in 2015. For the past three years she has taught 4th and 6th grade students in an urban district. She loves connecting with students and their families, and working toward a common goal of providing a strong education. She enjoys creating a nurturing and welcoming learning environment in which to watch students blossom. Her personal interests include crafting, baking, cooking, and painting. She enjoys hockey and attend as many Kansas City Mavericks games as possible. Most of her time is spent with her husband and daughter. Mrs. Datschefski will be teaching 4th grade in our district.

Aleshia Datschefski

Nate Anderson is 25 years old and is our new Technology Director here at Wellington Napoleon R-IX. Nate is A+ Certified with Comptia and has an Associates Degree in Arts. Nate has been in the education environment for three years now doing IT work. His hobbies are fishing, gaming and graphical design. Nate says, "I am excited to be here and to be a part of the tiger family. I will keep technology here at Wellington Napoleon fun, up-to-date and user friendly for our students and staff. I thank you for welcoming me into the community and I won't let you down!"



Nate Anderson

Message From Our Superintendent

Reflecting back on the past school year provides many opportunities to celebrate! From individual student milestones, to our district earning 100% on our Annual Performance Report (APR) through the state, to our community showing their support in passing the Bond Issue with 83% approval, I continue to glow with pride from the progress and growth our district continues to make. I often have the opportunity to brag among fellow superintendents about how supportive this community is, how involved our parents and patrons are, how knowledgeable our school board is, how dedicated of our staff members are, and how well our students behave and conduct themselves.

With the passing of the April Bond Issue, we have many projects in progress. This summer has been spent with engineers, surveyors, and design teams to outline the scope and sequence of the work. Our lighting project just went out to bid and installation will start in September during evening hours. This project will update all interior and exterior lighting to LED, which will provide some energy savings and rebates. The engineering team is still working to find the solution to our drainage issue that causes flooding into lower locker rooms, the back parking lot, and classrooms. We plan to bid out parking lots this fall once we have an outlined plan on how to repair the drainage issue. Over Christmas break we plan to conduct some asbestos abatement for floor tiles in the main hallway and two classroom, as well as laying new flooring throughout those areas. Finally, next spring and summer we will replace roofing, HVAC units, and complete the building project for an additional locker room. We will also enclose the weight room. None of these needed projects would be possible without the support of our community.

The W-N School Board has held multiple, in-depth conversations about the need to run a Tax Levy Increase in 2020. This has been a discussion for many years, in predicting the future fund balances, expenditures, and revenues. Our district has not asked patrons to vote for a levy increase since 1992. The Board of Education is very proud that our current tax levy is the lowest compared to surrounding schools. We also have the longest standing levy; all other schools have increased their levy since we last increased ours. However, we don't want to lower our educational standards or the quality of education we provide our students due to financial restrictions. Our student population is not growing, which could bring in additional funding, and the commercial property taxes are not increasing. The only way for us to gain additional revenue is with the support of a local tax levy increase. We will continue to monitor the financial situation closely and make cuts in our current budget where necessary before determining any specifics of a tax levy increase.

Our federal government provides funding to schools to help families in need through a variety of programs. One of those programs is for families needing assistance with paying for school breakfast and lunch. Anyone displaced during flooding, living with a family member other than parent (grandparent, aunt, uncle, or even friend), receiving any government assistance or whose income qualifies for assistance can receive free or reduced pricing on school breakfast and lunch. This program not only helps the families, it also helps the school. The more families that qualify for these programs, the more federal funding our school receives for additional academic programming. This program is designed to help you, your family, and the school. This is a confidential program where students who qualify receive the same meals as students who pay. In the past few years, our district's free and reduced numbers have decreased, yet I strongly feel that the need among our students and community has increased. This means that we are missing families we could be assisting, perhaps in part because the application form isn't being completed or submitted. I highly encourage all families who believe they may qualify for this assistance to please complete the free/reduced lunch forms that will be sent home during back-to-school nights.

Our back-to-school theme this year is W-N SUPERHEROES. When I searched for terms relating to SUPERHEROES, I found words such as leader, expert, great champion, lifesaver, rescuer, defender, savior, fighter, protector, brave, guardian, and superhuman. The terms really stand out to me as these synonyms perfectly describe our staff, patrons, and students. I believe everyone has a SUPERHERO inside of them waiting to be discovered! It takes a village to impact the lives of our youth. I greatly appreciate this community and how they rally around our school and advocate for our students. How will each of you help our students find their SUPERPOWER?

Yours in Education,

Mindy Hampton

Mindy Hampton
Superintendent of Schools
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ATHLETIC NEWS

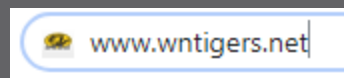
HIGH SCHOOL FALL PRACTICES BEGIN AUGUST 12TH
MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL PRACTICES BEGIN AUGUST 19TH

EVERY Athlete must have an UP-TO-DATE PHYSICAL AND INSURANCE before they can begin practice. Physical forms can be picked up in the High School Office. Physical forms are also available on the District Website under Activities-Athletic Forms.

How to Guide for Sports Schedules

1. Go to www.wntigers.net
2. Click on the Menu button
3. Click Activities/Athletics
4. Click Athletics Scores and Schedules Link
5. Click your sport
6. Done!

You can also scan our QR codes provided on this page.



Menu

Activities/Athletics

Athletics Scores and Schedules

Varsity Football

19 - 20 Coaches

Football

Quenton Bainbridge (HC)
Andy Hampton (AC)
Lincoln Bainbridge (AC)
Tristan Layman (AC)
Shane Zeysing (AC)

Volleyball

Peggy Tuter (HC)
Jobie Shannon (AC)
Ashley McClain (MS)

Cheer

Amanda Travis (HS)
Kamela Jarman (MS)

Boys Basketball

Bill Hughes (HC)
Justin Mefferd (AC)
Ryan Burton (MS)

Girls Basketball

Andy Hampton (HC)
Jobie Shannon (AC)
Shaylynn Craig (MS)

Baseball

Ryan Burton (HC)

Softball

Lincoln Bainbridge (HC)
Linley Tate-Ionis (AC)

Track

Quenton Bainbridge (HC)
Michelle McKown (AC)
Tristan Layman (MS)

(HC-Head Coach)
(AC-Assistant Coach)
(MS-Middle School Coach)

19-20 Football Schedule



19-20 Volleyball Schedule



Admission Cost

Varsity
Adult (\$4.00)
Child (\$3.00)

JV/MS Only
Adult (\$3.00)
Child (\$2.00)



SPORTS PASS

- Individual Pass: \$50.00
- Family Pass: \$150.00
- Can be purchased at the High School Office

You may pick up hard copies of sports schedules in the office or at home events. Thank you!

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

BILL HUGHES

BHUGHES@WNTIGERS.NET / 816-240-2621

Special Services News

Wellington-Napoleon schools offer a variety of Special Programs to meet the needs of all students. Each program is designed to ensure students are successful in their academic achievements. The following programs are offered:

Special Education:

Wellington-Napoleon School District provides a free, appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of three to 21. Disabilities include:

- Autism
- Deaf/blindness
- Emotional Disorders
- Hearing impairments and deafness
- Mental retardation-Intellectual Disabilities
- Multiple disabilities
- Orthopedic impairment
- Other health impairments
- Specific learning disabilities
- Speech or language impairment
- Traumatic brain injury
- Visual impairment/ blindness
- Young child with developmental delay

For children ages 3 - 5 , the Early Childhood Special Education program offers similar services for kids demonstrating disabilities or significant developmental delays. The Early Childhood students may be transported to Lexington and attend the Lexington Early Childhood Center. For K-12 students, appropriate services are offered in regular and special education settings.

The related services of speech and language therapies, occupational therapy, and physical therapy are also provided as needed.

Parents who believe a disability may be the basis for the problems with their child's school progress can contact:

Aileen Hephner
Director of Special Services
 ahephner@wntigers.net

504 Accommodation plans:

Wellington-Napoleon schools follow Section 504, which is a Civil Rights Law (not a special education law) that protects the rights of individuals with disabilities in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. This law requires the district provide written assurances of non-discrimination, designate a district level 504 Coordinator, provide non-discrimination notice to students and parents, identify and locate qualified children with disabilities, and provide parents or guardians with procedural safeguards and grievance procedures. The definition of a disability under Section 504 is broadly expressed as a physical or mental condition that substantially limits one or more major life activity.

For more information on Section 504 please contact:

Aileen Hephner
 ahephner@wntigers.net

Parents as Teachers:

Parents As Teachers is free of charge to all families with children ages birth to five years. During home visits parents receive ideas for activities to do with their children as well as information about language, intellectual, social and motor development. Vision, hearing and developmental screenings are part of the home visit for children under three. Screenings for children 3 to 5 are held at school in April. Evening meetings on various topics, including nutrition and reading, are held periodically throughout the school year.

For more information about Parents As Teachers contact: **Taylor Gussman, Parents as Teachers Implementer** tgussman@wntigers.net 816-240-2621 ext. 121.

Title I Reading/Math:

Title I is a federally funded program under Every Student Succeeds Act that provides assistance in the area of communication arts/reading/math. This program is designed to identify a child not meeting Missouri's Learning Standards and to provide interventions to assist the child in reaching standards in ways such as providing small group instruction, monitoring progress and working with the child's classroom teacher to provide recommendations. To see if your child meets the qualifications or other questions about the program, please contact: **Aileen Hephner, Director**, ahephner@wntigers.net or 816-240-2621 ext. 253 To obtain information regarding the Federal Programs complaint process please refer to the district web site or Central Office.

Two New State Laws That Will Impact School Calendars

Instructional Time is Counted by Hours, Not Days

For years, Missouri public schools were required to be in session for a minimum of 174 days and 1,044 hours each year, but a new law eliminates the required number of minimum days focusing solely on the number of hours in attendance. Additionally, if schools create a calendar with the minimum of 1,044 hours plus another 60 hours for snow make up days, then snow days are considered built in and not added to the end of the year. Because our school day was extended by 15 minutes several years ago, we were able to meet the 1,044 + 60 snow day hours without any change to our calendar. This allows for the calendar to be set, with no changes throughout the year due to snow days. Therefore, our last day of school (no matter if we have 1 or 20 snow days), will be Thursday, May 14th.

School Start Dates to be Pushed Back Beginning 2020-2021 School Year

A new state law passed that will prevent schools from starting the school year more than 14 days before Labor Day (1st Monday in September). Calendars for the 2019-2020 school year are already set, therefore this law will impact the 2020-2021 school calendar, when schools won't be allowed to begin classes until August 24. Our district has a calendar committee comprised of teachers, support staff, and administration, who collaboratively develop the calendar. It is proposed to the School Board for approval in February of each year.

Was your family affected by flooding this year?

If your student was displaced from his/her home because of flood waters he/she may qualify for some assistance this school year. This is offered through a federal program called the McKinney-Veto act. This act ensures that students who have experienced homelessness receive aid and support.

The definition of homelessness is defined as: lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including those students who are: (1) Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing or economic hardship, or a similar reason;(2) Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; (3). Living in emergency or transitional shelters; (4). Abandoned in hospitals; (5). Living in public or private places not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodations for human beings; (6). Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, transportation stations or similar settings; (7). Migratory children living in conditions described in the previous examples.

If you think your student or any other student may qualify please contact Aileen Hephner, Director of Student Support Services at ahephner@wntigers.net (816) 240-2621 ext 253 or (816) 661-0102.

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Transportation:

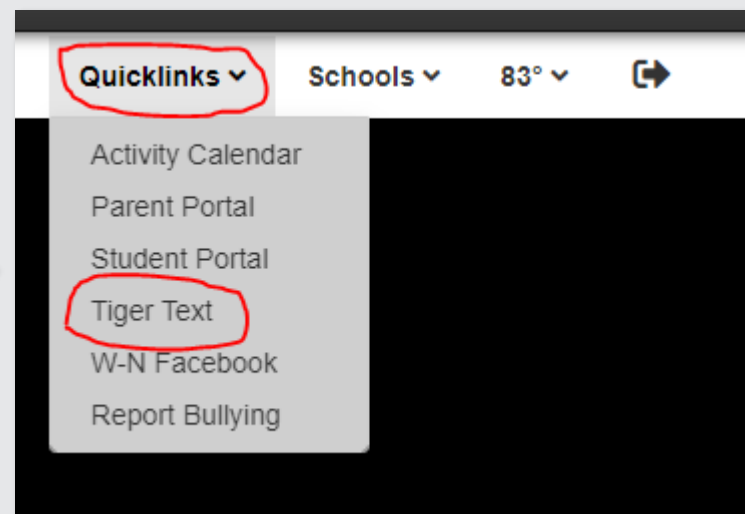
- Apple Bus Company provides transportation to the W-N R-IX School District. Bus Routes can be picked up on our Back-to-School Nights or in school offices. Contact Helen Seek at 816-633-2286 for bus route information/changes. You can also contact your school office with questions or concerns.

SIS Parent Link:

- SIS (Student Information Systems) is available in the Wellington-Napoleon R-IX School District. The parent link will provide web access regarding a student's progress in school. SIS parent link will offer secure, up-to-date information on assignments, attendance, discipline, grades, and lunch account balances. The link to Parent Portal can be found on the District website.

Tiger Text

- In order to sign up for tiger text, please visit our website at www.wntigers.net
- Click on Quicklinks and then Tiger Text
- IT IS FREE
- Questions Call



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Front row (L to R): Amy Legate, David Twente, Kim Southard Back Row (L to R): Sam Leach, Rheanna Todd, Diane Rukavina, Cheryl Dickey



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School Supply List

Locations for Lists

- HS Office
- EL Office
- W-N Facebook
- W-N Website
- Wal-Mart

Elementary Back-to-School Night

Location and Time

- HS Gym
- August 13th
- 5:30p-7:30p

Visiting classrooms will take place from 5:50pm—7:30pm

Dear Students, Parents, and Patrons:

The 2019-2020 school year is upon us and I am both excited and grateful to be starting my 5th year as your Wellington-Napoleon Elementary Principal.

Over the years as a teacher, coach, and administrator it's always been a priority to meet the students' needs the best I can, and I believe we have a staff full of awesome educators that feel the same way!

We will continue with the implementation of our sensory room. This will be our second year of having a full-time staff member that will serve the students needs throughout the day in the sensory room. I am excited to continue to give our students this opportunity.

We will continue using STAR testing to monitor the progress of our students from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. These brief assessments will be given periodically throughout the year to help measure the growth of our learning. We will be able to pinpoint exactly what each student is having success with and what areas they need improvement.

In the back of the student handbook you will find the "Partners in Education" Pledge. This document details what we can all do to ensure success for our students; please take time to read it.

I look forward to seeing everyone at **Back-To-School Night on August 13th, from 5:30-7:30pm**. We will have everyone start in the **high school gymnasium at 5:30pm**.

Together, we are building a community of lifelong learners! Let's have a great year!

Respectfully,

Justin L. Mefferd
Principal, Wellington-Napoleon R-IX Elementary

Kindergraten Parent Meeting

When?

- August 20th (7:00pm)
- At least one parent needs to attend, but all are encouraged.

Preschool Parent Night

August 13th (5:00pm -7:00pm)
Location: Library

**All students participating in the preschool program will need to be enrolled, even if they are returning students
**The preschool class will be limited to a maximum of 20 students and the administration and staff will determine which students are accepted based on student and family needs.

Dear Parents, Students & Patrons:

It seems like every year summer flies by quicker and quicker. Even though the time seemed short, hopefully everyone had an enjoyable, relaxing summer with family and friends and a chance to get reinvigorated for the 2019-20 school year. As I enter my 26th year at Wellington-Napoleon R-IX, this year will be a little different. I will begin this school year in a new role as the 6-12 Principal. I am very eager to begin this new journey with our students, staff, and patrons of W/N. One of my main goals for this upcoming school year is to continue to keep W/N R-IX not only a great educational school, but also to create an environment where students and staff are excited to enter these doors on a daily basis and excel in whatever they desire.

I encourage everyone to attend the **Back-to-School Night on August 12th** to meet our new staff and to get prepared for the upcoming **school year which begins on August 16th**. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or the HS office.

Todd Shannon
MS/HS Principal
Wellington-Napoleon R-IX
816-240-2621
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Back-to-School Information (MS/HS)

Middle School

- August 12
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm

High School

- August 12
 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm
- *Please remember to bring proof of residency: utility bill, rental/lease agreement, etc.*

Important Events

- **Booster Club Golf Date: August 17th**
- **Walk / Glow-A-Thon: September 14th**
- **Gospel Sing: November 17th**
- **Kids First Banquet: March 21st**
- **Zeysing Golf Date: June 26th**



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Bell Schedules

High School

1H (8:00a-8:52a)
2H (8:56a-9:48a)
3H (9:52a-10:44a)
4H (10:48a-11:40a)
5H (11:44a-12:56p)
Lunch (12:16p-12:36p)
Lunch (12:36p-12:56p)
6H (1:00p-1:52p)
7H (1:56p-2:52p)
PT (2:56p-3:15p)

Middle School

1H (8:00a-8:56a)
2H (9:00a-9:52a)
3H (9:56a-10:48a)
4H (10:52a-11:44a)
5H (11:48a-1:00p)
Lunch (11:48a-12:08p)
6H (1:04p-1:56p)
7H (2:00p-2:52p)
PT (2:56p-3:15p)

Kids First Foundation

Kids First was formed **July 1, 2004**, with an endowment of **\$30,000** from the estate of Bernice Osthoff. Mrs. Osthoff was a career teacher in Wellington and surrounding area school districts. Kids First Education Foundation of Wellington & Napoleon is approved by the IRS as a public, non-profit Federal Tax Exempt 501 C-3 Organization. Kids First is incorporated under the State of MO as a public non-profit charity and has tax exemption status also from the State of Missouri.

Operation of Kids First is done by a volunteer board from members of our community. Many items are donated during the course of a year to keep cost of promotions at a minimum. Fundraising events for Kids First are a Banquet and Auction in March, Walk-A-Thon in Fall, and a Gospel Sing in November. The Kids First Board uses funds to furnish scholarships, classroom grants, and dual enrollment scholarships to enhance the education experience of students in the Wellington-Napoleon School District. Selection of grant recipients is kept unbiased by a system where numbers instead of names are placed on scholarship applications during the selection process.

In 15 years Kids First has given student scholarships, classroom grants, dual enrollment grants, and District grants for a total of **\$198,026**.

Kids First works hard to earn your respect and loyalty for how it handles the donations it receives and how that money is distributed to deserving students. Kids First appreciates your support very much!

PTO

The PTO Board supporting your elementary school for the next year:

President: Kendra Lee | Vice President: Sarah Gaddy
Secretary: Rachel Ahmann | Treasurer: Holly Mefferd

Please take time to stop at the PTO table in the front lobby at Elementary Back-to-School Night on August 14 and become a member. Your support helps make our school a wonderful place.

W-N PTO was able to provide the school with Google Chromebooks, One Book, One School reading program, teacher appreciation lunches and gifts. PTO will host the school carnival in the fall and bingo night in the spring. They also organize and provide classroom holiday parties and are currently raising funds for playground improvements. Please be sure to get involved in your child's education; it truly makes a difference!



WELL-NAP PTO

PTO trash bag sales will start early September. The first PTO meeting is Sept. 13 at 7:00 pm in the Library.

Zeysing Memorial

The 8th annual Sandra Bodenhamer-Zeysing Memorial Golf Tournament was another huge success. With all the donations, teams, and volunteer labor, the family managed to raise **\$9,700** to be donated to the Wellington-Napoleon R-IX School District. This year's proceeds brings them to a total of **\$66,000** raised and donated since December 2011. Give yourself a hand!

Over the years, this money has been used to buy books, library furniture, display cabinets, laptops/e-readers, create a reading garden, and adding runways, pole vault pit, shot-put and discus areas. We are excited to

announce that starting this year the funds are used to purchase school supplies for each classroom. This will reduce out of pocket cost for each individual family within our district.

They plan on having the **9th** annual event on **June 26, 2020** at Shirkey Golf Course. They will be looking for 5-6 more teams, plus additional hole sponsors and donations for raffle prizes. None of this would be possible with your help, support, participation and generosity from the Bodenhamer-Zeysing families, THANK YOU!

Booster Club

The Booster Club promotes athletic participation and activities by providing support, raising funds, and purchasing needed supplies and equipment. We do this through membership dues, program advertisement sales, business sponsorships, and fundraisers.

Get Involved! After joining you will become a voting member of the club. Find the committee you are most interested in...fundraising, working an event, providing needed materials or supplies, or maybe you don't have the time, but can give a monetary donation. Applications to join can be found in school offices.

The Booster Club holds two fundraisers each year, the Golf Tournament in August and Trivia Night in April. Teams are still being accepted for the **August 17th** golf tournament. All proceeds go to fulfill coaches' wish lists to purchase equipment needed for every sport as well as fund the Donald L. Jefferies Memorial Scholarships each year.

Booster Club Golf Tournament—Aug 17th @ Shirkey Golf Club. Sign up in Central Office or visit Facebook to fill out an entry form.