

# Drop Off and Pick-Up Procedures



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**Wellington-Napoleon**

R-IX Schools

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2020 - 2021  
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## This Year's Topics

- District News / New Staff
- Elementary News
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- District Calendar
- Athletics
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## School Breakfast Program

All elementary students will eat breakfast in the classrooms. MS/HS students will have a grab and go option (to take to class with them to eat) before school or between 1st and 2nd hour passing times.

## 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 **(\$1.85)**
- Breakfast: Adult **(\$2.35)**
- Lunch: K-5 **(\$2.35)**
- Lunch: 6-12 **(\$2.60)**
- Lunch: Adult **(\$3.10)**

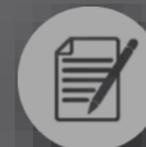
## School Info

### Address

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

### Contact Us

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



## Registration Requirements

A child must be five (5) years old before August 1, 2020, 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 - 24**

## NEW PICK UP/DROP off procedures:

Elementary car riders- drop off and pick up at the elementary entrance

MS/HS car riders- Drive down Grace Street and drop off in the student parking lot and enter the student entrance by art doors (see back page) and exit the back of the student parking lot. Pick up remains the same, cars park down Grace St and exit the back of the student parking lot.

All bus riders will be dropped off and enter the High School entrance (high school entrance is for bus riders only).

Doors will open at 7:50 am and students will go directly to their classroom. (no large group gatherings in the gym or cafeteria.

\* if you have students on both the elementary and high school end we ask that you use the elementary drop off/pick up location and your middle/high school student can walk through the building to get to their location.  
\* Please don't park in the parking lot and ask your child to walk out to you. This creates a safety issue with supervision. Please use one of 2 designated drop off/pick up locations.

## School Hours

- K-12 **(8am-3:15pm)**
- Drop Off **(7:50am-8am)**
- Bus Drop Off **(7:50am)**
- 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

## Kitchen Staff

Amy Soendker  
Debbie Wallace  
Karla Barnett  
Paula Nowak

## Nurse

Terrie Schuster

## Elementary Staff

Preschool: Abbie Markley  
Kindergarten: Sherri Collins, Austin Soendker  
1<sup>st</sup> grade: Heather Kirchhoff, Heather Layman  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Mindy Frazier, Amanda Ronkoski  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Laura Beckemeyer, Taylor Rittmiller  
4<sup>th</sup> grade: Shaylynn Craig, Carington Key  
5<sup>th</sup> grade: Tristan Layman, Tanja Kubis  
Title I: Christine Harris, Peggy Banner  
Special Services: Ed Gooseman, Stacey Williamson, Angela Sharp  
Art: Kamela Jarman  
PE: Michelle McKown  
Librarian: Amanda Travis  
Music: Angela Smith  
Speech Pathologists: Michelle Roush  
Counselor: Mary Burkhart  
PAT Educator: Taylor Gussman  
Sensory: Devin Graf

## Middle/High School Staff

Math: Quenton Bainbridge, Lincoln Bainbridge, Clay Atteberry  
Science: Penny Schumaker, Lauren Bridges  
Social Studies: Marc Crowley, Lizabeth Hargis  
ELA: David Hunter, Jamie Wieligman, Whitney Bachman-Twombly  
Business: Brent Zweifel  
Physical Education: Andy Hampton, Michelle McKown  
Art: Kamela Jarman  
Music and Band: Angela Smith, 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 2020				
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**T = Staff Inservice**  
**(M) Mid-terms** – 9/18, 11/13, 1/29, 4/9  
**(Q) End of quarters** - 1<sup>st</sup>- 10/9, 2<sup>nd</sup>- 12/18, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 3/5, 4<sup>th</sup>- 5/20  
\*\*built in snow days 05/13, 05/14, 05/17, 05/18, 05/19, 05/20  
**Final Copy of Calendar – Board approved 01/15/2020**

(P/T) Parent/Teacher Conferences	No School/No Staff
10/15 11:00 am – 7:00 pm	08/21
<b>No School/ Staff days</b>	9/7 Labor Day
8/18, 8/19, 8/20, 9/21, 10/14, 10/15, 11/2, 1/4, 3/15	10/16
<b>12:00 Dismissal Days</b>	11/25-11/27 Thanksgiving Break
10/2 Fair	12/21-1/1 Winter Break
12/18 Christmas Break	1/11- Martin Luther King Day
5/20 Last Day of School	2/15 President's Day
Summer School- June 1-June 18	3/08-3/12 Spring Break
Staff Days-173 Student Days-164 (1113 Hours)	4/2-4/5 Easter Break
	5/9 Graduation

## RESOURCES FOR FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS

### Free or Reduced Breakfast/Lunch

As the District reopens we are requesting your help in accurately identifying families who may currently be eligible for free/reduced breakfast and lunch benefits. Correctly identifying families aids both the families and the District. As the 2020-21 school year begins the District is requesting that all families complete a free and reduced lunch application as part of the enrollment process. The District serves meals under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program, which includes a free and reduced-price program for those families that are eligible. The program excludes items that are sold on a strictly a la carte basis. **Reduced price meals are \$.40 for lunch and \$.25 for breakfast.** This program is strictly confidential and there is no distinction between any plated meal for full price, free, or reduced priced meals.

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 Student Support Services)  
**Email:** ahephner@wntigers.net  
**Phone:** 816-240-2621 ext. 253

**Kristin Holliday** (Food Service Secretary)  
**Email:** kholliday@wntigers.net  
**Phone:** 816-240-2621 ext. 251

### Mindy's Message From Our Superintendent Section:

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 or experiencing a loss of income during the COVID closures, living with a family member other than parent (such as a 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. Each family will be asked to complete this application as a

## INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

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](http://www.wntigers.net) and click TIGER TEXT)
- Check our District website at [www.wntigers.net](http://www.wntigers.net)
- Check our Facebook account ([www.facebook.com/wellingtonnapoleon.tigers/](http://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 recycling center to our community in collaboration with Lafayette County Enterprises (a non-profit Sheltered Workshop). Located in the parking lot 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.



Hello, my name is **Carington Key**. I am a recent graduate of Columbia College, in Columbia, Missouri, where I earned a degree in Elementary Education. Since the first moment I stepped foot in Mrs. Collins's kindergarten class to A+, I knew education was where I belonged. I am honored to have the opportunity to live out my dream at my alma mater. I cannot wait to grow in my new role under the guidance of this community.

My name is **Taylor Rittmiller** and I am 22 years old. I was born and raised in Richmond, Missouri. My parents are Steve and Lisa Rittmiller. I have two older siblings. My sister's name is Ryan and my brother's name is Brandon. I have an awesome brother in law and two amazing nephews; one will be in 1st grade and one will be in 3rd grade. I currently got engaged in February to my fiancé Colby. We will be getting married at The Home Place Valley View next September. I received my Associates Degree from Maple Woods Community College and finished my Bachelors degree online with Western Governors University. This is my first year teaching and I am so excited to be a part of the Wellington Napoleon community. I am beyond thrilled to continue to learn and grow with all the great teachers surrounding me!



Hello! My name is **Abbie Markley** and I am the new head preschool teacher. I have recently married and am currently residing in Wellington. I will be teaching with Mrs. Ahmann until December when I completes my degree at the University of Central Missouri. My major is in Early Childhood Education. I graduated from Wellington-Napoleon in 2017 and cannot wait to teach in my hometown. I have always had a passion for helping others and that is why I've decided to become an educator. I will also be the middle school cheer coach this year.



Hello everyone, my name is **Clay Atteberry**. I am currently 26 years old. I'm a graduate from Mid - Buchanan. While attending Missouri Western I coached basketball, baseball, and football at Mid - Buchanan. I graduated from Missouri Western in 2017 with a history degree. In my free time I like to play slow pitch softball. I enjoy spending time with my sweet fiancé and our amazing two year old daughter. Also in my spare time I enjoy watching sports. I will be teaching 8th through 10th grade math. I will also be the high school football defensive coordinator, head varsity baseball I coach, and junior high boys head basketball coach.



Hi! I am **Liz Hargis** and I grew up in Southern Illinois, but have recently moved to the Kansas City area to begin my first year of teaching! I have a Bachelor's degree in political science and criminal justice, as well as a Master's degree in teaching middle school social science. I earned both of my degrees from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri. I am so excited to begin the year at Wellington-Napoleon as the middle school social studies teacher! I have a 6 month old son, who is so bright, and we love exploring new things together and learning. I cannot wait to meet all of my students here at Wellington-Napoleon!

Hello all - my name is **Angela Smith**. I will be teaching K-12 music. My college degrees include a Bachelors of Music degree and Music Education certification from University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Missouri and a Masters of Music degree Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. I began teaching Elementary Music in Kansas City, Missouri, then went to Grain Valley for 13 years. I came to Wellington-Napoleon after my time in Grain Valley. I've been in Oak Grove the past 5 years and am glad to be back in Wellington Napoleon. I live in the country south-east of Odessa with my husband. My son, his wife and my two wonderful grandchildren live close by. I look forward to seeing students and staff as we begin the new school year.



Hello! My name is **Marc Crowley**. I am 25 years old and I've been married to my high school sweetheart for 5 years. We have two beautiful daughters, Caroline and Charlotte. I graduated from UCM in the spring of 2020 with a Bachelors in Social Science for Secondary Education. I will be the high school social studies teacher and assistant high school football coach this year.



My name is **Lauren Bridges**. I am 28, I have been married to my best friend Matt for over 5 years. We have two little boys and a black lab. I graduated from Missouri Southern State University with a degree in Biology with an emphasis in conservation. I am an outdoor enthusiast and I love to learn about new things! I always wanted to travel and work as a park ranger at national parks all around the country and educate visitors about our world and the diverse life that it nurtures! I hope to do so one day after retiring from teaching Science in the public schools!



# Special Services News

Wellington-Napoleon offers 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 Student Support Services, [ahephner@wntigers.net](mailto:ahephner@wntigers.net) or 816-240 -2621 ext. 253.

## 504 Accommodation Plans:

Wellington-Napoleon follows 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 nondiscrimination, 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**, Director of Student Support Services, [ahephner@wntigers.net](mailto:ahephner@wntigers.net) or 816-240 -2621 ext. 253.

## 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](mailto: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 of Student Support Services, [ahephner@wntigers.net](mailto:ahephner@wntigers.net) or 816-240 -2621 ext. 253 To obtain information regarding the Federal Programs complaint process please refer to the District website or Central Office.

## Additional Student Support Services:

The District has some additional resources available to aid students and families in need. If your child is experiencing any hardship please contact **Aileen Hephner**, Director of Student Support Services, [ahephner@wntigers.net](mailto:ahephner@wntigers.net) or 816-240 -2621 ext. 253. The District can aid in the following areas of hardship: Homelessness, Doubled Up (families living with other families), Couch Surfing, Migrant Families, Foster Children, Loss of Health Insurance for Children.

# Parent News

## Transportation:

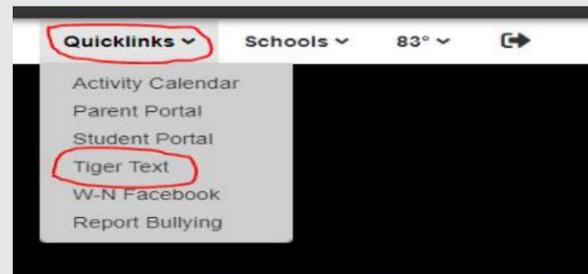
- Apple Bus Company provides transportation to the W-N R-IX School District. Bus Routes can be picked up on our Back-to -School Nights or in school offices. Contact Helen Seek at 816-633-2286 for bus route information/changes. You can also contact your school office with questions or concerns.

## 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](http://www.wntigers.net)
- Click on Quicklinks and then Tiger Text
- IT IS FREE
- Please call with questions



# ATHLETIC NEWS

**HIGH SCHOOL FALL PRACTICES BEGIN AUGUST 10TH**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL PRACTICES BEGIN AUGUST 17TH**

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](http://www.wntigers.net)
2. Click on the Menu button
3. Click Activities/Athletics
4. Click Sports Calendar
5. Click the image on the page
6. That image will take you to the MSHSAA calendar

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



Menu

Activities/Athletics

Sports Calendar

## 20 - 21 Coaches

### Football

Andy Hampton (HC)  
 Tristan Layman (AC)  
 Shayne Zeysing (AC)  
 Clay Atteberry (AC)  
 Marc Crowley (AC)

### Volleyball

Jobie Shannon (HC)  
 Carington Key (AC)  
 Stacey Williamson (MS)

### Boys Basketball

Bill Hughes (HC)  
 Justin Mefferd (AC)  
 Clay Atteberry (MS)

### Girls Basketball

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

### Baseball

Clay Atteberry (HC)

### Softball

Shaylynn Craig (HC)  
 Taylor Rittmiller (AC)

### Cheer

Amanda Travis - HS (HC)  
 Abbie Markley - MS (HC)

### Track

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

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

## 2020 - 2021 Sports Schedule (QR Code - Scan Me)



## WNR9 Activities / Athletics Page (QR Code - Scan Me)



## 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**



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### School Supply List

#### Locations for Lists

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

### Preschool Parent Night

This will take place during the back to school night on August 19th from 5:00pm to 7:45pm. Thank you and we will see you there!

Dear Students, Parents, and Patrons:

The 2020-2021 school year is upon us and I am both excited and grateful to be starting my 6th 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. This year we welcome three new classroom teachers to our staff that are eager to join our team.

Also new this year, is our Science resource. Every grade level will have new Science resources to use throughout the year to better meet the students needs in this subject area.

We will continue with the implementation of our sensory room. This will be our third 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.

Over the past several months, and throughout this school year, we will all be presented with a lot of "firsts". It's imperative that we all practice patience and use all experiences as an opportunity to learn and grow together. I look forward to the challenge and know that we'll become an even stronger community throughout these ever changing times.

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 19th**, from **5:00pm-7:45pm**. Visit classrooms and tables in little gym.

Respectfully,

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

### Elementary Back-to-School Night

Small Gym  
August 19th  
Students A-G (5pm-5:45pm)  
Students H-M (6pm-6:45pm)  
Students N-Z (7pm-7:45pm)

### Kindergarten Parent Meeting

September 10th (6:00pm)  
At least one parent needs to attend, but all are encouraged.

## 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 19th 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.

## 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 15th** 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 15th @ Shirkey Golf Club. Sign up in Central Office or visit Facebook to fill out an entry form.**

Dear Parents, Students, and Patrons,

One of the best things about being an educator is the new and different challenges that you are faced with daily. Last spring and the beginning of this year will be no different. Even though it is a time of uncertainty I can assure you that whatever decisions that need to be made, they will always be made in the best interest of our students. Sometimes these decisions are not popular ones, but they are ones that we feel are the best for our school and our student body.

I will be entering my 27th year at Wellington-Napoleon R-IX as either a teacher/coach/administrator. I am just as eager to get started this year as I have been in years past. One of my main goals for this upcoming school year is to continue to keep WN 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 am very excited to announce that we have four new staff members this year and I encourage everyone to reach out and get to know them and welcome them to our community. I am very excited to begin working with them this school year. I encourage everyone to attend the **Back-to-School Night** on **August 18th** to meet our new staff and to get prepared for the upcoming school year which begins on **August 24th**. 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  
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### Back-to-School Information (MS/HS)

Middle/High School  
Grades 7th - 12th  
Tuesday, August 18th  
Open House 8:00am - 6:00pm

6th Grade Orientation  
Thursday, August 13th, 6:00pm



### Return to Learn Plan



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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-12:36p)  
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 on March 20th, Walk-A-Thon in Fall, and a Gospel Sing on November 15th**. 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 16 years Kids First has given student scholarships, classroom grants, dual enrollment grants, and District grants for a total of **\$210,000**.

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!](#)

# Message From Our Superintendent

Dear Wellington-Napoleon Community,

I begin by offering a “Thank you” for your support during the period of remote learning and in ending the 2019-20 school year. While the past school year was not without bumps and frustrations, I am proud of the way all of us responded to this crisis in true Tiger fashion. It was unprecedented, and I know that it took each of us working collaboratively to meet the challenge of COVID-19.

When I use the term “Wellington-Napoleon Community” in the greeting above, it is to assert the importance of each member of our Tiger Family. Our employees in transportation, food service, maintenance/custodial, classified and certified staff, coaches, nurse, technology, and administrators are vital to our students’ well-being. The term community means so much more here in the R-9 District. Our community is not only employees, it includes parents, grandparents, caregivers, retired teachers, spiritual leaders, first responders, medical professionals, essential service providers, and so many more. It is times like these, that the strong sense of community is ever so important as we come together to support our children and work together through this process.

We have been tasked to consider what school will look like this fall and how we can restore some form of in-person learning. This is a daunting task, but we must create a quality learning experience while maintaining safety. My top priority since becoming superintendent has been, and will continue to be, the safety of all staff and students. I will not ignore the threat of the virus and will take necessary steps to mitigate this health risk. We must anticipate the possibility of outbreaks during the 20-21 school year and create a continuum of learning to ensure both quality of learning and safety for our students and staff. Our decision to move forward with in person learning, beginning August 24, was made with the whole health (mental and physical) and well-being of all 420, Pre-K-12th grade children/students in mind. It is a work in progress and we welcome your constructive input to provide the very best education for each student enrolled in the Wellington-Napoleon Schools.

As a District, we have attempted to communicate with our community regularly since March and will continue to be honest and transparent in the ever-changing pandemic era. We are excited to welcome students back to campus August 24th to educate and support their needs. We will continuously evaluate all options as together we courageously meet these unprecedented challenges.

Sincerely and with resolve,

Mindy Hampton  
Superintendent of School

## Sensory Room Funded by LCCSF

The Lafayette County Children's Service Funds has approved our grant to fund our Sensory room for the 3rd year in a row! Our school district is very fortunate to have such a successful sensory room to help ensure our students are successful throughout the school day. We are thankful for the LCCSF board for approving our grant and supporting our school. The LCCSF is funded through a 1/8th of a cent sales tax measure that was approved in 2005, by the citizens of Lafayette County. The funds are awarded to local agencies that provide services to children and youth ages 19 or less in Lafayette County.

# Wellington Napoleon School Board 20-21



## Board Members

**David Twente** (President 2021) | **Amy Legate** (Vice President 2023) | **Sam Leach** (Treasurer 2022) | **Rheanna Todd** (2021) | **Diane Rukavina** (2022) | **Mike Zykan** (2023) | **Jerry Nagel** (2023)

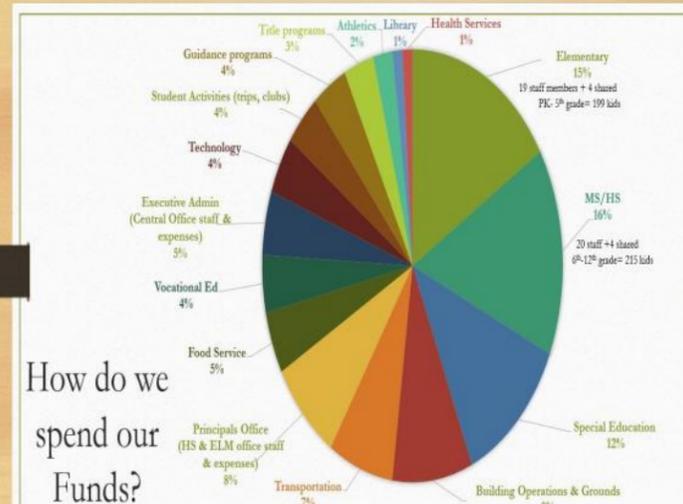
The role of the WN R-9 School board is to make policies and decisions that lead to the success of our students and teachers, as well as manage the financial outlook of the District while ensuring we can maintain the buildings and grounds, remain competitive in teacher pay and ensure our students have the resources and opportunities for them to be successful. In 2019, the school board approved a five year Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). This plan was developed by a twenty four person committee, represented by a wide variety of patrons, parents, students, teachers, school board members, and administration. This committee developed four focus areas for the next five years:

1. Financial Responsibility
2. Personalized Instruction
3. School Climate and Safety
4. Community Engagement

In the spring of 2019, Proposition K.I.D.S (a two million dollar no tax increase bond issue) was voted on by the Wellington and Napoleon patrons. These funds have been used to replace roofing, install twenty four HVAC units, remove asbestos flooring, relay epoxy flooring, upgrade all lighting to LED, fix the drainage issue around the building and replace/repair the entire front and back parking lots. The addition of a locker room is the final phase of this bond project. It is in the designing stage with hopes to break ground this fall. Our school is fortunate to have the support of the community in order to complete these much needed projects on our buildings.

The school board has some tough financial decisions to make in the upcoming year to determine if we should go to the community to ask for a vote to increase the tax levy. The last time the levy was increased for our school district was in 1992. Our district has maintained operations for the past twenty eight years on the same tax levy, yet continued to increase pay for teachers and insurance premiums, added programming to meet the needs of students, absorbed the increased cost of special education programming, and provided necessary technology enhancements for the 21st century learner, all while receiving less revenue from state and federal programs as well as over 50% cuts in transportation reimbursement. In 1992, a teacher with ten years of experience made \$23,270. Today, that teacher would make \$36,350 on the same tax levy as 1992. Unfortunately, the past three years, we have not been able to give our staff a base raise in efforts to maintain our financial reserves. Ending the 2019-2020 school year, our district reserves were 26.4%. Our auditors recommend trying to keep those reserves above 25%. We have projected to end the 2020-2021 school year with 21.74% reserves. The school board does plan to have a tax levy increase placed on the spring ballot either this spring or next spring to ensure we continue to pay our valued teachers competitively and to maintain our reserves.

## REVENUE Where does it come from?



How do we spend our Funds?