

DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS



NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL STARTS: AUGUST 23RD

LUNCH INFORMATION

Updated meal prices for the 2023-24 school year are listed below. Federal funding providing free meals to all students has expired for the upcoming school year. Free and reduced meal applications will be available at the WN Back-To-School Night, and in both Offices. PRICES DID NOT CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR!

- Breakfast K-12: \$1.95
- Lunch K-5: \$2.45
- Lunch 6-12: \$2.70
- Breakfast Adult: \$2.35
- Lunch Adult: \$3.20

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

A child must be five (5) years old before **August 1, 2023**, 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.



Back-To-School Night: Open House

Monday, August 21st
Meet the teachers and fall sports coaches, visit classrooms and lockers and get enrollment packets.

****MS/HS Chromebook Retrieval****

SCHOOL HOURS

- K-12 (8:00am-3:15pm)
- Drop Off (7:45am-8:00am)
- Bus Drop Off (7:50am)
- Tardy Bell (8:00am)
- Dismissal (3:15pm)
- Teachers (7:35am-3:25pm)
- Office (7:30am-3:30pm)



22-23 BASKETBALL DISTRICT CHAMPS!



22-23 ESPORTS STATE FINALIST (4TH PLACE)



OVERWATCH

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WELLINGTON-NAPOLEON STAFF

Central Office

Superintendent: Brad Briscoe Ed. D.

Bookkeeper: Elaine Burnett

Accounts Payable: Jenny Wilson

High School Office

Principal: Justin Mefferd

AD/A+/Asst. Principal: Bill Hughes

Secretary: Candace Ellensohn

Elementary Office

Principal: James Evans

Secretary: Linda Varner

Director of Student Support Services

Aileen Hephner

Technology Director

Nate Anderson

Maintenance Director

TBA

Custodial Staff

Maria Solis

David Barker

Tom Barker

Kitchen Staff

Amy Soendker

Laura Heater

Karla Barnett

Angie Milligan

Stefanie Gann

Librarian

Angela Smith

Nurse

Sammy Jones

School Therapist

Bailey Williams

Elementary Staff

Preschool: Abbie Markley, Brandie Westerhold

Kindergarten: Sherri Collins, Miranda Carlson

1st grade: Heather Kirchoff, Heather Layman

2nd grade: Mindy Frazier, Amanda Ronkoski

3rd grade: Taylor Gerber, TBA

4th grade: Lynna Good, Kirsten Erdman

5th grade: Hannah Rast, Linda Florence

Title I: Christine Harris, Peggy Banner

Special Services: Jessica Huen, Ann Wheeler, Allison Russell

Art: Kamela Jarman

PE: Michelle McKown

Music: Kiersten Reynolds

Speech Pathologist: Michelle Roush

Counselor: Amy Riddell

PAT Educator: Taylor Gussman

Sensory: Devin Graf, Stacey Grimpo

Middle/High School Staff

Math: Julie Miller, Lincoln Bainbridge, Heather Register

Science: Mason Schrader, Ivan Bowdish

Social Studies: Jade Samborski, TBA

ELA: Mark Dickey, Amy Snyder, Allyson Mead

Business: Amanda Travis

PE: Andy Hampton, Michelle McKown

Art: Kamela Jarman

Music and Band: Kiersten Reynolds, Rachel Mrosko

Family & Consumer Science: Donna Fahrmeier

Vocational Agriculture: Devin Garland

Special Services: Lisa Wright, Pete O'Keefe, Ed Gooseman

Counselor: Jobie Shannon



Main Line: 816-240-2621

Fax Line: 816-857-7030

Central Office Hours

8am - 4pm

RESOURCES FOR FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS

Free or Reduced Breakfast/Lunch

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, 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 it is strongly felt 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 part of the enrollment process.

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 or 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

Email: ahephner@wntigers.net
Phone: 816-240-2621 Ext. 253



Candace Ellensohn

Email: cellensohn@wntigers.net
Phone: 816-240-2621 Ext. 251

Lafayette County Children's Service Fund Grants

The Lafayette County Children's Service Fund 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 R-IX Schools has been funded for the following three grants through the LCCSF:

Sensory Room: This is the sixth year our sensory room has been funded, which provides WN students with school based prevention services. We are very fortunate to have a sensory room to help ensure our students are successful throughout the school day. Staffed by Devin Graf, OTA, and Stacey Grimpo, the room serves students, Pre-K to 12th grade, within our school who have shown signs of distress holding them back from making academic progress. Services provided support students with ADD, ADHD, Anxiety, Depression, Sensory Disorders, or other physical and mental health issues such as trauma, PTSD, etc. When students visit the sensory room, they have a sensory plan that consists of physical exercises they work through to meet their sensory needs. Some exercises are alerting, some for calming, others for movement and balance which creates focus in the brain. Students work through these exercises then return to class ready for academic success.

School-Based Therapist: We are in the third year of grant funding to provide the students and families of WN with a full time Licensed Professional Counselor. Bailey Williams serves in the role of school-based therapist for WN R-IX. With this grant funding, our SBT and school counselors are able to serve WN students in need of therapy. Through school-based mental health, students have created stronger relationships with family, peers, and teachers. Students receiving school based therapy gain support and coping skills to better prepare them for social, emotional, and academic endeavors.

School Resource Officer: The Wellington-Napoleon R-IX Schools have partnered with LCCSF and the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department to supply a part-time School Resource Officer to the district. The SRO provides a valuable resource to WN in safety, support, and educational services to the students, staff, and the community of Wellington-Napoleon. School safety is of utmost importance to our district and the resources provided by our SRO assist in safety and crime prevention; ensuring a safe learning environment exists for all. Additional services provided by our SRO include DARE education, student and staff professional development, and working as an advocate/liaison for students and families through the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department. The School Resource Officer for the 2023-24 school year is Brooke Nail.

INCLEMENT WEATHER



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, KCTV Channel 5 News, WDAF Channel 4 News

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

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 from the ages of 3 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 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 to 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 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 or 903-220-8996 ext. 121.**

TITLE I READING/MATH:

Title I is a federally funded program under the 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 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 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:

Lexington Diesel provides transportation to the WN R-IX School District. Bus routes can be picked up on our Back-To-School Night or in school offices. Contact: **Kylene Lockhart at 816-699-0399** 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!
- Please call with questions.

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 up against the north side of the building are five 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.

ATHLETIC

NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL PRACTICES BEGIN AUGUST 7TH MIDDLE SCHOOL PRACTICES BEGIN AUGUST 14TH

IMPORTANT

EVERY ATHLETE MUST HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE PHYSICAL AND ANNUAL PRE-PARTICIPATION FORMS 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.

SPORTS CALENDAR



SCAN ME

Sports Pass: **\$50.00**

- Can be purchased at the Central Office
- Per Person in household

Admission Cost: (Varsity)

- Adult: **\$5.00**
- Child: **\$3.00**
- Students 18 and Under: **\$3.00**
- WN Student: **FREE**

Admission Cost: (JV/MS Only)

- Adult: **\$3.00**
- Child: **\$2.00**
- WN Student: **FREE**

23-24 Coaches!

Football

Andy Hampton (HC)
Jade Samborski (AC)
Mark Dickey (AC)

Volleyball

Jobie Shannon (HC)
Allyson Mead (AC)
Aleesha Seitz (AC)

Boys Basketball

Bill Hughes (HC)
Justin Mefferd (AC/MS)
Mark Dickey (AC/MS)

Girls Basketball

Andy Hampton (HC)
Megan Beckemeyer (AC)
Jobie Shannon (MS)

Baseball

Jade Samborski (HC)

Softball

Julie Miller (AC)

Cheer

Amanda Travis - (HC-FB/BB)
Kamela Jarman - (HC/MS)

Track

Michelle McKown (HC)
Allyson Mead (MS)
Heather Register (AC)

(HC-Head Coach)
(AC-Assistant Coach)
(MS-Middle School Coach)
(FB = Football)
(BB = Basketball)

23-24 Extra Duty!

A+ Coordinator

Bill Hughes

Academic Bowl

Rachel Mrosko

Art Club

Kamela Jarman

Band

Rachel Mrosko

Esports

Nate Anderson

FCCLA Sponsor

Donna Fahrmeier

FFA Sponsor

Devin Garland

FBLA Sponsor

Amanda Travis

FTA Sponsor

Jobie Shannon

Garden Club

Kamela Jarman

NHS Sponsor

Donna Fahrmeier

Play Director

Kiersten Reynolds

Student Council (HS)

Jobie Shannon

Student Council (MS)

Candace Ellensohn

Student Council (EL)

Taylor Gerber

Yearbook (MS/HS)

Allyson Mead

Yearbook (EL)

Heather Layman

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

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BILL HUGHES

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ELEMENTARY

UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Dear Wellington-Napoleon Students, Families and Patrons,

I am very excited and honored to serve as Principal of the elementary school this year! In my short time here, everyone in the District and community has made me feel welcome as I make my transition. I feel fortunate to be able to serve this school and support our students and families.

I have been dedicated to the field of education for ten years. Prior to my position here, I worked with students in third, fourth, and sixth grade as a classroom teacher. Most recently, I served as a third and fourth grade teacher in the Pleasant Hill School District. I am thrilled to utilize my skills as I work with you to ensure every student's success.

I believe that education is a life-long process in which the school, home, and community model and instill skills and habits for life success. Most importantly, I strongly believe that our students should be at the forefront of decision making that takes place within the building. I encourage you to become involved in every way possible to help deliver positive outcomes for the students of our District.

Yours in education,

James Evans

Tiger Night Open House will run from 5:00-7:30 PM on Monday, August, 21, 2023

PTO INFORMATION

The PTO Board supporting your elementary school next year is:
President: Kendra Lee | **Vice President:** Jennifer Neece
Secretary: Kelsey Blystone | **Treasurer:** Kristina Kanak

Please stop at the PTO table at WN Back-To-School Night on August 21st and become a member. **Your support helps!**

Last year WNES PTO was able to cover all costs for all student field trips, provide over \$2,600 in teacher grants, each child and staff member was provided a WNES T-Shirt, PTO provided \$1,200 toward Scholastic Readers, the field day lunch, and numerous cotton candy/popcorn/snow cone fun days.

PTO sponsored events and fundraisers for 23-24 school year:

- * Trash Bag Sales
- * WNES T-Shirt Sales that match the provided student/staff shirts
- * Halloween, Christmas, & Valentines Classroom Parties
- * Santa's Secret Workshop
- * Father Daughter Dance
- * Carnival/Bingo Night

Please be sure to get involved in your child's education; it truly makes a difference!

- Facebook: Well-Nap PTO
- PTO trash bag sales will start Aug. 25th, due September 8th
- Trash bag pickup will be Sept. 22nd & 23rd
- First PTO meeting will be September 14th, at 7pm at the school

Sandra Bodenhamer Zeysing Memorial

Over the past 12 years, the families of Sandra Bodenhamer Zeysing have raised and donated over \$93,000 to the Wellington-Napoleon R-IX School in memory of Sandra and her love for education. That money has been used to buy books, library furniture, laptops, e-readers, an outdoor reading area, field event practice area for pole vault, shot-put, discus and long/triple jump, development of sensory room, makerspace room, the purchase of a 3-D printer, and school supplies for over 400 students and 65 staff.

This past July, the 11th annual golf tournament was a huge success. With all the donations, teams, and volunteer labor, the family managed to raise \$9,300 to donate to Wellington-Napoleon. The money was used to purchase school supplies for the District supply, closet greatly reducing every family's out of pocket cost. Next years tournament is tentatively scheduled for June 14, 2024, at Mules National.

The District would like to thank the Bodenhamer/Zeyising families for the hard work and planning that has gone into this event the past 11 years. and for the combined total of \$93,000 in donations to the Wellington-Napoleon R-IX School District.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF INSTRUCTIONS

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. Enter the student entrance by art doors and exit the back of the student parking lot. Pick up remains the same; cars park down Grace Street 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 7:45am and students will go directly to their classrooms. (No large group gatherings in the gym. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria from 7:45am to 8:00am).

* 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 two designated drop off/pick up locations.

August 2023				
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May 2024				
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T = Staff Inservice

(M) Mid-terms - 9/22 11/17, 1/26, 4/12

(Q) End of quarters - 1st- 10/13 (36), 2nd- 12/15 (37), 3rd- 3/1 (39), 4th- 5/23 (50)

Calendar Includes 36 Hours for Snow Days

Final Copy of Calendar - Board approved

(P/T) Parent/Teacher Conferences

10/19 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

No School/ Staff Professional Development Days

8/15 (New Staff), 8/16, 8/17, 8/18, 8/21,

9/18, 10/19, 11/6, 1/3, 2/12, 3/11, 4/15

12:30 Dismissal Days

10/18

5/23 Last Day of School

Staff Days-173 Student Days-162 (1104 Hours)

No School/No Staff

08/22

9/4 Labor Day

10/20

11/20-11/24 Thanksgiving Break

12/18-1/2 Winter Break

1/15- Martin Luther King Day

2/19 President's Day

3/04-3/8 Spring Break

3/29-04/01 Easter Break

5/5 Graduation

Students First for a Better Tomorrow

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to the 2023-24 School Year:

On behalf of the Wellington-Napoleon R-IX Board of Education, allow me to welcome each student and family to the 2023-2024 school year! As I begin my second year at WN R-IX I would like to thank the community for so graciously accepting me to the District. We as a district hope to build on the successes of last school year, and continue to grow into the future. We hope you had a wonderful summer, and I am excited to welcome our students and families back from summer break. New families to our District, welcome to the WN Dynasty, and we are proud you chose to be a Tiger!

We are committed to a wonderful educational experience for all WN families. During the 2022-23 school year, a group of District stakeholders helped to develop our Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP), which will guide our District decision making over the next five years. The mission of Wellington-Napoleon R-IX is **Students First for a Better Tomorrow!** This statement drives all decisions in the education of our students. It is imperative to uphold the values of our mission through the educational and extracurricular experiences provided to our students. Commitment to the mission, and associated success, truly takes a village. The support staff, teachers, coaches, administrators, parents, and community members of WN are all here to support our children to maximize their potential.

In closing, it is an honor to serve the students, families, and community of Wellington-Napoleon as Superintendent of Schools. We will continue to embrace the traditions of the WN Dynasty, build on the successes of the last school year, and push the boundaries of achievement for the future. It is the people of any organization that drive success, and I know through our collective capacity, we can accomplish great things. Our staff has been working feverishly over the summer months to ensure a safe, enriching, educational experience for our students. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to another amazing school year.

Yours in Education,

Brad Briscoe Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools
Wellington-Napoleon R-IX
bbriscoe@wntigers.net

WELLINGTON-NAPOLEON R-IX SCHOOL BOARD



David Twente (Vice President 2024)
Melissa Register (2026)
Clint Osborn (2026)
Justin Reade (2025)
Mike Zykan (President 2026)
Diane Rukavina (2024)
Jeremy Ahmann (Treasurer 2025)

(PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT)

HIGH / MIDDLE SCHOOL

UPDATES AND INFORMATION



HIGH SCHOOL

1H (8:00A-8:58A)
2H (9:04A-9:58A)
3H (10:02A-10:56A)
4H (11:00A-11:54A)
5H (11:58A-1:18P)
LUNCH (12:24P-12:44P)
6H (1:22P-2:17P)
7H (2:22P-3:15P)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1H (8:00A-8:54A)
2H (9:00A-9:54A)
3H (9:58A-10:52A)
4H (10:56A-11:50A)
5H (11:54A-1:14P)
LUNCH (12:00P-12:20P)
6H (1:18P-2:13P)
7H (2:17P-3:15P)

Dear Parents, Students, and Patrons,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I am very excited to start my second year as MS and HS Principal, and my 9th year in the District!

I know our staff is excited to start the year as well! We have almost all of our staff returning, with a couple of new folks added as well. I know they are all enthusiastic about the year and ready to get rolling! I encourage everyone to come out for **Back-To-School Night on Monday, August 21st**, to meet not only our new staff, but the rest of our excellent staff as well. I'm very much looking forward to working alongside this great group of educators!

As we continue to find ways to make the most out of the educational day for all students, there is one major change in our daily schedule this year. **We will no longer be having "Pride Time" at the end of each day.** We've added those minutes into each class period. We felt the students, time would be better utilized by making this change.

We will also be condensing our three lunch periods, down to two. The middle school students will eat from **12:00-12:20** and the high school students will eat from **12:24-12:44**.

Administrators, teachers, and parents/guardians, all have a role and responsibility in the success of our students. I encourage communication from all of you so that we are always on the same path; a path that leads to great things for your student, not only while at WN, but also upon graduation.

Respectfully,

Justin L. Mefferd
WN Middle School/High School Principal



Middle/High School Enrollment Days

August 9th and 10th

8:00am—3:30pm

Students will turn in enrollment paperwork that was mailed home and can pick up their schedules.

Get Involved in Booster Club!!! The Booster Club promotes athletic participation and activities by providing support and raising funds to purchase needed supplies and equipment for the WN athletic, cheer, and eSports teams. We do this through membership dues, business sponsorships, and fundraisers.

YOU decide what a Booster Club Membership means to you. You can choose from many different ways to be involved:

- Run to be a member of the executive committee as President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary.
- Join or lead the membership committee, fundraising committee, or concession committee.
- Volunteer to work events as they fit your schedule.
- Simply provide support with your membership dues or a monetary donation.

The Booster Club holds fundraisers each year: **Trivia Night & Silent Auction in April**, the Annual Golf Tournament in August, the Savers Soft Goods Donation Collection twice per year, and various concessions throughout the year. Proceeds from fundraisers go toward fulfilling the coaches' wish lists in October to purchase needed equipment for the athletic, cheer, and eSports teams, as well as funding the Donald L. Jeffries Memorial scholarships each year.

The upcoming Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Saturday, August 26th**, at Shirkey Golf Club in Richmond. Contact Julie Hughes at Julienoelhughes@hotmail.com, or Central Office, to sign your team up, sponsor a hole, or join Booster Club.

KIDS FIRST

Kids First was formed July 1, 2004, with an endowment from the estate of Bernice Osthoff; a career teacher in Wellington and surrounding area school districts. The Kids First Education Foundation of Wellington & Napoleon is recognized as a non-profit organization at both the state and federal level.

Kids First awards scholarships to graduating seniors, classroom grants to WN teachers, and dual enrollment scholarships to high school students enrolled in college courses. Since 2004, the foundation has awarded over **\$260,000** to Wellington-Napoleon students and staff.

These scholarships and grants are made possible by the continued support of the community. Please mark your calendar for Kids First's fundraisers this year:

- **Gospel Sing – November 12th**
- **Annual Banquet – March 16th**

If you would like more information, are interested in serving on the Kids First board, or would like to make a donation please contact the board at WNKidsFirst@gmail.com



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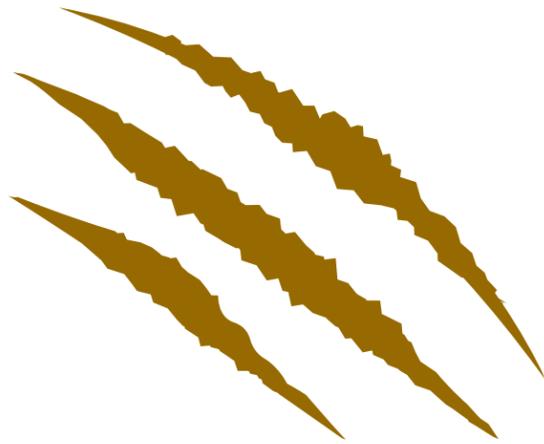
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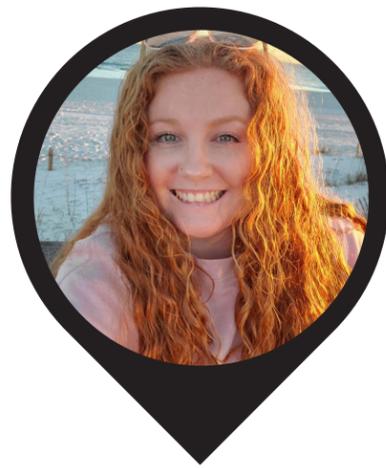


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