

DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS

TeacherEase:

District-wide or Building-wide information (school closures, important information, activities and events District-wide) sent out by Superintendent or Principals.

Remind:

Classroom specific, club specific information sent out by the teacher, coach or sponsor. These specific Remind codes will be sent home with students for parents to join the class/activity.

Social Media:

Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube are used for important announcements that are also shared via TeacherEase, as well as fun celebrations of our students and staff.

Website (www.wntigers.net):

The website is layered and contains important documents, policies and information for specific buildings and the overall District. You will find the District calendar, sports/activities calendar, specific sport schedules, School Board policies and financial documents, a link to the parent portal to check on student grades, attendance, lunch balances etc., staff directory, handbooks and more. The website also converts into a mobile app (found in Apple or Google play stores) for cell phone compatibility and ease.

WN R-IX



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2024-2025

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NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL STARTS: **TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH**

LUNCH INFORMATION

Updated meal prices for the 2024-25 school year are listed below. Free and reduced meal applications will be available through online enrollment, at the WN Back-To-School Night, and in both offices.

MEAL 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**

ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

For the 2024-2025 school year, WN R-IX will be transitioning to online registration. A child must be five (5) years old before

August 1, 2024, 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. 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
- Current Address, Telephone Number, and Work Telephone Number of Parents or other Emergency Contacts



Back-To-School Night: Open House

Thursday, August 15th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Students and parents are invited to meet the teachers, coaches and administrators, visit classrooms and lockers, and finalize enrollment.

****MS/HS Chromebook Check-Out****

SCHOOL HOURS

K-12 (7:45am-3:30pm)

Car Drop Off (7:30am-7:45am)

Bus Drop Off (7:30am)

Tardy Bell (7:45am)

Dismissal (3:30pm)

Teachers (7:25am-3:40pm)

Office (7:25am-3:40pm)



23-24 State Track



23-24 Ladies Basketball District Champs



Summer School Fun

Address: 800 Hwy 131, Wellington, MO 64097

Phone: 816-240-2621 | FAX: 816-857-7030

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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

Hayley West

Technology Director

Nate Anderson

Maintenance Director

Greg Fike

Custodial Staff

Maria Solis

David Barker

Tom Barker

Kitchen Staff

Amy Soendker

Laura Heater

Karla Barnett

Angie Milligan

Stefanie Gann

Librarian

Heather Staddie

Nurse

Sammy Jones

School Therapist

Bailey Williams

Elementary Staff

Preschool: Brandie Westerhold, Bobbi Russell

Kindergarten: Sherri Collins, Miranda Carlson

1st grade: Heather Kirchhoff, Heather Layman

2nd grade: Mindy Frazier, Amanda Ronkoski

3rd grade: Taylor Gerber, Jamie Wieligman

4th grade: Lynna Good, Kirsten Erdman

5th grade: Jenny Osborn, Carmen Herzberg

Title I: Christine Harris, Peggy Banner

Special Services: Jessica Huen, Ann Wheeler, Allison Russell

Art: Kamela Jarman

PE: Michelle McKown

Music: Kiersten Bowdish

Speech Pathologist: Michelle Roush

Counselor: Amy Riddell

PAT Educator: Taylor Gussman

Sensory: Devin Graf, Stacey Grimpso

Middle/High School Staff

Math: Julie Miller, Lincoln Bainbridge, Heather Register

Science: Mason Schrader, Ivan Bowdish

Social Studies: Michael McConkey, John Unrein

ELA: Mark Dickey, Amy Snyder, Allyson Mead

Business: Amanda Travis

PE: Andy Hampton, Michelle McKown

Art: Kamela Jarman

Music and Band: Kiersten Bowdish, Rachel Mrosko

Family & Consumer Science: Donna Fahrmeier

Vocational Agriculture: Devin Garland

Special Services: Lisa Wright, Julia Couch, Ed Gooseman

Counselor: Jobie Shannon



Main Line: 816-240-2621

Fax Line: 816-857-7030

Central Office Hours

7:30am - 3:45pm

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

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:



Hayley West

Email: hwest@wntigers.net

Phone: 816-240-2621 Ext. 216



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 seventh 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 Grimpso, 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 fourth 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.

Tiger Day Camp: Tiger Day Camp is a Monday child care program for WN students ages 3-12 on non-holiday Mondays when school is NOT in session. This program will be offered this school year at NO COST to District families through the LCCSF grant. Sign ups for the Tiger Day Camp will start in August. Please contact your student's office for more information.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

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

- Alerts will be sent via TeacherEase.
- Check our Facebook account (www.facebook.com/wellingtonnapoleon.tigers/)
- KMBC Channel 9 News, KCTV Channel 5 News, WDAF Channel 4 News



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: **Hayley West, Director of Student Support Services, hwest@wntigers.net or 816-240-2621 ext. 216.**

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 activities. For more information on Section 504 please contact: **Hayley West, Director of Student Support Services, hwest@wntigers.net or 816-240-2621 ext. 216.**

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: **Hayley West, Director of Student Support Services, hwest@wntigers.net or 816-240-2621 ext. 216,** 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: **Hayley West, Director of Student Support Services, hwest@wntigers.net or 816-240-2621 ext. 216.** 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.

TeacherEase Parent Link:

TeacherEase is available in the Wellington-Napoleon R-IX School District. The parent link will provide web access regarding a student's progress in school. TeacherEase 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 or you can type in www.teacherease.com and click the login button.

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.

Tiger Day Camp

With WN R-IX moving to a four day school week for the 2024-25 school year, we are proud to announce the implementation of Tiger Day Camp for WN students ages 3-12. The program will be conducted through a partnership with the Community Christian Center and be housed at the CCC facility on non-holiday Mondays when school is NOT in session. This program will be offered this school year at NO COST to District families through a grant from the Lafayette County Children's Services fund. Information will be disseminated in August to the District families to sign-up for the Tiger Day Camp. Please contact your student's office for more information.

ATHLETIC NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL PRACTICES BEGIN AUGUST 12TH

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRACTICES BEGIN AUGUST 19TH

IMPORTANT

EVERY ATHLETE MUST HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE PHYSICAL AND ANNUAL PRE-PARTICIPATION FORMS BEFORE THEY CAN BEGIN PRACTICE. PHYSICAL FORMS CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH ONLINE ENROLLMENT OR 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 HS 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**

24-25 Coaches!

Football

Andy Hampton (HC)
Scott Parrish (AC)
Mark Dickey (AC)
Mike McConkey (AC)

Volleyball

Jobie Shannon (HC)
Allyson Mead (AC)
Heather Register (MS)

Boys Basketball

Bill Hughes (HC)
Justin Mefferd (AC)
Mike McConkey (AC/MS)

Girls Basketball

Andy Hampton (HC)
Megan Beckemeyer (AC)
Sammy Jones (MS)

Baseball

Andy Hampton (HC)
Chase Stumfoll (HC)
Mark Dickey (AC)

Softball

Brandie Westerhold (HC)

Cheer

Amanda Travis - (FB)
Kamela Jarman - (BB)
Allison Russell (MS)

Track

Michelle McKown (HC)
Allyson Mead (AC)
Mike McConkey (AC)

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

24-25 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

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

BHUGHES@WNTIGERS.NET

BILL HUGHES

816-240-2621 EXT. 252



ELEMENTARY



Dear Wellington-Napoleon Students, Families and Patrons,

WOW! This summer has flown by and I cannot be more excited to start the 2024-25 school year. As I have said in the past, this district and community has been nothing short of incredible to work with. I have no doubts that this school year will be any different.

This will be my eleventh year serving in education. Prior to my position here, I served as an educator in sixth, fourth and third grades. I always aim to utilize the skills and knowledge I acquired in the classroom in order to better serve as a building leader.

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.

To the students, you bring me an immense amount of joy and pride in seeing you all succeed and enjoy your experience at WNE. Since we are beginning a new school year, I would like to issue you an early "homework" assignment. I want to hear about your summer breaks. When you see me at Tiger Night Open House (I know you will all be there :D), take a moment to share your High, Low and Buffalo of summer break.

The way this is done is to take a High moment – for example – mine was camping in Jedediah Smith State Park in California, a Low moment – I didn't get as much done on my house remodeling as I hoped to, and a Buffalo (random or interesting thing that happened during summer) – I took a ferry from Squamish, British Columbia to Vancouver Island, British Columbia!

I look forward to seeing you all in a few short weeks, and be thinking about your High, Low and Buffalo!

Yours in education,

James Evans

Tiger Night Open House will run from 5:30-7:30 PM on Thursday, August 15, 2024.



PTO INFORMATION

The PTO Board supporting your elementary school next year is:
President: Jennifer Neece | **Vice-President:** Heidi Gower | **Co-Chair:** Kendra Lee | **Secretary:** Kelsey Blystone | **Treasurer:** Christina Kanak

Last year, WNES PTO was able to cover the complete cost of all student field trips, provide over **\$2000** in teacher grants, each child and staff member was provided a WNES t-shirt, PTO provided a brand-new laminator for the school office, field day lunch and numerous cotton candy/popcorn/snow cone fun days.

PTO Sponsored events and fundraisers for 24-25 school year:

- Trash bag sales
- WNES t-shirt for all students/staff
- Classroom parties
- Santa's Secret Workshop
- Father/Daughter Dance
- Carnival/BINGO night

You can find us on Facebook at: **Well-Nap PTO**

Important upcoming dates:

- PTO trash bag sales start **August 23rd** and due **September 5th**
- Trash bag pick up **September 25th** and **September 26th**
- First PTO Meeting will be **September 12th at 7 pm**

Please stop by the WN-PTO table during Back-To-School Night on August 15th and become a member (\$15/family). Keep in mind being a member of PTO not only helps with sponsoring events listed above, but makes you eligible to attend classroom parties and accompany classes on field trips.

Thank you for continuing to support your WNES PTO...without your support it would not be possible!

Sandra Bodenhamer Zeysing Memorial

Over the past 13 years, the families of Sandra Bodenhamer Zeysing have raised and donated over **\$100,000** 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 **\$7,300** 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.

The District would like to thank the Bodenhamer/Zeyising families for the hard work and planning that has gone into this event the past 13 years, and for the combined total of **\$100,000** in donations to the Wellington-Napoleon R-IX School District.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF INSTRUCTIONS

WN R-IX Doors will open at 7:30 am and students will go directly to their classrooms or the cafeteria for breakfast. School starts at 7:45am (Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria from 7:30 am to 7:45 am).
Elementary car riders- drop off (7:30am) and pick up (3:30pm) 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 the art room 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).
*** 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.**

WELLINGTON-NAPOLEON R-IX SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-25

| August 2024 | | | | |
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| December 2024 | | | | |
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| January 2025 | | | | |
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| February 2025 | | | | |
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| March 2025 | | | | |
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| April 2025 | | | | |
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| May 2025 | | | | |
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T = Staff PD Inservice **SCHOOL HOURS 7:45 AM-3:30 PM**
(M) Mid-terms – 9/13 11/15, 1/31, 4/11
(Q) End of quarters - 1st- 10/11 (34), 2nd- 12/20 (38), 3rd- 3/7 (36), 4th- 5/23 (42)
Final Copy of Calendar – Board approved 2/14/2024

August 20th - First Day of School
(P/T) Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/21 11:00 am – 7:00 pm
No School/ Staff Professional Development Days
8/12 (New Staff), 8/13, 8/14, 8/15, 8/16, 9/16, 10/14, 10/21, 11/4, 12/9, 1/6, 2/3, 3/10, 4/14, 5/5
12:30 Dismissal Days
12/20 Last Day of 1st Semester
5/23 Last Day of School
PS- Possible Snow Make-up Day: 5/05

Student Days–150 (1096.5 Hours)
Staff Days-164 (150 + 14 PD Days)

No School/No Staff
Holidays/Breaks
9/2 Labor Day
11/27-11/29 Thanksgiving Break
12/23-1/3 Winter Break
1/20- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
2/17 President's Day
3/21-03/24 Spring Break
4/18-4/21- Easter Break
5/11 Graduation
****OFF ALL OTHER YELLOW MONDAYS**
****Note Mondays of 8/26, and 9/09 school will be in session**

Students First for a Better Tomorrow

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to the 2024-25 School Year:

On behalf of the Wellington-Napoleon R-IX Board of Education, allow me to welcome each student and family to the 2024-2025 school year! I would like to thank the community for their passionate support of WN R-IX. 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). The CSIP is updated annually and serves as the guiding document for our district over the next 5 years. Please take a few moments to review the document by visiting the District website www.wntigers.net. 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 past, 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 school district and staff have been working feverishly over the summer months to ensure a safe, enriching, educational experience for our students. Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to another amazing school year.

Yours in Education,

Brad Briscoe Ed. D.
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(PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT)

HIGH / MIDDLE SCHOOL

UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Dear Parents, Students, and Patrons,

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! I am very excited to start my third year as MS and HS Principal, and my 10th 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 Thursday, August 15, 2024, from 5:30-7:30pm, 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 transition to the four day school week, we also transition to a new start time and new dismissal time. Our day begins at 7:45 and ends at 3:30. We encourage everyone to enroll their students using our online enrollment process. We know change can sometimes be difficult, but once this process is fully implemented it will make enrollment become much more effective and efficient. Thank you for helping us along in this transition.

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.

Again, I'm excited to continue serving our community as your MS and HS Principal, let's have a great year! It's a great day to be a Tiger!

Respectfully,

Justin L. Mefferd
MS/HS Principal



MIDDLE SCHOOL

1H (7:45A-8:49A)
2H (8:53A-9:54A)
3H (9:58A-10:58A)
4H (11:02A-12:02P)
LUNCH (12:06P - 12:26P)
5H (12:26P - 1:26P)
6H (1:30P-2:30P)
7H (2:34P-3:30P)

HIGH SCHOOL

1H (7:45A-8:45A)
2H (8:49A-9:50A)
3H (9:54A-10:54A)
4H (10:58A-11:58A)
5A (12:02P-12:30P)
LUNCH (12:30P-12:50P)
5B (12:50P - 1:22P)
6H (1:26P-2:26P)
7H (2:30P-3:30P)

BOOSTER CLUB

WN Booster Club promotes athletic participation and activities by providing support for the WN athletic, cheer, and esports teams. This is made possible by the support of WN patrons via membership dues, business sponsorships, and fundraisers.

The Booster Club holds several fundraisers each year. The Trivia Night and Silent Auction is in April, the Tiger Classic Golf Tournament is in August, and the Savers soft goods donation collection continues throughout the year. Booster Club members also work several concessions stands throughout the school year. Each fall, the Booster Club takes proposals from WN coaches to purchase equipment for the athletic and esports teams. The Booster Club also funds the Donald L. Jeffries Memorial Scholarship awarded to two graduating WN Seniors.

YOU decide what a Booster Club Membership means to you. Show your support via membership dues or a monetary donation.

Join the executive board, membership committee, fundraising committee, or concession committee. Volunteer to help at fundraising events. Please contact Booster Club President **Holly Mefferd** at 816-263-1143 or wnr9boosterclub@gmail.com to get involved.

Be sure to join our Facebook page: WN Tigers Athletic Booster Club

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for August 24th!

The Annual Tiger Classic Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Saturday, August 24th, at Shirkey Golf Club in Richmond**. Contact Sara Terrill (816-778-9394) or Roma Heater (816-809-5412) for a team registration form, a hole sponsorship form, or to volunteer to help at the tournament!

KIDS FIRST

Kids First is a charitable organization formed July 1, 2004, with an endowment from the estate of Bernice Osthoff; a career teacher in Wellington and surrounding area school districts. 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 **\$310,000** 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 17, 2024**
- **Annual Banquet – March 15, 2025**

If you would like more information, are interested in serving on the Kids First Board, or would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please contact the Board at WNKidsFirst@gmail.com or by mailing your contribution to: **Kids First Education Foundation of WN, PO Box 127, Wellington, MO 64097.**



CARMEN HERZBERG
5th Grade



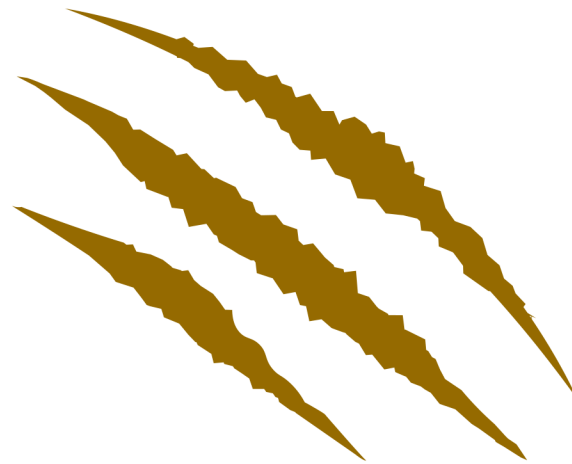
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NEW STAFF

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BOBBI RUSSELL
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