

# 2018-2019 Scheduled Events

## August

6<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>- New Teacher In-Service  
 13<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>- All Staff Professional Development  
 15<sup>th</sup>- Middle School/ High School Back-to-School Night: 5-8 pm  
 14<sup>th</sup>- Elementary Back-to-School Night 6:00 pm  
 17<sup>th</sup>- First day of school 8:00 am  
 18<sup>th</sup>- Booster Club Golf Tournament  
 29<sup>th</sup>- Fall School Pictures

## September

7<sup>th</sup>- Little Cheer Night  
 12<sup>th</sup>- ASVAB Testing- all Juniors  
 29<sup>th</sup>- Homecoming Parade 7:00 pm

## October

2<sup>nd</sup>- ACT Testing- 10-12<sup>th</sup> graders are able to take this test  
 3<sup>rd</sup>- Homecoming Pep Rally- 6 pm  
 5<sup>th</sup>- Homecoming Football Game, Senior Night Football  
 6<sup>th</sup>- Homecoming Dance- 8-10 pm  
 12<sup>th</sup>- Senior and underclassmen picture retakes  
 13<sup>th</sup>- PTO Carnival  
 16<sup>th</sup>- National Honor Society Induction- 7 pm  
 17<sup>th</sup>- Odessa College Fair- 1pm- for all 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders  
 18<sup>th</sup>- Senior Night Volleyball  
 18<sup>th</sup>- Parent-Teacher Conferences

## November

12<sup>th</sup>- Veterans Assembly TBA  
 20<sup>th</sup>- W-N Career Fair

## December

6<sup>th</sup>- Elementary/MS band and choir winter music concert 6:30 pm  
 14<sup>th</sup>- High school band and choir winter music concert 6:30 pm  
 15<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>- High School Play- 7:00 pm

## January

14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> W-N Invitational Basketball Tournament  
 24<sup>th</sup>- Basketball Courtwarming

## February

12<sup>th</sup>- Senior Night Basketball  
 20<sup>th</sup>- Spring ACT Testing

## March

4<sup>th</sup>- Spring Pictures (this date may change)  
 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> -FCCLA and FFA Spring Fling (TBD)  
 24<sup>th</sup>?31<sup>st</sup>- Spring Play

## April

3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>- Senior Trip  
 13<sup>th</sup>- High School Prom  
 21<sup>st</sup>- MR. W-N  
 15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>- MAP/EOC state testing  
 28<sup>th</sup>- FFA Banquet

May (many dates in May could be moved back if excessive snow days are acquired)

1<sup>st</sup>- High school band and choir spring concert -6:30 pm  
 3<sup>rd</sup>- Seniors last day  
 3<sup>rd</sup>- Baccalaureate- 7:00 pm  
 5<sup>th</sup>- Graduation- 5:00 pm  
 7<sup>th</sup>- Senior awards and scholarship banquet 6:00 pm dinner and awards  
 8<sup>th</sup>- Elementary/Middle School band and choir spring concert- 6:30 pm  
 14<sup>th</sup>- Last day of school unless snow day make ups

## Monthly meetings:

School board- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in library  
 PTO- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in library  
 Booster club- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in library

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 for the most current and updated events!

Wellington  
 Napoleon  
 School  
 District

# TigerTimes

## 2019-20

### School Hours

**K-12 Student Hours:**  
 8:00am—3:15pm

**Student Arrival:**  
 7:45 am-8:00 am  
 Bus Drop Off 7:45 am  
 Breakfast 7:45 am - 8:00 am  
 Dismissal from Gym 7:55 am  
 Tardy Bell 8:00 am  
 Dismissal 3:15 pm

**Teachers:** 7:45 am-3:30 pm  
**Office Hours:**  
 7:30 am-3:45 pm

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

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### What's In This Issue?

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

**Dedicated to the W-N Dynasty!**  
**W-N Classes Start on August 17th**

### Back-to-School Nights...

\***Elementary:** August 14<sup>th</sup>  
 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

\***Middle School / High School:**  
 August 15<sup>th</sup>

Middle School: 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

High School: 6:15 pm—8:00 pm

Seniors: 5:00 pm composite pictures  
 in the small gym

\*More details for Back-to-School  
 Nights on school pages

### **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**A child must be five (5) years old before August 1, 2018 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 will be allowed. Each school office has forms available. All students new to the District are required, at the time of registration, to provide the following information:**

- **Updated immunization records**
- **Birth certificate**
- **Proof of residency**
- **Previous school's name, address, and telephone number**
- **Any school records at home**
- **Current address and telephone number, as well as work telephone numbers of parents and other emergency information.**

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

### **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**  
**\$1.65, ADULT \$2.15,**  
**LUNCH: K-5 \$2.15,**  
**6-12 \$2.40,**  
**ADULT \$2.90**



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## Wellington-Napoleon R-IX Staff

**Central Office**  
 Superintendent: Mindy Hampton  
 Administrative Assistant: Elaine Burnett

**High School Office**  
 Principal: Matt Hakes  
 AD/A+/Asst. Principal: Todd Shannon  
 Secretaries: Jennifer Paige, Kristin Holliday

**Elementary Office**  
 Principal: Justin Mefferd  
 Secretary: Linda Varner

**Director of Special Services**  
 Aileen Hephner

**Technology Director**  
 Jim Schlichting

**Custodial Staff**  
 Shane Zeysing, Maria Solis

**Kitchen Staff**  
 Amy Soendker, Debbie Wallace  
 Karla Barnett

**Nurse**  
 Terrie Schuster

**Elementary Staff**  
 Preschool: Nicole Petet, Paula Nowak  
 Kindergarten: Tina Niendick, Sherri Collins  
 1<sup>st</sup> grade: Heather Kirchhoff, Heather Layman  
 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Mindy Eriksen, Amanda Ronkoski  
 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Laura Beckemeyer, Austin Soendker  
 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Heather Jones, Alicia Gillespie  
 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Tristan Layman, Tanja Kubis  
 Title I: Christine Harris and Peggy Banner  
 Special Services: Ed Gooseman, Stacey Williamson  
 Art: Kamela Jarman  
 PE: Michelle McKown  
 Librarian: Amanda Travis  
 Library Assistant: Carol Hough  
 Music: Linley Tate  
 Speech Pathologists: Michelle Roush and Norita Sill  
 Counselor: Mary Burkhart  
 PAT Implementer: Taylor Gussman

**Middle/High School Staff**  
 Math: Quenton Bainbridge, Lincoln Bainbridge  
 Science: Penny Schumaker, Ryan Burton  
 Social Studies: Bill Hughes, Ashley McClain  
 ELA: David Hunter, Jamie Wieligman, Whitney Bachman-Twombly

**Business:** Brent Zweifel  
**Physical Education:** Andy Hampton, Michelle McKown  
**Art:** Kamela Jarman  
**Music and Band:** Linley Tate, Joelle Judd  
**Family & Consumer Science:** Donna Fahrmeier  
**Vocational Agriculture:** Devin Garland  
**Special Services:** Carrie Cunningham, Pete O'Keefe, Pauline Moyer  
**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.

### OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACTS

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

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Matt Hakes- Principal        mhakes@wntigers.net  
 Kristin Holliday- Secretary   kholliday@wntigers.net  
 Jennifer Paige- Secretary    jpaige@wntigers.net  
 Phone                            816-240-2621  
 Fax                                816-934-8649  
 Office Hours                    7:30-3:45 M-F

### CENTRAL OFFICE

Mindy Hampton - Superintendent    mhampton@wntigers.net  
 Elaine Burnett- Admin. Asst.        eburnett@wntigers.net  
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 Fax                                        816-934-8621  
 Office Hours                            8:00-4:00 M-F

District Website: [www.wntigers.net](http://www.wntigers.net)

August 2018				
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September 2018				
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October 2018				
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December 2018				
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March 2019				
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April 2019				
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May 2019				
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**T = Staff Inservice**  
**(M) Mid-terms** – 9/13, 11/13, 2/1, 4/5  
**(Q) End of quarters** - 1<sup>st</sup>- 10/12, 2<sup>nd</sup>- 12/19, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 3/1, 4<sup>th</sup>- 5/14  
 ! **Make-up dates** – (in order) 5/15, 5/16, 5/17, 05/20, 05/21  
**Board Approved 01/1018**

**(P/T) Parent/Teacher Conferences**  
 10/18 11:00 am – 7:00 pm  
**No School/ Staff days-**  
 8/13, 8/14, 8/15, 9/14, 10/3, 10/18, 1/2, 3/8  
**12:00 Dismissal Days**  
 12/19 Christmas Break  
 5/14 Last Day of School  
 Staff Days – 173 Student Days – 165

**No School/No Staff**  
 08/16  
 9/3 Labor Day  
 10/19  
 11/21-11/23 Thanksgiving Break  
 12/20-1/1 Winter Break  
 1/21- Martin Luther King Day  
 2/18 President's Day  
 3/11-3/15 Spring Break  
 4/19-4/22 Easter Break  
 5/5 Graduation



Senior Girl Scout Troops 407 and 841 are sponsoring a service project for the Wellington-Napoleon R-9 Middle School and High School. The “Everyday Things Cabinet” will be placed in both locker rooms. We have noticed that sometimes boys and girls do not have all of the personal items that they might need. A “helping hand up” can really be important sometimes when money is tight or when a needed item is forgotten. We want to help with this. These items will be free. Our financial support will come from community organizations and our troops. Contact Jobie Shannon if you would like to donate to this project. Hope this helps keep our “Tigers Strong.”



Recycling: WN Student Counsel along with Lafayette County Enterprises will be starting a Community Recycle project. This project will include plastic 1 & 2, aluminum, cardboard, and paper. More info to come!

Stay tuned for more info on MO BEEF for MO KIDS!



### Notification Method for Inclement Weather

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

#### Sign up for Tiger Text Alerts

This is the fastest method of receiving school closing information. To sign up for the Tiger Text Alerts or to update your information, visit our website [www.wntigers.net](http://www.wntigers.net) and click TIGER TEXT.

Check the Web page [www.wntigers.net](http://www.wntigers.net) Check the W-N Facebook page

Check local TV Stations The following television channels may be accessed for school closing information.

KMBC CHANNEL 9 KCTV CHANNEL 5  
WDAF CHANNEL 4

Technology at W-N is taking a big step toward meeting students' needs better than ever in 2018-19 by assigning a Chromebook to each student in grades 6-12. Students will pick them up in their Pride rooms before school, take them to all classes, and leave them at school at dismissal. There will be a small \$15 insurance fee paid by students to ensure the protection and maintenance of the device (only students in grades 6-12 will pay the insurance fee). This will greatly help keep all devices functional and as operable as possible for students to learn at the pace they need. Elementary students will still use classroom sets of Chromebooks in all rooms. W-N strives to stay on top of the technology changes and help our students learn in new and exciting ways.

## Tech Corner

### Resources Available to families under a financial hardship

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

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

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

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

Applications for each option are available at your request and are provided to each child. If you have any questions or need additional applications, please contact:

**Aileen Hephner— Director of Special Services**  
[ahephner@wntigers.net](mailto:ahephner@wntigers.net) or 816-240-2621 ext. 253

**Kristin Holliday- Food Service Secretary**  
[kholliday@wntigers.net](mailto:kholliday@wntigers.net) or 816-240-2621 ext. 251

## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO OUR W-N DYNASTY FOR 18-19

### Aileen Hephner—Director of Special Services



Aileen grew up in Buckner and still lives there. She received her degree from Graceland in 2012 with a double emphasis in Elementary and Special Education. Next, she received her Master's from UCM in 2015 for Secondary School Administration. She started working for the Fort Osage District in 2010 as a paraprofessional and started teaching in 2012. She married her best friend Matt in 2004. Her three sons, RJ (17), Wyatt (12) and Billy (11) keep her busy. They are athletes (soccer/baseball), musicians, scholars, and debaters. As a family they enjoy camping, fishing, laughing bonfires, and eating dinner together. The Hephners are over the moon excited to be dedicated to the W-N dynasty.

### Kamela Jarman—K-12 Art Teacher



Kamela Jarman is a 1997 Wellington-Napoleon graduate. She began college studying Art Education, but over time was led to finish her degree in Family and Child Development. She began working for the Lexington R-V school district, where she remained for 17 years. During that time she earned degrees and certification in Early Childhood Education, Special Education, Art Education, and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. She brings experience with a diverse number of students, and a passion for art and the W-N community. Kamela married another WN graduate, Shane Jarman, and they live in the district with their daughter. She is excited for the opportunity to live and pursue her dream of teaching art in Tiger Country!

### Joelle Judd—Middle /High School Band



Joelle is looking forward to a wonderful year of making music with the middle school and high school students! She graduated from Truman State University with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Music in 2017, and a Master's Degree in Music Education in 2018. Music and band have always been a center in her life. Her main instrument is the clarinet and she has been featured as a soloist in performances at International Clari-Fest in 2016, Midwest Clari-Fest in 2015, Missouri Music Educators Association Conference in 2016 and 2017, a Truman State Wind Symphony Concerto competition winner in 2016, and traveled throughout Europe with Blue Lake International's Northern Wind Ensemble in 2016. Joelle is originally from Greenwood, Missouri, and graduated from Lee's Summit West High School. She currently resides in Blue Springs with her husband and dog, Chance.

### Michelle Roush—Speech Language Pathologist



Michelle Roush is a graduate of Illinois State University in the area of Speech Pathology and Audiology. She has worked for Butler County, KS Special Education Coop, The American School in London, and the Lexington R-V School District. She has been a Speech Pathologist for 24 years. She and her husband have two children. Her son is in his second year at Missouri State University and her daughter is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader in Lexington.

### Norita Sill—Speech Language Pathologist



Norita has been retired since May 2004. She retired from Lexington R-V Schools and then worked for Hardin Schools for the next 14 years. This year will be her 45th year of working in an educational capacity. She resides in Lexington and likes to travel in her spare time.

### Lisa Wright— MS/HS Special Education Teacher



Lisa Wright graduated from Blue Springs High School in 2002, earned a BA in Special Education from Central Missouri State University in 2005 and a Masters in Special Education from the University of Kansas in 2010. Lisa Wright taught 7 years in the Blue Springs School District, 1 year at Burlington Community High School in Burlington, IA and the past 5 years at Fort Osage High School in the Fort Osage School District. Lisa Wright lives in Wellington with her husband and 3 children. Lisa Wright will be teaching 6-12 Special Education.





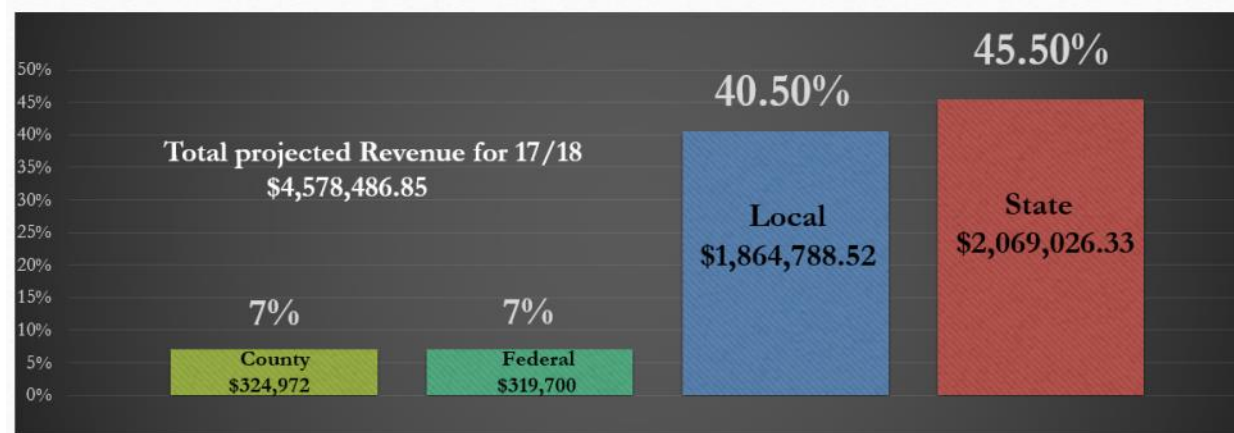
# An update from the W-N R-IX Superintendent of Schools

Dear Parents and Patrons,

An article published in *The Odessan* in late June talked about financial concerns of the Wellington-Napoleon School District. To clarify, our district is not currently in financial distress; however, our school board is looking at revenue versus expenditure trends in order to predict our future health and longevity. Our school auditors recommend keeping a minimum of 20% in reserves (savings from our Fund 1 and Fund 2). Wellington-Napoleon ended the 2017-18 fiscal year with 40.49% in reserves. This is a terrific number, but our concern is that we are on a downward trend, spending 3-4% of our reserves each year. If this trend continues, by the 2022-2023 school year, our reserves will dip to 23.5%.

You may be asking why we are deficit spending each year? This is due to several factors. Our free and reduced lunch rates have fallen; these bring in federal revenue. The local funds we bring in from commercial taxes have decreased the past several years as we have lost several local businesses. Additionally, our expenditures increase every year with staff years of service raises, health insurance premiums, and salary increases. Transportation reimbursement has steadily decreased from 70% to a staggering 17% this past year. When cuts are made to the state budget in areas such as transportation, school districts must pick up those costs through local funding.

## REVENUE—Where does it come from?



As you can see, nearly half of our revenue comes from local funds. Our currently tax levy was approved by voters 26 years ago in 1992. Compared to other county schools, we have had the lowest tax levy for nearly the longest period of time. This makes me extremely proud of the fiscal responsibility demonstrated by past superintendents and school board members!

School District	17-18 operating tax levy	Year voters increased tax levy
Santa Fe	4.12	2010
Lexington	4.06	2012
Concordia	3.99	2012
Higginsville	3.53	2011
Odessa	3.40	Late 80's
Wellington-Napoleon	3.26	1992

## TIGER ATHLETIC NEWS



High School Fall Practices began Aug 6th

Middle School Fall Practices begin August 13<sup>th</sup>

### WNHS Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Opponent
8/17	TBA	TBA	FB Jamboree
8/25	1:00 PM	Away	Uni. Academy
8/31	7:00 PM	Home	Lone Jack
9/7	7:00 PM	Home	Lexington
9/14	7:00 PM	Away	Santa Fe
9/21	7:00 PM	Home	Crest Ridge
9/28	7:00 PM	Away	Concordia
10/5	7:00 PM	Home	St. Paul
10/12	7:00 PM	Away	Lincoln
10/19	7:00 PM	Away	Sweet Springs
10/26	7:00 PM	TBD	Districts
11/2	7:00 PM	TBD	Districts
11/9	7:00 PM	TBD	Districts

### WNHS Volleyball Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Opponent	Level
8/28	430 PM	Home	Lexington	C/JV/V
8/30	430 PM	Away	Carrollton	C/JV/V
9/4	430 PM	Away	Sweet Springs	C/JV/V
9/6	430 PM	Away	Odessa	C/JV/V
9/11	430 PM	Away	Oak Grove	C/JV/V
9/13	430 PM	Home	Richmond	C/JV/V
9/15	TBA	Away	Lathrop Tourney	V
9/18	430 PM	Away	Concordia	C/JV/V
9/25	430 PM	Away	Santa Fe	JV/V
9/27	430 PM	Home	Orrick	C/JV/V
10/2	430 PM	Home	Lone Jack	C/JV/V
10/4	430 PM	Home	Crest Ridge	C/JV/V
10/6	TBA	TBA	I-70 Conf. Tourney	V
10/8	430 PM	Home	Lathrop	C/JV/V
10/9	430 PM	Home	St. Paul	C/JV/V
10/11	530 PM	Away	Kingsville	JV/V
10/13	800 AM	Away	Lexington Invitational	V
10/17	430 PM	Home	Summit Christian	C/JV/V
10/18	430 PM	Home	Lutheran (Kansas City)	C/JV/V
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### SPORT PASSES:

Individual \$50, Family \$150

\*Patrons must present their pass at the admission gate\*

(Available in the High School Office)

### Admission Cost:

Varsity—\$4 per adult, \$3 per child

JV and Middle School Only—\$3 per adult, \$2 per child

**\*EVERY Athlete must have an UPDATED 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-Athletics Forms.**

### COACHES FOR 2018-

#### 19 SCHOOL YEAR:

**Football**—Quenton Bainbridge, Head Coach; Andy Hampton, Asst. Coach; Lincoln Bainbridge, Asst. Coach; Tristan Layman, Asst. Coach; Shane Zeysing Asst. Coach

**Volleyball**—Peggy Tuter, Head Coach; Jobie Shannon, Asst. Coach; Ashley McClain, Middle School

**Cheer**—Amanda Travis, High School; Kamela Jarman Middle School

**Boys Basketball**—Todd Shannon, Head Coach; Bill Hughes, Asst. Coach; David Hunter, Middle School

**Girls Basketball**—Andy Hampton, Head Coach; Jobie Shannon, Asst. Coach; Jim Schlichting, Middle School

**Baseball**—Ryan Burton, Head Coach; Jim Schlichting, Asst. Coach

**Softball**—Lincoln Bainbridge, Head Coach; Linley Tate, Asst. Coach

**Track**—Quenton Bainbridge, Head Coach; Michelle McKown, Asst. Coach; Tristan Layman, Middle School

Athletic Director: Todd Shannon Ph. 816-240-2621 [tshannon@wntigers.net](mailto:tshannon@wntigers.net)



# News from Special Services

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

## Special Education:

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

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

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

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

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

**Aileen Hephner**

**Director of Special Services**

ahephner@wntigers.net

## 504 Accommodation plans:

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

For more information on Section 504 please contact:

**Aileen Hephner**

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## Parents as Teachers:

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

Evening meetings on various topics, including nutrition and reading, are held periodically throughout the school year.

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

## Title I Reading/Math:

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

The current school board and I have every intention to continue such concerted efforts to remain fiscally responsible for the Wellington-Napoleon School District. This being said, the only thing that can be done to stop the potential downward trend of reserves in the future is to look at reducing staff or increasing our levy. An increase in our tax levy would have to come from a vote of the people. Because we feel cutting staff is not an option, we want to remotely consider raising the tax levy. This will continue to be a discussion among the school board as we monitor the situation for the next few years before determining the absolute necessity of asking for this increase.

In addition to the above concerns, there are many maintenance factors that will require consideration in future budget planning. In our recent board discussions, we've been talking about our 65 year-old building and the areas that need to be updated and maintained. Current building needs include roofing, HVAC, parking lots, middle school locker rooms, storage, electrical improvements, and drainage/flooding in the back. These updates and repairs can be completed through a NO TAX INCREASE bond issue, which allows the district to make capital project improvements as a loan against our current bonds. This would be at no cost to taxpayers, but it does require taxpayer approval through a vote. This could take place as early as this spring, although it is currently only a discussion among the board and no formal decisions or timelines have been made.

Talking about raising the tax levy is never easy, as we have to take into consideration the impact it could have on the residential, commercial, and agricultural families in our community; all while being looked at through the lens of needing to meet the individual needs of each student, maintaining excellence in our educational programs, and maintaining an aging building. The overall physical, social, emotional, and educational aspects of the children are just as important to us as they are to you. We further believe that our teachers and staff are credited as the foundation for an excellent school environment. I feel blessed to work in such a loving and supportive community, and have no doubt that when the time comes, we can come together to do what is best for our students, school, and community. We have an obligation and responsibility to invest in our students and schools; I am proud to see our community doing that daily.

As always, I welcome another school year and look forward to hallways filled with laughter and classrooms filled with learning!

Yours in Education,



Mindy Hampton  
Superintendent of Schools

# Parent Information

## 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 Gaylene Seitz at 660-232-6537 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: Tiger Text is accessible on the District Website ([WWW.WNTIGERS.NET](http://WWW.WNTIGERS.NET))

- Students, parents, and community members can sign up for text message notifications from W-N. Groups are in place so you can get the desired information you want. There is no sign up fee, however, standard texting fees assessed by your wireless provider may apply. Your name and person information are protected and will remain private. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 816-240-2621.



**Front row (L to R): Cheryl Dickey, President; David Twente, Diane Rukavina Back Row: Amy Legate, Treasurer; Kim Southard, Vice President; Anthony Mitchell, Rheanna Todd**



# Elementary News

Dear Students, Parents, and Patrons:

The 2018-2019 school year is upon us and I am both excited and grateful to be starting my 4th year as your Wellington-Napoleon Elementary School 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!

Last year was our first year implementing our sensory room. This year we have a full-time staff member that will serve the students' needs throughout the day in the sensory room. I am excited to know that our students' sensory needs will be met even better this year with the addition of this staff member.

We have also updated our ELA (English and Language Arts) resources and our students will have many great new resources to continue their learning in this subject area.

On top of that, we will begin 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 need improvement.

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

I look forward to seeing everyone at Back-To-School Night on August 14, from 5:30-7:30 pm. We will have everyone start in the high school gymnasium at 5:30pm.

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

Respectfully,

Justin L. Mefferd  
Principal, WNES

### Elementary Back-to-School Night

August 14th 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
5:30 pm - Meet The Staff/Principal - High School Gymnasium  
5:50-7:30 pm - Visit Classrooms and Teachers, drop off school supplies

### Kindergarten Parent Meeting

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

**School supply lists can be found at area Wal-Marts, W-N Facebook page, W-N website, and copies are in both school offices.**

### Preschool Parent Night

August 14th 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm  
Families are invited to attend a Preschool informational meeting in the Library.

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

# Middle School & High School

Welcome to the 2018 / 2019 school year.

I want to welcome students, parents, and patrons back to another great school year here at W-N. Another summer has come and gone and I hope that you have found the time to spend with family and relax. In the time that I have been a part of the WN school community, I have witnessed first hand that WN is truly a family environment. One definition of family is a group of people who share common attitudes, interests, or goals. I believe that we all share the same attitudes, interests, and goals concerning our school; that is the continuation of the W-N Dynasty. This means we unconditionally support our students in their academic and athletic endeavors. With that said, please make plans to attend the Back-to-School events that are scheduled on August 15 from 5-8 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches, and administrators. Also, you will be provided with the information that is needed to make it a great school year. This year the District will be requiring proof of residency, so please bring a utility bill or a rental agreement with your name on it to the back-to-school night. Once again, welcome back and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the Back-to-School Night.

Matt Hakes  
Middle/ High School Principal  
Wellington-Napoleon R-IX School District  
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Seniors will take formal composite pictures on Back-to-School Night beginning at 5:00 pm. All seniors will wear the black graduation gown (provided). We suggest that boys wear a shirt and tie; girls wear a nice dress or top. If you are unable to take the picture on this night, please let Mrs. Wieligman know so we can reschedule your picture. There is no fee for taking the composite picture. You will have the opportunity to purchase pictures if you choose to after the proofs are available.

### Middle School Bell Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Hour 8:00-8:56  
2<sup>nd</sup> Hour 9:00-9:52  
3<sup>rd</sup> Hour 9:56-10:48  
4<sup>th</sup> Hour 10:52-11:44  
5<sup>th</sup> Hour 11:48-1:00  
Lunch 11:48-12:08  
6<sup>th</sup> Hour 1:04-1:56  
7<sup>th</sup> Hour 2:00-2:52  
Pride Time 2:56-3:15

### High School Bell Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Hour 8:00-8:52  
2<sup>nd</sup> Hour 8:56-9:48  
3<sup>rd</sup> Hour 9:52-10:44  
4<sup>th</sup> Hour 10:48-11:40  
5<sup>th</sup> Hour 11:44-12:56  
Lunch #1 12:16-12:36  
Lunch #2 12:36-12:56  
6<sup>th</sup> Hour 1:00-1:52  
7<sup>th</sup> Hour 1:56-2:52  
Pride Time 2:56-3:15

### Middle School / High School Back-to-School Night Wednesday, August 15th from 5 pm—8 pm

Meet the new teachers and turn in paperwork that was mailed home in order to receive schedules/locker assignment/bus routes.

#### Middle School

- 5:00-5:30 - Greeting from Mr. Hakes and changes to the handbook
- 5:30-6:00- Turn in paperwork, get your schedule, and tour the building

#### High School

- 6:15-6:45 - Greeting from Mr. Hakes and changes to the handbook
  - 6:45-7:15 - Turn in paperwork and get your schedule

\*Times may vary due to extended greetings, questions from parents, and assigning Chromebooks to each student.

\*Please bring proof of residency to the Back-to-School Night: utility bill, or a rental/lease agreement in your name.



## Kids First Foundation

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

Operation of Kids First is done by a volunteer board from members of our community. Many items are donated during the course of a year to keep cost of promotions at a minimum. Fundraising events for Kids First are a Banquet and Auction in February, Walk-A-Thon in Fall, and a Gospel Sing in August. 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 14 years Kids First has given 119 scholarships, 91 classroom grants, 113 dual enrollment grants, and District grants for a total of \$156,775.

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!

Save the Date



## P.T.O.

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

**President: Kendra Lee Vice President: Sarah Gaddy**  
**Secretary: Theresa Scott Treasurer: Holly Mefferd**

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

W-N PTO was able to provide the school with Google Chromebooks, One Book, One School reading program, teacher appreciation lunches and gifts, Scholastic Readers, inflatables for the Reading Carnival, s'mores and water for Grandparents Night, two movie nights, the elementary carnival, Kids First teacher grants, and teacher/staff holiday appreciation gifts. Please be sure to get involved in your child's education; it truly makes a difference!

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

**Kids First Gospel Sing, August 26**  
**Glow Walk-a-thon, September 22**  
**Kids First Banquet and Auction, February 2**



## Zeysing Memorial

The 7th annual Sandra Bodenhamer-Zeysing Memorial Golf Tournament was another huge success. With all the donations, teams, and volunteer labor, the family managed to raise \$9,100 to be donated to the Wellington-Napoleon R-IX School District. This year's proceeds brings them to a total of \$56,500 raised and donated since December 2011. Give yourself a hand!

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

They plan on having the 8th annual event on June 28, 2019 at Shirkey Golf Course. They will be looking for 5-6 more teams, plus additional hole sponsors and donations for raffle prizes. None of this would be possible with your help, support, participation and generosity from the Bodenhamer-Zeysing families, THANK YOU!



## Booster Club

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

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

The Booster Club holds two fundraisers each year, the Golf Tournament in August and Trivia night in April. Teams are still being accepted for the August 18th 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 18th @ Shirkey Golf Club. Sign up in Central Office or visit Facebook to fill out an entry form.**