NO SCHOOL for Students February 17-21 (Winter Break).



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Big Cat Robotics Competes at C-R

By Justin Skrzynski, Global History and Geography, Fish and Wildlife Teacher

On Wednesday, January 15, Wellsville's VEX Robotics team, Big Cat Robotics, competed in an official VEX Robotics Qualifying Tournament at Cuba-Rushford Middle-High School. This is Wellsville's second year competing in VEX Robotics, coached by Mr. Skrzynski. The competition included 27 teams from nearby schools in Allegany and Cattaraugus counties. This year's game, "Tower Takeover," is played on a 12' x 12' field and requires students to build a custom robot that must pick up cubes and place them in goal zones, or in towers, to score points for their alliance. There are four teams on the gaming field during each match, two for each alliance. Students must program their robot to move without control for the first 15-seconds of the match, with the team scoring the most points receiving a bonus. After the 15-second autonomous period, teams can control their robot to navigate the gaming field and score points for their team.

Despite missing out on the finals, Wellsville's Big Cat Robotics took home one of only three awards that are given out at officially sanctioned VEX Robotics events. Wellsville's team received the Judges Award, which is given to the team deserving of special accomplishments during the competition. Judges consider a number of possible criteria for this award, such as team displays of special attri-



BIG CAT ROBOTICS team members shown ABOVE from left to right are: Brady Ketchner, Wyatt Hyer, Eric Morehouse, Luke Zakel, Alex Good, Mr. Skrzynski, Jack Jordan, Mason Parks, Matthew Bittel, and Kavan O'Grady.

butes, exemplary effort and perseverance at the event, or team accomplishments or endeavors throughout the season that may not fit under existing awards but are nonetheless deserving of special recognition.

Big Cat Robotics will next compete in the "VEX in the Valley" tournament at Canaseraga CSD on Saturday, February 8.





ABOVE - Congratulations and good luck to three of our DECA students, who will be moving on from regionals to the New York State Competition in February. Shown left to right are: Isaiah Pensyl, Alexa Hill, and Eric Morehouse. According to Wellsville CSD Business Teacher Jill Robinson, Eric finished first overall in our region, while Alexa finished second overall.

WCS Calendar of Events

Jan. 28 - Grades 6-12 Marking Period 2, Report Cards available on Parent Portal

Feb. 1 - Snowball Dance at Elementary Building, 9 p.m. - 12 midnight

Feb. 3 - BOE Meeting, Secondary School Room 212A, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 8 - Allegany County School Music Assn. Solo Festival, Genesee Valley C. S.

Feb. 17-21 - NO SCHOOL - Mid-Winter Break

Feb. 25 - PTA Meeting, Elementary Library, 6 p.m.

Feb. 26-28 - DECA State Competition, Rochester

March 6-7 - ACSMA All-County Festival II, Bolivar-Richburg C. S.

March 9 - BOE Meeting, Secondary School Room 212A, 6:30 p.m.

March 13 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

March 14 - Odyssey of the Mind Regional Competition, Allegany-Limestone C. S.

March 20 - Elem. School Early Release, 11:30 a.m. & Parent-Teacher Conferences



A 300 Year Event •

The flood of 1972 was the worst natural disaster to affect the Wellsville area in over a century. The impact on the community was immense. Hundreds of people were evacuated from their homes and relocated to neighboring towns, and Allegany County was left with an estimated twenty million dollars' worth of damage – two thirds of which was claimed by the town of Wellsville alone. The rain began on Tuesday, June

They produced the website on Community Service Day in the fall. Community Service

Day is part of the seniors' Participation in Government class, taught by Matt Burke.

A group of Wellsville Secondary seniors has produced a website on the history of the 1972 flood that radically changed Wellsville's landscape.

The site, which can be found at https://sites.google.com/wlsv.org/flood/home, includes photos, historical artifacts, and interviews with community members.

Heavy rains, the remnants of Hurricane Agnes, deluged Wellsville in June of 1972, flooding homes and businesses. The rapidly rising Genesee River caused a wing of Jones Memorial Hospital to collapse. Regents exams were canceled and graduation had to be postponed.

Students learned about the flood in Madonna Figura Simon's English classes.

WCS Mission Statement

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SENIORS CREATE LITERARY PORTFOLIOS - Students in Mr. Warren's English 10 and 10 Honors classes recently finished reading Harper Lee's classic novel, "To Kill a Mockingbird." To assess their understanding of the novel, students created literary



portfolios, which showcased various elements from the book. Students demonstrated their knowledge of the novel's characters, conflicts, and themes, and connected the text to our world today. Several examples of student portfolios are currently on display in the window cases outside the Secondary School Library. Additional photo on page 4.

The Overview 3 January 2020



TOP FINISHERS in the D.A.R. Writing Challenge shown left to right are: Peyton Cawley (first place), Clara Dean (second place), Hailey Cowburn (honorable mention), Conner Carr (honorable mention), and Cole Densmore (honorable mention).

Earlier this school year, the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) asked the entire fifth grade at the Wellsville Elementary School to participate in a writing challenge. According to WES Fifth Grade Teacher Cary Hallock, "The challenge commemorated what will be the 500th anniversary of the Mayflower's voyage to the new land. The young writers were asked to put themselves in the shoes of a passenger traveling to America on that arduous journey. First and second place winners will be honored at an awards ceremony scheduled for March 2020. I'd like to thank the D.A.R. and all the participants for their time and energy invested in this writing challenge.

AT RIGHT - Mr. Warren's English 10 and 10 Honors classes recently finished reading Harper Lee's classic novel "To Kill a Mockingbird." To assess their understanding of the novel, students created literary portfolios, which showcased various elements from the book. Additional photo on page 3.



WELLSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

50-98 School Street, Wellsville, NY 14895 585-596-2122 www.wellsvilleschools.org

CURRENT PRE-K STUDENTS DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER



Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Registration

We are beginning to plan for the next school year. To help us in our planning, we will be conducting our annual Pre-kindergarten/Kindergarten registration at the Elementary School. To be eligible to attend our grant funded Universal Pre-Kindergarten program in September 2020 a child must be **4** years old by December 1, 2020. To be eligible to attend our Kindergarten in September 2020, a child must be **5** years old by December 1, 2020. It is very important that you register your child for these classes.

Please fill out a "Registration Form" which appears on our web page, www.wellsvilleschools.org. There is a registration form for Pre-Kindergarten and one for Kindergarten. If you would like the school to mail one home to you, please call 596-2122 or you may stop by and pick one up.

On the day of registration please bring the following documents with you:

- Proof of Residency in Wellsville Central School District (a utility bill-gas or electric, tax bill, or statement from landlord)
- Completed Registration Packet
- Copy of Birth Certificate (Must be original, not the souvenir one from the hospital)
- Parent/Guardian Photo Identification
- Copy of Immunization Records
- Documentation of any Allergies or Health Conditions
- Copy of Custody Papers and/or Order of Protection (if applicable)
- Department of Social Services Foster Placement Form (if applicable)

Registration dates:

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 from 9:30am-12:30pm AND 5pm-7pm

Thursday, April 30, 2020 from 3:30 pm- 8pm

Please Note: Registration forms that are completed beforehand shorten registration time. At registration, someone will meet with you to review all of the documents that you have brought. You do not need to bring your child to register him or her. Parents who register their child(ren) will be notified of the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Screening process. Screening normally takes place in June or July.

Pre-Kindergarten Students Love Being Outside!



Mrs. Grimes PreK Class is not letting winter stop them from being outside! The benefits of getting them outside outweigh the time it takes to get them bundled up. The entire grade level is planning an upcoming snow day full of fun, fresh air, and snowflakes! Parents, please remember that outside time is crucial to their development and curiosity. Students pictured include: Benton Billings, Aston-Martin Monahan, Lule Betsa and Liam Green.



Guidance & Counseling News

Important Calendar Dates

February 17-21 - NO SCHOOL – Winter Recess. The Guidance Office will be closed during the recess. **February 24 -** School Resumes

Special Note to Seniors

Please bring a copy of all college acceptance letters and scholarship offers to the Guidance Office.

Be sure to apply for financial aid! You must complete and submit a FAFSA form to apply for federal student aid for college or career school and for most state and institutional aid. Financial aid comes primarily from the federal and state governments and your college. Go to *fafsa.ed.gov* and select FAFSA filing options.

Contact your college's financial aid office to learn more about your particular college expenses.

If you have not yet applied to college, it is not too late. See your counselor NOW!

Class of 2020 Scholarship Deadlines

The following scholarship opportunities are now available:

February 1 - Young Women in Public Affairs Award

February 3 - *Allegany County Area Foundation Dollars for Scholars:* The Allegany County Area Foundation has renewed its affiliation with the Dollars for Scholars Program. All scholarship information and the online scholarship application may be found at: *www.alleganycountyareafoundation.dollarsforscholars.org.*

February 15 - *National Co-op Scholarship Program:* To qualify for this scholarship, students must: have a cumulative high school average of 90 or better, apply for admission for the 2020-2021 academic year at institution(s) you select on the application, and meet other merit scholarship criteria as established by the institution(s) selected on the application. To complete the application online, please visit: www.waceinc.org

March 15 - ServU Smart Saver Award

April 15 - Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen

April 22 - Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York Scholarship

May 1 - Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo Scholarship

Please contact the guidance office to learn more about these scholarship opportunities.

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Community All-Star Nominee

Independent Health and *Business First* have teamed up to identify and honor Community All-Stars, a group of Western New York high school seniors who exemplify outstanding qualities that make our community a great place to live.

Milla Litzburg (at right), Class of 2020, has been nominated by the school counselors and administration as a Community All-Star. Students nominated should demonstrate they have made a positive difference in the lives of people at their school and in their community. Community All-Stars should exemplify the following qualities: be of good character, have made a difference in their community through their community service, embrace the diversity of students throughout the school, and be friendly and open to all.

Community All-Stars are showcased in a special newspaper section to be published by *Business First* in June 2020. As in past years, all students will receive a plaque in recognition of their achievement. Beyond that, a random selection of students are chosen, through an impartial process, to receive a scholarship of \$1,000 per student.



MENUS for JANUARY are shown on the next four pages. They are also available at: www.wellsvilleschools.org

All students enrolled at Wellsville Schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge. No further action is required of parents or guardians. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Meyers at 585-596-2111 or email bmeyers@wlsv.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MINI CINNIS CEREAL VARIETY STRING CHEESE BRE AKFAST BRE AKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	BRE AKFAST PIZZA CEREAL VARIETY STRING CHEESE BRE AKFAST BRE AKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	ULTIMATE BRE AKFAST ROUND CEREAL VARIETY STRING CHEESE BRE AKFAST BRE AKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	SAUSAGE MUFFIN CEREAL VARIETY STRING CHEESE BREAKFAST BREAKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	ASSORTED DONUTS CEREAL VARIETY STRING CHEESE BRE AKFAST BRE AKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT
BRE AKFAST BAR CEREAL VARIETY STRING CHEESE BRE AKFAST BRE AKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	FRENCH TOAST STICKS CEREAL VARIETY STRING CHEESE BRE AKFAST BRE AKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	MINI PANCAKES CEREAL VARIETY BRE AKFAST BRE AKS STRING CHEESE ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	TOASTED BAGEL CEREAL VARIETY STRING CHEESE BRE AKFAST BRE AKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	CINNAMON ROLL CEREAL VARIETY STRING CHEESE BRE AKFAST BRE AKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT
Washington and Lincoln's Birthday	NO SCHOOL TODAY	¹⁹ NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY
MINI BAGEL CEREAL VARIETY STRING CHEESE BRE AKFAST BRE AKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	BRE AKFAST ON A STICK CEREAL VARIETY STRING CHEESE BRE AKFAST BRE AKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	MINI WAFFLES CEREAL VARIETY STRING CHEESE BREAKFAST BREAKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	EGG & CHEESE CROISSANT CEREAL VARIETY BRE AKFAST BRE AKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	MUFFIN CEREAL VARIETY STRING CHEESE BRE AKFAST BRE AKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT
Groundhog Day	Fat Free or 1% Milk is offered with all meals	CEREAL & CHEESE STICK OFFERED TO GRADE 3-5 BRE AKFAST BRE AK OFFERED TO GRADES K-2	This institution is an equal opportunity provider	



Wellsville Elementary School

Get off to a

Good Start,

Eat Breakfast!





Wellsville Elementary School



PEANUT BUTTER &
JELLY SANDWICH
(GRADES PreK-5),
ANY TIMER, OR
YOGURT MEAL
(GRADES 2-5) WILL
BE AVAILABLE
EVERYDAY AS AN
ALTERNATE TO
THE MAIN MENU.

Fat Free or 1% Milk is offered with all meals

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 CHICKEN NUGGETS DINNER ROLL CARROTS CHILLED FRUIT	4 NACHOS WITH BEEF & CHEESE GREEN BEANS REFRIED BEANS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE CHILLED FRUIT	ME ATBALL SUB TATER TOTS CHILLED FRUIT	⁶ RODEO BURGER BROCCOLI ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE CHILLED FRUIT	PERSONAL PAN PIZZA TOSSED SALAD CHILLED FRUIT
10 RIB B QUE / BUN SWEET POTATO FRIES CHILLED FRUIT	MALKING TACO GREEN BEANS REFRIED BEANS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE CHILLED FRUIT	¹ CHEESE BURGER / BUN BROCCOLI CHILLED FRUIT	TANGARINE CHICKEN RICE EGG ROLL ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE CHILLED FRUIT	14 MOZZARELLA STICKS DINNER ROLL TOSSED SALAD CHILLED FRUIT
Washington and Lincoln's Birthday	NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY	²¹ NO SCHOOL TODAY
2CHICKEN PATTY / BUN CORN CHILLED FRUIT	SOFT SHELL TACO GREEN BEANS REFRIED BEANS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE CHILLED FRUIT	POASTED CHEESE TOMATO SOUP CHILLED FRUIT	TOSSED SALAD NY ICE CREAM CHILLED FRUIT	MACARONI & CHEESE BROCCOLI CHILLED FRUIT



Wellsville Secondary School

Bagels, English Muffins, Toast and Cereal or Toast & Yogurt are available as alternates to the main breakfast entree. We also have a grab and go kiosk located near the elevator.

Fat Free or 1% Milk is offered with all meals

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MINI PANCAKES ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	BRE AKFAST ON A STICK ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	HAM & CHEESE PITA ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	CINNAMON ROLL ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	BRE AKFAST BURRITO ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT
BRE AKFAST BAR ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	FRENCH TOAST STICKS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	EGG & CHEESE CROISSANT ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	LA CINNAMON BREAD ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	EGG MCMUFFIN ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT
Washington and Lincoln's Birthday	18 NO SCHOOL TODAY	19 NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY
MINI CINNIS ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	BRE AKFAST PIZZA ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	BAGEL SANDWICH ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	CINNAMON ROLL ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT	SAUSAGE BISCUIT ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE FRESH FRUIT
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GRAB & GO - SUBS, WRAPS, YOGURT PARFAIT & SALADS PIZZA, CHEESEBURGERS, HAMBURGERS, CHICKEN PATTY ARE OFFERED DAILY AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE MAIN MEAL.

Fat Free or 1% Milk is offered with all meals

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RIB B QUE / BUN SWEET POTATO FRIES TOSSED SALAD CHILLED FRUIT	ANACHOS WITH BEEF & CHEESE REFRIED BEANS GREEN BEANS FRESH VEGGIES ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE CHILLED FRUIT	PHILLY CHEESETEAK PEPPERS & ONIONS CORN TOSSED SALAD CHILLED FRUIT	CHICKEN ALFREDO BROCCOLI ITALIAN BREAD (HS) TOSSED SALAD ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE CHILLED FRUIT	ASSORTED PIZZA CAULIFLOWER TOSSED SALAD CHILLED FRUIT
HOT DOG / BUN BAKED BEANS TOSSED SALAD CHILLED FRUIT	WALKING TACO REFRIED BEANS GREEN BEANS FRESH VEGGIES ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE CHILLED FRUIT	PULLED PORK BBQ / BUN BABY POTATOES TOSSED SALAD WLSV CHILLED FRUIT	TURKEY & GRAVY MASHED POTATOES CARROTS DINNER ROLL ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE CHILLED FRUIT	MOZZARELLA STICKS BROCCOLI TOSSED SALAD BRE AD & BUTTER CHILLED FRUIT
Weahington and Lincoln's Birthday	¹⁸ NO SCHOOL TODAY	¹⁹ NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY	NO SCHOOL TODAY
ME ATBALL SUB BAKED BEANS TOSSED SALAD CHILLED FRUIT	SOFT SHELL TACO BRE AD & BUTTER (HS) REFRIED BEANS CORN TOSSED SALAD ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE CHILLED FRUIT	TOASTE D CHEESE TOMATO SOUP SPINACH TOSSED SALAD CHILLED FRUIT	NY PIZZA GREEN BEANS TOSSED SALAD ASSORTED FRUIT JUICE NY ICE CREAM CHILLED FRUIT NY	28 CHEESY MAC & CHEESE BAKE BROCCOLI ITALIAN BREAD (HS) TOSSED SALAD CHILLED FRUIT

Emergency School Closings & Delays

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND DELAYS will be reported by a telephone call through our school messenger system. In the event you don't receive a robo call through the system, and you

think school may be closed, you can also tune in to one of the following radio and television stations...



RADIO

Wellsville	WLSV (790 AM)
Wellsville	WZKZ (101.9 FM)
Wellsville	WJQZ (103.5 FM)
Olean	WHDL (1460 AM)
Olean	WPIG (95.7 FM)
Hornell	WLEA (1480 AM)
Hornell	WCKR (92.1 FM)
Coudersport	WFRM (600 AM)
Buffalo	WBEN (930 AM)

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Buffalo	News Channel 7
Buffalo	YNN



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To submit information or offer constructive suggestions for improvement, please contact the reporter for your building or department. Remember, these "reporters" can't "report" what they don't know -- so please, keep them informed.





Winter Sports

Dean Giopulos, Athletic Director Phone: (585) 596-2145; Fax: (585) 596-2177

Boys Basketball

Fri., Jan. 24	@ Alfred State Vs
	Hornell/Barkley
Wed., Jan. 29	Bolivar-Richburg
Fri., Jan. 31	@ Bradford
Thur., Feb. 6	Marcus-Whitman
Fri., Feb. 7	Walsh
Tues., Feb. 1	Norstar

Coach: Raymie Auman

Girls Basketball

Fri., Jan. 24	@ Barkley Sherriff's Classic Vs.
	Hornell, TBD
Sat., Jan. 25	@ Hornell, 1 p.m. JV Only
Tues., Jan. 28	Portville, 6 p.m.
Thur., Jan. 30	@ Marcus Whitman, 7:30 p.m.
	\overline{V} Only
Fri., Feb. 7	@ Warsaw, 6 p.m.

Thur., Feb. 13 Olean, 6 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 18 @ Bolivar·Richburg, 6 p.m.

V Coach-Alvord/ JV Coach-Brian Meyers

Modified Girls & Boys Basketball

Weekdays: 5 p.m. Girls/6:15 p.m. Boys Saturdays: 10 a.m. Girls/11:15 a.m. Boys

Thur., Jan. 23 @ Whitesville Tues., Jan. 28 @ Hinsdale

Coaches: Jesse Tanner/Emily Hennessy

Varsity Wrestling

Thur., Jan. 23	Jasper Troupsburg
Sat., Jan. 25	Cattaraugus-Little Valley
Tues., Jan. 28	Addison
Sat./Sun. Feb 7/8	Sectionals, TBD
Sat./Sun.	
Feb 14/15	State Qualifier @ SUNY
	Brockport

Coach: Tyler Carman

Modified Wrestling

Matches begin at 5:45 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 27	@ Bolivar-Richburg
Mon., Feb. 3	@ Allegany-Limestone
Mon., Feb. 10	Allegany
Mon., Feb. 17	@ Campbell-Savona



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