The 2015 Geography Bee was held at the Wellsville Middle School on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. The competition, created by National Geographic and held in thousands of schools across the country, consisted of sixth graders Alexa Hill and Timothy Jones, seventh graders Hunter Brandes, Austin Keib and Eric McQueen, and eighth graders Alyssa Green, Ryan Ludu, Daniel Reed, Martin Stonemetz and Seth Tinder (all shown above). Third place went to Eric McQueen, second place to Austin Keib, and first place to Alexa Hill. All contestants received a cash prize donated from the Middle School Activities Fund. Alexa will follow her win with a written exam to determine if she will continue in the competition at the state level. The event was judged by middle school teachers Katie LaPoint and Lisa Stastyszyn, and moderated by teacher Brent Tincher.

**Hill Wins WMS Geo Bee**

AT LEFT - Sixth Grader Alexa Hill (right) won the 2015 Geography Bee. Austin Keib (left) placed second in the annual competition. If they look familiar, it’s because they both appeared on the front page of the Overview last month as Austin won the annual Spelling Bee and Alexa finished second.
WMS Students Participate in Annual Leadership Workshop

The Allegany Cattaraugus Secondary Principals’ Association -- in partnership with Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES -- sponsored a student leadership workshop on Thursday, January 22, 2015. The Leadership program was facilitated by Mr. Ed Gerety (above), who led 135 seventh grade students from 18 different schools located in the Allegany and Cattaraugus region. Wellsville Middle School sent nine student leaders to the program, which was held at the C-A BOCES Career and Technical Education Center at Olean.

Mr. Gerety provided a high energy and a highly engaging day targeting the skills that students possess to make positive changes in each of their schools. Students focused on leadership qualities including gratitude, appreciation, respect, kindness, and a belief in oneself and one another. Students also experienced the power of setting goals that can lead to a successful future.

Mr. Gerety stated, “To play big in the game of life, go for your dreams, and seize the day.”

WCS Calendar of Events

January 26-29 - Regents Exams
January 27 - PTA Meeting, Elementary School Library, 6 p.m.
January 30 - Superintendent's Conference Day -- NO SCHOOL
February 2 - MS Report Cards Mailed
February 2 - BOE Meeting, MS Room 212, 6:30 p.m.
February 3 - HS Marking Period 2 Report Cards on parent portal
February 3 - ES Report Cards sent home
February 7 - ACSMA Solo Festival, Fillmore
February 11 - Valentine’s Day Pop Concert, HS Aud., 7:30 p.m.
February 16-20 - Winter Recess – NO SCHOOL
February 23 - Budget Work Session, MS Room 212, 6:30 p.m.
February 24 - PTA Meeting, Elementary School Library, 6 p.m.
March 2 - BOE Meeting, MS Room 212, 6:30 p.m.
March 4-6 - DECA State Career Conference, Rochester
March 6 & 7 - ACSMA All County Festival, Bolivar-Richburg
March 11 - Staff Development Day – No School
March 13 & 14 - High School Musical, HS Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
March 14 - Odyssey of the Mind, Regional Competition
March 15 - High School Musical, HS Auditorium, 2 p.m.
March 16 - Budget Work Session, MS Room 212, 6:30 p.m.
March 18 - Elementary School Spring Pictures
March 20 & 21 - ACSMA All-County Festival
March 24 - MS Report Cards Mailed
March 24 - PTA Meeting, Elementary School Library, 6 p.m.
March 30-April 6 - Spring Break – No School
April 7 - First Day Back to School
April 7 - BOE Meeting, MS Room 212, 6:30 p.m.

WCS Mission Statement

"Our mission is to prepare our students to be successful, contributing members of their communities through excellence in education."

New Psychologist

Eileen T. Childs (shown above) has been hired as the new school psychologist at the elementary school. Eileen did her undergraduate work at Ithaca College and her graduate studies at Alfred University. She served as a school psychologist at Andover Central School for nine years. Eileen lives in Wellsville with her husband, Cary, and their two children: Ryan (2) and Dylan (5 months). She enjoys running, reading, and spending time with her family.
I'm just a bill! Yes, I'm only a bill. For many people, these words evoke an image of watching Saturday morning cartoons as a kid.

Or how about this one: Conjunction Junction, what's your function?

These are just two of the well-known songs from the Schoolhouse Rock cartoon series that ran on ABC from 1973 to 1985 and then again through the 1990s. And these songs play a feature role in this year's Wellsville High School musical, Schoolhouse Rock Live!

We are pleased to be presenting our production of this delightful show on March 13-15 in the Wellsville High School Auditorium. This show will be entertaining for people of all ages -- from current children to those of us who were children in the 70s.

Our production has a cast of 19 enthusiastic students. The show centers around Tom, a young man -- played by James Dixon -- who is about to start the first day of his teaching career. He wakes up in the morning of that first day of school and encounters different facets of his personality who encourage him throughout the show to be the best teacher possible. These include Dori -- his goofy and silly spirit -- played by Shannon Migliore; George -- his caring and romantic side -- played by Bryce Davis; Dina -- his mature nature -- played by Leah Christman; Joe and Joey -- his cool and laid back self -- played by Jesse Beaton and Brandon Masterson; and his sweet side, Shulie and Julie, played by Tori Noller and Brittany Childs. These characters take Tom back to the fun of Schoolhouse Rock songs he learned as a
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 (2015), a child must be 4 years old by December 1, 2015. To be eligible to attend our Kindergarten in September 2015, a child must be 5 years old by December 1, 2015. 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 596-2104 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
- 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 are:

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 and Thursday, March 19, 2015 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

The Wellsville Preschool HEAD START will also be accepting referrals for the 2015-2016 program year at these sessions.

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 upcoming parent meeting to review the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Screening process.

For more information on Head Start, please contact ACCORD @ 268-7605. Don’t just give your child an education; give him or her a HEAD START to life!
## The Overview

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- Mini Muffins

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- Toasted Bagel
- Cereal
- Pizza

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- Pizza
- Cereal
- Mini Muffins

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- Fresh Fruit
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- Variety of Fruits
- Cereal
- Cheese

**Friday**
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*Note: All meals are served at all meals. Breakfast is 5:40 AM, lunch is 12:50 PM.*
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**Available Every Day As An Alternative**
- Salad or Yogurt Meal will be peanut butter & jelly sandwich, chef's choice.

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**Preparation of meals can be done at anytime.**

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**February 2015**

Welcome to Wellsville Middle School.

The school lunch menu for the week of February 2015 is as follows:

- Monday: Fresh Fruit, Assorted Fruit Juice, Ham & Cheese Pita
- Tuesday: Fresh Fruit, Assorted Fruit Juice, Bagel Sandwich
- Wednesday: Fresh Fruit, Assorted Fruit Juice, Egg McMuffin
- Thursday: Fresh Fruit, Assorted Fruit Juice, Fresh Toast Stix
- Friday: Fresh Fruit, Assorted Fruit Juice, Fresh Fruit

In the cafeteria:

- Prepayment of meals can be done at anytime.
- There is no lunch delay.
- Breakfast is served until 7:20 AM.
- Lunch is served from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

The main breakfast selection is English Muffins, Toast and Cereal. Bagels are also available as an alternative.

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Important Calendar Dates

- **February 3** - MP 2 Reports Cards available to be viewed on the Parent Portal
- **February 16-20** - NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS - The Guidance Office will be closed during the recess.

Special Notes 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. The quickest way to apply is online using FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- 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!

Scholarship Deadlines

- **February 10** - New York Water Environment Association Scholarships
- **February 15** - National Co-op Scholarship Program
- **February 15** - Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship
- **February 23** - Manning & Napier Scholarship Program
- **March 1** - Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo Scholarship
- **March 2** - State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship
- **March 7** - Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York Scholarship
- **April 1** - Benjamin Teeter Memorial Scholarship
- **April 1** - Allegany County Area Foundation Dollars for Scholars
- **April 12** - Southwestern Association of Volunteer Fireman Scholarship
- **April 30** - CSEA Local 802 Scholarship

If you wish to learn more about these opportunities, please contact the guidance office.

Allegany County Area Foundation Dollars for Scholars

The Allegany County Area Foundation has renewed its affiliation with the Dollars for Scholars Program. The scholarship program is now called: Allegany County Area Foundation Dollars for Scholars. All of the scholarship information and the online scholarship application can be found on the website: www.alleganycountyareafoundation.dollarsforscholars.org The application web portal is now open! The application deadline is April 1, 2015. ACAFDFS affiliation with Scholarship America helps begin to address issues in our community by allowing students to create an online Student Profile through the chapter website, which will:

- Identify local and national scholarships for which they may qualify
- Allow them to request transcripts from their school
- Allow them to ask for references
- Provide additional information regarding financial aid, financial literacy and more resources geared toward helping students complete their postsecondary program of choice.
- Give Scholarship America the ability to share exciting new resources and opportunities with them

If you have any questions about the Dollars for Scholars Program, please contact the Allegany County Area Foundation.

SUNY Statewide Student Financial Aid Day

The State University of New York is hosting its annual SUNY Statewide Student Financial Aid Day on Saturday, February 28, 2015. The event is designed to answer questions and provide assistance regarding the financial aid application, the types of aid available, and the award process. SUNY campuses across New York State will offer financial aid workshops. A number of participating campuses will also provide hands-on assistance from SUNY financial aid professionals in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Web access to complete the FAFSA will be offered on some campuses.

Students may register online at www.suny.edu/studentevents or by calling the SUNY Recruitment Response Center at 1-800-342-3811. Host campuses will confirm by mail or email with registrants and provide details including specific workshops to be offered, time, location and parking instructions.
Five 7th Graders Attend Girls Day at SBU

On November 8, five seventh grade students from the Wellsville Middle School participated in the 13th annual Girls Day held on the St. Bonaventure University campus by the Computer Science Department at the Walsh Science Center. The visitors -- Sarah Carlton, Lauren Feltz, Reanna Plyer, Chloe Hand, and Delayne Mattison -- interacted with professionals in the computer science field throughout the daylong event.

The young ladies also had the opportunity to attend several workshops of their choice which included:

- **Storytelling through Animations** -- Learn how to animate a storyline while learning some of the basic concepts of computer programming.
- **What is Computer Programming** -- Learn basic concepts of Computer Science through a game-like tutorial starring video lectures by Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Angry Birds and Plants vs. Zombies
- **Encryption** -- Learn ways to encode your secret message and decode others.
- **Making your Presentation Exciting** -- Learn how to use Prezi and create exciting visual presentations.
- **Picture Book Storytelling** -- Create a photo album on your computer that records and tells others about your summer vacation, your week at camp or any other adventure.
- **Programming Robots** -- Learn basic coding and robotics skills through the hands-on experience of programming a robot.

The students who attended the St. Bonaventure Girls Day were very excited to have this opportunity to represent Wellsville Middle School. Great job, girls!

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Winter Sports Schedules

**Girls Basketball**

All games at 6 p.m. unless noted.

- Wed., Jan. 28, Dansville
- Fri., Jan. 30, @ Alfred-Almond (Varsity only)
- Wed., Feb. 4, Bolivar-Richburg
- Fri., Feb. 6, Jasper-Troupsburg
- Fri., Feb. 13, Whitesville

Coach: Michelle Alvord

**Boys Basketball**

Games start at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Sat., Jan. 31, University Prep, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues., Feb. 3, Way-Co 6/7:30 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 7, Greece-Odyssey 2:30/4 p.m.
- Tues., Feb. 10, @ Hornell, 5:30/7 p.m.

**Modified Girls & Boys Basketball**

One combined team with game times are as follows unless otherwise noted:

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

**Boys Volleyball**

All games at 6 p.m. unless noted.

- Fri., Jan. 30, Semi-finals @ Higher Seed
- Tues., Feb. 3, Finals @ Neutral Site
- Fri., Feb. 6, Exceptional Senior Game

All dates and times are subject to change.

Schedule also posted online at: [www.wellsvilleschools.org/athletics](http://www.wellsvilleschools.org/athletics)

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We Enter To Learn. We Go Forth To Serve.
Emergency School Closings & Delays

CLOSINGS and DELAYS will be reported per a telephone call via our GLOBAL CONNECT SYSTEM. It is essential that the District has your correct and operating telephone number on file. If the phone number you would like the Global Connect message sent to has changed, please notify us, in writing, with the correct phone number.

Emergency CLOSINGS and DELAYS will also be announced on these radio and TV stations:

- WLSV (Wellsville, AM 790)
- WZKZ (Wellsville, FM 101.9)
- WPIG (Olean, FM 95.7)
- WCKR (Hornell, FM 92.1)
- WBEN (Buffalo, AM 930)
- WGRZ-TV (Channel 2)
- WKBW-TV (Channel 7)
- WJQZ (Wellsville, FM 103.5)
- WHDL (Olean, AM 1460)
- WLEA (Hornell, AM 1480)
- WFRM (Coudersport, AM 600)
- WIVB-TV (Channel 4)
- YNN (Time Warner Cable News)

Schoolhouse Rock -- From Page 3

kid, reminding him that education can be a happy experience.

This musical is truly a family show, appropriate for all ages. The songs have catchy tunes that are hard to forget. Director Lori Brown, Vocal Director Cody Hampton, and Choreographer Heidi Mangels are working hard with the cast each and every day to put together a spectacular show for the audience. Senior Brandon Masterson is excited about his last high school musical. “It is a bittersweet feeling to prepare to put on your last show. But this show is astronomically phenomenal.” If you don’t believe him, ask Interplanet Janet.

Tickets will be on sale at the door and presale tickets will be available at the Wellsville High School Main Office or at Brand Name Appliance on Main Street in Wellsville starting on February 16. The cost will be $7 for General Admission and $6 for students and senior citizens. Anyone interested in financially supporting the production by becoming a patron of the show should contact Producer Diane Willard at dwillard@wlsv.org.

Don’t miss out on this wonderful show. The cast and crew are looking forward to having you in the audience on March 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m., and March 15 at 2 p.m. in the Wellsville High School Auditorium. We are confident you will leave this show declaring interjections of excitement and emotion . . . Yeah!
Middle Schoolers Attend Leadership Workshop

Leadership Workshop participants from the Wellsville Middle School included: (left to right) bottom row - Lauren Feltz, Aleigha Casey, Kayla Day and Delayne Mattison; second row - Collin Geffers and Austin Keib; third row - Isaiah Scott, Ed Gererty, Tyler Dreiblebis and Sierra Dreiblebis. See related story on page 2.