

THE OVERVIEW

To prepare our students to be successful, contributing members of their communities, through excellence in education.

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5 WHS Seniors Earn NHS Scholarships



Emily Gilfert, Dillon Smith, Linden Miles, Laura Mattison and Caeli Fanton of the Wellsville High School Chapter of the National Honor Society were awarded scholarships on Monday, May 6, following the annual Allegany County NHS Banquet at Houghton College. More than \$19,300 was awarded in scholarships. Congratulations to the members of the National Honor Society! They truly exemplify the ideals of National Honor Society: scholarship, character, service and leadership.



Voting Results

The results of the annual budget vote and school board election held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 were as follows:

Proposition 1 -- Budget

Yes 265 (Passed)
No 177

Proposition 2 -- Buses

Yes 283 (Passed)
No 148

Proposition 3 -- Library

Yes 286 (Passed)
No 148

Elected to the Board of Education:

Gary C. Goetschius
Steven Pettenati
Mark Hall


THANK YOU

The Board of Education and I wish to thank you for your support of the budget for the 2013-2014 school year. We realize these are difficult times as people try to cope with the ongoing economic crisis facing our state and our nation. We greatly appreciate your support and the high value you place on the education of the youth of our community. We pledge to continue to seek ways to increase efficiency and to maintain the quality education that our students deserve and the community expects.


Wellsville Board of Education
Kimberly Mueller, Superintendent

WCS Mission Statement

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




Food that's in when school is out.



The Summer Food Service Program (SFSPP) provides lunches for hungry children during the long summer vacation.

For more information, please contact:

Ms. Robin Kellogg
Summer Meals Supervisor
585-596-2111



USDA The United States Department of Agriculture is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Calendar of Events

May 27 - Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

May 28-31 - Grade 4 NYS Science Performance Test

June 3 - BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m., MS/HS Cafeteria

June 4-5 - Grade 4 NYS Science Written Test

June 4 - Scholarship Night, 7 p.m.

June 4 - Middle School NYS Science Written Test

June 5 - Elementary School Concert, 7 p.m.

June 6 - Middle School JUMP Day

June 7 - Middle School JUMP Day (Rain Date)

June 12-20 - Regents

June 17 - BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m., MS/HS Cafeteria

June 17 - PTA Meeting, Elem. School Library, 6:30 p.m.

June 18 - Elementary School Awards Assembly

June 18 - Elementary School Report Cards mailed

June 19 - Middle School Marking Period 6 Ends

June 20 - Sr./Parent/Teacher Recognition Dinner, 6 p.m.

June 21 - Middle School Report Cards Mailed

June 22 - Graduation



FREE Wellsville Summer Meal Program

High School

July 1 to August 13

Breakfast – 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Lunch - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Elementary School

June 24 to August 23

Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Lunch - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



ASC Helps WMS Students Study Renewable Energy



Wellsville Middle school students are participating in a renewable energy unit in conjunction with Alfred State College. Wellsville Middle School Technology Teacher Robyn Hand is working with Alfred State's Associate Professor Jeff Stevens to develop several renewable energy lessons. ASC has temporarily installed a solar panel and small wind turbine on the middle school campus. Chad Staring, a senior Electrical Trades student, worked with Miss Hand and Mr. Stevens and developed the lessons based upon the training he received at Alfred in the PV and Wind Turbine class. This unit is derived from Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). It uses hands-on exercises to teach students the importance of solar, wind, and other renewable energy sources in satisfying our future energy needs. Wellsville technology students will be learning about amps, volts, watts, parallel and series circuits, and the pros and cons of different types of renewable energy sources. These hands-on technology lessons introduce students to different careers in the energy sector as well as STEM and a basic electronics.

AT TOP LEFT - ASC Associate Professor Jeff Stevens educates eighth grade students on the influences of solar energy.
TOP MIDDLE - Daniel Hixson and Kearstin Cobin put the final touches on the wind turbine before it is raised to catch the wind.
TOP RIGHT - Tyler Green assists Mr. Stevens in testing the specific gravity of a battery cell. This helps in measuring the state of charge of the battery.

Author Tim Green Visits Wellsville Middle School

By Christie Waterman, Library Media Specialist

An excited middle school audience heard an energetic and powerful presentation on Friday, May 3, by former NFL football player and best-selling author Tim Green who shared his message that character, education and sports are the key ingredients to success in learning and life. Mr. Green told students he believes that "reading is weightlifting for the mind" and since his childhood he had two dreams: to become a NFL football player and a writer. To make your dreams a reality, Mr. Green told middle school students they need to pursue them in a "maniacal" manner.

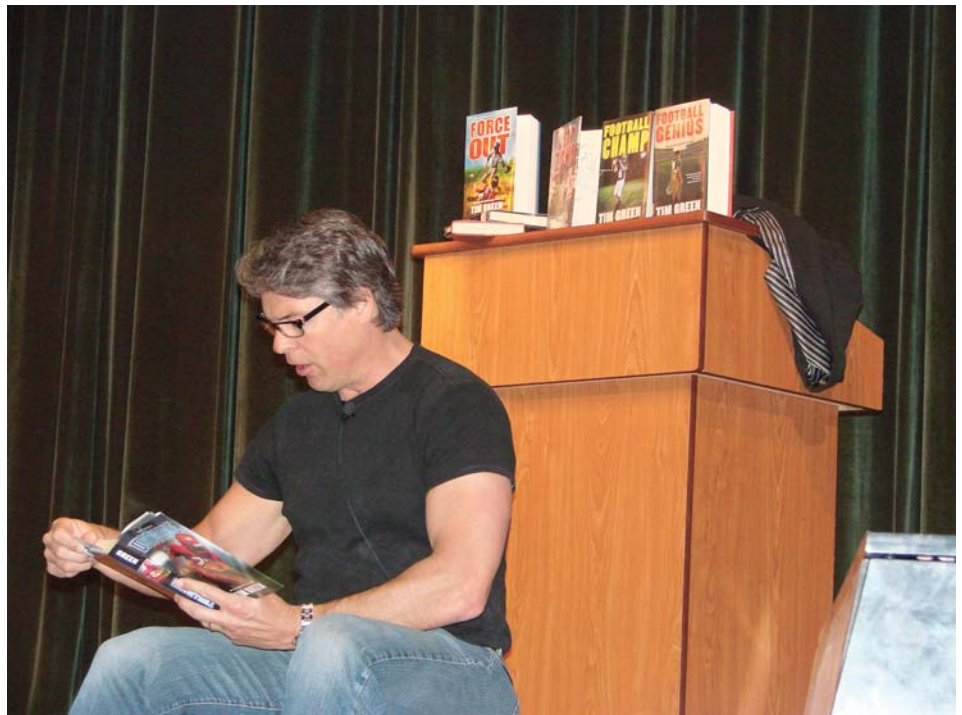
Over 100 books were also donated by the author, and middle school students were able to win a copy of Green's new book, *Force Out*, by participating in a daily trivia contest over a two week period.

After the assembly, a dozen students were able to interact with the author and ask him questions during lunch. WMS students submitted questions to ask the author and the following 12 lucky were randomly drawn as part of a "Lunch With an Author" contest: grade 8 - Madison Ewing; grade 7 - Byron Quick, Isaiah Plank, Nate Watson, Tacio Garcia, Anthony Geer, Makayla Rogers, and Holden Mack; grade 6 - Austin Jennings, Caleb Joseph, Calla Cook, and Destiny Conley. One by one, the contest winners (see **photo at top of opposite page**) introduced themselves and answered questions from the author!

Calla Cook asked an excellent question during lunch, "Do the publishers ever change what you put in your books?" Students then learned from Mr. Green the process that writers go through to have their books published.

Another student asked, "Who is your favorite author?" to which Tim Green replied that one his favorite authors is Charles Dickens.

The contest winners enjoyed pizza -- donated by the JUMP Club and Pizza King -- and hanging out with Tim Green. Students learned from Mr. Green that it takes hard work and dedication to be successful in school and in life, but that character was the most important quality that helped him



IN PHOTOS - Author Tim Green reads from his book, *Unstoppable* (ABOVE) as Middle Schoolers listen intently (BELOW).



reach his dreams. Tim Green made such an impact on students that a group of eighth grade boys later rushed to the library to borrow his books!

Mr. Green's final message for all boys and girls is to, "Keep reading!"

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Lunch With Author

Shown in the group ABOVE are: (left to right) front - Destiny Conley, Nate Watson, and Madison Ewing; center - Tacio Garcia, Calla Cook, Caleb Joseph, and Austin Jennings; back - Ms. Miller, Ms. Waterman, Makayla Rogers, Anthony Geer, Author Tim Green, Isaiah Plank, Byron Quick and Holden Mack.



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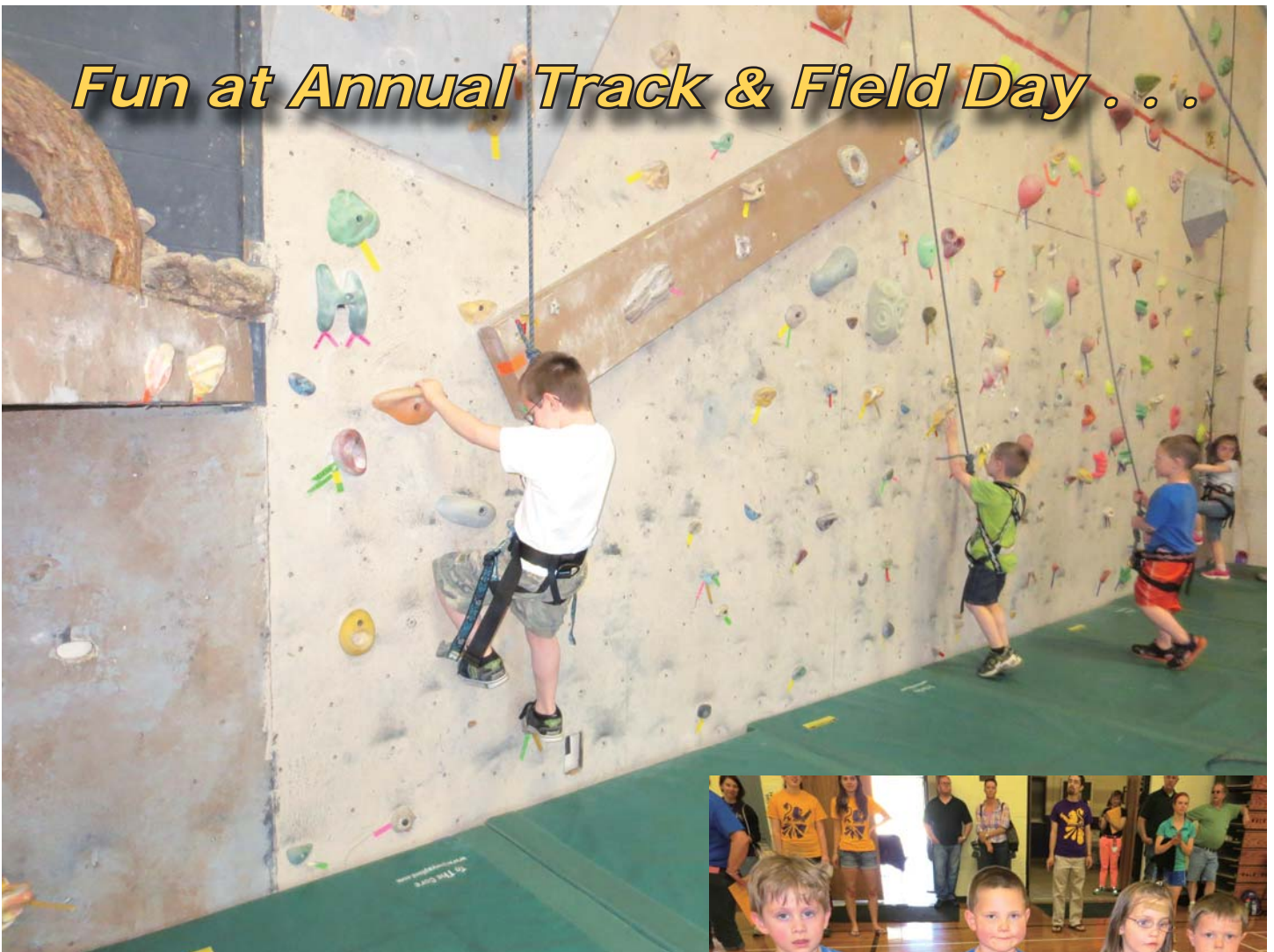


Davies–Foy Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award

The Wellsville High School administration and counselors have named **Matthew Insley** and **Brittany Mesler** as our nominees for the Davis-Foy Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award. The award remembers Bob Davies, a long-time Olean Times Herald sports writer, who highly valued academics and the arts, and Lou Foy, an athletic administrator both at Salamanca Central School and in Section 6, who took the first half of the phrase "student-athlete" very seriously.

Congratulations to these two outstanding scholar-athletes!

Fun at Annual Track & Field Day . . .



Students from schools across Allegany County -- including Wellsville Central School -- attended the BOCES Track and Field Day Held Friday, May 3, at Houghton College.

These four youngsters from Ms. Natalie Young's classroom -- Laramy Cornelius, Michael Crandall, Elizabeth Wight, and Issac Williams -- are shown enjoying some of the activities.



Students from Mrs. Dulmus' classroom at Wellsville High School also attended the BOCES Track & Field Day at Houghton College. One of her students, Mark Sweet, gets ready to "score" in photo.

Speech Students Celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month

By Beth Case, Speech-Language Pathologist

The Wellsville Central School district remains dedicated to developing effective communicators among all students. Communication skills are among the most important skills students will acquire. They allow them to make sense of their environment, express themselves and learn. Because these skills affect academic and social skills so directly, early identification, appropriate intervention, and parental and teacher involvement often can mean the difference between failure and frustration and a successful school experience. Wellsville provides speech therapy to those students K-12 who exhibit difficulties with communication skills. Communication disorders can involve speech (the way we make

and use sounds in words), language skills (syntax, grammar, vocabulary, and listening skills) and hearing. Students at the Wellsville Elementary School recently celebrated May as Better Hearing and Speech Month. This is an annual national campaign to inform the public about communication disorders and ways to help, and to encourage early detection, proper treatment and prevention of these disorders. Special events throughout the month were planned to promote good speech and hearing. Speech students were involved in a "Guest Day" where they brought a friend from their classroom to experience the speech class and participate in speech activities. Students also learned about how they could protect their hearing and other ways that people communicate.



Guidance News

Important Calendar Dates

- June 4** - Senior Art Show, 5:30 p.m., WHS
- June 4** - Senior Scholarship Night, WHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- June 8** - ACT College Entrance exam to be given at WHS. Students should be at the high school by 7:45 a.m. Please bring your admission ticket, photo identification, two #2 pencils, and a calculator.
- June 9** - Baccalaureate, 7 p.m., Elementary School/Multi-Purpose Room
- June 11-20** - Regents and RCT exam week
- June 20** - Senior/Teacher Recognition Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Elementary School
- June 22** - Graduation, 11:30 a.m., Front lawn of the high school (weather permitting)
- July 1 - August 12** - BOCES Summer School Program & Driver Education Summer School: *Driver Education Session I* – July 1-24; *Driver Ed. Session II* – July 25 - August 16
- August 13 & 14** - Regents Exams



BOCES Summer School Program

High School students who fail a course or examination and do not retake it in Summer School may face spending more than four years to complete a high school diploma. Graduation requirements call for additional courses to earn 22 ½ credits. This makes it difficult to make up classes the following year if any courses must be repeated. This is especially true for students who are working toward a vocational/technical high school diploma.

Please call your guidance counselor at 585-596-2160 if you need information about Summer School.

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"Getting the Scoop" at Dept. of Public Works

Mrs. Regina Dressig's class recently visited the Wellsville Public Works Department.