

2025-2026 District Newsletter

WELLSVILLE

Local School District

Summer 2025



A message from **THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Dear Wellsville Families,

I hope this message finds you enjoying a safe and restful summer with your loved ones. As we reach the midpoint of the break, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past year and share a few updates as we prepare for the upcoming school year. This past school year was filled with growth, learning, and resilience. Our students achieved great things both inside and outside the classroom, and our staff remained committed to creating supportive and engaging environments. Thank you for the role you played in making the year a success.

Looking ahead, our team has been hard at work over the summer months. We're preparing new learning opportunities, improving our facilities, and strengthening support for students and staff. We're also finalizing plans for back-to-school events and will be sharing key dates and details with you soon.

There's still plenty of summer left to enjoy and I hope you find time for rest, exploration, and fun. We're excited to welcome everyone back in the Fall and look forward to another strong start together.

Wishing you a continued safe and enjoyable summer!

Warm Regards,

David Cappuzzello

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NEW

for 2025-2026

TIGER ACADEMY

Virtual Learning

Wellsville is launching Tiger Academy, a new online school for students in grades 6–12. Tiger Academy offers a structured virtual learning environment combined with on-site support from Wellsville teachers, giving students the flexibility of online education along with the benefit of in-person academic help in a safe, focused setting. In addition, students who maintain an A/B average will be given the opportunity to continue their education in the privacy of their own home with the support of Wellsville staff.

TIGER ACADEMY DETAILS



Location: Wellsville Jr./Sr. High



Schedule: Monday-Friday



Learning Hours: 9:00AM-12:05PM



On-site WLSJ teacher support
during academy hours



Lunch: 12:08-12:30

Students who stay for lunch must be picked up promptly at 12:30PM



Pickup: 12:08

Students who elect from eating lunch must be picked up promptly from the WLSJ Office

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application packets available at the Central Office at 929 Center St., Wellsville, Ohio 43968, starting **August 6, 2025**.

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JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



**Meet Dr. Allison Scott,
High School Principal**

Dear Wellsville Families,

I am honored and excited to introduce myself as the new principal of Wellsville Jr. Sr. High School. There are many reasons to look forward to the new school year, and I want to take a moment to express my enthusiasm for joining this incredible community and having the opportunity to work alongside our dedicated staff, students, and families.

In my previous roles as a teacher, instructional coach, and literacy specialist, I bring a deep commitment to student achievement and creating a positive school culture where all students and staff members feel seen, supported, and inspired.

I look forward to learning more about what makes Wellsville such a special place. This community is so welcoming and supportive, and I can't wait to see what we can all accomplish together. My door is open, and I welcome ideas, feedback, and partnerships as we prepare for a successful school year.

Have a great summer and Go Tigers!

Familiar Face, New Role

Miss Malissa King takes over the Special Education Department

As I begin my eighth year as Wellsville's School Psychologist I am excited to add Director of Special Education Services to my title. I have spent my professional career serving the students and families of Wellsville. I've enjoyed having the opportunity to see students pass through grade levels, to grow, and to accomplish their goals.

When I am not in the district I spend my time reading, working on house projects, going to concerts, and working my second job. I have been blessed to be surrounded by colleagues who have poured their love and energy into our students and our district. I look forward to continuing my journey here at Wellsville in this new role!



Wellsville Jr./Sr. High School

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Wellsville, Ohio 43968



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JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

New Staff

My name is Mr. Dustin Lane (pictured on the left), and I'll be teaching math at Wellsville Jr./Sr. High School this upcoming school year! I graduated from Youngstown State in May of 2024 with a Bachelors of Science in Education, specifically in Integrated Math (grades 7-12) Education.



Mr. Dustin Lane, Math

After graduating, I found a substitute position at Beaver Local Schools (where I graduated from in 2020) that I worked during the 2024-2025 school year. I am super passionate about education, and aim to be involved both inside and outside of the classroom. Whether it's teaching a math lesson, advising a club, or coaching a sport, you can be sure that I'll put my best efforts forward to help each and every student be the best they can be.

Despite graduating as a "Beaver", I'm super excited to be welcomed as a Tiger here at Wellsville, and I'm ready to get into my own classroom and make a positive impact in the lives of my students!

My name is Ms. Rachel Grimm, and I have been teaching in Wellsville Local School District for 11 years now. I am going into my 21st year of teaching! I have 2 daughters and a dog named Kingston. I love to read, swim, and sit in the sun!

My major in college was Deaf Education and I taught one student here in Wellsville named Jake Bates, who was deaf. Jake received a cochlear implant and I used sign language with him until he was able to speak.

Now, I will be moving to Wellsville High School to start a Sign Language Program for our high school students. I am very excited for this new opportunity and to teach where I began my career here in Wellsville!



Mrs. Rachel Grimm,
Intervention Specialist

My name is Mrs. Tracy Kosek, and I'm proud to be starting my 32nd year with the Wellsville School District! Throughout my career, I've had the privilege of working with students in grades 2 through 6, and I hold a Master's degree in education. This year marks an exciting new chapter as I transition into the Jr./Sr. High School, where I'm eager to continue my passion for teaching English Language Arts.

Outside of the classroom, I've been happily married for 34 years and I am the proud mother of two grown children and one wonderful grandson. I truly enjoy spending time with my family, going on trips with friends, and soaking up all things beach-related!

I'm looking forward to the year ahead and the chance to continue growing, learning, and inspiring students in new and meaningful ways.



Mrs. Tracy Kosek, ELA

From the Athletic Director's Desk

MR. Exline's Corner

As Athletic Director at Wellsville High School, I'm incredibly proud of the progress we've made in strengthening our athletic programs—boosting student participation, enhancing facilities, and celebrating both team and individual accomplishments.

Now, I'm excited to take on an additional dual-role as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, where I'll continue supporting our students' growth both on the field/floor and in the classroom.

Together, we're building a culture of excellence, leadership, and pride at Wellsville!

Enjoy your summer and GO TIGERS!



Kyle Exline
Athletic Director

Athletic Highlights

Good Luch to our Collegiate Athletes

We are so proud of our incredible athletes who are about to begin the next chapter of their journeys. Your hard work, dedication, and passion have been an inspiration to all of us.

🏐 **Presley Stokes** - All-State Volleyball ★

Next stop: **Youngstown State University**

We can't wait to see you shine on the court at the collegiate level!

🏈 **Bella Poppellriter** - All-State Athlete ★

Next stop: **Bethany College**

Your perseverance and skill have set the bar high, and we know you'll continue to rise!

🏈 **Tyrell Watkins** - All-State Athlete ★

Next stop: **Marietta College**

Your dedication on the field has been unmatched, and we're excited to watch you take your talents to the next level!

We're so proud of each of you and can't wait to cheer you on as you continue to make waves in your athletic careers.



DAW ELEMENTARY

NEW FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR



Erin Clemmer,
Daw Elementary Principal

This year, we are excited to offer a dedicated intervention block for all grade levels, ensuring every student receives the targeted support or enrichment they need during the school day. Our schedule also includes double-blocked core subjects, allowing for deeper instruction and more time to master key concepts in reading and math. In addition, selected students benefit from high-dosage tutoring led by staff trained in the Science of Reading, providing research-based strategies that strengthen foundational literacy skills. These intentional structures are part of our commitment to accelerating learning and meeting the needs of every student.



New 2025-2026 Schedule

Doors open 8:10

Breakfast 8:15- 8:30

Tardy Bell 8:40

4th Grade Lunch 10:30- 11:00 recess 11:00- 11:20

5th Grade Lunch 11:00- 11:30 recess 11:30- 11:50

6th Grade Lunch 11:30- 12:00 recess 12:00- 12:20

3rd Grade Lunch 12:00- 12:30 recess 12:30- 12:50

Dismissal 2:50

Arrival Procedure: Parents dropping off students may pull up to the front doors on Center Street to let their children enter the building.

Dismissal Procedure: Our buses will dismiss and pull out first. After the buses pull away, walkers and car riders will be released. Parents in cars may line up behind the police vehicle, which will be behind the buses, on Center Street.



Daw Elementary School
929 Center Street
Wellsville, Ohio 43968



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DAW ELEMENTARY

NEW STAFF



Mrs. Cartwright, 6th Grade ELA

This will be my 28th year in the Wellsville Local School District. I will be teaching 6th grade language arts at Daw again this coming school year. My husband Jerry and I have four children, all of whom graduated from Wellsville High School. I also have a two year old Great Dane that I named Gaston after the anti-hero in the “Beauty and the Beast”. I enjoy walking my dog, traveling, reading novels, riding my spin bike, and teaching in Wellsville.

Miss Ludwig, 5th Grade ELA

This will be my second year of teaching! Last year, I taught second grade at Garfield Elementary. For the 2025- 26 school year, I will be teaching 5th grade language arts at Daw Elementary. I graduated from Fairmont State University, where I also played college volleyball. I love all things sports. I'm from originally from Liverpool, and I'm so excited for the upcoming school year!



Miss Mushwick, Intervention Specialist

With 26 years of dedicated service at Wellsville Local Schools, I will be an intervention specialist working with 6th graders for the 2025- 2026 school year. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my 84-year-old mother, family, and our puppy and cat. I graduated from Kent State and Youngstown State with a master's and hold several other 2-year degrees.

GARFIELD ELEMENTARY



**Miss Householder,
Garfield Elementary Principal**

What a year, Garfield Elementary!

I am beyond proud of our staff and students for their hard work this school year. It has been a year of learning and growth for the students and me. We increased test scores, our reading skills and confidence. Thank you for a warm and welcome start to the school year, along with your consistent support.

Next school year will consist of us continuing to build upon this year's foundation. Please take the summer to make memories and get outside.

It's only up from here!

2025-2026 Garfield Elementary Kindergarten

Register Now

FINAL FORMS Online Registration

REGISTRATION DETAILS



Must be 5 years old on or before **September 30, 2025**



All registration must be completed online through Final Forms by visiting www.wellsville.k12.oh.us.



Once registration is complete, please call Mrs. Koopman at **(330)532-1188 ext. 2110** to schedule a time to bring all necessary paperwork needed to finalize registration.

Appointments will be on a first come, first serve basis.



Registration must be complete by **August 15, 2025**

DOCUMENTS NEEDED

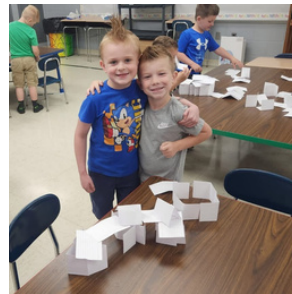
- ★ Parent/Guardian government issued I.D.
- ★ Official certified birth certificate
- ★ Immunization or shot records
- ★ Custody papers (if applicable)
- ★ Proof of residency

SCAN HERE FOR REGISTRATION



Our Literacy Vision

At Garfield Elementary, we strive to make a school community that values literacy and can serve as an inspiration for others. We will be purposeful and utilize scientifically proven methods in order to ensure all students develop the skills necessary to be able to read, speak, and write proficiently. Garfield Elementary will cultivate a culture of literacy that empowers our students and enriches our community.



Here are some summer tips to help you prepare for Kindergarten in August:

- Set at bedtime and wake up schedule
- Practice morning routines regularly
- Discuss your day and the schedule it entails
- Practice independence
- Attend community events & meet new peers
- Talk it out and ask questions to foster communication skills about your daily explorations

Not a WLS student? Open Enrollment is available for you & your child.



www.wellsville.k12.oh.us

GARFIELD ELEMENTARY

Free Resources to Keep Learning Alive (PreK-2)

Reading & Literacy

- **Unite for Literacy** – Free digital picture books with narration in multiple languages
- **Storyline Online** – Celebrities read children's books aloud with engaging visuals
- **PBS Kids Reading Games** – Phonics, letter recognition, and comprehension games
- **Oxford Owl for Home** – Free eBooks and reading activities organized by age group

Math & Problem-Solving

- **Cool Math 4 Kids** – Games and explanations for basic operations and problem-solving
- **Greg Tang Math** – Engaging math games and puzzles designed for fluency and number sense
- **SplashLearn** – Free math games aligned to grade level skills

Interactive Learning Platforms

- **Khan Academy Kids** – An all-in-one free app with reading, math, SEL, and creative activities
- **ABCmouse (Free with Library Card)** – Available free through many public libraries – check your local branch
- **Starfall** – Early literacy, math, songs, and seasonal activities

Bonus: Hands-On + Educational Fun

- **GoNoodle** – Movement and mindfulness videos that combine fun and learning
- **National Geographic Kids** – Explore animals, science, and nature through articles, games and videos
- **Highlights Kids** – Jokes, games, crafts, and “ask expert”



Garfield Lunch Schedule

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11:00

1

11:10

2

11:20

Mark Your Calendars!

Parent Teacher Conferences

October 2, 2025

Halloween Celebration

October 24, 2025

Mobile Dentist

November 25, 2025



Mrs. Wolfe, 2nd Grade

This will be my third year teaching at Garfield Elementary. I have enjoyed my time the past two years as the 1st Grade Intervention Specialist, and am excited to be moving into a 2nd Grade classroom teacher role this year at Garfield. I enjoy a simple life with my husband, Ben, and our son, Ryder. I enjoy camping and hiking with them in the summer, and also enjoy baking and doing anything that allows me to explore my creative side. I am looking forward to the new school year and am happy to be here in Wellsville.



Garfield Elementary School

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Wellsville, Ohio 43968

**330-532-3301**

LEGAL & FINANCES

Understanding Title IX: Promoting Equity in Our Schools

Title IX is a federal civil rights law that was passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972. It states that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

In our school district, Title IX helps ensure that all students and staff have equal access to educational opportunities, including academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities. It also protects against sexual harassment and discrimination based on gender identity or expression.

Why it matters:

Title IX plays a key role in creating a safe, inclusive, and fair learning environment for everyone. Our district remains committed to upholding these protections and promoting equity across all of our schools.

If you have questions or concerns related to Title IX, please contact our district Title IX Coordinators:

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330-532-3301

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TREASURER'S NOTES

Financial Transparency



Wellsville Local School District's treasurer's office would like to thank the entire staff for their dedication to adhering to the board's fiscal policies and procedures during the 2024-2025 school year. Our office would also like to share with great excitement that the results of the fiscal year 2024 audit were successful. We appreciate all of the employees' hard work and look forward to the 2025-2026 school year.

Have a great and safe summer!

ODDS & ENDS

Back to School Updates

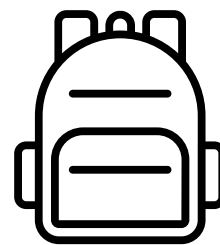


Bus Route Info

Updated bus route info coming soon! Be sure to check our website and Facebook for the most up-to-date information!

Book Bags

Clear and/or mesh book bags will not be a requirement for the 2025-26 school year. We can't wait to see everyone's fun book bags on the 1st day of school!



DISTRICT CALENDAR

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

25-26 Teacher days
27 First day for students

August '25						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

January '26						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

1-2 No school
14-End of 2nd Term-1/2 day
19 No School MLK Day

1 No School -Labor Day

September '25						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

February '26						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

12 Parent Conferences
13 Comp Day -no school
16 No school -Pres. Day

2 Parent conferences
3 No school-comp day
24 End 1st term-1/2 day

October '25						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

March '26						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

19 End of 3rd Term 1/2 day
20 No school

26-28 No School

November '25						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

April '26						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

2-6 No school Break

1 No School

22-31 No school -Break

December '25						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

May '26						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

20 Graduation
22 End of year -1/2 day

Staff Only
Important Day
No School

BUILDING SCHEDULES

2025-2026: AT A GLANCE

Garfield Elementary

Entrance: 8:00

Breakfast: 8:00-8:15

Tardy: 8:25

Dismissal: 2:20-2:35

*beginning with PreK

Daw Elementary

Entrance: 8:10

Breakfast: 8:15-8:30

Tardy: 8:40

Dismissal: 2:50

Wellsville Jr./Sr. High

Entrance: 7:40

Breakfast: 7:50-8:10

Tardy: 8:13

Dismissal: 2:45

IMPORTANT DATES



August 12, 14, 19 & 21
Summer Learning Session



August 14
WHS Senior Class Meeting



August 14
Back to School Bash



August 19
Jr./Sr. High Orientation



August 21
Daw Orientation



August 25
Garfield Orientation



August 25
1st Day for Staff



August 27
1st Day for Students

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Why is attendance important?

Missing School Adds Up

2 Days a Month =



20 days a year



30 hours of math



60 hours of reading & writing



1 year of school by graduation

• Starting as early as kindergarten, chronic **absence** is a sign that **children** will be **off track** for **reading** by the end of **third grade**, achieving in middle school and graduating from high school.

• When students are **chronically absent**, they **miss opportunities** to **learn**, **build relationships**, develop their **mental health** and **well-being**, and access **critical** resources available at **school** campuses.

BE IN THE KNOW

Stay connected and informed all year long with these helpful resources:



FinalForms

Update all personal and emergency contact information online.



Wellsville Schools App

Download our official app to receive real-time updates, news, and alerts!



WLSD App



WLSD App



PaySchools



PaySchools



District Website

Find calendars, announcements, resources and more!



Follow Us on Facebook

Stay up to date with school news and events happening day to day in our district.



District



Garfield



Daw



High School



Athletics

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