

Tiger Text:

District wide or Building-wide information (school closures, importation information, activities and events district wide) sent out by Superintendent or Principals. Sign up for Tiger Text on our website under Quick links.

Remind:

Classroom specific, club specific information sent out by the teacher, coach, sponsor. These specific Remind Codes will be sent home with students for parents to join the class/activity.

Social Media:

Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube are used for important announcements that are also shared via Tiger Text as well as fun celebrations of our students and staff.

Website (www.wntigers.net):

The website is layered and contains important documents, policies and information for specific buildings and the overall district. You will find the district calendar, sports/activities calendar, specific sport schedules, school board policies and financial documents, a link to the parent portal to check on student grades, attendance, lunch balances etc., staff directory, handbooks and more. The website also converts into a mobile app (found in apple or google play stores) for cell phone compatibility and ease.

www.wntigers.net



Wellington-Napoleon

R-IX Schools

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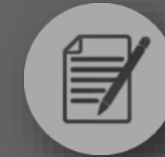
This Year's Topics

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

Student Breakfast and Lunch

Student breakfast and lunch meals will be free again this school year, per the USDA Emergency Relief Bill. Students who get a la carte items will have to pay for those items separately.

Lunch: The lunch menu may look a little different this year, as we are switching food vendors to give our students a variety of menu options throughout each month. Every day, there will be one menu choice, as well as salad bar and a la carte for grades 3-12.



Registration Requirements

A child must be five (5) years old before August 1, 2021, 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 is allowed. Each school office has forms available. All students new to the District are required, at the time of registration, to provide the following documents:

- Updated Immunization Records
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency
- Previous School Name, Address and Telephone Number
- Any School Records at Home
- Current Address, Telephone Number, and Work Telephone Number of Parents or other Emergency Contacts

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

SCHOOL STARTS



AUGUST - 23

PICK UP/DROP OFF procedures:

Elementary car riders- drop off and pick up at the elementary entrance

MS/HS car riders- Drive down Grace Street and drop off in the student parking lot. Enter the student entrance by art doors and exit the back of the student parking lot. Pick up remains the same; cars park down Grace Street and exit the back of the student parking lot.

All bus riders will be dropped off and enter the High School entrance (high school entrance is for bus riders only).

Doors will open at 7:45 am and students will go directly to their classrooms. (no large group gatherings in the gym or cafeteria).

* If you have students on both the elementary and high school end, we ask that you use the elementary drop off/pick up location and your middle/high school student can walk through the building to get to their location.

* Please don't park in the parking lot and ask your child to walk out to you. This creates a safety issue with supervision. Please use one

School Info

Address

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

Contact Us

P: 816-240-2621
F: 816-857-7030

School Hours

- K-12 (8am-3:15pm)
- Drop Off (7:45am-8am)
- Bus Drop Off (7:50am)
- Tardy Bell (8am)
- Dismissal (3:15pm)
- Teachers (7:40am-3:25pm)
- Office (7:30am-3:45pm)

Wellington Napoleon R-IX Staff (2021-2022)

Central Office

Superintendent: Mindy Hampton
Administrative Assistant: Elaine Burnett

High School Office

Principal: Todd Shannon
AD/A+/Asst. Principal: Bill Hughes
Secretaries: Jennifer Paige, Kristin Holliday

Elementary Office

Principal: Justin Mefferd
Secretary: Linda Varner

Director of Special Services

Aileen Hephner

Technology Director

Nate Anderson

Maintenance Director

Shane Zeysing

Custodial Staff

Maria Solis

Kitchen Staff

Amy Soendker
Debbie Wallace
Karla Barnett
Angie Milligan

Nurse

Terrie Schuster

School Therapist

Bailey Williams

Elementary Staff

Preschool: Abbie Markley, Vanessa Solis
Kindergarten: Sherri Collins, Austin Soendker
1st grade: Heather Kirchhoff, Heather Layman
2nd grade: Mindy Frazier, Amanda Ronkoski
3rd grade: Laura Beckemeyer, Taylor Rittmiller
4th grade: Shaylynn Craig, Carington Key
5th grade: Tristan Layman, Tanja Kubis
Title I: Christine Harris, Peggy Banner
Special Services: Ed Gooseman, Stacey Williamson, Gena Lewis
Art: Kamela Jarman
PE: Michelle McKown
Librarian: Miranda Carlson
Music: Kiersten Reynolds
Speech Pathologists: Michelle Roush
Counselor: Mary Burkhart
PAT Educator: Taylor Gussman
Sensory: Devin Graf

Middle/High School Staff

Math: Quenton Bainbridge, Lincoln Bainbridge, Clay Atteberry
Science: Penny Schumaker, Logan Eden
Social Studies: Marc Crowley, Amy Snyder
ELA: David Hunter, Jamie Wieligman, Whitney Bachman-Twombly
Business: Amanda Travis
Physical Education: Andy Hampton, Michelle McKown
Art: Kamela Jarman
Music and Band: Kiersten Reynolds, Rachel Mrosko
Family & Consumer Science: Donna Fahrmeier
Vocational Agriculture: Devin Garland
Special Services: Lisa Wright, Pete O'Keefe, Gena Lewis
Counselor: Jobie Shannon
Librarian: Miranda Carlson

To contact any staff member via email, type in their first initial and last name followed by @wntigers.net (example: mhampton@wntigers.net)

RESOURCES FOR FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS

Free or Reduced Breakfast/Lunch

As the District reopens we are requesting your help in accurately identifying families who may currently be eligible for free/reduced breakfast and lunch benefits. Correctly identifying families aids both the families and the District. As the 2021-22 school year begins the District is requesting that all families complete a free and reduced lunch application as part of the enrollment process.

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 or 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 Student Support Services)

Email: ahephner@wntigers.net

Phone: 816-240-2621 ext. 253

Kristin Holliday (Food Service Secretary)

Email: kholliday@wntigers.net

Phone: 816-240-2621 ext. 251

Our federal government provides funding to schools to help families in need through a variety of programs. One of those programs is for families needing assistance with paying for school breakfast and lunch. Anyone displaced or experiencing a loss of income during the COVID closures, living with a family member other than parent (such as a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or even friend), receiving any government assistance or whose income qualifies for assistance can receive free or reduced pricing on school breakfast and lunch. This program not only helps the families, it also helps the school. The more families that qualify for these programs, the more federal funding our school receives for additional academic programming. This program is designed to help you, your family, and the school. This is a confidential program where students who qualify receive the same meals as students who pay. In the past few years, our district's free and reduced numbers have decreased, yet it is strongly felt that the need among our students and community has increased. This means that we are missing families we could be assisting, perhaps in part because the application form isn't being completed or submitted. Each family will be asked to complete this application as a part of the enrollment process.

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.

ELEMENTARY

Principal

- Justin Mefferd
- jmefferd@wntigers.net

Secretary

- Linda Varner
- lvarner@wntigers.net

Phone (816-240-2621)

Fax (816-857-7030)

Office Hours

- (7:30am - 3:45pm M-F)

HIGH SCHOOL

Principal

- Todd Shannon
- tshannon@wntigers.net

Secretary

- Kristin Holliday
- kholliday@wntigers.net

Secretary

- Jennifer Paige
- jpaige@wntigers.net

Phone (816-240-2621)

Fax (816-857-7030)

Office Hours

- (7:30am - 3:45 M-F)

CENTRAL OFFICE

Superintendent

- Mindy Hampton
- mhampton@wntigers.net

Administrator Assistant

- Elaine Burnett
- eburnett@wntigers.net

Phone (816-240-2621)

Fax (816-857-7030)

Office Hours

- (8:00am - 4:00pm M-F)

INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

The Wellington-Napoleon R-IX

School District offers the following methods to access information with regard to school closings or cancellations.

- Tiger Text Alerts (To sign up or update your information, visit www.wntigers.net and click TIGER TEXT)
- Check our District website at www.wntigers.net
- Check our Facebook account (www.facebook.com/wellingtonnapoleon.tigers/)
- **KMBC** Channel 9 News
- **WDAF** Channel 4 News
- **KCTV** Channel 5 News

Recycling at Wellington Napoleon

Our Elementary, Middle School, and High School Student Councils are pleased to bring another recycling center to our community in collaboration with Lafayette County Enterprises (a non-profit Sheltered Workshop). Located up against the north side of the building are 5 recycle bins, for aluminum, paper, cardboard, plastic 1 and plastic 2. To identify which type of plastic a container is, check for the recycling symbol on the bottom or on a side label. Inside the symbol will be a number. If the number is a 1 or 2, we can accept it. Plastic 1 is commonly soda, water, and salad dressing bottles. Plastic 2 is typically milk jugs, shampoo bottles, grocery bags, and soap/detergent containers. Our students hope this service helps our community take care of our environment by providing the recycling containers in a location that is convenient.

Special Services News

Wellington-Napoleon offers 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 Student Support Services, ahephner@wntigers.net or 816-240-2621 ext. 253.

504 Accommodation Plans:

Wellington-Napoleon follows 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 nondiscrimination, 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**, Director of Student Support Services, ahephner@wntigers.net or 816-240-2621 ext. 253.

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 of Student Support Services, ahephner@wntigers.net or 816-240-2621 ext. 253 To obtain information regarding the Federal Programs complaint process please refer to the District website or Central Office.

Additional Student Support Services:

The District has some additional resources available to aid students and families in need. If your child is experiencing any hardship please contact **Aileen Hephner**, Director of Student Support Services, ahephner@wntigers.net or 816-240-2621 ext. 253. The District can aid in the following areas of hardship: Homelessness, Doubled Up (families living with other families), Couch Surfing, Migrant Families, Foster Children, Loss of Health Insurance for Children.

Parent News

Transportation:

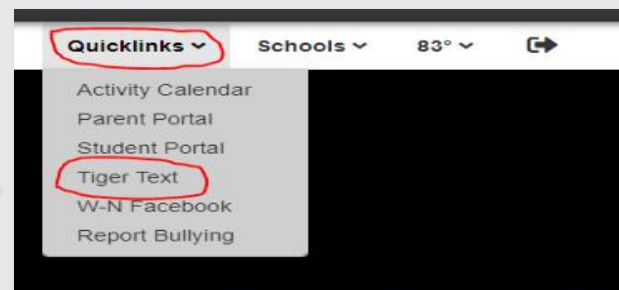
- Lexington Diesel provides transportation to the W-N R-IX School District. Bus Routes can be picked up on our Back-to-School Nights or in school offices. Contact Helen Seek at 816-633-2286 for bus route information/changes. You can also contact your school office with questions or concerns.

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

- In order to sign up for tiger text, please visit our website at www.wntigers.net.
- Click on Quicklinks and then Tiger Text.
- IT IS FREE!
- Please call with questions.



ATHLETIC NEWS

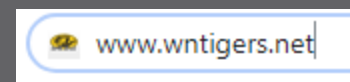
HIGH SCHOOL FALL PRACTICES BEGIN AUGUST 9TH
MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL PRACTICES BEGIN AUGUST 17TH

Every athlete must have an UP-TO-DATE PHYSICAL AND ANNUAL PRE-PARTICIPATION FORMS 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-Athletic Forms.

How to Guide for Sports Schedules

- Go to www.wntigers.net
- Click on the Menu button
- Click Activities/Athletics
- Click Sports Calendar
- Click the image on the page
- That image will take you to the MSHSAA calendar

You can also scan our QR codes provided on this page.



Menu

Activities/Athletics

Sports Calendar

21 - 22 Coaches

Football

Andy Hampton (HC)
Tristan Layman (AC)
Shayne Zeysing (AC)
Clay Atteberry (AC)

Volleyball

Jobie Shannon (HC)
Carington Key (AC)
Logan Eden (MS)

Boys Basketball

Bill Hughes (HC)
Justin Mefferd (AC/MS)

Girls Basketball

Andy Hampton (HC)
Jobie Shannon (AC)
Shaylynn Craig (MS)

Baseball

Clay Atteberry (HC)

Softball

Shaylynn Craig (HC)
Taylor Rittmiller (AC)

Cheer

Amanda Travis - FB (HC)
Amy Snyder - BB (HC)
Abbie Markley - MS (HC)

Track

Quenton Bainbridge (HC)
Michelle McKown (AC)
Tristan Layman (MS)

(HC-Head Coach)
(AC-Assistant Coach)
(MS-Middle School Coach)
FB = Football / BB = Basketball

2021 - 2022 Extra Duty

A+ Coordinator Bill Hughes	Garden Club Austin Soendker
Academic Bowl Quenton Bainbridge	NHS Sponsor Jamie Wieligman
Band Rachel Mrosko	Play Director Whitney Twombly
Esports Nate Anderson	Student Council (HS) Andy Hampton
FCCLA Sponsor Donna Fahrmeier	Student Council (MS) Jobie Shannon
FFA Sponsor Devin Garland	Student Council (EL) Tristan Layman
FBLA Sponsor Amanda Travis	Yearbook (MS/HS) Whitney Twombly
FTA Sponsor Jobie Shannon	Yearbook (EL) Tanja Kubis



Admission Cost

Varsity
Adult (\$4.00)
Child (\$3.00)
WN Student (FREE)

JV/MS Only
Adult (\$3.00)
Child (\$2.00)
WN Student (FREE)



SPORTS PASS

- Per Person in Household: \$50.00
- Can be purchased at the High School Office

You may pick up hard copies of sports schedules in the office or at home events. Thank you!

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

BILL HUGHES

BHUGHES@WNTIGERS.NET / 816-240-2621



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School Supply List

- Locations for Lists**
- HS Office
 - EL Office
 - W-N Facebook
 - W-N Website
 - Wal-Mart



Dear Students, Parents, and Patrons:

The 2021-2022 school year is upon us and I am both excited and grateful to be starting my 7th year as your Wellington-Napoleon Elementary Principal.

Over the years as a teacher, coach, and administrator it's always been my 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! We have a great mix of new and veteran teachers that I'm looking forward to working with this year.

We will continue with the implementation of our sensory room. This will be our third year of having a full time staff member that will serve the students' needs throughout the day in the sensory room. I am excited to continue to give our students this opportunity. We will also add the full time services of Bailey Williams, a school-based therapist, who will focus on mental health concerns of individuals.

We have purchased new Social Studies resources that we will implement this year. Both printed and digital resources will be used to teach and learn the subject. Our 3rd graders will be studying Missouri History throughout the year, which is a change from the past when the 4th grade focused on Missouri History. The state has realigned the standards, so 4th grade now focuses on Geography and 5th grade on U.S. History.

We will no longer be using STAR testing to monitor the progress of our students from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. We will be switching to the ACT Aspire for our benchmark assessments; which is what the middle school and high school use as well. These assessments will be shorter in length, but assess all four core subject areas rather than just Math and Reading.

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 18th, from 5:00-8:00pm**. We will split the night into three, 45 minute sessions.

Students with last name starting with A-G, **5:00-5:45**

Students with last name starting with H-M, **6:00-6:45**

Students with the last name starting with N-Z, **7:00-7:45**

*If you have multiple students, you may select any of the three times to bring them.

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

Respectfully,
Justin L. Mefferd, Principal, Wellington-Napoleon R-IX Elementary

PTO

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

**President: Kendra Lee | Vice President: Sarah Gaddy
Secretary: Rachel Ahmann | Treasurer: Kristina Kanak**

Please take time to stop at the PTO table in the front lobby at Elementary Back-to-School Night on August 19th 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. PTO will host the school carnival in the fall and bingo night in the spring. They also organize and provide classroom holiday parties and are currently raising funds for playground improvements. 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.

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 28th** 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 28th @ Shirkey Golf Club. Sign up in Central Office or visit Facebook to fill out an entry form.

Wellington Napoleon School Board 20-21



Board Members

David Twente (President 2024) | **Amy Legate** (Vice President 2023) | **Sam Leach** (Treasurer 2022) | **Rheanna Todd** (2022)
Diane Rukavina (2024) | **Mike Zykan** (2023) | **Jerry Nagel** (2023)

The role of the WN R-9 School Board is to make policies and decisions that lead to the success of our students and teachers, as well as manage the financial outlook of the district while ensuring we can maintain the buildings and grounds, remain competitive in teacher pay and ensure our students have the resources and opportunities for them to be successful. In 2019, the School Board approved a 5 year Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). This plan was developed by a 24 person committee, represented by a wide variety of patrons, parents, students, teachers, school board members, and administration. This committee developed 4 focus areas for the next 5 years:

1. Financial Responsibility | 2. Personalized Instruction | 3. School Climate and Safety | 4. Community Engagement

In the Spring of 2019, Proposition K.I.D.S (a \$2 million dollar no tax increase bond issue) was voted on by the school patrons. As promised, these funds allowed us to complete the following:



- Replace roofing
- Replace 24 HVAC units
- Remove asbestos flooring
- Relay epoxy flooring
- Upgrade all lighting to LED
- Fix the drainage issue around the building
- Replace/repair the entire front and back parking lots
- New construction of a locker room is the final phase of this bond project, and should be completed in the next few weeks.

Our school is fortunate to have the support of the community in order to complete these much needed projects on our buildings.

In the Spring of 2021, Proposition C.A.R.E was voted on by the school patrons. The passing of this \$1.25 tax levy increase is greatly needed and appreciated. The support of our community in passing this tax levy increase allows our school the financial security to move forward in planning the futures of our students.



Message From Our Superintendent

Dear Wellington- Napoleon Community,

I wish I could say “WE MADE IT,” but it doesn’t look like COVID-19 concerns are over quite yet. However, I am so proud of our school, teachers, support staff, students, parents, and patrons for your support during a very challenging year. We did successfully make it through last school year and we will make it through the upcoming school year as well. We have learned adversity, compassion, and patience no doubt.

Even through a challenging year, we have so much to celebrate as a school. Our community rallied together and passed a \$1.25 tax levy increase to ensure our students had the resources needed. Our school mission is: Empowering, Preparing, and Investing in our Lifelong Learners. Our community's support allows us to continue our mission and dedicate our resources to our students, for that we THANK YOU! Our school was able to conduct in-person learning all school year to ensure our students had routine, structure, and the instruction they needed and deserved. Our girls basketball team had an exhilarating season leading them to a 2nd place finish in the state tournament. Our girls softball team continued that momentum leading them to a 3rd place finish in a rainy state tournament. Our boys track team had several individual and team medal winners in the state track meet. Our brand new E-Sports Varsity and JV teams placed top 4 in the state and our first ever esports team member was offered a college scholarship. Our drama department was able to put on a spring play and our FFA students are back showing at county and state fairs this summer. Elementary was able to hold winter and spring concerts, as was middle school and high school band and choir. Elementary Student Council and Garden Clubs were able to resume meetings and planning. High school and elementary yearbook members worked collaboratively to produce yearbooks. Operation Incredibles were able to continue their journey and mission to be familiar in emergency situations while building a team of trusted individuals. The list of accomplishment and success we encountered last school year goes on, all showing that our students were eager and willing to follow preventative measures to resume some form of normalcy.

Each year I like to dedicate a theme to start the school year. This year our theme is simple....**BE KIND**. In a world where you can be anything, **BE KIND**. Be the “I” in KIND. Our world needs a little more grace and kindness and our school is much enjoyable when we are surrounded with positivity and kindness. Kindness is free and it is contagious. I wish everyone a wonderful start to the school year and I thank you for letting me lead this district.

Yours in Education,

Mindy Hampton
Superintendent

Lafayette County Children’s Service Fund Grants

The Lafayette County Children's Service Fund is funded through a 1/8th of a cent sales tax measure that was approved in 2005 by the citizens of Lafayette County. The funds are awarded to local agencies that provide services to children and youth ages 19 or less in Lafayette County.

Wellington- Napoleon R-IX Schools has been funded for the following two grants through the LCCSF:

Sensory Room: This is the 4th year our sensory room has been funded. We are very fortunate to have a sensory room to help ensure our students are successful throughout the school day. Mrs. Devin Graf, OTA, does a phenomenal job of structuring the room to serve students, Pre-K to 12th grade, within our school who have shown signs of distress holding them back from making as much academic progress as possible. The purpose of the sensory room is to provide students with school-based prevention services. Many of the kids with sensory distress are not receiving services on an IEP or 504 plan. Most of these students have ADD, ADHD, Anxiety, Depression, Sensory Disorders, or other physical and mental health issues such as trauma, PTSD, etc. When students visit the sensory room, they have a sensory plan that consists of physical exercises they work through to meet their sensory needs. Some exercises are alerting, some for calming, others for movement and balance which creates focus in the brain. Students work through these exercises then return to class.

School Based Therapist: We were recently awarded a grant to provide our students and families with a full time Licensed Professional Counselor. The past two years, Compass Health has provided a Licensed Professional Counselor two days a week (funded by LCCSF), who has served 20 students, with several more on a waiting list needing to be served. With the award of this grant, having a full time counselor, we will be able to serve over 40 students in need of therapy. Students and families previously served through the part-time Compass Health grant have experienced personal, social, and academic success. Through school-based mental health, students have created stronger relationships with family, peers, and teachers. Many students receiving school based therapy have presented with suicidal ideation, thus continuing this service locally is truly necessary to the health and well-being of our students and their families. We feel very fortunate to add Mrs. Bailey Williams to our team as our School Based Therapist.

Dear Parents, Students & Patrons,

This time of year is always an exciting time, but also a very busy time as we prepare for the upcoming school year. Even though we will be starting school with some uncertainties, we will guarantee that all decisions will be in the best interests of our students.

One thing that I would like to emphasize is Communication. Please do not hesitate to contact teachers, coaches, administrators or office personnel if you have any questions. A lot of the time this communication can help ease the stress of whatever situation is going on. Please utilize the SIS Parent Portal to check on your student’s progress and also to check on any outstanding fees or balances. You can also check Facebook and Tiger Text for school information as well.

I encourage everyone to attend **Tiger Night on August 19th**. The MS will begin at 6 pm and the HS will begin at 7 pm. This will be an opportunity to meet the WN teaching staff, the fall sports teams and coaches, and to visit classrooms and teachers.

I am looking forward to making my 28th year at Wellington-Napoleon my best so far and I challenge each one of you to try and do the same. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out anytime.

Yours in Education,

Todd Shannon
MS/HS Principal
Wellington-Napoleon R-IX
816-240-2621
tshannon@wntigers.net

Back-to-School Information (MS/ HS)

Middle/High School Enrollment Days
August 11th and 12th
8:00am—6:00pm

Students will turn in enrollment paperwork
that was mailed home and can pick up
their schedules.

Meet the Tiger Night

Thursday, August 19th
Middle School: 6:00pm
High School: 7:00pm

Meet the teachers, visit classroom and
lockers, fall sports coaches, and stu-
dents.

Sandra Bodenhamer Zeysing Memorial

Over the past 10 years, the families of Sandra Bodenhamer Zeysing have raised and donated over **\$75,000** to the Wellington-Napoleon R-IX Schools in memory of Sandra and her love for education. That money has been used to buy books, library furniture, laptops, e-readers, an outdoor reading area, field event practice area for pole vault, shot-put, discus and long/triple jump, development of sensory room, makerspace room and the purchase of a 3-D printer and school supplies for over 400 students and 65 staff.

This past July, the 9th annual golf tournament was a huge success. With all the donations, teams, and volunteer labor, the family managed to raise **\$9,700** to donate to Wellington-Napoleon Schools. The money was used to purchase school supplies for the District supply closet, greatly reducing every family’s out of pocket cost.

The District would like to thank the Bodenhamer/Zeyising families for their hard work and planning that has gone into this event the past 10 years. and for the combined total of **\$76,300** in donations to the Wellington-Napoleon R-IX School District.

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 on March 19th and the Gospel Sing on November 14th**. 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 16 years Kids First has given student scholarships, classroom grants, dual enrollment grants, and District grants for a total of **\$230,000**.

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!



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Bell Schedules

High School
1H (8:00a-8:52a)
2H (8:56a-9:48a)
3H (9:52a-10:44a)
4H (10:48a-11:40a)
5H (11:44a-12:56p)
Lunch (12:16p-12:36p)
6H (1:00p-1:52p)
7H (1:56p-2:52p)
PT (2:56p-3:15p)

Middle School
1H (8:00a-8:56a)
2H (9:00a-9:52a)
3H (9:56a-10:48a)
4H (10:52a-11:44a)
5H (11:48a-1:00p)
Lunch (11:48a-12:08p)
6H (1:04p-1:56p)
7H (2:00p-2:52p)
PT (2:56p-3:15p)

NEW STAFF 21-22



Miranda Carlson
Library

Miranda Carlson lives in rural Wellington with her husband and children. Her son Olin, and daughter Maisen, are elementary students at W-N. Her step-daughter is a senior in Liberty. Miranda grew up in northwest Iowa and graduated from Buena Vista University in 2009 with a degree in Elementary Education and certification in Early Childhood. She taught her first three years in Iowa. During that time, Miranda earned an Early Childhood Special Education certification from the University of Northern Iowa. She moved to rural Wellington in 2012 and has since taught in Higginsville and Odessa as an elementary special education teacher and an ECSE teacher. Miranda also spent a few years between districts as an Early Literacy Associate for Mid-Continent Public Libraries. She has a passion for early literacy and a LOVE for good books!



Logan Eden
HS Science

Logan Eden was born and raised in Strafford, Missouri, then she moved to Marshall, Missouri to attend Missouri Valley College. She played volleyball for three years at the college, then switched sports after she had fallen in love with lifting. She competed on the powerlifting and weightlifting teams during her last two years of college, placing third at University Nationals in the spring of 2021. Teaching had never been on her radar, and she had always been set on doing something in the medical field. All of that changed, however, after enrolling and participating in the A+ program at her high school during her senior year. She loves working with her students, and the idea of becoming a teacher never left her mind after that experience. She knew from that point on, that was what God was calling her to do, so she faithfully followed that calling.



Gena Lewis
Paraprofessional

Gena Lewis graduated from Blue Springs South High School in 2004. She attended and played 2 years of college softball for William Jewel College. Gena studied and worked in early childhood until she took time off to stay at home when she had kids. Her husband Clayton, and 3 kids (Ella 9, Harlee 4, Gary 3) recently moved to Odessa, Missouri and are loving the change to small town life. She has been subbing at Wellington while her kids have gotten older. She is excited to take this next step back into the school system and feels like WN is the perfect fit!



Angie Milligan
Kitchen

Angie Milligan is excited to be joining the full time cafeteria crew, where she spent the last year as a sub. Angie and her family moved to Wellington in the summer of 2010. She and her husband, Tommy Milligan, have been married for 26 years and have 2 daughters, Annie, who will be a senior at WNR9 and Lucy, who will be starting her first year in middle school there. She enjoys helping out where needed at the school and loves supporting her daughters' activities, which include band boosters, drama club and Operation Incredibles. Angie is looking forward to school starting, where she will be able to heckle Annie for her senior year and see Lucy's face light up with joy when she sees her throughout the day. This job will fit in perfectly with what she is passionate about, which is being involved in the community.



Rachel Mrosko
Band Director

Rachel Mrosko is a 2021 Music Education graduate from the University of Kansas. She plans to have her bands perform at several community events, compete in two parades, and go caroling to classes and businesses before the holidays. In her free time, she enjoys taking walks, doing puzzles, and playing with her cat, Ally. Rachel will be pursuing her master's degree in music education starting this fall. This is her first teaching job and she is thrilled to be a part of the Tiger family.



Kiersten Reynolds
Music

Kiersten Reynolds is a 2021 graduate from the University of Central Missouri, where she received her Bachelor's degree for Music Education. She finished student teaching in May and is certified to teach K-12 vocal music. She was raised in Lee County, Iowa, and now resides in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Kiersten enjoys playing games with family and friends, reading good books, spending time outdoors, and singing every chance she gets. She is beginning her first year as a music instructor, and is very excited to be the choir teacher at Wellington-Napoleon.



Amy Snyder
MS Social Studies

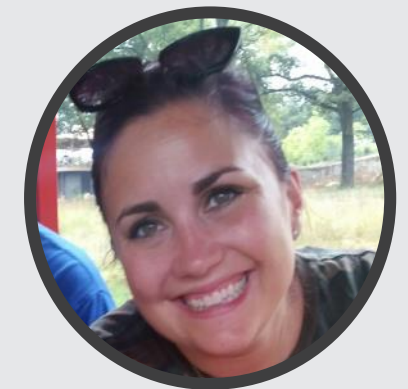
Amy Snyder received her Masters in Literacy from Graceland University. She was a substitute teacher for 5 years at Fort Osage School District and Independence School District. She taught Ancient Civilizations, Reading, and English for four years at Raytown South Middle School. In August of 2020 she bought a house and her family became Wellington residents. Amy and her husband have a blended, beautiful family with two girls and two boys. They love to ride their side-by-side around town and enjoy the great outdoors.



Vanessa Solis
Pre-School Aid

Vanessa Solis will be helping Ms. Abby this 2021-2022 school year in the pre-school classroom. She attended Metropolitan Community College for Early Childhood Development. She is married and has a son and daughter. Vanessa genuinely enjoys nurturing and caring for pre-schoolers.

Her philosophy is simple — every child is unique and everyone learns at their own pace. The Wellington-Napoleon School District has made her feel welcomed and very fortunate to work alongside dedicated teachers.



Bailey Williams
Therapist

Bailey Williams graduated with an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Rockhurst University and then went on to get a Master's in Counseling from Avila University. She then started working as a substance abuse counselor for Compass Health. Bailey always knew that working with children was her ultimate goal, so she pursued a certificate in Play Therapy. She became a school-based therapist in 2018 and has been in that role ever since. She has two children, Everett (9) and Jack (6) and spends most of her free time taking them to their activities, which include jujitsu, golf, baseball, and Cub Scouts. They also love to camp as a family and go to new places.