

## BOE Report - Wellsville Elementary - Jason Townsend

The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are finishing up the ACT ASPIRE testing for Science, Math, Reading, English, and Writing. These tests are proving to be a challenge, especially for our younger students who have little experience with standardized testing. The students are demonstrating incredible effort. While the results of these tests are important, the importance of the person taking the test can never be out done.

Wellsville Elementary students and staff participated in Anti-Bullying Awareness Week during the first week of October. Students participated in dress-up days, anti-bullying activities, and had positive daily messages on how we should all treat each other. It is a nice reminder of how it should be every week of the year.

Our school will be participating in Red-Ribbon Week the last week of October. Red-Ribbon week is aimed at creating awareness of the negative effects of using drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and other substances. Students and staff will be having dress up days and receiving information regarding substance abuse.

Parent - Teacher conferences were well attended. It was great seeing parents take a positive interest in their child's education. We had over 95% attendance with nearly every student having representation.

Our October inservice day focused on more training for our EnVision math curriculum. Teachers submitted a list of questions that I passed on to the presenter to help guide training. Implementing a new curriculum can be a challenge. The rigor can be stressful in the beginning but will ultimately set our school and students up for success in the long term. I heard many good ideas as teachers worked with their grade levels during inservice.

I would like to extend thanks, appreciation, and gratitude for the flowers sent by our district when my mother-in-law passed away. It was a very thoughtful gesture.

Wellsville Elementary lost one of our own a few weeks ago. I would like to extend a sincere appreciation and admiration to the staff of Wellsville Elementary. They did a phenomenal job in responding to an unfortunate (to say the least) event. I speak for the entire staff when I say our thoughts will continue to be with her family and this community.