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## SAVE THE DATE

**Alumni Day** (Students only)

October 30th, 12:00pm–1:30pm

by RSVP only

**Spring Social** (Parents only)

March 28th, 6:00pm–11:00pm

by RSVP only

*Invitations to follow*



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# ALUMNI NEWS

# Wellan Montessori School

## IT'S OFFICIAL... WELCOME TO WELLAN!

If you recently drove by school, you would have noticed our new school sign. We kicked this school year off with an enthusiastic Wellan welcome! Our enrollment has skyrocketed to 265 students, we launched our Voyager (Middle School) program, and we added a Primary 7! The halls have been bubbling with excitement, and our newly renovated Arts Wing is wowing all of our visitors! If you didn't know, Wellan is an old English word that means "to cause to bubble up from deep within". We hope you are bubbling up with excitement at your school too!



## ALUMNI DAY!

On October 30th, your child is invited to our Alumni Day! RSVPs are required to attend this fun event. Come see old friends and check out our new Arts Wing! Pizza lunch will be served, and Ms. Vanessa will be hosting a Wellan-themed art project. Reserve your spot today! Email [alumni@wellan.org](mailto:alumni@wellan.org).



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## HOW TO STAY CONNECTED:

We'd love to hear from you! What have you been up to these days? What are your fondest memories from Wellan? How has Wellan impacted who you are today?

1. Send us a postcard  
80 Crescent Ave  
Newton Centre, MA 02459
2. Write us an email:  
[alumni@wellan.org](mailto:alumni@wellan.org)
3. Connect on social media



4. Our favorite...  
stop by and visit!

## WHAT'S INSIDE:

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Do you recognize us?

Save the Date (on back)



## NEW! VOYAGER PROGRAM

With the changes adolescence brings, Grades 7 and 8 can be challenging years for both students and parents. At Wellan, our new Voyager program treats social development, self esteem, and growing independence just as highly as a high-caliber academic program. If you are interested in learning more, come visit us and see it first hand!



*Above: A look inside the Voyager classroom.*

### Do you recognize any of us?

Send your guesses of these Wellan alumni faces to [alumni@wellan.org](mailto:alumni@wellan.org) and enter to win a special prize!



*The answers from last fall's Alumni Newsletter are:  
Madeline Condon '16, Marat Basaria '18,  
Max Reimann '17, Concetta Vitale '15.*

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Say hello to Sophia and Zach Beaver! Along with their parents, Val and Ben, the Beaver's have remained close to the Wellan community. They have been strong supporters of the school in countless ways, and it isn't uncommon for Zach and Sophia to stop in and say hello to their former teachers. We hope you do the same!

### Sophia, '13

During my time at Wellan, I got to experience so many wonderful things. I had dedicated, loving teachers, and made friendships that I still have today! We got to drive our own learning and be part of a supportive, caring community. Little things like the music box during snack time are still special to me.



I currently attend an all girl's school in Newton, and I feel like Wellan prepared me so much for all the adventures I've had since I left. Specifically around collaboration and learning basic social rules with the peace rose. I'm interested in a lot of extracurricular activities like ballet, soccer, and musicals!

### Zach, '15

I loved the freedom we had at Wellan. I didn't realize it when I was in Kindergarten, but when I left for first grade, I had to sit down at a desk and do exactly what the teacher asked. It didn't feel as creative. At Wellan, I could walk around my classroom and work on different subjects that I wanted to work on.



I felt very prepared for first grade, especially because of all the reading we did at Wellan. Every year each student would get a chart with 100 books listed on it. Individually, we would set a goal to read the books over the school year. When I would finish a book, Ms. Esther would cross that book off my list. It was a fun challenge. I also felt prepared in math when I moved to elementary school for first grade. I still love to read, and I also enjoy playing soccer, lacrosse, tennis, and squash.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Meet Liam Hennessy, Wellan Alum '18. Liam is now a 7th grader at Oak Hill Middle School. His sister, Liz, also attended Wellan and is now a sophomore in high school. Joe and Amy Hennessy, Liam and Liz's parents, have kept close ties with the Wellan community and have generously donated to the Annual Fund for years. We cherish our time with the Hennessy family and look forward to seeing them again soon! We caught up with Liam about his memories of Wellan.



### What did you enjoy most about Wellan?

The teaching style was different than other schools, and the teachers took more time explaining things when I needed extra help. The teachers really care, and the kids include each other more than at other schools.

### How did Wellan prepare you for the future?

Wellan taught me how to get organized and what works for me as student. It also helped me feel confident.

### What do you like to do now in your free time?

I love to play guitar during ALL of my free time; Wellan taught me a love for music that I don't think I would have had anywhere else.



*Throughout the year, we contact several of our alumni families to check in and reconnect. Alumni Spotlight is one way we highlight our alumni, share what they've been up to, and reminisce on memories of their time at Wellan. Email [alumni@wellan.org](mailto:alumni@wellan.org) to be featured!*

## ALUMNI DONOR RECOGNITION WALL

The Wellan Alumni Donor wall is a new addition to our school playground. We created this plaque to showcase our appreciation of the families of former students and graduates who have continued to provide financial support to our school. We wouldn't be who we are today without your incredible support and dedication.

*If you would like your family name to be added to the Wellan Alumni Donor wall, please contact [alumni@wellan.org](mailto:alumni@wellan.org)*

### Special thanks to our first group of Alumni Donors:

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