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“12th grade Biotechnology students using their new gel electrophoresis devices, to separate molecules like RNA, DNA, and proteins. Students are really enjoying being able to use high-quality, brand new equipment to run our biotechnology labs. Thanks to WEF!”

- Dani Fuchs WHS



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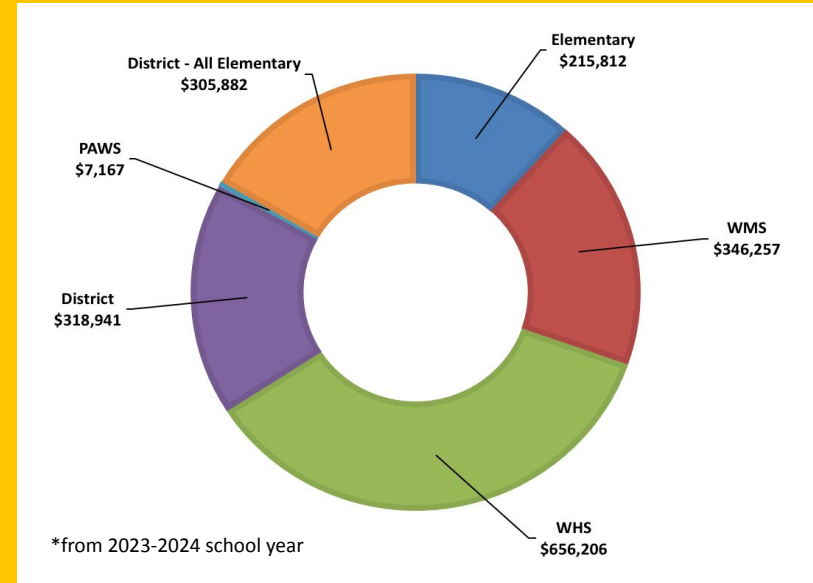
WEF grants improved microphones for a cappella performances



WEF funded Yondr pouches at WMS to reduce device use during school hours.

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- Over **\$2.8M** in grants awarded in the last 10 years
- Over **\$260,000** awarded in the 2024-25 school year
- Grants impact every child in the District





Orthography

(noun) awr-thog-ruh-fee

The art of writing words with the proper letters, according to accepted usage; correct spelling.



Bee Program

WEF Introduction.....	WEF Co-Presidents Tizzy Chamberlain & Hadley Stephens
Welcome & Recognition.....	Spelling Bee Co-Chairs Leigh Thomas & Kara Dooley
Spelling Bee Rules & MC Introduction.....	WEF Treasurer Gregg Levin
Preliminary Rounds 1-6.....	Master of Ceremonies Mike Dowling
Championship Round.....	Preliminary Round Winners

Presentation of Ruth Humphries Bee Trophy



Introducing with gratitude...

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

Mike Dowling, Longtime WCVB-TV Sportscaster

Time Keeper:

Dr. Jamie Chisum, WHS Principal

Judges:

Dr. Mark Ito, WMS Principal

Dr. David Lussier, WPS Superintendent

Leigh Petrowsky, Sprague Elementary School Principal

Sandy Trach, Asst. Superintendent of Teaching & Learning

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Jeffrey Robin, WHS Anatomy & Physiology teacher, was awarded a WEF grant for the cutting-edge **Anatomage Table.**

“The Table allows students to practice procedures on real bodies without the need for physical cadavers. Students can visualize and interact with anatomical structures in real time, enhancing student engagement and learning outcomes. Thank you, WEF!”



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*"WEF has generously funded multiple opportunities for me to attend the **Broadway Teachers' Workshop**, which is professional development geared specifically towards theatre educators. Our productions and classes continue to improve because of the professional development I receive. Thank you, WEF!"*

- Kate Speed WMS



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*Rebecca DeGrace, WHS
Library innovation teacher,
received a grant for mobile chairs
and tables that allows for easier
collaboration through easy
reconfiguration.*

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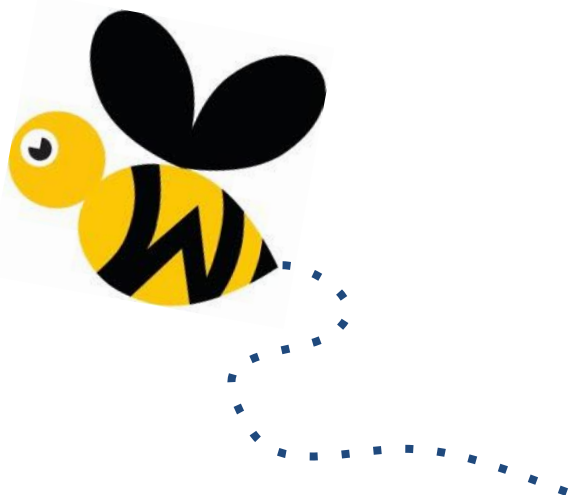
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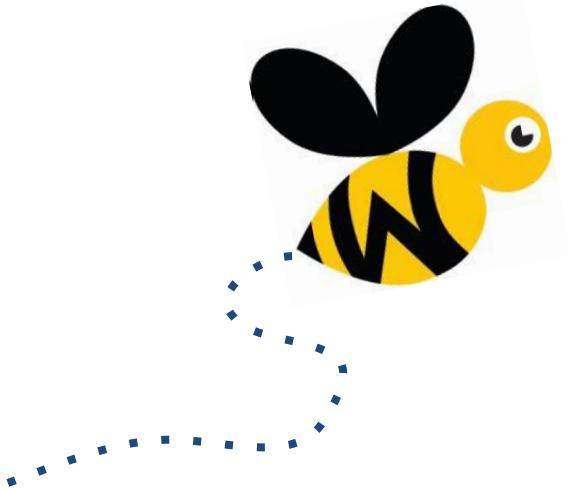
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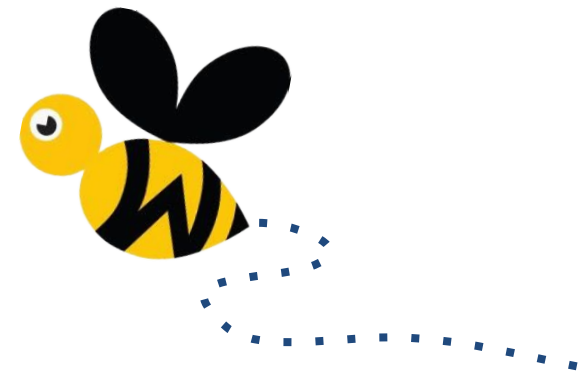
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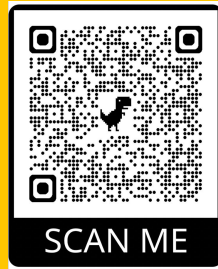
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*A WEF grant was used to install a **Communication Board** for all children at **P.A.W.S.** Regardless of student abilities, the board allows accessible communication opportunities for students to express their wants, needs, and thoughts. Staff have access to a QR code that shows how best to use this visual support.*



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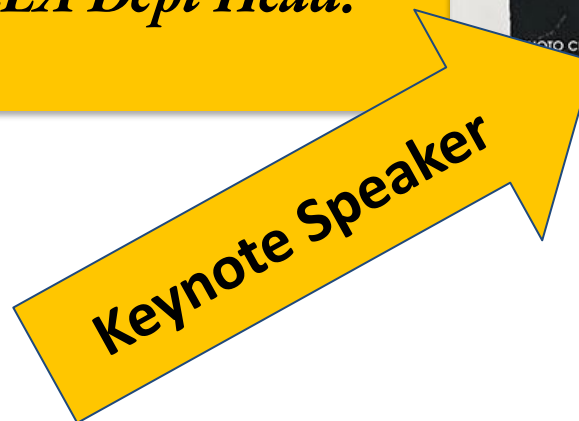
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The NCTE (National Convention of Teachers of English) is a premier event in English teaching. Held 1x/year, it “brings thousands of educators, experts, authors, administrators, publishers together for 4 days of learning, networking and inspiration. NCTE presents an opportunity to see what classrooms of the future may look like, especially with AI.”

- John Finneron, WHS ELA Dept Head.



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*“WEF grants have allowed me, a veteran teacher, to experience high quality conferences specific to my field of World Language.. Being surrounded by and talking shop with “my people” fills my cup for months... Here I am at my talk at ACTFL’s **national convention** last November in Chicago. Thank you, WEF!”*

-Rebecca Blouwolff, WMS



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“There are so few opportunities for drama teachers to collaborate and further their craft... and I feel very lucky to have been able to do so through WEF... This workshop features 4 Broadway shows and 3 days of workshops with the most incredible Broadway performers, designers, choreographers, directors and more. We also have had talkbacks after almost every show with the performers, directors and stage managers.”

- Leah Fine, WMS Drama Teacher



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*“Wellesley Public Schools is enormously grateful to the **Wellesley Education Foundation** for their generosity in funding **Brandon Fleming** as our keynote speaker in 2023 and supporting his return in 2024 to lead a workshop session for teachers, along with additional speakers on the importance of learning and connections.”*

- Sandy Trach, Asst. Superintendent of Teaching and Learning



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ROUND 5

Bates Elementary PTO
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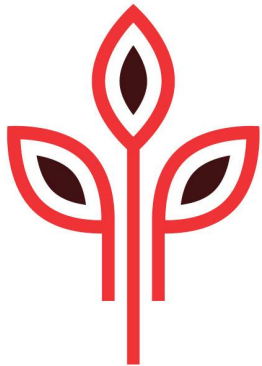
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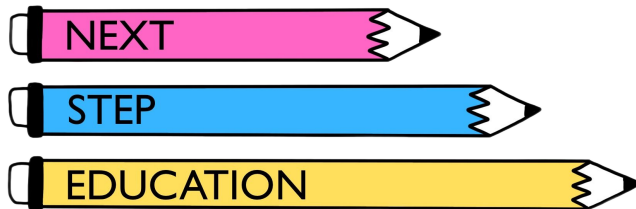
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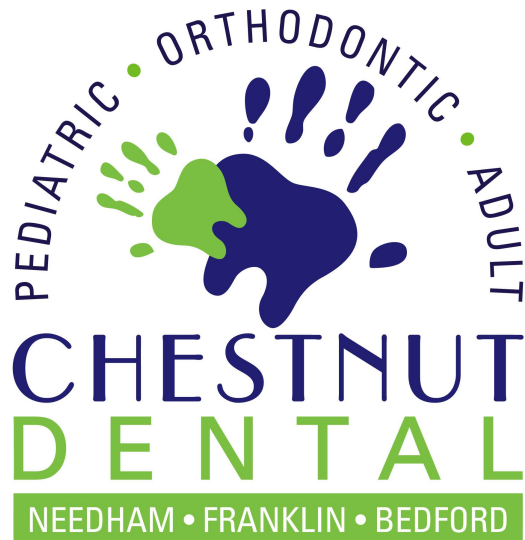


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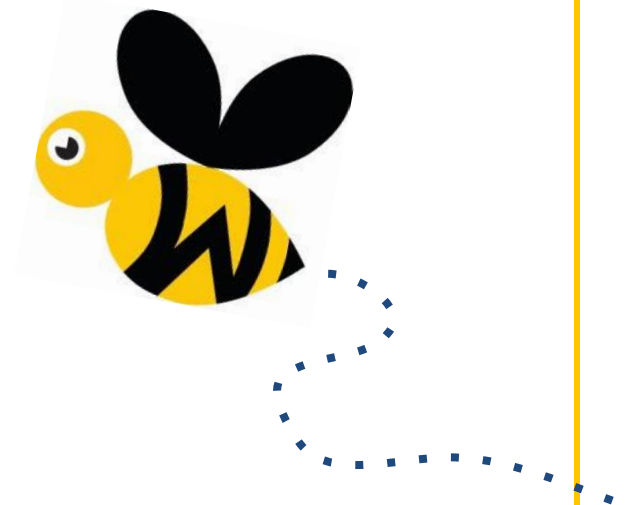
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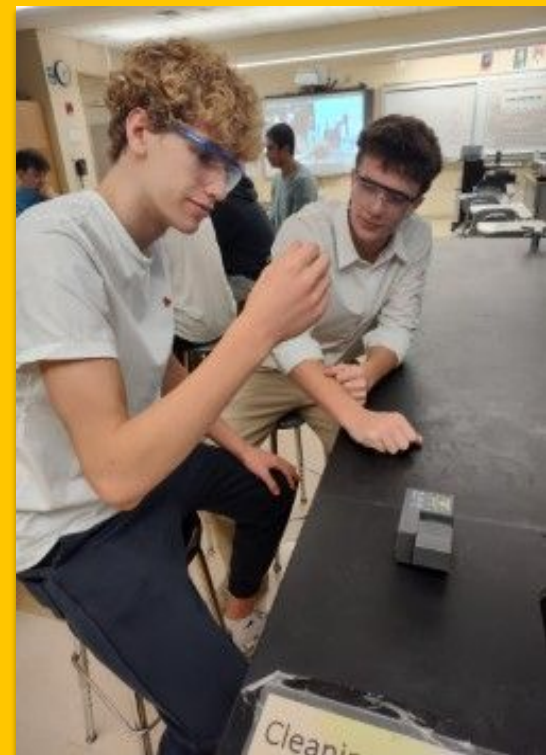
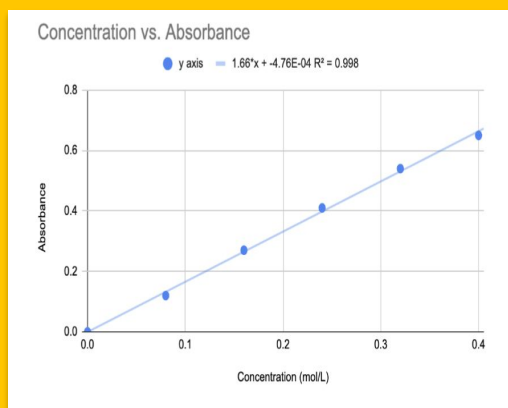
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*“Thank you so much for **WEF** for the grant funding new colorimeters for Chemistry at WHS! We recently used them to examine the relationship between absorbance and concentration for copper (II) sulfate...”*

- Louisa Morrison, WHS



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