



SCHOOL & PTO NEWS

PTO CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

A horse walks into a bar, feeling a bit depressed. The bartender turns to him and says, “Hey pal, why the long face?” Get it? He’s a horse, and he has a long face? Anyway, that “joke” has nothing to do with anything, really. I was struggling for a way to open this week’s newsletter and after about ten minutes that was the best I could come up with. I promise it will get better (mostly because it can’t get any worse).

This week I have two things I’d like to talk about. The first topic I want to discuss is our upcoming PTO General Membership meeting to be held on October 9th at 9:30 am in the South House cafeteria. We are very excited to announce that we have a wonderful guest speaker scheduled to present. More information will be coming soon, but take a moment now to put that meeting on your calendar. I can assure you it will be well worth your time!

The second topic I would like to discuss is volunteering. Recently, we have had somewhere more than two, but slightly less than a million, people ask us how they could become more involved. Obviously, the best way is to simply read The Buzz every week! But on top of that, we thought it would be a good idea to build a contact list that we could email directly whenever a new volunteer opportunity came up. We’ll still publicize opportunities in all the usual ways, but no form of communication is more personal and effective than an email that is sent directly to you but doesn’t actually include your name or any

gender specific pronouns because it is also being sent to a few dozen other recipients. So, if you are interested in volunteering in any capacity at some point in time this year, please email us at hesptopresident@gmail.com to let us know. There's no obligation and no guilt if you can't volunteer, we're just trying to improve communications. Plus, take a look at some of the perks that come along with volunteering:

- Good karma
- Competitive pay and benefits package, including all major holidays off and paid vacation time
- Priority boarding on most major airlines
- Buy one, get one free...this applies to ANYTHING that you buy ANYWHERE in the world
- You get to drive in the HOV lane even if you don't have three people in your car
- And much, much more!

Seriously, though, volunteering for PTO events is a great way to support Hurlbutt and the wonderful teachers and staff. It's also a great opportunity to see your child in a different setting. Finally, it's a fun social activity. Take me for example. Before joining the PTO last year I had NO friends. But now I'm involved in the PTO and while I still have no friends, I feel like I'm much closer to making one than I was at this time last year. So regardless of how many friends you have, why not give volunteering a try? Email us today at hesptopresident@gmail.com. Thanks!

Have a great week!

Dan McNeill and Tammy Roberts
PTO co-presidents

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

This week, our students filled the Hurlbutt honey hive with honeycombs for being safe, kind and responsible. We celebrated with an all- school assembly where the students sang, recognized each other's good behavior and met Horace, the Hurlbutt Honeybee,

who is our school mascot. We are so proud of our students for all their efforts in making our school a positive place to learn and grow.

Thank you for helping make our traffic circle operate more smoothly. During pick up at 3:15, it has helped to have drivers stay by their cars. I also noticed that our students are becoming more independent, getting in and out of the cars and buckling themselves! You probably noticed that we have a yellow line painted on the sidewalk now. This line helps our students walk a safe distance from the cars in the traffic circle. On a few rare occasions, the barricade at the bottom of the driveway was not in place. We believe that was because of extenuating circumstances and the problem has been rectified.

We have had several cases of lice in the building. This is not unusual and the number of cases we have had is typical in elementary schools. School policy permits us to notify families of students who have verified active lice in their classroom. For more information about lice and the district procedures, visit the Weston Public Schools website, select *Parents* from the top menu and then the *health and medical forms* link. You can help at home by checking your children throughout the year and reporting any indications of head lice to the school nurse.

Warm regards,

Laura Kaddis Principal

OCTOBER NUTRITION NEWS

Typically, foods for school celebrations include cupcakes, candy, cookies, and soda. There is nothing wrong with an occasional treat, but unhealthy choices have become the norm rather than the exception. Classroom parties can help teach children valuable social skills such as helping to prepare the food, sharing with others, and cleaning up after themselves. See the full document for healthy celebration ideas and food focus of the month by Jill Patterson, RD, Resident Dietitian.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - WEDNESDAY, OCT 2nd

It's finally here! School Photo Day is next week, on Wednesday October 2nd! The order forms will be going home this week in your child's backpack. Please remember to return the order form to your teacher with full payment by the following Wednesday. Thank you!

MARKETPLACE Thank you to everyone who submitted box tops for our summer clipping contest. Stay tuned - winners will be announced next week. If you missed the deadline for this contest, please hold onto your boxtops. There will be other contests during the year.

INNISBROOK GIFT WRAP ORDERS DUE 9/29

Support our school and stock up on all the great items Innisbrook is offering. This is the last week to turn in your gift wrap orders. Please send your orders forms to school or complete them online by Sunday, September 29. If you need another packet or have any questions, please let me know. Contact me via email: elizatabacchi@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support!

AROUND TOWN

WESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY Experience the daily lives of Civil War soldiers as well as the roles women and civilians played during the war. On September 28, the 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry (CVI), Company F, will set up camp in Weston. The original 14th CVI participated in 34 battles and skirmishes during the Civil War. There will be five hours of activities, including military drills and weapons demonstrations, and a demonstration of how soldier's meals were prepared over an open fire. Children's activities

will include “volunteering” to march with wooden muskets. Programs on the role of Civil War nurses, the life of Corporal Joseph Pierce (the highest-ranking Union soldier of Chinese heritage) and the history of the 14th CVI, will also be offered. Click [here](#) for more details.

Event Price is \$15 per family, \$5 per individual, \$2 per kid over 6 years. Weston Historical Society Members FREE

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI CARNIVAL Mark your calendars for the first Saturday in October! The 3rd Annual St. Francis of Assisi Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 5th, from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. at 35 Norfield Road in Weston. This year promises to be the best one yet, with games, food, and family carnival fun, rain or shine. There is also a Blessing of the Animals at 11:30, so bring your family pet and Father Dunn will bless them in honor of the Feast of St. Francis. Admission is free, and wristbands for all-day rides are \$20, which includes the bungee jump and many inflatables. Food vendors will include Lobstercraft (Lobster Rolls), Billy's Bar-B-Que (Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken and Brisket Mac and Cheese), 19 Main in Georgetown (New England Clam Chowder and Meatball Sandwiches) and Johnny's Roadside for burgers and hot dogs – yum! There will be games, raffles, carnival fare including cotton candy, candy and caramel apples, popcorn, hot pretzels, churros, and waffles. Beer and Wine is available, a DJ, bake sale, craft vendors and a tag sale.

REMINDER: WESTON PARKS &

RECREATION Information on fall youth after school programs are now available. Flyers for [Dancercise Grades 1 & 2](#), Dancercise Grades [3 & 4](#); Sports & Fitness for Grades [K](#), [1](#), [2](#), and [3-5](#); [swimming](#); and [pool permit](#) instructions can also be viewed at www.westonct.gov. Sign up [online](#) (check flyers for date and times).

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions should be relevant to Hurlbutt and the Town of Weston (i.e., town sports programs, Town of Weston sponsored community events or after-school sports programs for students taking place in the Town of Weston). If there is any question regarding the relevance of a submission, final approval will be determined by The Hurlbutt Buzz Editor and/or the Hurlbutt PTO President. Submission deadline is Tuesday – The Hurlbutt Buzz is emailed to all registered PTO Members on Thursday!

1. *All write-ups should be in WORD format and the content should be print-ready,*
2. *If you have a flyer, please submit a brief write-up and we will attach the flyer to the newsletter,*
3. *If you want to re-run something from the previous week, let us know; review the write-up - does it need updating, i.e., change the wording from “coming home this week” to “you should have received last week”? If so, revise and resubmit,*
4. *The email address for the Buzz is **hesptnewsletter@westonpspto.org***

Thank you for your support and cooperation.