



The Hurlbutt Buzz

The Hurlbutt Elementary School Newsletter

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Date	Event	Time/Location
September 3	1st Grade Back-to-School Night	7:00-8:30 pm
September 7	Labor Day — Schools Closed	
September 8	First FULL DAY for Kindergarteners	
September 9	2nd Grade Back-to-School Night	7:00-8:30 pm
September 9	HES PTO General Meeting	9:30 am South House Cafeteria
September 14	Rosh Hashanah — Schools Closed	
September 23	Yom Kippur — Schools Closed	

[Click here for the 2015-2016 Weston District Calendar](#)

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PTO & SCHOOL NEWS

PTO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you have all made a seamless transition back into the school year. Our membership drive is in full force and will be going on until September 15th! So if you haven't registered yet, please do so ASAP! Your membership does not renew each year, so even if you were a member last year, you will need to register again this year. Benefits of membership include:

Subscription to our weekly Buzz newsletter
Email reminders of important meetings, dates, and deadlines as they come up throughout the year
Being included in, and receiving a complimentary copy of the Weston Public School Family Directory. (This is a great way to get in touch with the parents of your child's friends!)

Our first general PTO meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 9:30am in the South House cafeteria. We have invited many of our amazing staff to speak on that day, as well as members of the Board of Education, administrators and representatives from Weston Youth Services. This meeting will be a great opportunity to meet with the people who help shape your child's educational experience. It is also a great way to make some new friends!

We encourage you to come to as many general meetings as you can. It really helps to keep you informed about what is going on at the school and your children's daily "school" life. At meetings you also have the right to vote – this is where we vote to approve philanthropy requests, and you can see first-hand how your efforts and contributions are directly impacting the school.

Finally, please make sure to pick up the Weston School Calendar at your Back-To-School Night or at Lang's. Important dates for the entire district are in it, as well as beautiful artwork from our students. Thank you to Tara Tanzer for doing such an excellent job with this calendar!

I hope to see you all at the meeting next week!

Warm Regards,

Katia Colaprico
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HES PTO AFFILIATIONS

Box Tops — It's almost time to turn in the Box Tops you've been collecting all summer! More details will be coming soon on how to submit them for a chance to win some prizes! In the meantime, please go through the Box Tops and remove expired ones. Thank you for supporting the program!

Stop & Shop Card — Register your card today for this no-cost fundraiser! Hurlbutt receives a percentage of your grocery bill each time you shop there. Get your gas points and help earn Hurlbutt \$\$\$ while crossing off items on your grocery list. Just click on this link or copy and paste

<http://stopandshop.com/aplus/register-card/> into your browser today! Please register your card again even if you helped last year. Thank you!

Amazon — Every time you shop on Amazon, Hurlbutt gets a percentage of your purchases. Another no-cost fundraiser to help raise money for the schools. Please bookmark and use this link each time you shop on Amazon:

<http://www.amazon.com/?&tag=wp040-20&linkCode=wsw&>

WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS WALL CALENDARS

Weston Public Schools Wall Calendars are still available in VERY limited quantity. Pick up one—or two—before they're gone! You can find them at the Hurlbutt front office, Lang's Pharmacy, and at each back to school night. The calendars cost \$15 each; cash or checks accepted (please make checks payable to HES PTO.)

Calendars are produced annually by the HES PTO and are sold to raise money for the HES Philanthropy fund. The Calendar includes important dates for all four Weston Public Schools, including vacations, holidays, delayed openings, early dismissals, PTO events and meetings, athletic events, fine art events and more.

FLU CLINIC--SAVE THE DATE

SAVE THE DATE for the Flu Clinic. In conjunction with the Westport Weston Health District, Weston High School will be sponsoring a Flu Clinic for students and families on October 8th from 4-5:30 pm at the WHS Conference Room.

Thanks in advance,
Nurse Nancy

LRC UPDATE

Sharon Rodko, Librarian
SUMMER READING

Please send in your child's summer reading list by September 4th.

All students who turn in a list will be entered in our raffle. Any list from any summer reading program can be submitted. Even a plain piece of paper can be used to make the list.

Any student who read ten or more books can also receive two free tickets to the Sound Tigers by filling out the form and sending it to school by September 4th.

Governor's Summer Reading Challenge logs and Sound Tiger ticket forms can be found at the HES LRC Summer Reading website Summer Reading Link.

We're very excited to total the number of books read over the summer and submit Hurlbutt's results to the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge program. So far, 150 students have submitted lists for a total of 3,495 books!

HES LRC (Library Resource Center)

Classes will begin regular weekly book exchange times the week of September 14th. Students have begun borrowing books during integrated lessons in the LRC which teachers schedule with the librarian, Mrs. Rodko. Please help your child pick a safe place to keep LRC books at home. Review the due date with your student and help them develop a plan to return books on time. More info about our circulation policies can be found at the HES LRC website under the FAQ link. Thanks for helping our students be safe, kind and responsible LRC patrons.

Thank you to all parents who signed up to volunteer in the LRC!

AROUND TOWN

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES

Start September with Weston Youth Services!

We've got wonderful WOW! offerings for children in Kindergarten through fifth-grade. This fall we are excited to introduce several new programs including Pre-engineering with Legos and French at Hurlbutt and Freaky Physics, Mechanical Engineering and Magic at WIS. Many old favorites such as Karate, Fun with Fabric, International Cuisine, Clay, Art, and Yoga are back on the schedule as well. Program dates, dates, descriptions, and details are available on our website. Classes begin the week of September 14th and registration is currently underway.

We also have plenty for parents! Our Tackling the Tough Stuff series helps parents deal with the complex issues of raising children. Each month we focus on a particular theme and host several interactive sessions co-led by guest speakers to highlight social, psychological, physical, and educational information and issues. Our focus for September is Transition Time. Shifting from summer into school mode can be challenging for children and parents alike; a new school year brings lots of new and sometimes lots of nerves! Join us on Wednesday September 16th from 12-1:30 pm (a light lunch will be provided!) at the Weston Public Library for a discussion on how to manage expectations, schedules, and stress.

And new this year, we are starting a Parenting-and-Play Group for Preschoolers on the last Wednesday of the month from 9:30-11 am in the Weston Library Community Room. Join us for our first gathering on September 30th - we'll provide toys for kids, topics for parents, and treats for all!

For more information about the programs Weston Youth Services provides please visit our website www.westonyouthservices.org If you have questions about WOW!, Sitter Safety, or All Star Driver programs please contact Charlene Monn, Program Coordinator, at 203-222-2586 or cmonn@westonct.gov For questions about parenting programs please contact Michelle Albright, Director of Youth Services, at 203-222-2585 or malbright@westonct.gov

ALDEN SHERMAN CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Sunday, September 20th (rain date September 27) 10am - 3pm Weston High School Parking Grounds. There is no fee to enter, however donations at the gate are greatly appreciated! All donations directly benefit the purchase of a bus for the Weston Senior Center. If you would like to enter a vehicle, we would love to have you!!

The first 135 people who pre-register will receive an assigned parking space (eligible for judging), an Alden Sherman Classic commemorative pin, and a tote bag.

For more information, please [click here](#). If you have any questions, please give us a call! (203) 505-2820, or (203) 222-2608.

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 provide a link to the flyer from 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? e.g., do you need to change the wording from "coming home this week" to "you should have received last week"? If so, please revise and resubmit.
4. The email address for the Buzz is hesptocommunications@westonpspto.org

Thank you for your support and cooperation.