

The Hurlbutt Buzz



SCHOOL & PTO NEWS

PTO CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

This is it. I can feel it. This is the week that I finally live up to my promise to keep the newsletter short. And I promise that it has nothing to do with the fact that I'm eight hours past my deadline and at a complete loss for anything to say. Ok, maybe that has a little to do with it.

What I will do is take a moment to mention some of the highlights of last week's PTO General Meeting. For those of you who couldn't attend, you missed quite the good time. For those of you who were there, you can relive the amazing experience by reading my concise but entertaining synopsis. For the complete (and let's face it, more accurate than anything I say here) recounting of the meeting, check out the HES PTO website for the full minutes. Go to www.westonpspto.org and click on HES PTO and then the General PTO Meeting Minutes tab. They're not up now but should be there shortly.

We were very fortunate to have two wonderful guest speakers. Maria Kalivas from Weston Education Foundation gave a very informative overview of how WEF supports the Weston schools. Then, Dr. Tom Woodman, a chiropractor certified in Neurofeedback and BrainCore Therapy, gave an extremely educational (and entertaining) presentation pertaining to brainwave activity and how it affects our children's behaviors, dispositions and ultimately their success in school. We are working on making that presentation available on the website; I'll let you know as soon as we have that worked out.

We also were very excited to grant another Philanthropy request, this one to provide new carpets for the first grade team. These carpets are not only beautiful additions to the décor of any classroom, but they are also wonderful classroom management tools. Thanks to Katie Gregory and all of the members of the Philanthropy Committee who worked diligently to present this request to the general membership. Spending the money we work so hard to raise is one of the most gratifying responsibilities that comes with being involved with the PTO!

Anyway, that's a somewhat brief overview of what was discussed. Did I keep my promise of keeping it short...not really. But I tried, and isn't that what really counts? That being said, you should consider this newsletter to be a sneak preview...just enough to give you a rough idea of what happened and get you interested in the rest. If you want to see the whole movie, why not join us for our next General PTO meeting on November 13? I can neither confirm nor deny the

rumors that the guest “speaker” will be none other than Las Vegas’ own, Mr. Wayne Newton!

Have a great week!

Dan and Tammy HES PTO co-presidents (but you knew that already, didn’t you.)

THE ANNUAL HURLBUTT HALLOWEEN PARADE 2013 Dear Parents: Our annual Halloween Parade will begin at 9:15 am on October 31st in the bus loop, weather permitting. The parade will begin with our youngest students, the Pre-K students, and end with our oldest students, the second grade students. **Due to parking issues, only pre-K and kindergarten parents may attend the parade.** If, due to poor weather conditions, we are unable to hold the parade outside, the parade will take place indoors. Should that be the case, parents **will not** be able to attend. We will send an “email blast” by 8:00 in the morning to let you know if the parade will be indoors or outdoors.

Students should bring their costumes to school in a bag clearly labeled with their names. Prior to the parade, students will have time to change into their costumes. Following the morning parade, the students will return to their classrooms and change back into their regular school clothes.

With a concern for safety, please remember the following when preparing costumes for this celebration:

- 1. No masks, weapons, or gory props are allowed.**
- 2. Make sure that your child is able to move comfortably and walk safely in his/her costume.**

Each classroom teacher will plan a celebration that reflects individual classroom schedules. Therefore, some students will have a morning celebration while others will have an afternoon celebration. You will be receiving more information from your child’s teacher concerning classroom celebrations.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REVIEW

Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, October 21st @ 7:00 pm Weston Middle School LRC Agenda TBD

Board of Education - Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 13th @ 4:00 pm Office of the Director of Finance & Operations Agenda TBD

Parent Math Workshop Tuesday, October 22nd @ 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM Hurlbutt Elementary School (N-5)

Parent Math Workshop Wednesday, October 23rd @ 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM Hurlbutt Elementary School (N-5) Please see www.westonps.org for full meeting agenda(s) These meetings are open to the public.

PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Photos will be delivered via your child's backpack by early November. In the event the child's photo needs to be retaken, Photo RETAKE DAY is scheduled for Wed. November 13th. Please make sure to send your child in with the original set of photos for their retake. For any questions regarding your photo package, please contact our account representative at Coffee Pond: Lisa Parker, at lisa@coffeepond.com. Thank you!

MARKETPLACE

EXCITING PARTNERSHIPS! We have teamed up with AMAZON! Up to 8.5% of all purchases using the Amazon link on our website goes directly to the PTOs. Tell your family, friends, everyone! All you need to do is click on the AMAZON link on www.westonpspto.org! You can also try PRIME for free. Free shipping and thousands of movies to stream. [CLICK HERE](#) for the PTO MARKETPLACE to see all the exciting partners and discount opportunities available.

ALTERNATE DISMISSAL FORMS (YELLOW PADS) Just a note that the yellow pads (alternate dismissal forms) complete with a hand-cut piece of carbon paper is available for your convenience. They are \$1 a pad and designed to make writing 2 copies of an alternate dismissal notes for playdates, afterschool programs, early pickup, etc. easy. Please see Mrs. Eagle or one of the nice ladies in the Main Office. All proceeds go toward the Hurlbutt PTO. Thank you!

REMINDER: WESTON HIGH SCHOOL PTO

Stamford, CT Lord & Taylor Tuesday, November 5th, 2013

The Weston High School PTO is again participating in Lord & Taylor's Shop Smart, Do Good fundraising event. The PTO receives \$5 for each ticket purchased and you receive unbelievable savings at the Stamford L&T store on Nov 5th. This event offers the deepest discounts of the year along with the least amount of exclusions!

\$5 ticket for admission grants you:

- Two Special 25% bonus coupons (good for one item each)*
- Exclusive 15% off savings pass to be used all day on regular and sale-priced items including cosmetics and fragrances*.
- Current L&T cardholders automatically save an additional 10%

- Open a new charge account on Fundraising Day and L&T will contribute \$5 to the WHS PTO and you save an additional 15% on your purchases all day. Download the flyer under "flyers" on the HES PTO tab.

AROUND TOWN

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES

As the weather starts to cool down, it's a great time to focus on calming down. Pressure, angst, tension, and worry impact our physical and mental health, as well as our social, educational, and occupational success. Although stress is inevitable, it doesn't have to be insurmountable! Join us this month as we focus on finding ways to deal with and ultimately diminish the stress in our children's lives, as well as our own.

- *Words of Wit and Wisdom*
- Thursday October 17th
- 7-8:30 pm – Appetizers will be provided!
- Weston Public Library Community Room
- What helps reduce stress and promote success? Grit, resilience, and character according to some popular psychologists, journalists, and educators. Join us for a discussion about what attributes and achievements really matter. We'll use How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character by Paul Tough and Teach Your Children Well by Madeline Levine to prompt discussion and debate. Don't feel obligated to have read everything or anything, but do feel welcome to come and chat.
- *Resilience: I'm not sure what it is, but I know I want more of it!*
- Wednesday October 23rd
- 12-1:30 pm – A light lunch will be provided!
- Weston Public Library Community Room
- Everyone talks about resilience, but what does it really mean and how do we foster it in our children and ourselves? Join guest speaker, Barbara Greenberg, PhD, and Michelle Albright, PhD, for a discussion on how to build character, conscience, and confidence in our children.

Please email malbright@westonct.gov or call 203-222-2585 to RSVP to any of the upcoming sessions; programs are open to all parents and caregivers and there is no fee to attend.

And it takes more than talk to reduce stress and promote success so join us for some fun and fitness!

- *Weston High School Homecoming*
- Saturday October 19th
- 12 pm tailgate festivities, 1 pm kick-off
- Weston High School
- Weston Youth Services is partnering with the WHS Student Government and Boosters for some pre-game family fun including arts-and-crafts, face painting,

music, and snacks. Come you're your kids of all ages to support our student athletes, socialize with the Seniors, and show your school spirit!

- *Spin to Win!*
- Friday October 25th
- 7 pm *Adults only please!
- JoyRide, 1200 Post Rd E Westport, CT 06880
- What better way to reduce stress then sweating to support your community? Spend a hour spinning with Rhodie and then enjoy some food and drinks, and maybe even win a prize! Proceeds will help WHS Boosters raise money for athletic programs.
- To register visit <https://leagueathletics.com/UserForm.asp?RegID=54067&org=whsboosters.com>

- *Trunk and Treat*
- Thursday October 31st
- 5 – 7 pm
- Weston Intermediate School
- Why trek a long driveway when you can simply step parking spot to parking spot? Celebrate Halloween with candy from cars as we continue the tradition without (hopefully!) a hurricane.
- Co-sponsored by Weston Youth Services, Weston Women's League, and the Weston Intermediate School PTO. To register visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BzxtnWAGVF5omDkYWUSY95I5xP1kT5ACxN534ISSxA/viewform>

REMINDER: WESTON PARKS & RECREATION

NEW information on winter youth sports & fitness and basketball programs are available on Weston's Park and Recreation [website](#).

REMINDER: TRUNK OR TREAT The Town of Weston is offering the popular Trunk or Treat event again this year on Halloween! Participate as a "Trunker" or a "Treater" or BOTH! The event is from 5-7 pm. You MUST register your car to be a "Trunker" and commit to keeping your car parked there for the entire duration for the safety of the children. Read more about the Halloween event at Weston Intermediate School on Halloween [here](#).

REMINDER: SCARE FAIR @ THE WESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY Sponsored by the Weston Girl Scouts Name of Event: Scare Fair Dates: October 26, 2013 (rain date October 27, 2013) Time: 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. Cost: Free Admission - game and activity tickets are 50 cents each Description: The Weston Scare Fair, sponsored by the Weston Girl Scouts is an annual community event held on the grounds of the Weston Historical Society. There will be a wide variety of games, crafts, activities, moon bounce,

and Silent Auction. This is a family partnership fundraising event to support the Weston Girl Scouts and the Girl Scouts of Connecticut. Please join us on Saturday, October 26th, 2013 from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, October 27th. Costumes are encouraged. Is it annual? Yes Event Location: Weston Historical Society 104 Weston Road Weston, CT 06883 Website: Phone: 203/227-7038 Email: gclaytondesign@gmail.com

REMINDER: WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

It's the Weston Public Library's 50th Anniversary! Charles Keating will kick off the celebration with his free performance with his family on 10/19. Check out what the Weston Public Library has planned for October! Charles Keating (October 19th); New Yorker Roundtable Discussions (15th, 22nd), Movie Night (Oct 16th), Minecraft (October 20th), Book Groups (October 10th and 16th). Please visit www.westonpubliclibrary.org for more information.

REMINDER: WESTON KIWANIS CLUB

The Reservoir Run Half Marathon and 5K Races

October 27, 2013 Half Marathon Start at 8:30 am 5K Start at 8:40 am

For more details and information email Phyllis Gary at thereservoirrun@gmail.com or go to the website at <http://www.thereservoirrun.com>. Registration can be done online at Raceit.com, <https://www.raceit.com/Register/?event=20944>.

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!