

The Hurlbutt Scoop
Hurlbutt Elementary School PTO Newsletter
Thursday, January 17, 2013

SCHOOL CLOSINGS & SCHEDULED DELAYS

[Click here for 2012-13 District Calendar](#)

January 21st – **NO SCHOOL** (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
January 22nd – **2-HOUR DELAY** (Professional Development)
February 18th – 19th – **NO SCHOOL** (February Recess)

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

January 22nd - BOE Meeting - 7:30 PM, Weston Library
January 22nd BOE Budget Meeting #3 - after BOE Meeting - Weston Library
January 24th Special BOE Meeting - 6:00 PM Weston Library
February 18th – Sound Tigers Winter Reading Challenge Deadline

SCHOOL & PTO NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM SARA SPAUDLING & TAMMY ROBERTS, HURLBUTT PTO CO-PRESIDENTS

Dr. Palmer sent out a communication with a "School Security Update" and will be updating families with regard to any changes in protocol, throughout the year. As Dr. Palmer has stated, this is our "new normal" in school security and we thank you for your continued support. The administrative team will meet on a regular basis to review security protocol in each of the schools and if you have any concerns or questions at Hurlbutt, please contact Dr. Cicchetti or Dr. Palmer.

As you all know, the town budget season is upon us. Please take every opportunity to familiarize yourself with the process and attend the public comment meetings, so your voice can be heard. If you are not able to make the workshops & meetings, you can watch them on Channel 78. The next upcoming meetings:

- **Regular Board of Education Meeting and Budget Workshop #3** January 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Library Meeting Room Topics: District-wide Services, District Administration, Special Education, Pupil Personnel Services, and Summary
- **Special Board Meeting for Adoption of the Budget** January 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Library Meeting Room

Believe it or not, it's that time of year when we start looking to the future of the leadership of the Hurlbutt PTO. Take a look at the various board positions and consider being a part of the PTO! Please [click here](#) to complete the online nomination form to submit your name or the name of someone whom you think would be great on the PTO. If you have any questions, please contact Dana Lintell at lintells@yahoo.com.

Last, but not least, welcome back to Dr. C.

Thanks,

Sara Spaulding & Tammy Roberts
Hurlbutt PTO Co-Presidents

PBIS PRESENTATION

[Click here](#) to download the PBIS PowerPoint presentation given at the January PTO Meeting.

WESTON SCHOOLS BUDGET WORKSHOPS

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Each budget workshop will be broadcast live on Channel 78 and recorded for on-demand playback as a link under the Board of Education tab on our district website. These meetings are all open to the public, and you are welcome to attend in person or watch from the comfort of your living room. The complete version of the administrators' proposed district budget for 2013-14 will be posted online the afternoon of the first workshop to permit those partaking virtually the ability to review documents remotely. [Note: It is typical that adjustments to the administrators' proposed budget may be made before the final budget is adopted by the Board of Education.] We thank you for your continued support of the educational mission of our district and welcome your feedback and questions regarding this proposed fiscal blueprint.

LRC NEWS

HELP THE LRC

Hope everyone had a restful, reading-filled winter break time. We're working together as a school to reduce the number of overdue books so they can be available to students to check out. Notices of overdue books were sent home earlier this week. Please call the LRC if you have any questions (203) 291-1470. Thanks for helping your child be kind and responsible in using the library.

KINDERGARTEN LRC NEWS

Beginning next week, kindergarten students can borrow two books per visit for a total of four books at home. In order to borrow two books, students will need to make sure they don't have any overdue books and not have more than two LRC books at home already. This is always an exciting step in our Kindergarten year. Please call the LRC if you have any questions (203) 291-1470.

Sharon Rodko, Librarian

SOUND TIGERS WINTER READING CHALLENGE - WINTER READING PROGRAM

Read 4 (four) books and receive a complimentary ticket to the Sound Tigers March 2nd game. All books must be read by February 18th. Reading log must be completed and mailed directly to the Sound Tigers. [Click here](#) for more information and to download the form.

JANUARY 2013 NUTRITION NEWS

[Click here](#) for the January 2013 edition of the Nutrition News.

Jill Patterson RD, Resident Dietitian
Chartwells School Dining Services

HURLBUTT 2012-13 YEARBOOK

We're busy preparing for the 2012-2103 yearbook. Of course, we need your help. We are looking for photos from last year's Mother's Day concert, Field Day and Flag Day concerts. We will also be asking for pictures from the first day of school, field trips, class parties, family fun night, recess and any other specials that take place.

Please make sure that these are high resolution photos. You have two options for sending your pictures. You can send them directly to samhleuzzi@gmail.com or you can upload directly to the Hurlbutt 2012-2013 Shutterfly share site. Please email samhleuzzi@gmail.com to be added to the share site.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either Sam Leuzzi at samhleuzzi@gmail.com or Melissa Chesman at mhchesman@gmail.com

NEW PTO WEBSITE

The Weston PTO's have joined together and launched a single District PTO website, www.westonpspto.org. The home page of this new website contains information relevant to all four PTO and each PTO has its own tab with information relevant to that PTO. It's important to remember that any online sign-up and RSVP forms for Hurlbutt will be listed under the HES PTO tab. If you have any comments or feedback relating to the new site please email westonpspto@gmail.com.

SOCIAL MEDIA – FACEBOOK & TWITTER

[Click here](#) to find us on Facebook. Like our page and get updated information in your Facebook newsfeed. [Click here](#) to follow us on Twitter.

AROUND TOWN

[Click here for School Flyers & Around Town Info on our website!](#)

WESTON LITTLE LEAGUE

Registration for our Spring 2013 program is open! We have programs for kindergarten through 7th grade. Please visit our website for more information and to register online, www.westonll.com.

WESTON LACROSSE

The Weston Lacrosse Club, now in our 15th season, is very pleased to welcome all new and experienced boys & girls lacrosse players in grades 2-8. The spring season runs from mid March to mid June and provides age/grade based programs for all skill levels. Please go to the online registration section of our website for all program details and fees.

Don't delay, sign up today - registration closes January 31, 2013!

WINTER FARMERS MARKET AT NORFIELD GRANGE!

Open for the 2012-2013 Season! Saturdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Norfield Grange, 12 Good Hill Road, Weston, CT 06883, www.norfieldgrange.com.

WESTON PARKS & RECREATION – ADULT & CHILDREN PROGRAM

[Click here](#) for information on Weston Parks & Recreation programs for children and adults! You'll find flyers on each program, registration dates and fees.

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES

Weston Youth Services would like to remind parents and students that our Winter WOW! programs began the week of January 14th! If you haven't registered and would like to, please visit our website at www.westonyouthservices.org to view any of our open programs.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT THE WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY - Free!

Musical Program with David Connell

Sunday, January 27 at 2:00 PM

FREE SWAP & SHOP EXCHANGE PAGE

For Sale, For Free and Wanted Items for Sale. Have something to sell or giveaway but can't deal with Craigs List or Ebay? [Click here](#) to view, [click here](#) to advertise for free.

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 Scoop editor and/or the Hurlbutt PTO President. Submission deadline is Tuesday – The Hurlbutt Scoop is emailed to all registered PTO Members on Thursday!

- All write-ups should be in WORD format and the content should be print-ready,
- If you have a flyer, please submit a brief write-up and we will attach the flyer to the newsletter,

- *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,*
- *The email address for the Scoop is hesptoscoop@gmail.com*

Thank you for your support and cooperation.