

The Hurlbutt Scoop

Hurlbutt Elementary School PTO Newsletter
Thursday, January 3, 2013

SCHOOL CLOSINGS & SCHEDULED DELAYS

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

January 21st – NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

January 9th – HES PTO General Board Meeting, 9:30am, SH Cafeteria

February 18th – Sound Tigers Winter Reading Challenge Deadline

SCHOOL & PTO NEWS

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

Welcome to 2013!

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season (I especially liked the snow that didn't cost us any additional snow days). We are getting ready to start nominations for next year's PTO boards. If anyone is interested in serving on the nominating committee (or in serving in a board position next year), please contact Dana Lintell who is chairing the committee. Next week we have a PTO meeting on Wednesday at 9:30 in the South House Cafeteria. Dr. Craw will be giving a general overview of district programs and Suzanne Arnone and Stacy Slater will be giving a presentation on PBIS: it should be an interesting meeting, please join us if you are free. Stay warm!

Sara Spaulding & Tammy Roberts
Hurlbutt PTO Co-Presidents

HES PTO GENERAL BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 9TH 2013

The kids are back to school now it's your turn to come hear all about what's happening while they are there! Please join us at our next PTO meeting Wednesday, January 9th. We will welcome Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Ken Craw who will give us an update on the AIM program and other related curricular initiatives, including all-day Kindergarten and the NWEA testing. We will also hear from school counselor, Suzanne Arnone and school psychologist, Stacy Slater regarding PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) in our school. They will give us a quick update on the program and answer any questions from our members. Please take some

time to come hear about the wonderful programs in our schools! Hope to see you all there.

Kim Grogan, HES PTO VP

GIFT BASKET THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all our volunteers and families who participated in the Gift Basket Project this year. On December 13th, we delivered a truck filled with around 100 bins of food and gifts for some very deserving families through the Evergreen Program in Bridgeport. Our mission was successfully completed on December 16th with the distribution of turkeys to the families. I hope that the satisfaction of knowing that you helped to make this holiday season joy filled and food filled for families who would have otherwise gone hungry over the school break, has in turn brought that much more joy to your own holiday's.

Happy New Year to everyone and all the best for 2013!!!!!!

Meg Lawrence, Debra Crespi, and Darcy Barrera
Project Chairs

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 programs will open next week. Be sure to check our website for details, www.westonll.com.

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 – WINTER 2013 PROGRAMS.

[Click here](#) for information on Winter 2013 programs being offered; Sports & Fitness, Dancercise, Peanut Basketball, American Red Cross Swim Classes, Weston Youth Wrestling and more! There's still room in the Kindergarten Sports & Fitness program. [Click here](#) for more information.

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES

Happy New Year from Weston Youth Services!

Limited space is still available for some of our Winter WOW! programs! If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) for one or more classes, please visit our website at www.westonyouthservices.org to view our programs and register online.

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.