

The Hurlbutt Scoop
Hurlbutt Elementary School PTO Newsletter
Thursday, December 13, 2012

SCHOOL CLOSINGS & SCHEDULED DELAYS

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

December 24th – January 1st – SCHOOL CLOSED (Winter Recess)

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

December 17th - Board of Education Meeting, 7:30pm, Weston Public Library

SCHOOL & PTO NEWS

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

I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season: these weeks always seem to just fly by! The Board of Ed is having its meeting on Monday night for anyone interested in attending (Sandy and I will be there). Our Evergreen Baskets went out and I wanted to send a special thank you to Darcy who ran the event this year (and her husband who drove the truck with the bins). I also want to thank the moms who kindly offered to help organize the classrooms for the event, the parents who helped lug the heavy bins at the loading docks and also each person who generously donated to the charity. I know many families' holidays will be brighter for it. A quick reminder to check the lost and found, unclaimed items will be donated over break.

Sara Spaulding & Tammy Roberts
Hurlbutt PTO Co-Presidents

HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS - THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all the families who so generously contributed to the Evergreen Holiday Gift Baskets this year. HES collected food and gifts for more than 20 families who will have a better holiday season due to the kindness of our community. I want to extend a big "THANK YOU" to all of our classroom volunteers and to those of you who helped load the truck here at the school and unload at Harbor Yard, this project is a success because of your hard work. It is my first year coordinating this event on behalf of the HES PTO and I am awestruck by the generosity of our community in giving food and gifts and also in giving their time for this project. Thank you!

Darcy Barrera, PTO Community Services

CHARTWELL SCHOOL LUNCH SURVEY

Dear School Lunch Student or Parent,

For everyone who buys school lunch, thank you. For everyone who has not bought lunch, we would like to hear from you too! In order to ensure that our products continue to meet the expectations of parents and students, we would like to invite you to share your thoughts about your lunch program and assist us in determining "what is next".

Please go to the link below for a brief survey addressing aspects of our school lunch program. The survey is designed to take less than five (5) minutes. All responses will be kept confidential and be used only to develop the food service program.

The survey link for the Elementary School Lunch program is:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Chartwells_Elementary_Lunch_Survey

The survey link for High School and Middle School lunch programs is:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Chartwells_HS-MS_Lunch_Survey

Thank you!

Andre Santelli, FMP - Director of Culinary Services

Jill Patterson, RD - Resident Dietitian

NUTRITION NEWS

[Click here](#) for the December 2012 edition of the Nutrition News.

Jill Patterson RD, Resident Dietitian

Chartwells School Dining Services

HES & WIS LOST & FOUND

The Lost and Found is filling up with jackets, sweatshirts, gloves, and hats! Please remind your children to stop by the Lost and Found to claim any lost items. All unclaimed items at the HES lost and Found will be donated to The Bridgeport Community Closet during the winter break. Unclaimed items will be removed on December 21st. Thank you.

It's also a good idea to check the WIS Lost & Found too! The bus garage turns in items left on the buses at the Lost and Found at WIS. Please stop by the Lost and Found located in the hallway of the WIS Cafetorium if you are missing any of your child(s) items. All unclaimed items at the WIS Lost and Found will be donated to The Bridgeport Community Closet during the winter break. Unclaimed items will be removed on December 21st.

HURLBUTT 2012-13 YEARBOOK

Believe it or not, we have already starting 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 LAX

Registration for the upcoming 2013 Spring Lacrosse Season is now open and can be accessed at www.westonlax.com. 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, signup today - registration closes December 31, 2012!

A HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AT THE NORFIELD GRANGE

Featuring a Variety of Artisans and Vendors - Thursday, December 13th, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., The Norfield Grange, 12 Good Hill Road, Weston, CT. [Click here](#) for flyer and more information.

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 2012 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

Registration is currently underway for our Winter WOW! programs. We still have limited space in many of our exciting classes! Online registration is easy! Don't get closed out! For a full description of our programs, including dates and costs, please visit our website at www.westonyouthservices.org. Any questions, please call Charlene Monn, Program Coordinator, at 203-222-2586 or email cmonn@westonct.gov.

WESTON LITTLE LEAGUE WINTER WORKOUT PROGRAMS

[Click here](#) for more information on the Winter 2013 Workout Programs.

POSSIBLE WLL KINDERGARTEN T-BALL TRAINING

Mondays "or" Wednesday Starting week of January 7th. "Day of the week will be determined on max interest." Session will only run either Monday "or" Wednesday; location Hurlbutt Gym, 1.5 hour sessions (4:30-6:00pm), 5-week program* (gym closed 1/14-28).

Just like last year, skills training for our young baseball players is being offered. This training takes into account various levels of ability and will help players of all levels develop and "stay sharp" over the winter months. Inclement Weather: if a session cancelled due to snow/ice we'll make every effort to find a make-up date.

The gym will be divided into sections separated by ability to maximize experience and development. Fundamental core skills training and development: Throwing - Fielding - Catching - Pitching - Hitting/Bunting. Independent professional coaches will work with groups of approx. 14 kids (divided into groups of 7) during each weekly session.

Any questions: e-mail Seve Esposito, Director, Player Development, Weston Little League at g.esposito@zundagroup.com.

LUMINARY KITS TO BENEFIT THE CENTER FOR HOPE!

The Center for Hope and Den for Grieving Kids, an organization which provides support to those in our community who are affected by critical illness, the loss of a loved one or other life altering circumstances, has kicked off its annual luminary campaign. Hope Lights Lives is a holiday tradition where neighbors create a "community of light" by purchasing luminaries and lining their front yards with them one evening in December to show support for friends and neighbors who are facing difficult times in their lives. This year's luminary lighting will be held on December 16th at 5 p.m. Please consider purchasing a kit for \$25 which makes 12 luminaries. Please contact Tammy Roberts troberts@emailcorner.net to find out the name of your block captain or to sign up to become a captain for your own block OR Anne [Troxell troxellanne@optonline.net](mailto:Troxell_troxellanne@optonline.net) to purchase a luminary kit directly.

WESTON COMMUNITY HOLIDAY CONCERT – DECEMBER 21 & 22

[Click here](#) for more information. If you or your child would like to join the choir, please contact Founder4life@gmail.com or call Cobb's Mill Inn and ask for Elayne, 203-227-7221.

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.