

The Hurlbutt Scoop

**Hurlbutt Elementary School PTO Newsletter
Thursday, May 16, 2013**

SCHOOL CLOSINGS & SCHEDULED DELAYS

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

May 24th – Early Dismissal 12:35pm (Professional Development Day)
May 27th – No School (Memorial Day)

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

May 17th – Kindergarten Concert/Art Show; 9:30am: Art Show begins at 9:00am
May 17th – BoxTop Deadline
May 20th – BOE Meeting 7:30 p.m. Weston Middle School LRC
May 24th – May 27th - Memorial Day Fair
May 26th – Memorial Day 5K Race
May 29th – PTO Joint Board Luncheon, 11:30am-1:30pm
June 6th - 2nd Grade Evening w/The Arts, 6:00pm, Concert: 6:30pm
June 7th – Beckoff PreK Music Class Open House, 9:30am
June 8th – Deadline for 3rd grade online school supply order
June 10th – Mora PreK Music Class Open House, 9:30am
June 12th - Cunningham PreK Music Class Open House, 9:30am

[CLICK HERE FOR MEMORIAL DAY FAIR NEWS](#)

Fair dates & times, volunteer opportunities, and more!

SCHOOL & PTO NEWS

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

Hamster-mania has hit Hurlbutt! The One School One Book program is off to a great start - be sure to take a picture of the family reading the book to send to school next week.

I hope you are all enjoying the spring concerts (my third grader even sang along at her little brother's because she remembers all the words). The annual luncheon is coming up - please sign up to join us this year! The garden committee is hard at work and it is looking wonderful - a big thank you to everyone.

The fair is NEXT WEEK! Please consider signing up for a shift - we are really short this year and the fair can't run without all of the volunteers. I know Bernie, Dan and Gina have been working very hard since the fall to put it together and it sounds like it will be great this year.

Next Friday WIS and Hurlbutt will kick off the Memorial Day weekend with Spirit Day: wear your fair t-shirts or red white and blue to school! Don't forget, it's also an early release day!

Enjoy the spring weather!

Sara & Tammy
Hurlbutt PTO Co-Presidents

MEMORIAL DAY FAIR NEWS!

Memorial Day Fair Pre-Sale Delivery

Thank you to everyone who purchased Memorial Day Fair shirts and unlimited ride bracelet coupons. All items will be delivered to all Weston schools on Mon, May 20th. Please allow a day or two for teachers to distribute. If you have not received your order by the end of the day May 21st, please contact gina.albert@gmail.com.

Weston Spirit Day

Friday, May 23rd – Weston Spirit Day!!! Please wear your fair shirt or a red/white/blue shirt to school that day.

Memorial Day Fair Volunteers Needed

The fair needs your help. We still have around 40 open slots for the fair weekend. We need volunteers in the ticket booth and the bake sale to make this event run smoothly. Fewer volunteers, means longer lines for tickets and bracelets!!! We especially need people on Saturday night.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

Remember this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and contributes to almost half of our philanthropy spending each year. Your time means a successful event which benefits our children for years to come.

Memorial Day Fair Silent Auction

Want VIP seats to your child's school performance without staking out your place hours in advance? Want a private coaching clinic with some of Weston's best coaches? Want to sign up for the favorite WOW class the day before registration opens? These are just a few of the items we have available for this year's silent auction.

Bidding will be online at www.westonpspto.org and will run Weds May 22nd through Weds May 30th. Final bids must be in before 9pm on Weds May 30th.

MEMORIAL DAY FAIR COMMUNITY BOOTH

Memorial Day Fair Community Booth Registration is open. Please go to www.westonpspto.org, click on the Memorial Day Fair tab and look for Community Booth registration. All the details for Community Booths at the fair are there. Approvals will be handled promptly.

HES PTO JOINT BOARD LUNCHEON

Please join us for the Hurlbutt Elementary School Joint PTO Board Luncheon Meeting

Wednesday May 29, 2013, 11:30am -1:30pm, Aspetuck Valley Country Club, 67 Old Redding Road, Weston, CT 06883.

Menu: Stuffed Breast of Chicken with Goat Cheese and a Deconstructed BLT Salad, Roasted Salmon, Green Papaya, Mango, Bok Choy and Sticky Rice, or Vegetarian Entree. Chocolate Almond Cake served with vanilla ice cream, coffee, tea and soft drinks will be served for dessert.

[Click here](#) to RSVP, select your entree and make online payment of \$30 by Wednesday May 22nd, 2013. Country Club attire, no denim please!

2013-2-14 WALL CALENDAR

The 2013-2014 WPS Wall Calendar is now accepting sponsors! Sponsoring next year's calendar is a great way to support our school. Send a message of love, congratulations or encouragement to your child(ren), teachers and friends in Weston. The calendar will include all important dates for High School, Middle School, Intermediate School and Hurlbutt for the coming year. [Click here](#) for more information.

BOX TOP CLIPPING CONTEST

Box tops must be in by Friday, May 17th! The class who has the most box tops will win an ice cream party! Thank you to those who have been bringing those box tops in all year long!!

ONLINE SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERS – INCOMING 3RD GRADE STUDENTS

Attention Incoming WIS 3rd Grade Students- School Supply Online Ordering for 2013-2014 - We are happy to bring back our very popular school supply online ordering! All incoming 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have the **option** to place an order online for their school supplies. Everything your child will need for 3rd grade- cost is \$30. The supplies will be delivered to your child's classroom ready to use on the first day of school. **Deadline for all orders is June 8th!**

Order securely online. Starting now thru June 8th.

1. Go to www.epipacks.com or click here <https://www.educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks/>
2. Enter the school ID, WES263
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.

4. After you enter your billing info the next screen will be an offer for a free one year magazine subscription. If you **do not** want to receive the subscription please make sure to **uncheck the box**. You will then be eligible for a \$6.13 rebate (one per family).

Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

For questions, please email or call Christine Slump; cslump@me.com or 203-293-5818.

WIS LOST & FOUND

The Lost and Found at the Intermediate School is "overflowing" with jackets, coats, gloves, hats, mittens, prescription eyeglasses, jewelry, many lunchboxes, sports equipment and so much more!

There may be lost items from Hurlbutt since the bus garage turns in items left on the school 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 on the last day of school, June 20th.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Roberta ReCouper - Lost & Found
rrecoup@optonline.net

LRC BOOKS

Thank you for helping your children be responsible with our LRC books by finding a safe place to keep them at home and by returning them on time. Please remember books can be renewed by students who bring them to the LRC. Books can also be returned any school day. As per policy, you child may be asked to not borrow if the maximum checkouts have been reached or if there is an overdue book. In this case, students are encouraged to put a book on hold and pick it up the next day when needed books are returned. Overdue notices have been sent home this week. Please don't hesitate to call the LRC if there is a question about a notice or if a book has been lost. Thanks for your help.

Sharon Rodko, Librarian

ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK

On Monday, we kicked off our One School, One Book (OSOB) program in which every student and staff member of Hurlbutt are reading the same book, *The World According to Humphrey*, by Betty Birney. We watched a personalized video the

author sent us showing where she works on her writing. Each class also received a "Humphrey" to encourage reading and writing among other things. Every student will be receiving a small notebook just like Humphrey is given in the book. A letter with information about the program along with the reading calendar was sent home. Please visit the HES One School, One Book website if you need a copy. The website has more information about Humphrey and lists dates of special events. See below for those dates. Many thanks to the HES PTO for helping to make this program possible.

HES OSOB Website www.hesosob2013.weebly.com

Week of May 20th- Send in a picture of your family reading Humphrey (more info will be sent home)

May 24th- DEAR: Drop Everything and Read Chapter 7
(bring your book to school if you want to follow along)

May 29th- Eat Like Humphrey
(bring in a people snack for yourself that Humphrey would eat)

Week of June 3rd- TV/Screen Free Day
(pick a day this week to do something in place of using electronics)

June 10th- Wrap Up Assembly (bring your book to DEAR Chapter 15)

June 11th- Family Fun Night in Celebration of Humphrey (raindate June 12th)

HURLBUTT YEARBOOKS

HES YEARBOOKS ARE NO LONGER FOR SALE - THE DEADLINE HAS PASSED
A finite amount of extra books have been ordered. Please contact Laurie Eagle in the Main office to be put on the list for one if you forgot to order.

HURLBUTT CONCERT SCHEDULE/DATES

1st Grade Mother's Day Concerts

- Thursday, May 9th @ 9:30am: Classes of McNulty, Guertin, Needham, and Gilleylen only)
- Friday, May 10th @ 9:30am: Classes of Quinn, Coleman, Grosso, and Merrifield only

Kindergarten Concert and Art Show

- Friday, May 17th @ 9:30am: Art Show begins at 9:00am

2nd Grade Evening with the Arts

- Thursday, June 6th: Art Show: 6:00pm, Concert: 6:30pm (Rain Date is Monday, June 10th)

PreK Music Class Open House

- Dr. Beckoff's class: June 7th @ 9:30am
 - Ms. Mora's class: June 10th @ 9:05am
 - Ms. Cunningham's class: June 12 @ 9:30am
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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Preparations for the Hurlbutt Elementary School kindergarten class of 2013-2014 are already underway. Children who will turn five years of age on or before January 1, 2014 are eligible to begin kindergarten next fall. Early registration is important as the information we collect will help us to budget accordingly and plan for the next school year.

Registration packets can be obtained in any of the following ways:

- Your child's current preschool
- On the district website, www.westonps.org
- Hurlbutt Elementary School main office

Please bring the completed registration packet, along with proof of residency (telephone, gas or electric bill), and a copy of your child's birth certificate to the Hurlbutt main office. Without all of these documents, your child cannot be registered.

Should you have questions, or need registration materials, please call the Hurlbutt main office at, (203) 291-1446.

MAY 2013 NUTRITION NEWS

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

Jill Patterson RD, Resident Dietitian
Chartwells School Dining Services

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!](#)

BEACH BLANKET & CHAIRS EVENT AT MEMORIAL DAY FAIR - LIVE MUSIC

Wanted....BANDS for the Weston Memorial Day Fair. Performances will be on

Saturday, May 25, 2013. To be considered for this event you need first and foremost a professional attitude. You are playing to the town and this is a real opportunity to showcase your talents. Next, you need to have 20 minutes of music in your set list to perform...and lastly, you need to submit a sample of your work for review by the Weston Memorial Day Fair band committee. **The deadline for submissions is April 1st.** Your band will be notified of next steps during the first week of April 2013. Submit your sample to goDOGmusic@gmail.com

ON YOUR MARK....GET SET...GO!

Start Memorial Weekend off on the right foot with the Kids Fun Run and 5K Road Race! Children in grades k thru 5 are invited to join in the fun at 8:00 AM Saturday morning, May 25th on the Weston High School Track as we kick off the best weekend in Weston with 3 separate races just for them!!! A 100-yard dash, the 1/4-mile (once around)...and the big one - the mile!!! Kids can choose to run one, two- or all three races.

For runners looking for a "bigger" challenge - the 5K is just the ticket! Also starting (and finishing) at the High School, The race is a fast, scenic loop through residential and historic sections of Weston.

Pre-Registration for both the Fun Run and the 5K can be done online at www.weston5k.com or in person on race day.

WHS BOOSTERS YOUTH NIGHT for Awesome Kids in Grades 3 - 6!

Friday, May 17th, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Weston High School: MOVIE, GAMES IN THE GYMS, PIZZA AND MORE!

If your child wants to have some fun, has endless energy, has a great sense of humor, has a bunch of buddies, wants something awesome to do and has a parent who wants to support WHS Boosters, then join us for a kids' night only! Our High School athletes, along with adult supervisors, will be there to play, shout, shoot and run! Click here for flyer and RSVP sign-up form.

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES

Are you still undecided about your child's summer plans?

Weston Youth Services, in collaboration with the Weston Public Schools, is excited to offer students entering Grades 1-9 a range of exciting summer camp opportunities including our creative arts/enrichment camp, musical theater, orchestra, band and piano, international cooking, science and engineering.

For a complete description of each of the programs, including dates, instructors, and costs, please visit our website at www.westonyouthservices.org. Online registration is currently underway!

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES PRESENTS.....

Join Weston Youth Services in May as we focus on Mothers as Models and Father Figures

As we enter the season of Mother's and Father's Day, images of gender roles and responsibilities are everywhere.

This month we'll explore how our attitudes about gender influence our parenting styles, standards, and practices; beliefs about beauty, strength, and success; media representations of men and women; and common (and sometimes conflicting) maternal mindsets and paternal perspectives.

Tuesday May 21st

7-8:30 pm

Weston Field Club – A light dinner will be provided!

Fathering for fathers (and mothers too!).

Guest Speaker: Richard Sussman, LCSW

Fathers play a critical role in children's development and influence how their sons and daughters relate to peers and future partners. Come hear the paternal perspective on how to raise strong, smart, and sensitive children.

Richard Sussman is a licensed transpersonal psychotherapist and clinical social worker specializing in the integration of Western psychology and Eastern spiritual traditions.

To RSVP to any of the upcoming sessions please email malbright@westonct.gov or call 203-222-2585. To learn more about the series please visit our website www.westonyouthservices.org

WESTON'S LITTLE EXPLORER SUMMER CAMP!

It's time to think SUMMER! Enroll your child in Weston's Little Explorers Summer Camp!

Weston's Little Explorers Summer Camp is designed for those children who wish to learn more about America, have fun playing carnival-themed games and activities, explore the fun adventures of the Wild West, and experience Australian culture and customs. Your child will explore all of these areas (and more!) through group lessons and hands-on activities that will foster lasting peer relationships and social interactions.

Our goal is to create educational learning experiences that are fun and informational for your child while strengthening their ability to socially interact with their peers appropriately.

Week 1: Happy Birthday, America!

Week 2: Step Right Up and Join the Fun...it's a Camp Carnival!

Week 3: Yee-haw! Adventures in the Wild, Wild West

Week 4: G' Day Mate! Let's Take a Trip through Australia

Camp Dates/Hours: Monday, July 1st - Friday, July 26th, 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm.

(**No Camp on July 4th**)

Location: Weston Intermediate School

Cost: \$75.00 per week

For more details or to sign up, please contact Andrea Russo at the Dept. of Pupil Services, Central Office 291-1405

WESTON PARKS & RECREATION – ADULT & CHILDREN PROGRAMS

[Click here](#) for information on Weston Parks & Recreation programs for children and adults! Summer camp registration is open. You'll find flyers, registration dates and fees on the Parks & recreation website for swimming, running club, fishing program and much much more.

WESTON TROJAN FOOTBALL & CHEER

Online registration and additional information is available for Flag Football (Grades 1-3), Tackle Football (Grades 4-8) and Cheerleading (Grades 1-8). [Click here](#) for flyer or go www.trojansfootball.org. Also, [Click here](#) for flag football clinic flyer and [click here](#) for football camp flyer.

WESTON SOCCER CLUB

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT 2nd THROUGH 7th GRADE SOCCER PLAYERS!
Registration is now open for Fall 2013 Travel and Academy teams.

Please note that the registration period will close on May 24 at midnight and any late registration that may occur will be on an as-needed, waitlist basis.

Evaluations will begin the week of May 28 for current 4th through 7th graders for Fall U11 through U14 teams. These evaluations will be conducted in the course of regular team practices.

Please read all details at westonsoccer.com. If you have questions, please contact Kevin Fitzsimmons at k.fitz@soccerstrike.net or Marcia Hamelin at marcia.hamelin@gmail.com.

WESTON COMMUNITY TAG SALE

The 3rd Annual Weston Community Tag Sale at the Norfield Grange at 12 Good Hill Road will be held the weekend of June 7 through 9. Set up takes place Thursday, June 6.

To rent an inside table for the whole weekend is \$50 and an outside space where vendors may bring their own table or just set up on the law is \$25 for the entire three days. Vendors may come for the whole weekend or just a portion of the time; the price is the same and there are no restrictions. Pop up tents are allowed.

Items for sale in the past have included homemade aprons, jewelry, plants, flowers, antiques, tools, clothing, furniture, etc.

Email Vivian Simons at VivianSimons@mac.com for more information about the sale or to confirm renting a table. Space inside is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF FRESH AIR THIS SUMMER

Join other Weston families in opening your home and hearts to a New York City child from a disadvantaged community. Each year since 1877, thousands of Fresh Air Fund children visit volunteer host families in 13 states and Canada through the Friendly Town Program.

We are seeking volunteer host families who would be willing to open their hearts and home to give city children from low-income communities an experience they'll never forget. Children ages 6-12 stay for one to two weeks and are eager to experience the simple life our community has to offer - stargazing, running barefoot in the grass, a day at Compo beach, or swimming in a pool.

For more information, visit our website, www.freshair.org or contact Martha Mintzer, Fund Representative, 203-226-6627 martha_mintzer@yahoo.com

WESTON ARTS

WestonArts is a non-profit volunteer organization supporting and developing the Arts in Weston. 82% of Weston school children participate in arts programs, and WestonArts supplements the funding of projects not fully covered by the school or Town budgets. WestonArts funds grants for (new) school and community projects, and awards grants to teachers, artists, and children. Here are just a few examples:

- \$6000 awarded yearly through Weston Social Services for art and music lessons for children in need
- Four \$500 scholarships awarded yearly to WHS graduating seniors for further study of the arts
- Instrument donations to the Weston schools

Please check our web site for a full listing of WestonArts' accomplishments and funding guidelines -www.westonarts.com. Should you have questions, email us at info@westonarts.org.

BROWNIE TROOP COLLECTION FOR WILDLIFE IN CRISIS

The 3rd Grade Brownie Troop 50979 is collecting items for Wildlife in Crisis. Wildlife in crisis helps injured animals right here in Weston. The organization helps injured animals and then releases them into the wild. Please visit their website www.wildlifeincrisis.org for more information.

The items will be collected all April in the lobby at: WIS, Hurlbut, Weston Library and Peter's Market.

Items wanted are: Bounty paper towels (select a size), Walnuts, unsalted with no shell, Peanuts, Purina puppy chow, Purina indoor cat dry food, Bird suet cakes, Cheerios, Duracell Batteries (AAA, AA, D), Tide Detergent (HE), Clorox Clean-up, Hand Soap, Dish Soap, Heavy duty black trash bags, 40 gallon.

(Please note brand names where indicated. It is important for certain animals/uses.) Thank you for helping our Brownie Troop help Wildlife in Crisis

Please contact Nikki Lehman at toadfan@me.com or Terry Cho at kixxmann@aol.com with any questions.

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.