

The Hurlbutt Scoop

**Hurlbutt Elementary School PTO Newsletter
Thursday, May 30, 2013**

SCHOOL CLOSINGS & SCHEDULED DELAYS

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

June 19th – Early Dismissal (12:35pm)

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UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

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 rising 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

SCHOOL & PTO NEWS

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

What crazy weather this weekend! Even with the rain cancelations, the Fair was a HUGE success - words simply cannot express how grateful we are to our chairs (Dan, Gina and Bernie) and to each and every parent who stepped up to make the fair possible!

Yesterday, we said good-bye to our old board and welcomed the new boards for next year. So many of you give your time so freely to us and I want to be sure that you know how deeply we appreciate your dedication to the kids. We have an amazing parent base and do not take you all for granted for even a single moment.

Field Day is coming up (thank you Chris R and all of our volunteers who make this kid favorite possible). We also have a chance to come meet our incoming principal, Mrs. Kadis, right after the second grade concert/art show on the 6th.

Don't forget that tomorrow is Hawaiian dress-up day (the kids filled another honeycomb - ask yours what their class did to contribute). Lastly, please take a moment to check the lost and found over at WIS because our bus lost and found winds up over there. Enjoy your weekend!

Sara & Tammy
Hurlbutt PTO Co-Presidents

THANK YOU!

I wanted to thank the Hurlbutt & WIS Executive Board, who helped me in the Ticket Booth at the Memorial Day Fair (& those who signed up for Friday & Saturday when

the fair got rained out). I couldn't have done it without you. Thanks to Britta Lerner, Chris Reilly, Christine Slump, Janice Hurst, Jodi Sacchetta, Katie Gregory, Kim Grogan, Marlo Villepique, Sandy Hart, Sara Spaulding & Teresa Kendregan. Also, thank you to Gina Albert for handling the shift sign ups & opening on Monday.

A SPECIAL THANKS goes to **Bernie Park, Dan McNeill & Gina Albert!** Your patience while I closed the ticket booth every night made my job so much easier, at the end of each day of the fair, when I was quickly trying to get you guys out of there, so you could get home to your families. Thanks Again!

Tammy Roberts, Hurlbutt PTO Treasurer

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

Next meeting June 17th @ 7:30 WMS LRC

District news:

The last day of school is June 20th. Both June 19th and June 20th are early dismissal at 12:35.

Please take a look at the 2013-2014 calendar. School starts early this year, so be prepared - Monday August 26th is the 1st day.

http://www.westonk12-ct.org/uploaded/documents/Calendars/2013-14_Calendars/Weston_Public_Schools_Calendar_2013-2014.pdf

Sandra Hart, sandy@sundial.com
BOE Representative

2ND GRADE ART SHOW

Mrs. Reamer, the art teacher needs your help! We will be hanging 1st and 2nd grade artwork in the main hallways Tuesday, June 4th through Thursday, June 6th. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Ellen Nakamura at ellennaki@optonline.net.

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.

ONLINE SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERS – INCOMING 3RD GRADE STUDENTS

Attention Incoming WIS 3rd Grade Students: School Supply Online Ordering for 2013-2014 - **One more week to order your school supplies.** We are happy to bring back our very popular school supply online ordering! All incoming 3rd 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!**

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.

2013-2014 BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCHEON

It's not too early to start thinking about next year's Back to School Staff Luncheon! This year's luncheon for the Hurlbutt staff will be at the start of the school year, date TBD. Since we had great success with last year's event, we have decided to once again do a catered Chinese lunch. We will be looking for monetary donations to help offset the cost. Any donation (\$5, \$10, \$20) will be greatly appreciated! We will also need a few donated food and drink items. Stay tuned for a web link to information on where you can volunteer or provide a monetary or food or drink donation.

Thank you, in advance, for helping to make this a special event for all the wonderful Hurlbutt staff!

Sara Godwin (sgodwin01@aol.com) and Stacey Walker (swalker126@optonline.net)
BTS Staff Luncheon Chairs

WIS LOST & FOUND

WIS Lost and Found – Items will be removed on June 19th . Please stop by the WIS Lost and Found to locate any of your child(s) lost items. 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.

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

All unclaimed items at WIS Lost and Found will be removed and donated to The Bridgeport Community Closet on Wednesday, June 19th.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Roberta ReCouper - Lost & Found
rrecoup@optonline.net

LRC NEWS

LRC BOOKS- Sharon Rodko, Librarian

Important dates- Final checkouts will be June 3rd. Final due date for library materials is June 7th.

Overdue books- Notices will be sent home at the end of the week.

Lost books- If a book has been lost, please call the LRC for the replacement fee.
Books on hold- Books placed on hold need to be picked up by students by June 3rd. Students often place a book on hold if they have an overdue book or have reached the maximum checkouts.

Please call the LRC with any questions (203) 291-1470.

Thanks for helping your children enjoy another year in the LRC as responsible patrons.

LRC VOLUNTEER THANK YOU GATHERING- Sharon Rodko, Librarian

Many thanks to all of our LRC volunteers for their help in making our library an inviting learning environment for our students. This was a year of transition with our new flexible library scheduling and we truly appreciate our volunteers that were willing to help out when needed. Please SAVE THE DATE of June 13th from 9-10 am for a gathering of LRC volunteers. This is a chance to catch up with other volunteers and our way of saying thank- you. More info to come.

HUMPHREY NEWS - The Hurlbutt One School One Book Team

HURLBUTT AND HUMPHREY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

At this time, the date has passed for accepting RSVPs to the Hurlbutt and Humphrey Family Fun Night on June 11th. The RSVPs were necessary for planning purposes. We are gathering supplies based on the headcount we presently have. Thank you for understanding.

SCREEN FREE DAY

Next week families are encouraged to pick a date and make it a screen free day. This activity is tied to an event that happens in the World According to Humphrey. Students that are able to participate will be asked how their family spent the time in place of watching TV, playing video games and/or using computers or hand held electronic devices. We'll be tallying our results and sharing the top alternatives on our Humphrey website.

HUMPHREY BOOK ORDERS

We hope you've been enjoying sharing The World According to Humphrey with your family. We are offering a chance to purchase other books in the series through Linda's Storytime bookstore. Proceeds from the sales will benefit the Hurlbutt LRC. Book orders should be sent to Hurlbutt by May 30th. The order form was sent home via an e-mail blast and paper copy. You can also visit the Humphrey website (www.hesosob2013.weebly.com) to download the form.

Don't forget to visit Hurlbutt's Humphrey website for trivia, photos, book order form and more. You can also link to it from the HES LRC website.

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.

JUNE 2013 NUTRITION NEWS

[Click here](#) for the June 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

WESTON LITTLE LEAGUE

Please join us in the First Annual Weston Little League Golf Tournament to support Weston Little League Baseball & Softball. We have several ways for you to participate; a day of golf, come for cocktails and dinner or sponsor a tee.

The tournament will be held on June 3, 2013 at the Aspetuck Valley Country Club in Weston. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign-up online.

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'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 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 lawn 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! WESTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Friday, September 27, 7pm marks the date of the annual Weston Education Foundation TRIVIA NIGHT, to be held at Norfield Parish Hall (64 Norfield Road).

The Foundation does tremendous work in supporting teachers and education in Weston. They count on this event as a major source of revenue.

All proceeds will benefit educational opportunities for Weston residents. The event features Weston's own stand-up comic, RICH HASSAN, plus a wonderful dinner catered by LA PIAZZA of Ridgefield. Tickets are \$75 per person. Tables of 6-8 available.

This is a MUST ATTEND EVENT for anyone interested in supporting education in Weston. TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST, so RESERVE YOUR SEAT BEFORE THE SUMMER! Visit WestonEducationFoundation.org to find out response details.

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.

WESTON GIRL SCOUT EVENT

Please join Weston Girl Scout Troop 50429 at the Weston Public Library on June 7th between 3:30 and 5:30 for an exploration of "Inner Beauty" through crafts and activities.

There will also be an information booth at the event - so come see what the Weston Girl Scouts have to offer! [Click here](#) for the flyer.

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.