


The Hurlbutt Buzz 

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

May 23-26	Memorial Day Fair! (Learn all about it here)
May 26	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
Jun 4	End of Year PTO Luncheon, Aspetuck Valley Country Club (Register here)
June 16	Early Dismissal at 12:35 pm
Jun 17	Last Day of School! (early dismissal at 10:30 am)

PTO & SCHOOL NEWS

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Martha Speaks! After weeks of anticipation we have finally received our books for our C School, One Book experience. I don't know about you, but I just read the first two chapters and I am captivated. I don't know what's going to happen after Martha's collar falls out the window, but I can't wait to find out! Last year when teachers came to the Philanthropy committee with the idea of starting a whole school book club I thought for a minute and said "That sounds pretty cool". Pretty cool? That was the understatement of the century. I might as well have said that Walt Disney World was sort of fun or that the Empire State Building was kinda tall. No, One School, One Book was not pretty cool. It was amazing. For the better part of a month the entire Hurlbutt community - teachers, staff, students and

parents engaged in a shared reading experience complete with activities, art projects and general all around good times. And as if that wasn't enough, One School, One Book culminated with an amazing Family Fun Night put together by a dedicated group of volunteer parents, teachers, staff and families. And it's back again. So take my advice : get on board. This is one ride you're not going to want to miss!

Speaking of not wanting to miss things, please take a moment to read the rest of the Buzz for valuable information that just might help you if you are ever a contestant on Jeopardy stranded on a desert island. I'm not sure which pieces of information will come in handy in which situation, but do you really want to take the risk? We have a great weekend planned and can't wait for you to be a part of it. Between the fair, the 5K, the blanket and chairs concert and the parade, this is a weekend that has something for everyone. So go ahead and read all about it in the Buzz and then join in the fun. You'll be glad you did! Have a great holiday weekend, and here's hoping for sunshine!

Yours,
Dan and Tammy

MEMORIAL DAY FAIR INFO:

Fair Location

Hurlbutt Elementary School
9 School Road
Weston, Connecticut 06883

Fair Hours

Friday, May 23 th	6:00pm - 10:00pm
Saturday, May 24 th	2:00pm - 10:00pm
Sunday, May 25 th	2:00pm - 10:00pm
Monday, May 26 th	12:00pm - 4:00pm

Volunteers: Please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up to volunteer for a two hour shift at the 2014 Weston Memorial Day Fair - Weston's Great Family Weekend! Be a part of the fair fun fun inside the ticket booth or in the midst of all the action at the bake sale! Gather your friends to work a shift together. Volunteers make this one of the most successful Hurlbutt and Weston Intermediate School PTO fundraisers! Thanks in advance for your help. Please

contact Katie Gregory wknkgregory@optonline.net with questions.

<http://westonpspto.org/Page.asp?n=68440&org=westonpspto.org>

Weston 5K online registration ends TODAY at 4 pm. Register to avoid a \$10 late fee!

www.weston5k.com

Website: <http://www.westonpspto.org/Page.asp?n=57909&org=WESTONPSPTO.ORG>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WestonMemorialDayFair>

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

Timeline regarding Senior Center:

BOE Meeting, May 19: Jeff Venter from DVS security presented his findings to the Board of Education. This was done almost exclusively in executive session (closed to the public) due to the nature of the information being shared.

Evening Forum, May 20: Members of the BOE Facilities Committee, Administration and Sgt. Ferullo from the Weston Police Department hosted an open forum discussion regarding campus security with a focus on the Senior Center and Hurlbutt Elementary. Aside from answering parent questions, the major takeaway from the meeting was that the security analysis reflected the fact that the presence of the Senior Center at Hurlbutt Elementary, its present or proposed expanded space, did not compromise the safety and security of students at Hurlbutt. In addition, Sgt. Ferullo added that the presence of the seniors on campus could potentially increase the security as they could act as an extra set of eyes and ears.

Special BOE Meeting, May 22: The BOE voted to give the Chairman the authority to negotiate with the town for a five year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with regard to the Senior Center located in South House. In addition, it approved the expansion of the Senior Center to include the classrooms and storage rooms up to the top of the hallway. Construction of a concrete wall to be built near the top of the South House hallway leading to the Senior Center is going to be one of the elements included in the MOU.

School Calendar:

Weston has been granted a deferral from the public school calendar mandated by the State of Connecticut. This means that Weston Public Schools will be able to create and follow their own school calendar through the 2015-2016 school year.

The Superintendent plans to continue this struggle against the state mandated calendar so that Weston may have the freedom to create a calendar that works for our school district.

Kindergarten Registration:

131 children have officially registered for Kindergarten. An accurate number of Kindergarten enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year is incredibly helpful in the hiring of teachers and placement of children. Please register your child for Kindergarten if they are eligible, and please encourage others to do the same.

Going forward:

The purpose of this report was to serve as a synopsis of three very long meetings. In the process, some details or answers to specific questions are not included. Going forward, the BOE and Superintendent will continue to address safety and security concerns, playground parking lots, etc. If you have any questions or would like more information there are a few ways you can get it. First, you can watch the meetings online at <https://westonps.eduvision.tv/default.aspx>. Second, you can send an email to sblog@westonps.org and have your question answered there by Dr. Palmer. The advantage to this is that the answers to other, possibly common questions are there for everybody to see. You can also email HES PTO President Dan McNeill at hesptopresident@gmail.com or BOE Chairman Phil Schaefer at PhilipSchaefer@westonps.org.

LRC Books Sharon Rodko, Librarian

As we approach June, there are some important dates to keep in mind. Final checkout for LRC books will be May 30th. All books will be due June 2nd. The LRC will still be open for classes and use of materials. Notices will be sent home listing materials that need to be returned. If a book has been lost, please contact the LRC [\(203\) 291-1470](tel:2032911470) for the replacement fee. New this year is the option to pay online for lost materials through www.myschoolbucks.com the same website used for online lunch account payments. If you have an existing account, you should login with your current account information. When you click "make a payment" you will now see an additional option for library book replacement fees. If you do not have an account you can create one. Please note that while the account

free, you will be charged a 3.95% convenience fee by My School Bucks for your credit card payment. Replacement fees can still be paid by sending cash or checks made out to HES L to school. Thanks for your help in maintaining our wonderful collection.

One School, One Book

We're so excited to begin our second year participating in a One School, One Book Program supported by the HES PTO. Every student received a copy of Martha Speaks: Shelter Dog Blues. We read the first two chapters together today in school. Families are encouraged to read a chapter together each day. Information about the program, a reading calendar including activity dates, and a frame to use if you'd like to send in a photo were all sent home today. Important information as well as trivia questions and related links are posted on the HES OSOB website <http://hesosob2014.weebly.com/>

Important OSOB Dates

May 22nd - June 5 Pennies for Puppies & Coins for Kittens collection to benefit the CT Humane Society

May 29th- students bring copy of book and a favorite stuffed animal to school

June 4th – students bring copy of book to school

June 5th- Family Fun Night (raindate June 6th)

Don't forget you can send in a picture of your student/family reading the book.

NEWS FROM 2nd GRADE

The 2nd grade students in Mrs. Lynfield's class at Hurlbutt Elementary School recently collected their gently used toys and books to donate to a local organization. The students worked together to decide how they could help their community. They discovered an organization called Second Chance Toys that collects used plastic toys and books. Second Chance Toys' philosophy is that they save the environment by keeping old toys out of the landfills, and also get the toys to children in need. Second Chance put Mrs. Lynfield's class in touch with ABCD Head Start in Bridgeport, an organization that serves 75 children between the ages of 3-5 from low income families. All of the toys and books collected were delivered to ABCD Head Start this week.

LRC VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU GATHERING

Please join us on Monday, June 2 from 9am-10am. Light refreshments will be served.

Please rsvp to samhleuzzi@gmail.com

HES & WIS PTO JOINT BOARD LUNCHEON

Please join us on Wednesday, June 4th 2014, Aspetuck Valley Country Club from 11:30am -1:30pm

It's time to celebrate another great school year and all of our parent volunteers who work so hard to make our school such a great place for all of our children. This year we are doing a joint celebration with WIS and Hurlbutt as we have many serving on both boards! Double Thank You!

Price is \$30 and includes entree, dessert and coffee, tea and soft drinks. Menu options: Roasted Salmon and Sweet Gem vegetables straight from the AVCC garden or Vegetarian Vegetable Cavatelli.

RSVP and pay

here <https://leagueathletics.com/UserForm.asp?RegID=62007&org=westonct-ptol> by
May 27th.

WPS 2014-2015 WALL CALENDAR SPONSORSHIP

WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2014-2015 WALL CALENDAR

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP

Promote your business to the Weston School community!

The Calendar will include High School, Middle School, Intermediate School and Hurlbutt information that you need to know for 2014-2015. Dates for PTOs of all schools, Board of Ed., sports, plays, concerts, vacations & delayed openings; vital telephone numbers, useful reliable businesses in our local area & the beautiful color artwork.

Sponsorship and Artwork (if applicable) Deadline is June 20th. All complimentary calendars will be delivered to your home by mid August.

<https://leagueathletics.com/UserForm.asp?RegID=53172&org=westonpspto.>

WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
2014-2015 WALL CALENDAR

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

Send a Message of Thanks, Congratulations, Welcome, Encouragement or Love, your child(ren), teachers, friends, & families in all of our Weston School System!

Make them feel special and appreciated while showing your support. The money raised will help the Hurlbutt PTO fund needed educational equipment for our youngest future leaders!!!

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complimentary calendars will be delivered to your home by mid August.

<https://leagueathletics.com/UserForm.asp?RegID=58065&org=westonpspto.>

SCHOOL SUPPLY ONLINE ORDERING for WIS 2014-2015 –

Our popular school supply online ordering is back! All incoming 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have the option to place an order online for their school supplies. The supplies will be delivered to your child's classroom, ready to use on first day of school. Deadline for paper orders is June 13th; online ordering will close on June 30th!

Order securely online. Starting now through June 30th.

1. Go to www.epipacks.com or click here
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 e-mail or call Sela Esposito at mariselaesposito@gmail.com or 203-820-6666.

AROUND TOWN

GET INVOLVED WITH WESTON GIRL SCOUTS

Would you like your daughter to...

Experience new places and activities?

Learn Life Skills?

Make new friends?

Gain more self confidence?

Improve the world?

Register for GIRL SCOUTS!

Troop leaders are needed for many grades especially next years 3rd grade. Please

reach out if you might be interested or curious about leading.

Incoming Weston Kindergarteners are invited to a Girl Scout Teddy Bear Tea Party
July 12th, 1-2pm

See flyer for more information

Contact Nikki Lehman at (203) 451-6459 or at nikki.lehman@me.com to get your daughter involved & to RSVP to the Teddy Bear Tea Party.

Feel free to contact me with any questions!

****BALLOONS IN JUNE FOR CLASS OF 2014 WHS SENIORS***

Congratulate a WHS Senior with a balloon bunch tied to their mailbox on Monday, June 16th. \$20 per bunch with a message from you. [CLICK HERE TO ORDER BALLOONS TODAY](#). FIRM Deadline Thursday, June 12th. **WMS Parents:** We need volunteers to be balloon fairies on the 16th. Can you help? PLEASE [CLICK HERE VOLUNTEER](#).

WMS BARNES & NOBLE SHOPPING DAY – JUNE 4

Barnes & Noble Shopping Day - All proceeds benefit the Weston Middle School Library! Mark your calendars for June 4, 2014! Shop in ANY Barnes and Noble or [Online](#) ON THIS DAY ONLY! 20% of the proceeds will go directly to Weston Middle School Library to enhance and build the collection.

SHOPPING DAY! GET ALL OF YOUR SUMMER READING SHOPPING DONE! When: **Wednesday, June 4th, 9am-10pm** Where: **1076 Post Road East, Westport, CT** Use voucher # **11367976**

Present this number to the cashier after you are done shopping. Or, have a treat at the cafe and present your voucher. You can also purchase Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes. 20% of your total purchase will help our library grow! ***You can use same number when shopping online or at another Barnes and Noble!***

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES

Are you still undecided about your child's summer plans? Are you looking for a camp that doesn't require a long term commitment? Then look no further!

Weston Youth Services, in collaboration with Weston Public Schools, is excited to offer students entering Grades 1-9 a variety of mini-camps throughout the summer.

We've now added two technology programs for students entering Grades 5-8 and have opened enrollment in our Youth Theater Camp to include students entering Grade 4 in the fall.

Music and Theatre Camps

- **MAD About Camp... Music, Art, Dance, and Cooking** - This one week camp offers students entering **Grades 3-6** a setting where improvisation and creativity explode! If you love creative modern dance, music, theater arts, movement, and cooking, come join us!
 - **Youth Theater Camp** - Calling all actors, singers, dancers and stage crew! Performing Aladdin this summer, under the direction of Liz Morris, campers entering **Grades 4-8** will have the opportunity to participate in all aspects of a full scale ensemble production.
 - **Junior Band Camp** - For students entering **Grades 6-8** in the fall, this camp will provide intermediate band students with an opportunity to create music together. Students must be currently enrolled in a school band program and must provide their own instrument.
 - **Beginning Band Camp** - Campers will work with the director in small groups to begin or advance their basic instrumental techniques in this camp for students entering **Grades 5 and 6**. Students enrolling in the school band program for the upcoming year will receive their instrument assignment in June and must provide their own instrument.
 - **Junior Orchestra Camp** - This orchestra camp will provide intermediate strings students with an opportunity to create music together. Students must be currently enrolled in a school strings program and must provide their own instrument. This camp is designed for students entering **Grades 5-8**.
 - **Digital Music Lab** - Students interested in developing beginning to advanced piano skills and/or students interested in digital music will enjoy this camp for students entering **Grades 4-8**.
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Cooking Camp

- **International Cuisine** - Why stop at only one type of cuisine when you can have taste of the whole world. Students entering **Grades 7-9** will spend the days traveling the world engaging in cuisine from different regions.

Technology, Science, Film, and Engineering Camps

- **Introduction to Coding and Computer Science-** Join us for a fun introduction to coding learning basic programming concepts including sequencing, loops, conditionals, functions, functions with parameters, and variables. Work on creating your own interactive stories, animated adventures and creative comic. Learn the basics of drag-and-drop programming basics with Scratch and complete fun mini-challenges throughout the week. Take breaks with supervised outside play and lunch. This camp is designed for students entering **Grades 5-8** in the fall.
- **The I's of Science: Investigate, Illuminate, Improve, Imagine, Invent** - Conjoin the fun as we use the Science I's to investigate, illuminate, improvise, imagine, and invent! We will take apart various electronic devices to discover what is inside and try to figure out how things work. After this investigation we will use our imagination to "invent" something new, improve upon an existing product, or create a device to accomplish a specific task. This camp is open to students entering **Grades 4-6**.
- **Lego Flix Camp** - Students entering **Grades 3-7** will create a Lego set with Lego characters for a movie they create, storyboard, write, shoot, and voice-over in age appropriate groups.
- **Engineering with Legos and Hobby Time** - Half day camp for students entering **Grades 1-3**... Full day camp for students entering **Grades 4-6**.

Campers will build engineer-designed projects and let their imagination run wild! They will explore the endless creative possibilities of the LEGO building system.

Students will also take model building to a whole new level during the Hobby Time segment of this camp. What a fun opportunity for campers to learn how things work!

- **Innovation Lab** - Students entering **Grades 5-8** will be using technology tools, programming, 3D printing, and other applications to design, create, program,
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and develop innovative projects.

To register online and for further information on program descriptions, costs, and dates, please visit our website at www.westonyouthservices.org. Any questions, please contact Charlene Monn, Program Coordinator, at 203-222-2586 or email cmonn@westonct.gov.

WESTON PARKS & RECREATION

Registration for Soaring Eagle and Jr. Eagles is still open. More information can be found at <http://www.westonct.gov/programs/48852> under Parks & Recreation or call 203-222-2655

LITTLE EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP

Summer is right around the corner! Registration is now open for Weston's fun and exciting Little Explorers Summer Camp. The Little Explorers Summer Camp is held at WIS starting June 30th to July 25th, from 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm. Little Explorers is open for students entering into grades 1, 2 & 3. The fee is \$100 per week and campers can sign up for all four weeks or choose weeks they are most interested in. Our themes this year are Celebrating America, Going on a Safari, Summer Olympics and Exploring China. Please contact Andrea Russo at [\(203\) 291-1405](tel:2032911405) for more details and to register.

WESTON TROJAN YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER

WTYF&C NEWS

www.trojansfootball.org

Online registration is now open at www.trojansfootball.org

Or [click here](#) to view and print a PDF of the registration flyer

Norfield Annual Fair.
Saturday, May 24th 10:00AM-4:00PM

“Reaching out to neighbors near and far.”

Grandma’s Attic, Books, DVDs, Clothing, Sporting Equipment, Toys, Baby Gear, Furniture, Craft Vendors and Walton’s Corner of small treasures.

All proceeds go to our beneficiaries. Join us as we show our love with our actions at 6 Norfield Rd, Weston, CT
Visit us at <http://www.norfield.org>

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions should be relevant to Hurlbutt and the Town of Weston (i.e., town sponsored 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 Buzz Editor and/or the Hurlbutt PTO President. Submission deadline is Tuesday – The Hurlbutt Buzz is emailed to all registered PTO Members on Thursday!

1. All write-ups should be in WORD format and the content should be print-ready, 2. If you have a flyer, please submit a brief write-up and we will attach the flyer to the newsletter, 3. If you want to re-run something from the previous we 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, 4. The email address for the Buzz

is hesptonewsletter@westonpspto.org Thank you for your support and cooperation.
