

The Hurlbutt Buzz



SCHOOL & PTO NEWS

PTO CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Great things are happening at Hurlbutt this week! First off, it is one of my favorite weeks as it is Hurlbutt's annual Run For Life week (or as I like to call it...walk for life). And I'm not just saying that because my second grade class was the winner of the most laps contest in 2009. I liked it just as much the other years when my class didn't come in first. (Ok, maybe not just as much...but close). By the way, the back story for those who aren't aware, before moving to Weston and becoming involved with the PTO, I was a second grade teacher at Hurlbutt for five years.

But enough about me. Seriously, though, not only is Run For Life a great opportunity to catch up with friends and people we haven't seen in awhile, but there are few better ways to start a day than with a little exercise in the brisk, cool air. I don't know about you, but my days always seem to be a little more productive when I start out with a nice walk (or jog, or run). So, if you are reading this on Thursday, why not spend tomorrow morning on the South House field and join in for the final day of Run For Life? If you waited until Friday to read this, then you're kinda out of luck. Sorry about that.

Speaking of reading things in a timely fashion, tonight (Thursday) is the second annual TRUNK OR TREAT! Please join us for what is quickly becoming a Weston tradition from 5-7 at the Weston Intermediate School parking lot. If you are reading this after Thursday, I just want to take a moment to tell you how much fun everyone had at Trunk or Treat!

Well, that's it for now. As you can see, I'm getting better at this whole "brevity" thing, and it has nothing to do with the fact that I'm running out of jokes. Ok, it has everything to do with the fact that I'm running out of jokes. In a completely unrelated topic, if you know of any good jokes, please email them to me at hesptopresident@gmail.com. Thanks and have a great Halloween! -Dan and Tammy

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

October has been an event filled month at Hurlbutt! Many parents joined us for a conversation about building and supporting resiliency in our children. The response was very positive and we are looking forward to continued conversations led by our

school psychologist and school counselors. Field trips have been in full swing. Trips include the Weston Firehouse, a local planetarium, Coley House, and Hurlbutt Street School in Wilton. Our students enjoyed venturing out into the community and I am proud to say they represented our school with pride and outstanding behavior.

Our parent information evenings dedicated to learning about our math program were very well attended. Families learned about our math program and were able to try out some of the strategies and math problems during the session. Our next curriculum evening is a district-wide event about the Common Core Standards for K-12 Literacy and Mathematics. This session is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Weston Middle School. If you plan on attending please RSVP to meredithherman@westonps.org.

Mark your calendars for the schedule changes next week! Tuesday, Election Day, school is closed. Our faculty will be in workshops all day. Wednesday is a delayed opening for parent-teacher conferences. Have a great weekend. Sincerely, Laura Kaddis

REMINDER: HES ANNUAL RUN FOR LIFE - Last day tomorrow!

Dear Parents and Students,

Our goal is to demonstrate to our students the positive effects of aerobic exercise on their mental alertness, emotional well-being and cardiovascular fitness. To achieve this goal we would like to invite parents, students and friends to walk-jog-run with us on the South House field before school from (7:50 -8:15) Friday, November 1st. We will not walk the morning of Monday October 28th. Your laps will be tallied at the end of the morning and added to your child's class count.

It is important students wear sneakers or bring sneakers to school for this activity. Please do not bring your dogs. If you have any questions please call Wyatt Hallgren at 291-1444. We look forward to seeing you later this month when we all join together to support walking, jogging and running as lifetime activities.

Thank you, Wyatt Hallgren Kim Kus Lois Miller Physical Education Staff

PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Photos will be delivered via your child's backpack by early November. In the event the child's photo needs to be retaken, Photo RETAKE DAY is scheduled for Wed. November 13th. Please make sure to send your child in with the original set of photos for their retake. For any questions regarding your photo package, please contact our account representative at Coffee Pond: Lisa Parker, at lisa@coffeepond.com. Thank you!

COMMUNITY SERVICES We are pleased to announce that this year our annual Holiday Gift Basket Project will help families even closer to home. We have teamed up with Weston Youth Services and Weston Social Services to bring holiday gift baskets to Weston residents in need. If you have not yet signed up to volunteer for your classroom and would like to do so, please contact your room parent. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with the children in the classroom and share the joy of giving. We are saddened to report that Adaline DeMarrais, Founder of the Evergreen Network, with whom the HES and WIS Community Service committees have enjoyed working for many years, passed away recently. Darcy Barrera-Hawes and Jen Morse Community Service Chairs

WHS PTO FUNDRAISER WHS is doing a pie/bread sale, just in time for Thanksgiving and Hanukkah. While this is a fundraiser for the HS PTO, it is certainly something that we want everyone to take advantage of! We are offering pies and breads from the famous Grandma Miller's bakery in Vermont. Orders must be placed no later than November 3rd, and all orders will be delivered to the HS on Saturday, November 23rd. We will also schedule pick up for that day, right after delivery. All pies will arrive frozen and unbaked. Breads will arrive fully baked, but frozen. Here's the [link](#) to purchase.

REMINDER: UNICEF Watch for UNICEF boxes with fun Halloween designs coming home in your child's folder this week. Please encourage them to collect spare change around the house and contribute to help children around the world with famine, clean water, disease and education. To teach them more about UNICEF causes, visit the Trick or Treat for UNICEF site at <http://youth.unicefusa.org/>. Boxes are due back **Thursday, November 7.**

REMINDER: HES BOOK FAIR - Stay tuned for Hurlbutt Bucks Orders The HES BOOKFAIR will be December 6- 13. More details and volunteer opportunities to come!

AROUND TOWN

TRUNK OR TREAT - 5-7 pm TODAY at WIS PARKING LOTS

The whole town is invited to come trick or treat at the WIS parking lots. We are asking for treat donations for trunkers.

CANDY FOR TROOPS COLLECTION The WIS Community Service committee will have bins at Trunk or Treat until 6 pm to collect Candy for Troops. Candy donations will then be accepted at school through Friday, November 8th. The collected candy will be sent to US troops stationed around the world. Look for the bins near the front doors of WIS at Trunk or Treat and then in the front hallway across from the main office

WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE - NOV 1-3 BOOK SALE HOURS: FRI: 9am-6pm (early bird 8-9 am; fee) SAT: 9am-5:30 pm SUN: 9am-5:30 pm Please visit www.westonpubliclibrary.org for NOVEMBER event updates and information about the library's 50th Anniversary.

WESTON PARKS & RECREATION

NEW information on winter youth sports & fitness, dancercise, and basketball programs are available on Weston's Park and Recreation [website](#).

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY AND COLLECTION For his Boy Scout Eagle project, Alex Gulino, from Weston Boy Scout Troop 788, has established permanent collection sites for worn American flags and will be holding a proper retirement ceremony for the Town of Weston. He hopes to make this an ongoing responsibility for the Weston Boy Scouts. Alex has set up permanent blue bins for collection at Town Hall, Norfield Church and Emmanuel Church. There are index cards inside the bins where you can document a brief history about the worn flag that will be read at the retirement ceremony. His next two collections will be on Election Day, November 5, 2013 and Veteran's Day, November 11, 2013. There will be a blue collection bin at the Weston Boy Scout's Christmas tree table at the back entrance of the Middle School. On Veterans Day flags can be dropped off at the permanent collection bin at the entrance of Town Hall. Alex will be conducting a Flag Retirement ceremony on Saturday, November 9, 2013. The ceremony will take place at the Weston Fire house's parking lot at 11:00am. The ceremony will last about 30-45 minutes. Everyone is welcome to attend. When a flag is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, tradition hold that it be destroyed in a dignified way. But the flag should not be disposed of if the flag is only dirty or if a seamstress can repair it. If you are unable to bring a flag that needs to be disposed of to these locations, please contact Alex at (203) 226-8482 to make arrangements.

SUBMISSIONS

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 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 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,*
- 4. The email address for the Buzz is hesptnewsletter@westonpspto.org*