

# ***The Hurlbutt Scoop***

**Hurlbutt Elementary School PTO Newsletter**  
**Thursday, January 31, 2013**

## ***SCHOOL CLOSINGS & SCHEDULED DELAYS***

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

February 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – **NO SCHOOL** (February Recess)

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS***

January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup> – “Souper” Bowl (details below)  
February 5<sup>th</sup> – AIM, Common Core & More, 7:00pm-8:15pm, HES North House, Rm 6  
February 13<sup>th</sup> – HES PTO General Meeting, 9:30am, South House Cafeteria  
February 18<sup>th</sup> – Sound Tigers Winter Reading Challenge Deadline  
February 25 – BOE Meeting, 7:30 pm, Weston Library

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## ***SCHOOL & PTO NEWS***

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

Grease is the word! If you haven't already heard, the WMS Short Wharf are putting on a production of Grease this weekend (I know my kids are excited to see it and I remember being in grade school when the movie came out - it was my favorite record for quite a while). Please see the section below about the production and how to purchase tickets.

Today and tomorrow is the "Souper Bowl" at HES - a BIG thank you to Darcy for organizing this fun event: send your little ones to school in their favorite sports shirt along with a can of soup for the Weston food pantry (Darcy will be collecting and delivering the soup).

Dr. Craw is holding meetings for parents about the AIM initiative, the common core and district programs. He is always very informative and great about answering questions; I would definitely make time to attend if at all possible. The BOE has started the search to find us a new principal (although I know we wish Dr. C would stay!); keep an eye on Sandy's BOE updates for news.

Don't forget that we are having an internet safety presentation at our next general meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the South House Cafeteria (please see the details below) - we hope to see you at the meeting!

Sara Spaulding & Tammy Roberts  
Hurlbutt PTO Co-Presidents

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**COMMON CORE, AIM & MORE – February 5<sup>th</sup>**

February 5th, 7:00pm – 8:10pm, HES North House Room 6. [Click here](#) to read letter from Kenneth Craw, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction.

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**BOE UPDATE**

HES principal search is under way. Dr. Palmer and Dr. Brey updated the Board on the Principal search at the January 22nd meeting. The district is working with C.E.S. (Cooperative Educational Services) to assist with the advertisement and regional brochure in order to attract qualified candidates. This week Weston will officially post for the position. Weston has had great success in using C.E.S. before and expects a strong pool of candidates to choose from. The district anticipates that within four weeks of getting the brochure out they will have enough candidates to begin interviewing. The process entails a 2-3 week period to interview, with a target date of July 1 hire.

The district has provided to the Board a list of **Outstanding Accomplishments for 2011-2012**. With yearly revisions, this document will be great reference when talking to people about the quality of our educational programs available in Weston. This will be distributed to realtors and posted on the district website soon.

Sandra Hart, [sandy@sundial.com](mailto:sandy@sundial.com)  
BOE Representative

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**SOUPER-BOWL – JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> AND FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Students may wear their favorite team jersey or shirt (any team, any sport) and bring in a can of soup that will be collected in each classroom. All collections will be donated to the Weston Food Pantry. Please make sure that items have not passed their expiration date. For more information contact Darcy Barrera, PTO Community Services Chair at [D.Barrera@outlook.com](mailto:D.Barrera@outlook.com).

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**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK**

Order your 2012-2013 Hurlbutt Yearbook NOW! The yearbook includes photos from all grades and will be in full color again this year. It is a great memento of your child's year at HES! The cost of the yearbook is \$22.00 and the first deadline which offers the lowest price is Friday, March 15th. So please order today do not delay! The next deadline to order is Friday, April 5th and the price for the yearbook at that time will be HIGHER. The EASIEST AND MOST EFFICIENT way to order is directly through Coffee Pond's online ordering system.

To order and pay online:

- Log on to [www.coffeepond.com](http://www.coffeepond.com)
- Go to "Place an Order" and click on "Yearbooks"
- Enter School Password: yearbook
- Check the box "On-Line Order"
- Follow instructions and place your order

To mail in your order:

- Log on to [www.coffeepond.com](http://www.coffeepond.com)
- Go to "Place an Order" and click on "Yearbooks"
- Enter School Password: yearbook
- Check the box "Mail-In Order"
- Follow instructions and mail in your order

Please contact Samantha Leuzzi, [samhleuzzi@gmail.com](mailto:samhleuzzi@gmail.com), with any questions.

\* If you would like to have your yearbook personalized, Coffee Pond will charge you an extra \$10.

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### ***INTERNET SAFETY FOR OUR KIDS***

Don't Miss Sergeant Brodacki on Internet Safety for our Kids - You won't want to miss this meeting!

Please join us at 9:30am on Wednesday, February 13th for the joint HES/WIS PTO meeting in the Hurlbutt South House Cafeteria. Sergeant Brodacki from the Weston Police Department will be joining us to speak on internet safety.

Our children are very comfortable with all the technology out there today as they are growing up with it and have known nothing else. However, are they digitally wise? Do they understand the implications of what they do on the internet, when they send a photo from their phone, when they post

something on Facebook? A comfort level on skills does not always equal wisdom.

Sergeant Brodacki works in computer forensics and can help us become more informed and in turn help our children stay safer on the internet.

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### ***SOUND TIGERS WINTER READING CHALLENGE - WINTER READING PROGRAM***

Read 4 (four) books and receive a complimentary ticket to the Sound Tigers March 2<sup>nd</sup> game. All books must be read by February 18<sup>th</sup>. Reading log must be completed and mailed directly to the Sound Tigers. [Click here](#) for more information and to download the form.

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### ***FEBRUARY 2013 NUTRITION NEWS***

[Click here](#) for the February 2013 edition of the Nutrition News along with a letter from Chartwells regarding changes to the dining program.

Jill Patterson RD, Resident Dietitian  
Chartwells School Dining Services

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### ***HURLBUTT 2012-13 YEARBOOK***

We're busy 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](mailto:samhleuzzi@gmail.com) or you can upload directly to the Hurlbutt 2012-2013 Shutterfly share site. Please email [samhleuzzi@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:samhleuzzi@gmail.com) or Melissa Chesman at [mhchesman@gmail.com](mailto:mhchesman@gmail.com)

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### ***NEW PTO WEBSITE***

The Weston PTO's have joined together and launched a single District PTO

website, [www.westonpspto.org](http://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](mailto:westonpspto@gmail.com).

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### ***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.

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### ***AROUND TOWN***

[Click here for School Flyers & Around Town Info on our website!](#)

### ***WMS SHORT WARF PRESENTS...GREASE!***

Weston High School Auditorium, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more information and to purchase tickets go to [www.whs-company.com](http://www.whs-company.com).

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### ***WESTON LITTLE LEAGUE***

Registration for our Spring 2013 programs is open! We have programs for kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Please visit our website for more information and to register online, [www.westonll.com](http://www.westonll.com).

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### ***WESTON LACROSSE***

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 January 31, 2013!

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### ***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](http://www.norfieldgrange.com).

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### ***WESTON PARKS & RECREATION – ADULT & CHILDREN PROGRAM***

[Click here](#) for information on Weston Parks & Recreation programs for children and adults! You'll find flyers on each program, registration dates

and fees.

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**UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT THE WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY - Free!**

**Lecture Series on the War of 1812**

Wednesday, Jan. 30, Feb. 13, Feb. 20 and Feb. 27 at 7:30 PM

This is a lecture series that we are co-sponsoring with the Weston Historical Society. It will cover various topics relating to the War of 1812. The location of each lecture varies:

- Jan 30 (at the Weston Historical Society): Dr. Matthew Warshauer will discuss the causes and impact of the war
- Feb. 13 (at the Weston Historical Society): Professor Mark Albertson will discuss the Battle of New Orleans
- Feb. 20 (at the Weston Public Library): Dr. Glenn Gordinier will discuss the timeline of the war in relation to Connecticut
- Feb. 27 (at the Weston Public Library): Professor Mark Albertson will discuss America and Europe during the War of 1812

**Take Your Child to the Library Day**

Saturday, February 2, 10 AM – 12 Noon, Concert at 3 PM

**"Meet John Adams" at the Weston Public Library**

Sunday, February 10 at 2 PM

**Thursday Morning Book Club – *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towes**

Thursday, February 14 at 10:30 AM

**Family Film – *Frankenweenie* (PG)**

Tuesday, Feb. 19 12 Noon

**Wednesday Evening Book Club – *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh**

Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30 PM

**Movie Night Feature Film – *Cloud Atlas* (R)**

Thursday, Feb. 21, 7 PM

**Documentary Film – "*Genetic Roulette – The Gamble of Our Lives*"**

Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7 PM

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**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.

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*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](mailto:hesptoscoop@gmail.com)*

*Thank you for your support and cooperation.*