

The Hurlbutt Scoop

**Hurlbutt Elementary School PTO Newsletter
Thursday, February 21, 2013**

SCHOOL CLOSINGS & SCHEDULED DELAYS

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

- March 28th – Early Dismissal 12:35pm (Professional Development Day)
- March 29th – No School (Good Friday)
- April 15th – 19th – No School (April Recess)
- May 9th & 10th – Early Dismissal 12:35pm (P/T Conferences for Grades K-5)
- May 24th – Early Dismissal 12:35pm (Professional Development Day)
- May 27th – No School (Memorial Day)

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

- February 25th to March 1st – Celebrate Dr. Seuss Week (details below)
- February 25 - BOE Meeting, 7:30 pm, Weston Library
- March 6th - Long Range Planning Meeting, 11:00am, North House Room 5
- March 15th – Wall Calendar Art Contest Deadline
- March 15th - Yearbook Order 1st Deadline (lowest price)

SCHOOL & PTO NEWS

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

I hope everyone had a nice (but so short!!) break. We are still in the nominating season - hint hint: if you know anyone who would be great at a position, please speak up! Click here to fill out the form on our website or contact a member of the nominating committee. We truly appreciate the contributions made by each parent - Weston is lucky to have parents who are so generous with their time!

It is also budget season here in Weston. We strongly encourage you all to take a look at the proposed budget, go to the meetings, and speak up. Weston is a small town and every voice counts. We will keep you updated on meeting dates.

Sara Spaulding & Tammy Roberts
Hurlbutt PTO Co-Presidents

LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING

We need to hear from you - Please come to our WIS PTO Long Range Planning Meeting!!

Date: Wednesday, March 6th
Time: 11:00 AM – 12 Noon
Place: North House Room #5
RSVP: 6grogans@gmail.com

The purpose of the Long Range Planning Meeting is to review the PTO events that we have had in the past and to generate new ideas and priorities for the next year's PTO committee. This meeting is the best place to bring new fundraising ideas and anything else you feel the PTO should be addressing.

Please come if you have chaired events this year or have fresh ideas for next year! If you cannot make the meeting and want to share your ideas, please email me at 6grogans@gmail.com and I will share with the group.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS

Hurlbutt will be honoring the birthday of Dr. Seuss the week of February 25th through March 1st. Help us celebrate by dressing for the occasion. We'll be working together in school for Monday's celebration.

Tuesday- Fox in Socks: Wear your craziest pair of socks, matched or mismatched!

Wednesday- Wacky Wednesday: Wear your wackiest shirt!

Thursday- There's a Wocket in my Pocket: Wear as many pockets as you can!

Friday- The Cat in the Hat: Dress in red and white in honor of the Cat in the Hat

Sharon Rodko, Librarian

BOARD OF EDUCATION - BUDGET 2013-2014 UPDATE

Details of the budget proposal can be found on the district website at

<http://www.westonk12-ct.org/page.cfm?p=4866>

Many parents have expressed concerns over class size - if you are concerned about class sizes next year, this is the time to make yourself heard to both the BOE and the District. The next meeting with a public comment segment is April 3rd (8:00 P.M. - Weston Middle School Cafeteria) when the Board of Finance holds a Public Hearing on budget request.

K-5 Staffing **WestonPS** Requested for 2013-14

Grade	October 1, 2012 Enrollment	# of Classes 2012-13	Average Class Size	Projected Enrollment 13-14	# of Classes 2013-14	Average Class Size
Kindergarten	115	6	19.2 ★	116	6	19.3 ★
Grade 1	157	8	19.6 ★	117	6	19.5 ★
Grade 2	163	7	23.3 ★	166	8	20.8
Grade 3	180	8	22.5	166	8	20.8
Grade 4	184	8	23.0 ★	184	8	23.0 ★
Grade 5	179	8	22.4	190	8	23.8 ★

★ = Approaching district upper guideline for class size

The projected budget has a staffing level with an overall decrease of 1.0 FTE K-5 teachers, with 2 contingency teachers [1 held over from 2012-13 budget] given there are four grade levels close to BOE guidelines.

Remaining meetings for the Board of Education Budget Calendar

- 02/26/13 Board of Selectmen review Board of Education budget request
- 02/27/13 Board of Selectman review Board of Education budget request (if necessary)
Board of Selectmen votes on and transmits Board of Education budgets to Board of Finance.
- 03/13/13 Board of Finance reviews Board of Education budget request
- 03/14/13 Board of Finance reviews Board of Education budget request (if necessary)
- 04/03/13 Board of Finance holds Public Hearing on budget request
Wednesday 8:00 P.M. - Weston Middle School Cafeteria**
- 04/24/13 Annual Town Budget Meeting
8:00 P.M. - Weston High School Auditorium**

Sandra Hart, sandy@sundial.com
BOE Representative

2013 WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS WALL CALENDAR ART CONTEST

Cover Art Prize: \$50 iTunes Gift Card

Attention: ALL WESTON STUDENTS, Grades Pre-K to 12

The Weston Public Schools Wall Calendar Art Contest has begun!

All students residing in Weston are encouraged to submit artwork, regardless of age, grade, or artistic ability. Thirteen winners will be selected to appear throughout the Calendar that will go on sale in August 2013. The student whose work is selected to appear on the cover of the 2013/2014 Calendar will be awarded a \$50 iTunes gift card.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

- Art should be produced on 8.5" x 11" white paper. Landscape layout only.
- Colorful art with less white space works best.
- Use non-smudge mediums including markers, crayons or colored pencils
- Label your artwork -- student's name, school, grade, telephone number on the BACK in light pencil.
- Art should be family-Calendar appropriate including but not limited to that depicting seasons, specific months and holidays – be creative!
- Completed art work may be dropped off in the HES, WIS, WMS or WHS Main Office in the "Calendar Art" basket.
- Digital photographs of art work such as oil paintings, murals, etchings, etc. will be considered on a case by case basis, based on clarity for reproduction. Files should be emailed to Amy Meyerson at amy@almesq.com

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, March 15, 2013

SELECTION PROCESS:

- Students may submit up to three (3) pieces of art work, although only one submission per student may be selected to appear in the calendar.
- Winners will be notified before May 2, 2013 and may be asked to participate in a group publicity photo with their work.
- Due to the volume of submissions received, art work will NOT be returned.

Please use your imagination and have fun with this project!

Amy Meyerson and Stacey Tucker
Weston Public Schools Wall Calendar Committee

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
- 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
- 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, with any questions.

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

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

HURLBUTT 2012-13 YEARBOOK PHOTOS

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 or you can upload directly to the Hurlbutt 2012-2013 Shutterfly share site. Please email 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 or Melissa Chesman at mhchesman@gmail.com

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AROUND TOWN

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

WHS COMPANY'S SPRING MUSICAL – KISS ME KATE

Tickets available online now for Weston High School COMPANY's spring musical production of Cole Porter's Tony Award winning Kiss Me, Kate.

Performances are: Friday, March 15th @ 8 PM; Saturday, March 16th @ 8 PM; Sunday, March 17th @ 3 PM; Friday, March 22nd @ 8 PM; and Saturday, March 23rd at 3 PM. Students/Seniors \$8. Adults \$12. Additional information available at www.whs-company.com

WESTON LITTLE LEAGUE

Registration for our Spring 2013 baseball season is open! We have programs for kindergarten through 7th grade. Please visit our website for more information and to register online, www.westonll.com.

WESTON GIRLS SOFTBALL

Weston Girls Softball is now a part of Weston Little League. Online registration for the Spring 2013 season should be open by the end of the week. Go to

www.westonll.com for more information.

2nd ANNUAL TOUCH FOOTBALL GAME

Friday, March 8th, Stadium Field (between WHS and WIS) - WHS Football Coach Joe Lato and the Weston High School Football players will run touch football games for each grade: Grades 1-5: Meet on the Stadium Field after school at 3:30 PM, ready to play and have fun. Pick-up is at 4:30 PM. Grades 6-8: Meet on the Stadium Field after school at 2:45 PM, ready to play and have fun. Pick-up is at 3:45 PM. Click here for more information.

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES – SPRING & SUMMER PROGRAMS

Weston Youth Services is currently working on our Spring WOW! After School programs as well as our Summer Camp schedules. We hope to have everything on line in the next few weeks.

Our spring WOW! Session is scheduled to begin the week of April 22nd and run through the week of June 3rd. Registration is scheduled to begin on March 26th. For those who were waitlisted from one or more of our winter programs, you will have the opportunity to register for that program, if offered, between March 21st and March 22nd.

For more information, please contact Charlene Monn, Program Coordinator, at 203-222-2586 or email cmonn@westonct.gov.

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES - SURVEY

Weston Youth Services wants to hear from you! Even surrounded by snow, we are thinking ahead to Spring and would like your help as we plan our upcoming parenting programs. Please take a few minutes to complete a short survey to ensure that our subjects and speakers reflect your interests and needs. (It really will only take a few minutes as the survey is only 5 questions long!). Thanks in advance for your input! Please click on the link below to take the survey <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/59KZCVS>

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.

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. Registration for Weekday/Saturday Spring Swim Classes begins on March 12th.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT THE WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY - Free!

Lecture Series on the War of 1812 - 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.

Feb. 27 at 7:30pm (at the Weston Public Library): Professor Mark Albertson will discuss America and Europe during the War of 1812

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

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.