



The Hurlbutt Buzz
The Hurlbutt Elementary School Newsletter

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PTO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last week temperatures dipped to near freezing and we had to turn on the heat for the first time this year. Last night I couldn't sleep because it was too hot and I was forced to turn on the air conditioning. (In case you were wondering I had turned the heat off a few days earlier.) These are crazy times and anything can happen. For example, I'm sitting at my computer trying to write this newsletter and I have absolutely nothing to say. Nothing. Nada. Zip. Zilch. Zero. So rather than fake it, or bore you with some moderately amusing and quite possibly made up story, I'm going to ask you to use your time to read stuff from people who actually do have something to say. Like the people below perhaps. I'm sure there are interesting (and informative) submissions about the book fair, Run for Life, and other great stuff that is happening at Hurlbutt in the upcoming weeks. But don't take my word for it (I could be lying after all). Go ahead and

read for yourself. You'll be glad you did.

Have a great rest of the week (after you read the rest of the Buzz that is).

Dan

RUN FOR LIFE

October 14, 2014

Dear Parents and Students,

Our annual Run for Life program at Hurlbutt will take place from October 20 through October 24. All students in grades K, 1 and 2 will participate in this walk-jog-run event during their physical education classes. The children will earn a point for their class for every lap of the South House field they complete. The class with the most laps at the end of the week will have a star with their teacher's name placed on the Run for Life banner for their grade level. The banner will be proudly displayed in their classroom for the rest of the year.

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) on Tuesday, October 21, Wednesday, October 22, Thursday, October 23 and Friday, October 24. We will not walk the morning of Monday October 20. Your laps will be tallied at the end of the morning and added to your child's class count.

Please note:

- During this event all children must be accompanied by an adult.
- It is important students wear sneakers or bring sneakers to school for this activity.
- Please do not bring your dogs.

Please contact Wyatt Hallgren at WyattHallgren@westonps.org if you have any questions. 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,

Physical Education Staff
Wyatt Hallgren
Kim Kus
Lois Miller
Megan Memoli

MATH IN FOCUS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

K – 2 *Math in Focus* Hurlbutt Training Room
Thurs. Oct. 16th, 10:00 – 11:15 AM and 7:00 – 8:15 PM

3 – 5 *Math in Focus* WIS Room 118
Thurs. Oct. 23rd, 10:00 – 11:15 AM and 7:00 – 8:15 PM

2 – 5 *Bar Modeling Workshop* WIS Room 118
Thurs. Nov. 6th, 10:00 – 11:15 AM and 7:00 – 8:15 PM

HES ANNUAL BOOK FAIR NEWS

The annual Hurlbutt Elementary School Book Fair will be October 20th-24th .

COIN DRIVE: Last year's Coin Drive was a HUGE success, raising over \$1,000! We hope to do even better this year. We are asking students to bring in any spare change each day during the week of October 14th-17th. The coin drive, which will continue at the fair, will raise money to go towards the purchase of books for Kid Power Tutoring and Bridgeport Rescue Mission. In addition, in exchange for every dollar we raise, Scholastic will donate a book to the national organizations: Kids in Need Foundation and Kids in Distressed Situations. Books donated will benefit children enduring natural disasters as well as inner city and rural areas with literacy needs throughout the US. Last year as a result of our efforts, 1000 books were donated!

Hurlbutt Dollars will be available to purchase in denominations of \$5,\$10,and \$20 online through the PTO. If you are interested in purchasing Hurlbutt Dollars for grades K-2 for use during the Scholastic Book Fair October 20-24, please do so by October 17th using this link <https://leagueathletics.com/UserForm.asp?RegID=70462&org=westonpspto.org> or visit the HES tab at www.westonpspto.org. It is a great way to get the children excited and involved, while giving them some independence and responsibility. Even if you will be at the fair with them, they take great pride in paying with their special Hurlbutt Dollars. It is also a great way to say thanks to the wonderful teachers at our school!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: If you would like to volunteer at the book fair please click here:

www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4BACA629A64-hurlbutt1

There are lots of opportunities to help out and have fun! Thanks for your participation in this great fundraiser! If you have any questions please contact Stacy Barenberg at stacybarenberg@yahoo.com

PHOTO DAY AND RETAKE DAY UPDATE

School Photo Day was a complete success. Many thanks to all the volunteers who took the time to help out. The day ran incredibly smoothly thanks to you.

Photos will be delivered via your child's backpack by early November. In the event your child's photo needs to be retaken, Photo RETAKE DAY is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19th. 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!

HES YEARBOOK 2014-15

Photography Coordinators

It's that time of year when we start asking for photos for the yearbook. We are inviting all parents to share the awesome photos they take during the school year with their individual Class Room Photo Coordinator. Everyone should have received an email inviting them to sign up as their class Photo Coordinator. Volunteers have already started to sign up and we're looking forward to working with them this year. Many classes still need a volunteer. If you're interested, please follow this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48aaa922a5f94-photo>

Please feel free to contact the year book Chairs, Christine Harris or Ann Kyle with any questions at hessayearbook1415@yahoo.com

PTO MARKETPLACE

Feed your family and earn money for Hurlbutt!

Starting this month, we've got two super easy ways to earn money for Hurlbutt:

1. Click here <http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus/register-card/> and register your Stop and Shop card for Hurlbutt. Every time you shop, use your card and a percentage of your total will go to Hurlbutt! It doesn't get easier than that ;)

NEW THIS YEAR: If you registered your card last year, you DO NOT need to re-register this year. You can visit the website to verify correct school assignment. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean more Cash for our school.

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop & Shop using your Stop & Shop Card earns CASH for our school. Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Stop & Shop website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at www.stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

*Phone numbers may not be used to designate.

If you do not know your 13-digit STOP & SHOP CARD number, call the Card Hotline at 1-877-366-2668 and select OPTION #2

2. Calling all Box Top clippers! We need your submissions by Friday, Oct. 17th!! The winning student and teacher will get gift certificates to the Scholastic book

fair which starts the Oct. 20th. And Hurlbutt wins from everyone's efforts. Clip away!

SCHOOLA: BETTER CLOTHING DRIVE

In 2012, an organization called Schoola was launched. The concept is simple...schools or individuals collect gently used clothing and send it to Schoola, Schoola sells the clothing online at amazing prices, and the proceeds go to the schools that sent in the clothing—money that funds all those programs so critical to the success of our kids. A win for all.

Hurlbutt Elementary School has opened an account with Schoola. We hope you will join us to raise funds for our school. You have 2 very simple options: (1) send gently used children's clothing (good brands sell more easily) in with your child and have him/her drop it in the box labeled Schoola at the main entrance; or (2) go online to www.schoola.com and request a bag. When you get it, fill it with great clothes that you no longer need, and send it back free of charge. Super simple!

AROUND TOWN

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES

Weston Youth Services is pleased to offer a new program exclusively for 1st and 2nd grade students!

A Taste of WOW! provides children with the opportunity to sample from some of our wonderful WOW! offerings. Over the course of four weeks children will try model building, karate, art, and flower arranging with a few of our favorite instructors. Meg Sullivan, a familiar Hurlbutt face, will facilitate all four sessions and help ensure that everyone enjoys! This program will be offered to identified students with special needs and typical peers. Registration opens on Tuesday October 21st at 10:01 pm and closes on Friday October 24th at 11:59 pm. Visit <https://leagueathletics.com/Page.asp?n=93794&org=westonyouthservices.org> for more information.

And we've got plenty for parents too as Tackling the Tough Stuff returns with new topics & tips!

WESTON GIRL SCOUTS

SCARE FAIR 2014

Saturday, October 25th from Noon to 4 pm (rain date October 26th)

Games-Crafts-Prizes

Weston Historical Society (104 Weston Road, Weston, CT)

WWL TRUNK OR TREAT 2014

The Weston Women's League is excited to present Trunk or Treat 2014. Join us on Friday, October 31st from 5-6pm in the WIS parking lot for a fun and safe trick or treating alternative. Stroll from car to car for those candy treats and don't forget to stop by the decorated firetruck, thanks to the Weston Fire Department. There will also be an EMS on site. This event is recommended for ages 10 and under, however no one will be turned away. If you would like to decorate a trunk please sign up thru this link, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4badad22a20-weston>

Any questions please contact mariarowbotham@gmail.com

WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Masterworks Conversations Presents: The Magic of Folklore

Sunday, October 19th at 3 PM

The Weston Public Library Board of Trustees welcomes back Masterwork Conversations for a classical piano concert. The two most exciting collections of piano duets are undoubtedly the Hungarian Dances by Brahms and the Slavonic Dances by Dvořák, and their power to captivate and inspire only grows with time. Join Matthew and Vlada for impressive playing and enlightening discussions of the selected pieces.

Miss Joy's Annual Summer Reading Monster Mash

Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30 PM

Attention all Weston Public Library Summer Readers! Miss Joy will host her spooktacular summer reading Halloween Monster Mash party on Oct. 29th! There will be stories, snacks, games and prizes! Keep an eye on the mail for your invitation and don't forget to come in costume!

Probate Judge Lisa Wexler: An Overview of Probate

Thursday October 30th at 11 AM

Lisa Wexler is a judge, an attorney, an award-winning talk radio host and the creator and executive producer of The Lisa Wexler Show. She was elected as Probate Judge for the Westport/Weston Judicial District in Connecticut in November 2013. Join Judge Wexler for an overview of probate followed by a Q&A session on a variety of topics.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

Minute to Win It

Come join us in a fun night of games and dancing with a great and interactive DJ to support the Weston Middle School. The Minute to Win It fall fundraiser will take place on Friday Oct. 24 at 7:30 PM at the lovely Egan barn, 123 Kettle Creek Road. We will have gourmet appetizers, a pizza truck with gourmet pizzas, salad, cappuccino, gelato and an assortment of desserts, beer and wine. We will also have a range of interesting and fun games -- all just a minute long! A live auction will help raise money for innovative equipment to benefit all Middle School students. Please get your tickets asap by going to the Weston PTO website's Middle School store! There are a limited number of tickets left. If you cannot attend, you can make a donation if you chose by going to the same page on the site. Thanks for your support!!

The Middle School PTO

Weston Halloween Festival

The Weston Middle School PTO is sponsoring the first Weston Halloween Festival Saturday, October 25 and Sunday October 26, from 12-5 pm at the Norfield Grange Hall on Goodhill Road. The festival features a haunted house, produced by professional set designers and town residents CD Wilson and Linda Coletta. In addition, a DJ will be providing music and musical games from 1-4 pm on both days for all ages. There will be giant inflatable rides, including a dual slide and obstacle course challenge. As if that were not enough, a "GaGa Ball" tournament will take place, 4-on-4 format, for kids against kids on Saturday afternoon, and an adult/child competition on Sunday afternoon. Costumes are encouraged for the costume contest, and pumpkins are available for purchase for a Jack-O-Lantern contest. Scary games are on tap for all ages. Holiday Cheesecakes from the NuSkete Vermont bakery and Chocolate Bourbon Pecan pies from Michele's Pies are available for sale at special prices. Reserve your cakes and pies ahead, and register for the GaGa Ball tournament with Festival organizers Jenn and Gregg Haythorn, jenntoli@hotmail.com / ghaythorn@msn.com.

WESTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The following after school Weston Parks & Recreation flyers are now on the Town website:

Winter sessions of American Red Cross Saturday Swim Lessons, Weekday Preschool Swim Lessons, Sports & Fitness for Grades 1 - 5, Saturday Youth Basketball for Grades 1 – 8, WIS Ski Trip for Grade 5 and Middle School Ski Trips for grades 6 - 8.

If you are interested in registering for these programs go

to www.westonct.gov and view the flyers.
Please follow the registration procedures as the registration dates vary.

CUB SCOUTS

From hiking to camping to crafts to spending a night on an aircraft carrier, the Weston Cub Scouts are always doing something fun. It's not too late to join! Boys in grades 1st-5th can register at any time at westonpack75.org or contact Gai Bos at atguy3bos@gmail.com for more information.