

# The Hurlbutt Buzz



## **UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS**

Dec. 23-Jan 1	No School - Winter Recess
Jan. 2	School Reopens
Jan. 15	PTO General Meeting (9:15 coffee; 9:30 start at SH Cafeteria)
Jan. 20	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 21	No School – Professional Development Day
Jan. 22	PTO Philanthropy Meeting (9:30 am at NH5)

## **PTO & SCHOOL NEWS**

### ***Co-Presidents' Message***

I hope you didn't think I forgot about you. I can only imagine the widespread disappointment that must have occurred last week as hundreds of thousands of loyal readers simultaneously opened their Buzz Newsletter only to see that there was no message from us. You may have felt abandoned. You may have felt forgotten. You may have been without direction or purpose. Or you may have been thrilled at the prospect of saving five minutes (if you read the whole thing) or one minute (if you just skim) by not having to read a newsletter. Whichever category you fall into, I apologize. The simple truth is that I fell victim to one of the nasty realities that accompanies this wonderful time of year...I was sick.

Fortunately you all had the wonderful book fair to distract you, and I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to thank the book fair chairs, Pam Cannon, Elana Faiman, Stacy Barenberg, and Christina

Price for the amazing job they did in putting together this incredible fundraiser. I was able to visit the book fair on several occasions and was amazed by the fun atmosphere and selection of books available. Not only that, but it was an absolute pleasure to help out the kids as their classes came for a visit. A few times I found myself taking a step back and just watching the kids as they interacted with each other, talking about books, figuring out if they had enough money, excitedly showing off their purchases. The book fair is just one of the many events that makes our school community so great, and we couldn't do it without you. Whether you were a coordinator, volunteer, or shopper, your support is greatly appreciated.

And you know what? As my gift to you, I am going to stop writing now. Merry Christmas to those that celebrate and a happy New Year to all of those who officially recognize January 1<sup>st</sup> as the start of 2014 (I think that includes just about all of us). Enjoy the break; may you get to spend as much time as possible with family and friends.

Yours,  
Dan and Tammy

### ***LRC News – Sharon Rodko, Librarian***

#### **BORROWING POLICIES**

Starting in January, the number of items Kindergarten students can borrow per week will increase to 2 and they may have up to 4 items at home. Many of our Kindergarten students get very excited about this! Just a reminder that First Graders may borrow three items per week and have up to 6 at home. Second Graders may borrow four items per week and have up to 8 at home. If students have reached the maximum number of checkouts or have an overdue book, they will be asked to put a book on hold. As soon as the necessary items are returned, a student can pick up the book they placed on hold. LRC books can be returned any day.

Countdown Overdue Books As We Count Down to the New Year It's not too late! Hurlbutt students have been working together this week to reduce the number of overdue books. Overdue notices were sent home at the beginning of the week. Please assist your child in returning the book(s) on the list. Please call the LRC [\(203\) 291-1470](tel:2032911470) with any questions. We've been tracking our efforts throughout the week as we work to help keep our wonderful collection available

to our students. Thanks for helping your student be a responsible library patron.

### ***Hurlbutt PTO Nominating Committee***

We are in the process of building our nominating committee to fill our 2014-2015 PTO board. A special thank you to **Katie Gregory** who has offered to chair this committee. We are looking for 3 members from general membership to sit on this committee. Please let her know if you are interested in being a part of this nominating committee, [wnkgregory@optonline.net](mailto:wnkgregory@optonline.net).

### ***Lost and Found***

Last call! Please remember to label all your children's jackets and cold weather accessories. There are many items in the lost and found located by the South House cafeteria. All unclaimed items remaining at the Lost and Found on Dec 20th will be donated during winter break. Contact Lori Cassol with any further questions [lscassol@optonline.net](mailto:lscassol@optonline.net).

## **AROUND TOWN**

### **ATTENTION 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE PARENTS**

Here's your chance to be involved at WIS next year - the WIS PTO Nominating Committee wants you! Please consider nominating yourself, or someone else, for a position on the WIS PTO Board for the 2014-15 school year. [Click here](#) for our online form.

### ***Weston Lacrosse Spring Registration***

Registration for Weston's 2014 Girls and Boys Spring Youth Lacrosse programs are now open. Entering our 16th season the WLC has provided hundreds of girls & boys the opportunity to learn and play this great sport. This season we are offering programs for new and experienced girls in grades 2-8 and for boys in grades 1-8.

The youth programs are designed to teach and support the game of lacrosse in an environment of safety, respect & fun!!

The youth programs also serve as the foundation for the Weston High School Lacrosse programs which based on last year's results alone -

State Class S Championships for both the Girls & Boys has proven very successful in developing players with solid skills and a sustained love of the game. Additionally, many former WLC youth players have gone on to play at the college level.

Registration details for each program are available at [www.westonlax.com](http://www.westonlax.com) under the "Register Online" section of the website.

Please note that detailed times, dates and locations of games & practices for the various programs are still TBD but the sooner we get participants registered the sooner we can provide that information.

Don't delay sign up today!!!!

Thank you for your continued support,  
WLC

### ***Weston HS Boosters***

The Weston High School Boosters are collecting cans and bottles for recycling at the Onion Barn again. 100% of the money raised from the collections help WHS Boosters purchase athletic equipment that the current school budget doesn't cover, such as swimming blocks, cheerleading and wrestling mats, and new soccer goals. The money is also used to contribute to the club's two turf fund accounts.

Members of the public may drop off recyclable cans and bottles at the rear side of the Onion Barn on Saturday mornings from 9 to noon. Each week, WHS athletes separate and bag them for the redemption company to collect once a month. They will even help unload them from a car. For more information, contact Ira Saferstein at [Ira@titancapital.com](mailto:Ira@titancapital.com).

### ***Community Holiday Concert at Cobb's Mill Inn - 12/22***

La Roue Elayne at Cobb's Mill Inn will present their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Concert, "**Home for the Holidays,**" on **Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 8pm** and **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm** in

Cobb's Mill's main dining room. The event aims to bring the community together in the historic inn for a heart-warming holiday show featuring many notable local artists, an adult choir and a children's choir.

Cobb's Mill Inn's own Elayne Cassara co-directs the concert with Weston's well-known music director, Chris Coogan. This year the show also includes special guest storytellers sponsored by Ina Chadwick's Westport based MouseMuse productions.

Tickets are \$20 per person (kids 5 and under are free) and available for advance purchase or at the door. Ticket price includes warm mulled cider, hot cocoa and cookies. Doors open 1 hour prior to show times. There will be one intermission and a cash bar. Seating is general admission.

### ***Weston Public Library***

For more information on this event and additional programs and services, visit [www.westonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.westonpubliclibrary.org) or call [203-222-2665](tel:203-222-2665).

### ***Friends of the Weston Public Library***

You will be receiving a letter in the mail in the next week or so inviting you to become a Friend of the Weston Public Library. We are a volunteer organization that provides programs,, activities and services at the library. We receive no funding from the town of Weston and rely on the generosity of our residents for financial support.

By providing a forum to see artists, authors, musicians, filmmakers and other interesting speakers, we strive to make our small town library a welcoming place where the community can gather, attend a lecture, view a film, discuss books and meet people in town who share similar interests.

A few of the programs we have implemented are:

The New Yorker Roundtable Discussion  
Two Adult Book Discussion Groups  
Lunch and Learn lunchtime programs  
Films- both current popular movies as well as documentaries

"Play With Your Food"

Pajama Pictures

Animal Embassy

Our programs are open to the public and the majority of them are free - the Friends underwrite all costs wherever possible. Please join us and become a Friend of the Weston Public Library with a tax-deductible contribution.

**We are also looking for volunteers to join us on the Board, as well as to help with our programs. If you would like to volunteer, please email us at [friendsofthewestonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthewestonlibrary@gmail.com)**

Email: [friendsofthewestonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthewestonlibrary@gmail.com)

Blog: <http://FriendsoftheWestonPublicLibrary.wordpress.com/>

And follow us on Facebook

#### *WESTON PARKS & RECREATION*

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

#### *WESTON YOUTH SERVICES*

WOW Program information at [www.westonyouthservices.org](http://www.westonyouthservices.org)

## **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 [hesptonewsletter@westonpspto.org](mailto:hesptonewsletter@westonpspto.org)

*Thank you for your support and cooperation.*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**