



The Hurlbutt Buzz

The Hurlbutt Elementary School Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

Date	Event	Time/Location
August 27	Pre-K and Kindergarten Back-to-School Night	7:00-8:30 pm
September 3	1st Grade Back-to-School Night	7:00-8:30 pm
September 7	Labor Day — Schools Closed	
September 8	First FULL DAY for Kindergarteners	
September 9	2nd Grade Back-to-School Night	7:00-8:30 pm
September 9	HES PTO General Meeting	9:30 am South House Cafeteria
September 14	Rosh Hashanah — Schools Closed	

Click [here](#) for the 2015-2016 Weston District Calendar

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PTO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone! It's hard to believe that the summer is behind us, but here we are, back again at our wonderful school. I am excited for a great year ahead!

Last week the PTO welcomed back the Hurlbutt staff with our annual back-to-school catered luncheon. I want to thank Sara Godwin and Stacey Walker (as well as the many generous donors and volunteers) for making this event such a great success. These two ladies are amazing!

This week got off to a great start with all our volunteer greeters and bus riders helping the children get to where they needed to be. Thank you to our Transportation Chair, Melissa Walker, for organizing everyone and to our volunteers for helping make the first few days easier for our kids!

If you have a minute, please make sure to take a look at the beautiful butterfly garden in front of the school. Tara Tanzer, our Garden Chair, designed and managed this project over the summer. It is a vast improvement from what was there before and a pretty site for everyone as they enter the school. Thank you Tara for all your hard work with this garden as well as our vegetable garden!

Lastly, we are in the midst of our PTO membership drive. The deadline to join is September 15th. If you haven't yet, please join at <http://www.westonpspto.org>.

Warm Regards,

Katia Colaprico
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PTO & SCHOOL NEWS

WALL CALENDAR SALES AT BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

Please help us sell the Weston Public Schools Wall Calendar! This is a Hurlbutt Elementary School fundraiser and a service to the whole Weston district, as the calendar provides info for all four schools. We need volunteers to arrive 30 minutes before each back to school night (at 6:30 p.m.) and sell calendars to parents coming in for the event (until about 7:15 p.m.). We encourage you to bring the kids with you or come with a friend, as the more ground we cover in front of the building the better — and who can say no to those cute little entrepreneurs?

A table and cash box will be provided. It's easy and FUN... 45 minutes and a huge help! To sign up, [please click here](#).

VOLUNTEER BUS RIDERS AND HURLBUTT GREETERS

Thank you to all our volunteer bus riders and greeters! Thanks in part to you, the first few days of school went very smoothly. We still have one last opportunity to volunteer. We could use a few more greeters on Monday morning, August 31st, to help the kindergarteners find their way to their classrooms (after the first weekend, it has been our experience that some of the kids forget where to go and/or get anxious again).

To volunteer as a Greeter at Hurlbutt, [please sign up here](#).

Thanks!
Melissa Walker
PTO Transportation Chair

LRC UPDATE

Sharon Rodko, Librarian

SUMMER READING

Please send in your child's summer reading list by September 4th.

All students who turn in a list will be entered in our raffle. Any list from any summer reading program can be submitted. Even a plain piece of paper can be used to make the list

Any student who read ten or more books can also receive two free tickets to the Sound Tigers by filling out the form and sending it to school by September 4th. Governor's Summer Reading Challenge logs and Sound Tiger ticket forms can be found at the HES LRC Summer Reading website [Summer Reading Link](#)

We're very excited to total the number of books read over the summer and submit Hurlbutt's results to the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge program.

HES LRC (Library Resource Center)

Classes will begin regular weekly book exchange times the week of September 14th. Before then, students will begin borrowing books during lessons in the LRC. Please help your child pick a safe place to keep LRC books at home. Review the due date with your student and help them develop a plan to return books on time. More info about our circulation policies can be found at the [HES LRC website](#) under the FAQ link. Thanks for helping our students be safe, kind and responsible LRC patrons.

LRC VOLUNTEERS

The LRC is in need of volunteers to help with library duties, shelve books, help children find books, check books out and check books in. If you're interested, [please click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

AROUND TOWN

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES

Weston Youth Services is back-to-school and better than ever! We've got wonderful WOW! offerings for children in Kindergarten through fifth-grade. This fall we are excited to introduce several new programs including Pre-engineering with Legos and French at Hurlbutt and Freaky Physics, Mechanical Engineering and Magic at WIS. Many old favorites such as Karate, Fun with Fabric, International Cuisine, Clay, Art, and Yoga are back on the schedule as well. Program dates, descriptions, and details are available on our website and registration opens Tuesday September 1st at 10:01 pm.

Weston Youth Services also offers:

Sitter Safety

All-Star Driver's Education

Tackling the Tough Stuff

For more information about the programs Weston Youth Services provides please visit our website <http://www.westonyouthservices.org> If you have questions about WOW!, Sitter Safety, or All Star Driver programs please contact Charlene Monn, Program Coordinator, at 203-222-2586 or <mailto:cmonn@westonct.gov> For questions about parenting programs please contact Michelle Albright, Director of Youth Services, at 203-222-2585 or <mailto:malbright@westonct.gov>

FALL LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

HES Parents: Please note that registration is still open for Weston Little League baseball and softball.

We are offering the following programs for HES students:

Little League Baseball
Grades PreK, ages 5 and up/K (Tball)
Grade 1 (A)
Grade 2 (AA)

Little League Softball
A1 Instructional League - Kindergarten and 1st Grade
A2 and AA League - 2nd and 3rd Graders.

Details for both our Little League Baseball and Softball programs are available on our home page: westonll.com. To register, you can either go to the home page and then click on the "RegisterOnline" button on the left hand side or by clicking on the following link:
<http://westonll.com/Registration/Default.asp?n=125819&org=westonll.com> Please register as soon as possible as children will be placed on teams next Monday, August 31st and rates go up after August 30th!

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? e.g., do you need to change the wording from "coming home this week" to "you should have received last week"? If so, please revise and resubmit.
4. The email address for the Buzz is <mailto:hesptocommunications@westonpspto.org>

Thank you for your support and cooperation.