



The Hurlbutt Buzz

The Hurlbutt Elementary School Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

Date	Event	Time/Location
October 1	School Photo Day	
October 8	Joint HES-WIS General PTO Meeting	9:30am at WIS
October 12	Columbus Day — Schools Closed	
October 13	Teacher Development — Schools Closed	
October 19-23	HES Book Fair	

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PTO & SCHOOL NEWS

PTO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy second day of Fall! We are officially 10% through the school year!

Picture Day is coming up on Thursday, October 1st. Please see the link below for opportunities to volunteer to help out.

And please don't forget about our Amazon referral link fundraiser. This is a great way to contribute to our fundraising efforts without having to do much at all. Before shopping on Amazon, please make sure to click through the link on our PTO website <http://westonpspto.org/>.

There are also other opportunities to help raise money for the school through shopping outlined on this page: <http://westonpspto.org/Page.asp?n=54778&org=westonpspto.org>. Box tops, Stop & Shop, Target, etc. Hardly any effort on your part and a great help to our school. Win-Win!

Have a great week!

Warm Regards,

Katia Colaprico
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BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

(9/21/15 Meeting)

By Katia Colaprico

Nina Daniel was recognized for her 4 years of service on the BOE and Dan McNeill welcomed as her replacement

Enrollment update for HES

K – 124

1 – 140

2 – 155

STEM initiative being embraced by district and the possibility of offering a coding class at HES is being discussed.

Next BOE meeting is on Oct. 19th at 7:30pm in the WMS library.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School Photo Day is next week on **Thursday, October 1st!**

To help Photo Day be a success we are kindly requesting the help of volunteers for a few more time slots during the day. If you are able to help out, please follow the Sign Up Genius link below. Specific volunteer times are available for each classroom. If you're interested in being present during your students' photo session, just look for your teacher's name.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E45AAAC2CA75-hesphoto>

Weather permitting photos will be taken outside. Should the weather not cooperate we are scheduled to take our photos inside the LRC as we did last year. Our second graders will also be taking a group photo including the entire grade.

Order forms went home in student backpacks. Portrait packages can also be purchased online at www.coffepond.com.

After completing an online order, print the "Portrait Pass(es)" from your emailed receipt and give it to your child(ren) to bring to school on or before Picture Day. If you are unable to print the "Portrait Pass(es)" please complete the original paper order form and be sure to check the "Ordered Online" box below your school name.

All students need to bring back their completed forms or Portrait Passes no later than Photo Day, October 1st, 2015. This will help the photographers keep track of the portraits.

If you have any questions about volunteering for photo day, please contact Diana Milne at dmilne4@gmail.com.

JOINT HES-WIS PTO MEETING ON OCTOBER 8TH

Join us for a joint HES/WIS PTO meeting on **October 8th at 9:30 in the WIS Cafetorium**. This meeting will feature an intriguing presentation by Anthony Scire on the current state of youth sports. Anthony Scire is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS), as well as an International Youth Conditioning Association (IYCA) and Functional Movement Screen (FMS) certified specialist. The Youth Movement was born out of Anthony's experiences growing up playing sports, his years of experience working with all kids ages 8 to 18 and his "Youth Movement" Internet radio show, where the goal was to interview and create dialogue with kids, parents, coaches and professionals from around the U.S. and Canada who help guide and shape our kids present and future. Anthony grew up in an age where "free play" and playing all sorts of pick-ups games all day mixed with organized sports were common place. Things have changed over the last 20 years with youth sports becoming

more and more expensive, organized, specialization, travel teams and less free play are the norm. What we are seeing is kids are under-training, over-competing, adult like training programs and schedules are being placed on them, lots of overuse injuries and in short, treating them like little professionals. We hope you can join us for an open forum discussion on this interesting topic.

YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHERS

The yearbook committee is looking for your **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** pictures. If you have any from the first days of school please log on to <http://community.pictavo.com> and create an account and our school code is 55226. You will be able to log in and upload pictures throughout the year too. Locate the folder for your class or if it is a specific school/community wide event (i.e. Memorial Day Fair, 1st Day of School, etc.), you can post the pictures in the designated folder. Please be sure to label the photos with the children's names (and grade if posted in school wide folders) so we can make sure all kids get recognized within the yearbook.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Bigin at akbigin@msn.com or Diana Milne at dmilne4@gmail.com.

HES PTO AFFILIATIONS

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION COLLECTION THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30th!

Box Tops for Education: You've been collecting those pink rectangles all summer! Now it's time to turn them in for a chance to be the Top Student and to help your student's class be the Top Class! The Top Student and Top Class will each receive a \$25 gift certificate to the book fair in October and mention in the Buzz. All you have to do is have your

student submit box tops that have not yet expired (October 2015 is OK) to your student's teacher. Please trim them to their true sizes to facilitate counting and final submission. To expedite the counting process, you may consider using this form: http://www.boxtops4education.com/downloads/-/media/BoxTops/FlyersAndDownloads/Assets/CollectionSheets/BTFE_FDR_CollectionSheet.pdf or stick them onto a blank sheet of paper. Otherwise, sending them in an envelope or bag clearly labeled with your child's name and teacher's name will suffice. Each valid Box Top is worth 10 cents. Last year we were able to make \$900 to go towards Family Fun Night. Thank you for your help and cooperation! GOOD LUCK!

HURLBUTT BOOK FAIR

The 2015 Hurlbutt Elementary Scholastic School Book Fair will be held **October 19th-23rd.**

There are several ways for students and parents to get involved.

Coin Drive: We are excited to once again provide students with the opportunity to raise money for our very successful Coin Drive which benefits children in need. Students will be asked to bring in any spare change each day during the week of October 13th-16th. Donations to the Coin Drive go towards the purchase of books for Kid Power Tutoring. Last year's Coin Drive was a huge success, raising \$1367. We hope to surpass that amount this year.

In addition, for every dollar we raise, Scholastic will donate a book to Kids in Need Foundation and Kids in Distressed Situations, two national organizations that provide reading materials to children with literacy needs in urban and rural areas and to communities impacted by natural disasters. This means that last year as a result of our efforts, 1,367 books were donated to these organizations.

Hurlbutt Dollars will be available to purchase in denominations of \$5, \$10 and \$20 online through the PTO. Once the parents make a purchase, the students will then receive that amount in Hurlbutt Dollars when they visit the Fair with their class. It is a great way to get the children excited 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.

If you are interested in purchasing Hurlbutt Dollars for grades K-2 for use during the Scholastic Book Fair October 19-23, please click here or visit the HES tab at www.westonpspto.org. **The deadline to purchase Hurlbutt Dollars is October 9th.**

There will be many opportunities to volunteer at the Fair. Keep an eye out for a Sign Up Genius in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact Soli Goodall at atgoodsantos@gmail.com.

AROUND TOWN

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES

Weston Youth Services has plenty for parents this fall!

Motivation and Mindset
Tuesday September 29th
7 – 8:30 pm ***A light dinner will be served
Weston Public Library Community Room

Do you think intelligence and success are determined by our genetics, innate assets, hard work, or our ability to handle mistakes and failures? Mindset and motivation are influential and can promote and prevent children from

overcoming challenges. Explore the messages we send about effort and outcome, and how to help children set goals, manage expectations, and rebound from blunders.

To RSVP or learn more about our parent workshop series Tackling the Tough Stuff please visit <http://westonyouthservices.org/Page.asp?n=92724&org=westonyouthservices.org>

And save the date for a special presentation on Mindful Parenting: Strategies to Manage Stress and Promote Strength with special guest speaker Linda Lantieri:

Monday October 5th
7-8:30 pm
Weston Middle School Library
Auditorium

Tuesday October 6th
10:30 am – 12 pm
Westport Town Hall
110 Myrtle Avenue

What would parenting look like if you experienced less stress and anxiety, had more control over your emotions, and had the space and capacity for reflection before taking action? This talk will help parents learn practical skills in handling difficult emotions, balancing life's demands and challenges and resolving conflict effectively. Linda currently serves as the Director of The Inner Resilience Program. Linda is one of the co-founders for the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) and the author of Building Emotional Intelligence: Techniques to Cultivate Inner Strength in Children.

WESTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The after school Weston Parks & Recreation flyers are on the Town website for the FALL session of the following programs:

Sports & Fitness – grades K - 2, Saturday swim lessons and public pool permits.

Aquatic lessons and swim classes are offered either through group lessons or private swim lessons.

If you are interested in registering for any of these programs go to www.westonct.gov and view the flyers. Please follow the registration procedures.

WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Author Talk

Friday, September 25 at 6:30 pm

Weston's own Alan Katz will talk about his new book: "The Day the Mustache Took Over". Pizza party to follow. Please RSVP!

[Click here for the flyer.](#)

Adult Spelling Bee

Sunday, September 27th, at 3 pm

[Click here for the flyer.](#)

Please register at westonlibrary@westonct.gov or call 203-222-BOOK.

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 provide a link to the flyer from 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 hesptocommunications@westonpspto.org

Thank you for your support and cooperation.