

The Hurlbutt Buzz



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UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

June 13	Last Day for ELC
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June 16	Early Dismissal at 12:35 pm
June 16	BOE Meeting at WMS LRC @ 7:30 pm
Jun 17	Last Day of School! (early dismissal at 10:30 am)
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!	
Aug 25	First Day of School! (Click HERE for academic calendar)

PTO & SCHOOL NEWS

****PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

I have a confession to make. For those of you who have been reading the Buzz Newsletter from the beginning, you already know this confession is going to be good. It is a confession that continues the legacy of juicy confessions that I have been sharing so far this year. Like the time I had to admit that we had no intention of giving away a car at our first general PTO meeting when I clearly stated "one lucky participant may or may not win a brand new car". It was always going to be "may not". Or the time I had to apologize for promising anyone who signed up for PTO membership a year's supply of Rice-A-Roni, the San Francisco treat...another statement that I just couldn't back up. And who can forget the time I had to clean up the mess I made when I (incorrectly) stated that anyone who volunteered for the PTO could drive in the HOV lane with less than three passengers in their car (one unfortunate reader found that out the hard way). And of course, my biggest confession at all was that despite my promises, I had absolutely no intention of booking legendary Las Vegas singer and entertainer, Mr. Wayne Newton to be a guest speaker at one of our PTO meetings. Over the course of the year I've admitted all of these things, because that's the sort of relationship we have forged. So it is in that spirit that I now share one last thing that I'd like to get off my chest before we head out for summer vacation. Here it is:

I like when people read what I write. Bam! There it is, out in the open for everyone to see. Boy do I feel better now that I've told you that. You see, just like any writer, I have an ego. The thought of nobody reading my writing makes me weep (literally) whereas the thought of people actually reading my writing makes me jump for joy with a secret hope that I don't pull or strain anything in the process of said jumping. More and more I have been getting the feeling that people are reading The Buzz as well as our email blasts. Of course, I'm basing this on the fact that people are telling me that they are reading them, and they could always be lying. But what's the motive to do that? Not to mention the fact that they mention certain facts that only people who have actually read the newsletter would know. For example, they tell me that they are funny and entertaining. Only someone who actually read the newsletter or email blasts would be privy to that information, so I'm going to take these people at their word. I'd like to keep that momentum going into next year, so I'm going to do my best to both leave you on a high note for this final newsletter while at the same time leave you wanting more. I might do this by simply leaving off the last paragraph, but hopefully I can be more creative than that. At this point you might notice that I've taken up two full paragraphs without saying anything of actual consequence. If this is your first time reading this newsletter I'll give you a hint: that's pretty normal. If this isn't your first time reading the newsletter and this still comes as a shock to you, I have just one question for you: What made you think it would be any different this time? Anyway, in my usual form, I now get to the stuff of actual consequence.

I need to take a minute to talk about our One School, One Book program. At the moment, however, words are escaping me. The Hurlbutt community does a lot of wonderful things over the course of the year, but I don't think any of them bring together students, staff and families in quite the way One School, One Book does. From the hints around the school to the big reveal of the book to the family reading times to the projects tied to the reading to the final celebration, One School, One Book perfectly captured what Hurlbutt Elementary is all about. And I'm going to leave it at that, because I can't think of any other words that could do it justice. But before I move on, I have to thank Tammy Roberts, Elana Faiman, Catherine Revzon, Sharon Rodko, and Heidi Fontneau for their countless hours spent putting this project together. While I'm at it, I would also like to thank all of the teachers, parents, guardians, high school students, and caregivers who volunteered to help make the night such a success. And finally, thank you to everyone who participated in the program. It will come as no surprise to

anyone who was there to know that we had over 500 people attend our celebration. Wow.

In closing, I would like to point one more thing out. You may have noticed that last week I started signing the newsletter just “Dan” as opposed to “Dan and Tammy”. After two years of service, Tammy Roberts has transitioned to her role as past president and I will be continuing with my second year as president. You read that right, I’m flying solo – a feat mind you that is only possible because of everything I learned working with Tammy over the past year. So Tammy, if you’re reading this (and you better be) thank you for everything you have done for the past two years as president. Now you may want to go and change your phone number, because I’m going to have a LOT of questions and you can guess who I’ll be calling first.

Finally, I want to give you a little something to get you thinking about joining the PTO again next year. Not only will you receive these wonderful newsletters delivered for free to your inbox every Thursday morning, but you will also receive spontaneous, nonsensical email blasts that contain paragraphs of nonsense followed by two sentences of actual information (that’s the key to reading them by the way. You’re welcome.) But not only that, if you join the PTO (registration opens in August at a computer near you) you might be entered into a raffle to win an all-expenses paid, 8 day, 7 night stay at Disney’s Grand Floridian Hotel including theme park tickets, meals, airfare and unlimited use of Disney’s Fastpass+ ride reservation system. Sorry, I just can’t help myself.

Thanks for everything (especially for reading),

Dan

PS If you were hoping for something sappy, sorry to disappoint you. That’s what the yearbook newsletter was for. (How’s that for a shameless plug to get you to read something else I wrote?)

****OUTGOING CO-PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE***

As outgoing President, I would to thank the talented and hardworking individuals who served on the **General Board of the PTO**, this past year. **THANK YOU** for everything you do for the school.

And to the **Executive Board and my Co-President, Dan, there aren't enough words to express my heart-felt gratitude**. It is amazing what the board has accomplished over the past year and how you have supported the PTO. I'm so honored to have been a part of it. I am in awe. You all deserve my sincere appreciation and admiration!!

Thanks to our wonderful nominating committee, we have a great group of volunteers lined up to lead the PTO next year. At the helm of the PTO is a wonderfully talented, extremely funny, supportive, dedicated, and awe inspiring individual, **Dan McNeill**, who will no doubt lead them to further greatness.

And thank you to the staff and administrators at Hurlbutt. The care they take and the daily dedication to the safety and education of all our children is a gift to us. Your countless hours, assistance with our events, and dedication are very much appreciated by the PTO.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to help lead the PTO over the past 2 years. As I exit as Co-President, I know that I'm leaving the PTO in good hands next year.

Tammy Roberts
Past President

ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK THANK YOU FROM TAMMY ROBERTS

Our second annual One School, One Book program concluded with a Family Fun Night last week. It was a night filled with activities, "Martha" **AKA Lois Miller** (THANKS LOIS!), our Bee Mascot, arts & crafts, pizza, ices, pet donations, and Martha's friends.

I would like to thank my OSOB Committee members: **Elana Faiman, Catherine Revzon, Dan McNeill & Sharon Rodko**. All of you were

instrumental in making this event such a success; I couldn't have done this without you! I can't wait for next year!

A special thank you to the "behind the scenes" HES staff contributors to our committee: **Heidi Fontneau & June Smith**. Thank you to the HES teachers & staff who volunteered the night of the event: **Laurie Eagle, Gabriella Grosso, Linda Lazar, Colleen Lynch & Nicole Morgado**. I apologize if I missed someone who helped out, but I didn't see there (I was running the pizza station all night).

And we could not have done it without the parents who came to help. A special thank you to all those volunteers who helped out, especially those who worked both shifts to be sure the stations were covered. Last, but certainly not least, a big thank you to the Weston Middle School students & Weston High School students who kindly gave their time (during exams no less) to help out and be sure we had enough people to run the event.

The Hurlbutt community really came together last week. Thank you for joining us; what a terrific way to end the year!

****BOARD OF EDUCATION REVIEW*** **Board of Education Review**

Upcoming Meetings

Board of Education
June 16, 2014 @ 7:30 PM
Weston Middle School Library Resource Center
Agenda (TBD)

****LRC UPDATES***

LRC Books Sharon Rodko, Librarian
All LRC books are now due. Notices have been sent home listing materials that need to be returned and replacement fees if a book has been lost. New this year is the option to pay online for lost materials through www.myschoolbucks.com the same website used for online lunch

account payments. If you have an existing account, you should login with your current account information. When you click “make a payment” you will now see an additional option for library book replacement fees. If you do not have an account you can create one. Please note that while the account is free, you will be charged a 3.95% convenience fee by My School Bucks for your credit card payment. Replacement fees can still be paid by sending cash or checks made out to HES LRC to school. Please call the LRC with any questions (203) 291-1470. Thanks for your help in maintaining our wonderful collection.

Summer Reading Sharon Rodko, Librarian

Please visit the HES LRC website Summer Reading (click on link) for information about

- HES summer reading
- Weston Public Library Summer Reading Program
- Sound Tigers Program (read 10 books earn one free ticket)
- Other summer reading programs
- lists of suggested books

Once again, we will be participating in the Governor’s Summer Reading Challenge in which Governor Malloy encourages students to read as many books as they can over the summer. Please help your children make a list of books read over the summer and send the list to school with them the first week of school. Lists options this year (any can be turned in, even a list on a plain piece of paper) include

- Weston or Westport Public Library Summer Reading logs
- Governor’s Challenge log (click on link)
- Evanced online log (click on link)

Miss Joy, the Children’s Librarian from Weston Public Library will be visiting with classes to talk about summer reading. They are having a kick-off summer reading picnic on June 18th from 6-8pm. RSVP by calling the library 203-222-2651.

***THE HURLBUTT GARDEN**

Sign up and help tend our garden this summer!

Go to: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090D4BADAD29A02-hurlbutt to view the online sign-up sheet. Come any time during the hours specified and HAVE FUN! No watering required-just weeding and harvesting. Whatever you

harvest is yours to eat, share, or donate.

Thanks from the Garden Committee!

Questions: Amanda McElligott, 347-423-0091,
amandaemcelligott@yahoo.com

HURLBUTT ROOM PARENTS NEEDED FOR 2014-15

The Hurlbutt Elementary School PTO is accepting sign-ups for roomparents. As a room parent, you are responsible for communications between the teacher/PTO and the class families. Some of your responsibilities include recruiting volunteers for class parties & PTO events, organizing teacher gifts and maintaining an emergency contact list. Being a room parent is a great way to stay involved in your child's class! Don't miss this once a year opportunity!

To volunteer, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Preference will be given to those who have never been a room parent before, followed by those who have never been a room parent for that particular student. Any questions, please contact **Marlo Villepigue**, HES PTO Grade Coordinator at marlov16@aol.com.

NUTRITION NEWS

Dear Parents,

In order to serve you better and customize nutrition news and education to your needs, I want to know what nutrition topics you're interested in. Please fill out this quick survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QKQC83F>

I appreciate your input. Have a fantastic summer!

Thank you,
Jill Patterson, RD
Resident Dietitian

SCHOOL SUPPLY ONLINE ORDERING for 2014-2015 - Our popular school supply online ordering is back! All incoming 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have the **option** to place an order online for their school supplies. The supplies will be delivered to your child's classroom, ready to use on the first day of school. **Deadline for paper orders is June 13th; online ordering will close on June 30th!**

Order securely online. Starting now through June 30th.

1. Go to www.epipacks.com or click here
2. Enter the school ID: WES263
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. After you enter your billing info, the next screen will be an offer for a free one-hyear magazine subscription. If you **do not** want to receive the subscription, please make sure to **uncheck the box**. You will then be eligible for a \$6.13 rebate (one per family).

Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

For questions, please e-mail or call Sela Esposito at mariselaesposito@gmail.com or [203-820-6666](tel:203-820-6666).

CHECK LOST AND FOUND BY SH CAFETERIA

Make sure you check the Lost and Found located by South House cafeteria for any lingering lost items. I will be clearing out the cubbies the last week of school and donating the remaining items. Thanks, Lori Cassol

WPS 2014-2015 WALL CALENDAR SPONSORSHIP

**WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2014-2015 WALL CALENDAR**

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP

Promote your business to the Weston School community!

The Calendar will include High School, Middle School, Intermediate School and Hurlbutt information that you need to know for 2014-2015. Dates for PTOs of all schools, Board of Ed., sports, plays, concerts, vacations & delayed openings; vital telephone numbers, useful reliable businesses in our local area & the beautiful color artwork.

Sponsorship and Artwork (if applicable) Deadline is June 20th. All complimentary calendars will be delivered to your home by mid August.
<https://leagueathletics.com/UserForm.asp?RegID=53172&org=westonpspto.org>

WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL 2014-2015 WALL CALENDAR

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

Send a Message of Thanks, Congratulations, Welcome, Encouragement or Love, to your child(ren), teachers, friends, & families in all of our Weston School System!

Make them feel special and appreciated while showing your support. The money raised will help the Hurlbutt PTO fund needed educational equipment for our youngest future leaders!!!

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AROUND TOWN

BALLOONS IN JUNE FOR CLASS OF 2014 WHS SENIORS

Congratulate a WHS Senior with a balloon bunch tied to their mailbox on Monday, June 16th. \$20 per bunch with a message from you. [CLICK HERE TO ORDER BALLOONS TODAY](#). FIRM Deadline Thursday, June 12th. **WMS Parents:** We need volunteers to be balloon fairies on the 16th. Can you help? PLEASE [CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER](#).

WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Select June programs at the Weston Public Library

Kids Community Concert

Tuesday, June 17th at 12 Noon

Bring your favorite instrument, play the Library's beautiful Steinway, sing, or join the audience. This is an opportunity for the Weston community kids to show off their talents and a great way to practice for recitals. The concert is open to the public! Email westonlibrary@westonct.gov to sign up. Sponsored by the Friends of the Weston Public Library.

Children's Summer Reading Kickoff

Wednesday, June 18th at 6:00 PM

The Summer Reading Program is open to all youngsters who can read on their own. This year's theme is Check Meowt featuring Pete the Cat. Sign-ups begin the week of June 16th and are ongoing throughout the summer.

Miss Joy's Kickoff will be Wednesday, June 18th with a family picnic to be held on the Library grounds from 6-8 PM. Fun for all, good food, prizes, and music with the Westport/Weston band! Sign up at the Library.

Movie Night Feature Film – *The Monuments Men* (PG-13)

Wednesday, June 18th at 7 PM

An unlikely World War II platoon is tasked to rescue art masterpieces from Nazi thieves and return them to their owners. Starring George Clooney, Matt Damon and Bill Murray. Sponsored by the Friends of the Weston Public Library.

For the complete schedule of May events, please visit www.westonpubliclibrary.org.

GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLE GARDEN AT LACHAT

Weston's new Lachat Community Garden, 106 Godfrey Road East, has plots available for residents to grow their own vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Each raised bed comes filled with soil and ready to plant. Water is available on site. A nominal rental fee and deposit is required. For more information or to sign up, contact Kim Burke at burkekimm@gmail.com.

GET INVOLVED WITH WESTON GIRL SCOUTS

Would you like your daughter to...

Experience new places and activities?

Learn Life Skills?

Make new friends?

Gain more self confidence?

Improve the world?

Register for GIRL SCOUTS!

Troop leaders are needed for many grades especially next years 3rd grade. Please reach out if you might be interested or curious about leading.

Incoming Weston Kindergarteners are invited to a Girl Scout Teddy Bear Tea Party

July 12th, 1-2pm

See [flyer](#) for more information

Contact Nikki Lehman at [\(203\) 451-6459](tel:2034516459) or at nikki.lehman@me.com to get your daughter involved & to RSVP to the Teddy Bear Tea Party.

Feel free to contact me with any questions!

***WESTON SOCCER CLUB**

Weston Soccer Club Registration is now open for Fall 2014 programs for Tots through Junior Academy (Grade 2). Please use the program that corresponds to the age or grade that your child will be in Fall 2014. For example, Tots should be age 3 when the program starts in September; Fall Junior Academy players should now be in Grade 1.

Full program information can be found by using the top tabs. Register by clicking on [Register Online](#) at www.westonsoccer.com.

Registration timetable:

- Regular registration will open on Sunday June 1st and close on Thursday July 31.
- The cost of the program is the same as prior seasons; see the website for each individual program.

Late registration will be open from August 25 through September 1 only. A late fee of \$30 will apply to all registrations not entered and paid by August 1.

***WESTON PARKS & RECREATION – Visit www.westonct.gov for info:**

- American Red Cross Swim Classes – Summer Session – 2014 registration
- Weston's Family 4th Celebration **BRING YOUR BLANKET OR CHAIR & ENJOY THE FIREWORKS!** Food available for purchase.

WESTON GARDEN CLUB'S 1st ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR SATURDAY, JUNE 14th

Weston Garden Club's First Annual Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th. The tour includes six private gardens in town including historic landmarks and working farms.

TOUR DETAILS

Hours for the **Weston Garden Club's First Annual Garden Tour** are from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 14th. The first stop is at the home

of Shirley and Fred Schneider at 104 Norfield Road. Check in there, pick up your ticket and map, and enjoy a wonderful day of strolling through some spectacular settings. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time at **westongardenclub.com** or on the day of the event. The day of the tour, tickets are \$25; if you purchase online by June 13, tickets are \$20. Children under 12 are free.

For more information about **Weston Garden Club's First Annual Garden Tour**, please go to www.westongardenclub.com, email westongardenclub@gmail.com or call 203 454 2839.

***WESTON TROJAN YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER**

WTYF&C NEWS

June 12th, 2014

www.trojansfootball.org

IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITY OF PLAYING UNDER THE STADIUM LIGHTS... NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR FALL 2014 WESTON TROJAN YOUT FOOTBALL AND CHEER.

Join the Trojan spirit and be a part of the growing, energetic, youth football and cheer program in Weston! WTYF&C is proud to be a member of the Fairfield County Football League – focused on FUN, SAFETY, INSTRUCTION, and the DEVELOPMENT of our kids!

Cheerleading:

Cheer Mini's: 1st & 2nd grade

Weston Blue & White: 3rd, 4th & 5th

Weston Gold (competition): 6th, 7th & 8th

Flag Football:

Grade Team Format: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Tackle Football:

Grade Team Format: 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th

Online registration is now open at www.trojansfootball.org

Or [click](#) here to view and print a PDF of the registration flyer

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*

Thank you for your support and cooperation.