



THE WHISTLE – OCTOBER 30TH, 2016
WIS PTO NEWSLETTER #9

WIS SCHOOL & EVENTS CALENDAR:

November 8	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development
November 9	Joint WIS/HES PTO General Meeting 9:30 am @ HES
November 10	DELAYED OPENING – K-8 Conferences
November 11	EARLY DISMISSAL – K-8 Conferences
November 14	DELAYED OPENING – K-8 Conferences
November 23	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Recess

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November 25 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Recess



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

We had a great Book Fair last week; it was an amazing event. Thanks to all the parents who helped support it this year; as well as all the parents who helped volunteer during, before and after. Thank you to all the parents who helped put more books into the hands of all the kids at WIS, by putting them into all the classrooms. And a HUGE thank you to our Book Fair chairs, who spent countless hours getting ready for the fair, working whole days at the fair and ensuring that all the classes had time to visit the fair to make book selections. Thank you to Jen Morse, Lisa Lewis & Romy Weinberg for your time & dedication!

And I hope everyone had a great time at Run for Life last week.

Lastly, thank you to Kristen Rinaldi (wisptocommunications@westonpspto.org) for distributing the PTO directories last week. If you didn't get yours, please reach out to her.

Have a great Halloween,

Tammy Roberts

HALLOWEEN CANDY FOR OPERATION GRATITUDE:

You can send treats to the Troops by donating your excess Halloween candy. Don't throw it away, pass it on to those who serve instead! A collection bin will be located in the lobby of WIS. Collection will take place November 1st through 4th. Coordinated by WIS PTO Community Service.

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Picture retake day for students who were absent on picture day:

For online orders, go to www.Coffeepond.com. Have your child bring in the printed order confirmation.

If you need a retake of your child's portrait:

Your child must give the original portrait package to the photographer at the time of his/her retake session

JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS:

It is once again time to start our wonderful Book Groups for WIS! Please complete the online form if your STUDENT is interested in participating by November 11th and/or if you are interested in becoming a LEADER (by November 3rd).

LEADERS – For those of you new to WIS, Jr. Great Books is a highly rewarding learning experience. You can use your enthusiasm for literature and your curiosity about students ideas to help WIS students develop a love of literature that can last a lifetime. You will learn how to lead discussions that foster imagination, critical thinking, and a love of reading.

All materials are provided and discussion groups are made up of 8–12 students. You will meet once a week at lunchtime/recess in the school for six to eight sessions for at least 30 minutes each session.

TRAINING SESSIONS ARE LIMITED; PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY NOVEMBER 3rd IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE A NEW LEADER

STUDENTS – In Jr. Great Books, students read stories and share their ideas and opinions about them in small discussion groups. The literature has been especially chosen to challenge children of all ages, spark their ideas, and promote thoughtful discussions.

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interested with the purchase information for the books (it is generally less than \$25 for the whole program).

Before the program begins in January, a schedule will be sent home with your child.

Please contact me, Catherine Revzon, crevzon@gmail.com, with any questions or if you are interested in being a leader.

I've invited you to fill out the form Junior Great Books. To fill it out, visit:

<https://goo.gl/forms/I2XGTf6Xhst7kbmE3>

WIS YEARBOOK ON SALE NOW

2016–2017 WIS Yearbooks are on sale now! This year we are offering an early bird special with our 2016 pricing of \$28. Order now and don't delay. Ordering online is the quickest and most efficient way to to order. The yearbook will be at our lowest price, \$28 until December 31st 2016. The price will go up as of January 1st 2017, so don't miss the opportunity to order now. Yearbooks can also be personalized. There is a \$10 charge from Coffeepond for this feature.

Go to www.coffeepond.com and click on "Yearbook". The password is "wolves". Click online order.

5TH GRADE BABY PICTURES

The 2016–17 Yearbook is collecting baby pictures of our current 5th Graders. This is a special layout planned for our "graduating" students and we need your help to complete the project.

Parents, we need you to provide your child's most adorable baby picture for the yearbook. We are asking that the picture be within their first year, and have no one else

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Please email a high resolution photo to Christine Harris at crizpto@yahoo.com. Please include your child's full name and teacher in the subject line.

If you are unable to email a picture, please email me, so we can work out an alternative. This project will be a lot of fun for the kids, so we need 100% participation. We ask that all photos please be submitted by December 16th.

Christine Harris
Yearbook Chair
crizpto@yahoo.com

WIS YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

Winner receives a \$50 Amazon Gift Card

The yearbook cover contest is here again. We are holding a contest for your artwork and the selected drawing will be on the front cover of the WIS 2016–2017 Yearbook. The judges will be looking for creativity, school spirit (Wolf Pride, WIS Pride) and authentic work. This is every student's opportunity to use their creative and artistic skills and to have fun! In addition to the cover winner, we will try to include as many designs as possible on the back.

The following are some important and necessary guidelines you should follow:

- Your entry must be your original artwork
- Please include the school name (Weston Intermediate School or WIS) and the year (2016– 2017) somewhere in your drawing
- Entries in color are preferred, but black and white is fine (bold, clear lines: markers reproduce well– NO CRAYONS)

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- Your entry MUST be VERTICAL (portrait) oriented on the paper
- Do NOT write your name on the front of the paper
- Complete and attach the form below on the back of your artwork
- Submit your entry to your teacher NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 16TH
- If the deadline is not met, your entry will not be included

[CLICK HERE](#) for entry form

If you have any questions please contact Sam Leuzzi: samhleuzzi@gmail.co

WIS SPIRITWEAR T-SHIRTS ON SALE NOW

Show your WIS Pride by wearing our 100% cotton, pre-shrunk T-shirt. You may order WIS Pride T-Shirts on-line through the WIS PTO Website. Payment is by credit card and shirts will be delivered to your child in school. Please allow a few days for processing.

T-Shirts come in child (S,M,L) and adult (S,M,L,XL,XXL) sizes. Cost is \$10.

[Click here](#) to order on-line

For more information, contact Darcy Barrera-Hawes (d.barrera@outlook.com)

WESTON SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION:

Registration is now open for Weston Soccer Spring Travel Teams (U11-U15)!

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of the day on Wednesday November 16th. If space permits, late registration may be considered on a case-by-case basis, with a \$45 late fee.

Spring Soccer Travel registration is for players currently in Grades 5 through 8 with birth dates in the years 2002–2006 and players currently in 4th grade with birth dates in 2006. Players currently in 4th grade with birth dates in 2007 should NOT register for this program -- they should register for U10 Academy (registration opening in early December).

Interested players not currently on a U11–U15 travel team are encouraged to attend a practice during the week of October 31st but they MUST register before attending. Please e-mail Kate Moore at ckmoore1999@gmail.com to arrange a practice time.

To register, click on the "Register Online" tab on the left side of our webpage, <http://www.westonsoccer.com>.

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES:

This winter we're back and better than ever with wonderful WOW! offerings for children in third through fifth grade. We're excited to introduce several new programs including:

Baking with Gabriela, Secret Agent lab: Spy Academy, "Weston Today" (a variety TV show), Batman Master Mechanics using Legos, and Software Engineering.

Many old favorites such as Morning Chess, International Cuisine, Yoga, Art, Magic, and Sew Fun are back on the schedule as well.

Program dates, descriptions, and details are available on our website at www.westonyouthservices.org.

Registration begins on Tuesday November 15th at 10:01 pm. and classes begin the week

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Any questions, please contact Charlene Monn, Program Coordinator, at 203-222-2586 or email cmonn@westonct.gov

WESTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION TRIVIA NIGHT:

Saturday, Nov. 5th 6:30 pm; Norfield Parish Hall, 64 Norfield Road
Hosted by John Seigenthaler (Former news anchor at Al Jazeera America, NBC and MSNBC)

Dinner by AMG Catering (BYOB)

Great food and great fun for a great cause!

\$125 per person—everyone is welcome to this community event in support of our schools.

Space is limited and tables sell out quickly! To book your tickets go to:

Westoneducationfoundation.org and click on the Trivia Night button or mail checks payable to the Weston Education Foundation to:

WEF, PO Box 1093, Weston, CT 06883

WESTON REGISTRAR OF VOTERS:

November 1 is the last day for in-person and mail-in voter registration for the upcoming election. On Nov 1, Registrars of Voters will hold a registration session at Town Hall from 9am to 8pm. To register on-line and for additional voting information, visit the Town of Weston website at: <http://westonct.gov/>

Absentee Ballots are available thru November 7 at the Town Clerks Office, Monday -

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and requirements regarding absentee voting, please visit the Town of Weston Website:
<http://www.westonct.gov/media/file/WebsiteupdateNovember2016electionREVISED3.pdf>

Election Day is November 8th, the polls will be open at Weston Middle School Gymnasium from 6am until 8pm. Voter parking and entrance are located at the back of the school.

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AMAZON PARTNERSHIP

Since we began this program in 2013, we've earned over \$ 25,000!

Up to 8.5% of all purchases made using [this Amazon link](#) goes directly to the PTOs.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to make all of your Amazon purchases or go to our webpage at www.westonpspto.org

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if you have something for The WhIStle newsletter:

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- It is your responsibility to write and submit your relevant WIS activity.
- All submissions should be in WORD format and the content should be print-ready. Please keep it simple and short.
- If you have a flyer please submit a brief write-up along with it in PDF format and we will link it to the newsletter.
- Please send all necessary links, there will be a click "here" linking to the more detailed information.
- If you want to re-run a write-up from the previous week, check to see if it requires updating, i.e. changing the wording from "next week" to "this week", etc. If so, please make appropriate changes and re-send the revised write-up

All submission should be sent to:

wisptocommunications@westonpspto.org

All submissions will be acknowledged.

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