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THE WHISTLE – NOVEMBER 6TH, 2016
WIS PTO NEWSLETTER #10

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:

This week is Conference Week. There is no school on Tuesday and delayed openings & early dismissals due to parent/teacher conferences Thursday, Friday, & Monday. The PTO is providing the staff with snacks during those days.

This Wednesday, is our next PTO General Meeting . We've got a great speaker lined up, Esther Blum. The meeting is located at [HES](#) and begins at 9:30 am. Hope to see you there. (See write up below.)

Don't forget to place your Square One Art order by November 10th in order to receive your order by the week of November 28th. The funds raised are going toward the new Art Kiln for Art Teacher Cady Carroll. Please make sure that you received your custom stickers (from your child's artwork) and a catalog.

If you haven't already done so, don't forget to purchase your yearbook. And don't forget to check out Lost & Found; which is getting full again.

Have a great week,

Tammy Roberts

HES & WIS PTO GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday November 9, 9:30am @HES

Guest Speaker: Esther Blum, MS, RD, CDN, CNS

Author of Cavewomen Don't get Fat: the Paleo Chic Diet for Rapid Results, and Eat, Drink and Live Gorgeously: A Nutritionists Guide to Living Well While Living

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Ester is a holistic nutritionist and lifestyle coach. She will be discussing raiding your pantry, meal makeovers and snack ideas that will keep your kids energized, balanced, and happy.

“My approach to eating and life is joyous, vibrant, deeply pleasurable, and wickedly FUN. When we work together, you will build a foundation of health with super simple but effective methods that don’t require calorie counting, feeling unhappy and starving, or like you’ve sold your soul to the devil just to fit into your skinny jeans. You will have the power to create for yourself boundless energy, mental clarity, and pure joy in your life!” – Esther Blum

SQUARE 1 ART FUNDRAISER

This year the WIS PTO partnered with Square One Art to create a unique opportunity to show off and preserve your child's art.

Custom stickers and a catalog were sent home with your child's artwork. There are many more items available from mugs to thank you notes. The school profits from every order.

Orders will be delivered to the school during the week of November 28. To order keepsakes please go to www.square1art.com/shop

Last Day to order is November 10!

All proceeds from WIS PTO Fundraisers go to the school, teachers, staff and students to provide special programs, supplies, and technology. Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you to all the teachers and staff who has helped in making this Fundraiser possible!

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Alison Martin

WIS SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKE DAY: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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 NEW OR RETURNING LEADER.

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 beginning in January.

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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.

If your child is interested in being a part of this stimulating and engaging program, please complete the form by Friday, November 11th . We will send out a link to those 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.

Click below to fill out the Junior Great Book Form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/J2XGTf6Xhst7kbmE3>

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.

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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 included in the photo.

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:

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- 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)

- Your entry MUST be a 7.5x 10 drawing (you can use 8.5 x 11 paper, but do not go all the way to the edge, it may get cropped)

- 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

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE:

During last Monday's BOE meeting, the Board welcomed student representatives from the High School for the first time. Dr. Craw presented the Gauging Student Progress Report, which is a comprehensive assessment of teaching and learning in all Weston schools. The report focused on the need for comprehensive evaluations, including formative classroom assessments and benchmark common assessments in addition to formal testing. Dr. Craw emphasized that multiple measures are key. The principals' report is now provided in a link to all parents. The report includes a highlight from each school.

The next BOE meeting will be November 21st at 7:30 pm in the WMS LRC.

WESTON SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION:

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

Registration must be completed and the \$525 registration fee PAID no later than the end 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

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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 of January 9th.

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

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If you have something for The WhIStle newsletter:

- The WIS PTO newsletter is scheduled to be distributed on Sundays, please send your submissions by the Friday prior
- 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.

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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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