



THE WHISTLE – DECEMBER 4TH, 2016  
 WIS PTO NEWSLETTER #14

**WIS SCHOOL & EVENTS CALENDAR:**

December 26 - January 2	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Winter Recess
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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

The deadline for the Yearbook Cover Contest is coming up soon. Don't miss the deadline (Dec. 16th) if you want to participate.

And if you have a 5th grader, don't forget to submit your baby pictures. See article below.

We will be sending out an email soon, regarding the SquareArt1 orders.

Our next Family Fun Night is on Friday, January 27th. At this Bridgeport Sound Tigers Game, the kids will be singing the National Anthem. Game starts at 7 pm.

**Thank you** to **Gina Albert** for all her hard work this year, as our Philanthropy Chair. She accepted a position on the Board of Ed and is no longer able to continue on the WIS PTO board. **Katia Colaprico** has graciously agreed to fill this role for the remainder of the year. Congrats to both.

Lastly, we are still in need of volunteers for the Holiday Food & Gift Baskets. If you are in one of the classes that still need volunteers (Brown, Cannito, Daly, Lynfield, Luby, Rice, or Schlotter), please consider helping. More information below.

Have a great week,  
Tammy Roberts

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The WIS PTO is starting the nominating process and we are looking for 3 PTO members (who are not currently serving on the PTO Board) to serve on this committee.

If anyone is interested in serving on the committee, please contact Kristen Rinaldi at [wisptocommunications@westonpspto.org](mailto:wisptocommunications@westonpspto.org)

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE:**

The Board of Ed met on Monday, November 21st. First, Dr. McKersie recognized Christina Conetta as Weston's 2017 Teacher of the Year (Instructional Leader, Grade 6-12 Social Studies). The Board also welcomed Gina Albert as a new Board of Ed member. Ms. Albert is replacing Phil Schaefer, who has retired. The Board elected Denise Harvey as Vice Chairperson.

Dr. Craw and WHS personnel presented the annual WHS Class of 2016 Statistical Report & Analysis of College Applications. Highlights from the report include: for first time, more students took ACT over SAT; AP test scores increased; 100% graduation rate; 90% of students applied to some type of early acceptance program; and there was a 10% drop in the percentage of students admitted at the most competitive colleges, but applications to those schools were also up dramatically.

Next, the Board heard from School Officials regarding the annual NESDC Enrollment Report and Projections. The report focused on Weston's high birth to kindergarten ratio (how many children enroll in kindergarten for every birth

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between births and kindergarten enrollment. This year's enrollment projections were actually very close in the lower grades. Projections for next year are for HES: K +14 (142); Grade 1 -4 (139); Grade 2 +5 (150); and for WIS: Grade 3 -8 (155); Grade 4 -5 (168); Grade 5 -9 (176). The report is projecting a 5% decrease district wide for the next 5 years.

And lastly, Ms. Kaddis, Ms. Falber and Dr. Craw reported on Dr. McKersie's request of them to examine the location of second grade. Their analysis concluded that moving the second grade to WIS would not provide much of a cost savings and would negatively impact the learning environment in WIS and HES. They recommended keeping the second grade at HES. Dr. McKersie would like the Board to come to a vote or consensus on this issue at the next meeting.

The next BOE meeting will be December 19th at 7:30 pm in the WMS LRC.

Submitted by Melissa Walker

### **WIS PTO COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Holiday Food & Gift Basket Classroom Volunteers Needed

WIS PTO Community Service needs one volunteer from each class to help coordinate the annual Holiday Food and Gift Basket project. There is very little time commitment, just check the food bin a couple of times to make sure we are getting donations, make sure there are no glass jars or expired items in the bin, and send reminder emails to your class. Please sign up by clicking the link below.

[www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084ca8ad2ba0f94-wisclass](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084ca8ad2ba0f94-wisclass)

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PTO to collect food and gift card donations for Weston Social Services. All donations are anonymous and voluntary. Food and Gift Baskets are distributed by Weston Social Services.

If you have any questions, please contact Holly Wiemken(hollywiemken@gmail.com) or Joe Sencen (jsencen@yahoo.com).  
THANK YOU!

### **HES & WIS FAMILY FUN NIGHT:**

Join us at the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Hockey Game

STUDENTS WILL SING NATIONAL ANTHEM!!!

WHEN: Friday, Jan. 27th – 7:00pm (Doors open 6:00 pm)

WHAT: Bridgeport Sound Tigers hockey club vs. Hartford Wolf Pack

WHERE: Webster Bank Arena | 600 Main Street

TICKETS: \$16 per person

For more information [click here](#)

To order tickets online [click here](#)

### **WIS ART VOLUNTEERS:**

A Call for ART Volunteers! We need YOU!

The art room needs your help with a large variety of tasks throughout the year including help with 4<sup>th</sup> grade basket weaving, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Human Gesture

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May I add you to my volunteer email list?

[Please email me and let me know!](#)


No need to tell me specifically what you are interested in. I will email all the volunteers with art room needs as the year goes on and if you are available you can let me know.

Thank you so much!

Cady Carroll

CadenceCarroll@westonps.org

### **WIS 2016 - 2017 YEARBOOK ON SALE NOW**

Go to [www.coffeepond.com](http://www.coffeepond.com) and click on "Yearbook". The password is "wolves". Click online order.

Yearbook cost: \$28 until December 31st 2016. The price will go up as of January 1st 2017.

### **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 included in the photo.

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[crizpto@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:crizpto@yahoo.com)

### **WIS YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST**

The deadline for submitting a drawing for the annual yearbook cover contest is coming up on December 16<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to seeing your entries. Please [click here](#) to see full details and to print your submission form.

If you have any questions please contact Sam Leuzzi: [samhleuzzi@gmail.co](mailto: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.

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

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



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Please support the WHS CLASS OF 2018 (current Juniors) by purchasing a Weston spirit Bleacher Seat for \$15 (navy blue with yellow W).

[Click here](#) for the order form.

This navy blue folding seat cushion is made to make sitting on the bleachers more comfortable (it is great for when the bleachers are cold or wet) and its soft material acts as a good cushion to put over a stiff chair. In addition, the back has the yellow Weston logo printed on it and also acts as a pocket.

The profits from this fundraiser go to the Student Government Class of 2018 in the High School and will be used to fund its annual student government spirit events including holiday decorations, spirit weeks, events such as Prom and so much more!

### **WESTON GIRL SCOUTS TOY DRIVE:**

Girl Scout Troop 50640 is collecting new unwrapped toys or gifts from December 5th to Dec. 16, 2016.

Please bring new, unwrapped toys for pre-school aged children to the collection box in the lobby at WIS by December 16th 2016.

All toys will be collected and delivered to Caroline House in Bridgeport, CT and will be distributed to their students during the upcoming holidays.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us support this community. If you have any questions please contact Christine Harris at [crizpto@yahoo.com](mailto:crizpto@yahoo.com)

[Subscribe](#)[Share ▼](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[RSS](#)**WESTON LITTLE LEAGUE SPIRITWEAR:**

Weston Little League spiritwear is on sale now. Show your Weston Little League Pride

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

**WESTON SOCCER CLUB:**

Weston Soccer Club Spring 2017 Development Academy Registration

Registration for Spring 2017 Development Academy (U9 and U10) is now open!

Registration must be completed and the \$525 registration fee PAID no later than the end of the day on Wednesday January 11th. If space permits, late registration may be considered on a case-by-case basis, with a \$35 late fee.

Players who do not register and pay by January 11<sup>th</sup> are not guaranteed a roster position. In addition, we cannot guarantee placement for more than 28 players in each age group.

**AGE BRACKET RULES: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

Spring 2017 Development Academy registration is for players in Grades 2 through 4 with birth dates in the years 2007-2008. Players currently in 2nd grade with birth dates in 2009 should NOT register for this program -- they should register for 2nd Grade Junior Academy (registration opening in February).

Development Academy players should register according to their birth year,

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To register, go the [www.westonsoccer.com](http://www.westonsoccer.com) and click on the "Register Online" tab on the left side of the page.

### **WESTON YOUTH SERVICES:**

If you're still undecided about your child's winter activities, look no further... Registration is currently underway for our Winter WOW! After-School programs.

Program dates, descriptions, and details are available on our website at [www.westonyouthservices.org](http://www.westonyouthservices.org).

Classes begin the week of January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions, please contact Charlene Monn, Program Coordinator, at 203-222-2586 or email [cmonn@westonct.gov](mailto:cmonn@westonct.gov). **Space is limited.**

### **WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY:**

Library Renovations – We're Moving! December 12-16

The Library's collections and furnishings will return to the building during the week of

December 12. The Library will be closed from December 12 through the 16 while the move is underway. For updates on programs and photos of the renovation, please visit [www.westonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.westonpubliclibrary.org).

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The Library will close at 4:30PM on Friday, December 23rd and will be closed December 24 through December 26.

Mini-Maker Program – Build a Circuit  
Thursday, December 8, 3:30 PM

Kids ages 8 and up can learn how electronics work by building projects with our Snap Circuits and LittleBits kits. The pieces in each kit snap together, providing a safe and easy way for kids to explore electronics without having to worry about complicated wiring. You can either build projects from the included booklets, or design your own! No registration is required for this program.

Materials for this program were funded by a grant from the Weston Education Foundation.

### **SUPPORT THE PTO**

#### **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](http://www.westonpspto.org)

#### **TARGET REDcard**

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Target will donate up to 1% of your REDcard purchases at Target stores in the U.S and at Target.com. Go to [www.target.com](http://www.target.com) to apply for a new card or link your existing card.

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.
- 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](mailto:wisptocommunications@westonpspto.org)

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