

# The Whistle Newsletter

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FIRST NEWSLETTER FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

THE WHISTLE - SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2017  
WIS PTO NEWSLETTER #38

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## WIS SCHOOL EVENTS & CALENDAR:

September 4 NO SCHOOL Labor Day

September 7 Grade 3 Back to School Night 7PM

September 12 Grade 4 Back to School Night 7PM

September 14 WIS PTO Meeting 9:30AM

September 21 NO SCHOOL Rosh Hashanah

September 26 Grade 5 Back to School Night 7PM



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WIS PTO

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### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great summer and a successful first day of school!

This past Tuesday, the PTO hosted a welcome back lunch for the wonderful WIS staff. A very big thank you goes to **Michele Tivey, Pamela Cannon and Jennifer Roh**, who spent the last few weeks of their summer vacation organizing the lunch, as well as all the generous

donors and volunteers.

Thank you to **Sam Leuzzi** and **Sam Keefe** for organizing the room parents and to **Sam Leuzzi** for arranging for all the school supplies to be delivered in time for school.

Thank you to **Monica Stromwall** for updating our website over the summer and for sending out The Whistle (please note our new distribution day is Friday.)

Our first **General PTO meeting** is **Thursday, September 14th**. We will be meeting at **9:30 am**, in the **WIS Cafetorium**. Please join us for the opportunity to meet WIS administrative staff, district leaders, including Dr. McKersie, and Board of Education members.

Thanks to our Spiritwear Chair, **Gabrielle Schickler**, we have a fresh supply of WIS PRIDE t-shirts and we will be selling them at all the Back to School Nights. I look forward to seeing you all there!

And finally, please don't forget to **join the PTO!** As registered members:  
1) You will receive emails that keep you updated on important school events,  
2) Your membership includes 1 FREE PTO membership directory,  
and 3) Your membership allows you to participate in and decide how our Philanthropy Funds are spent. To register online: **[CLICK HERE.](#)**

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Have a great weekend,

Katia Colaprico

[wisptopresident@westonpspto.org](mailto:wisptopresident@westonpspto.org)

### **WIS Square 1 Art:**

WIS Fundraising - Square 1 Art and Box Tops For Education

Welcome back to the new school year! My name is Alison Martin and I am the Fundraising Chair this year. This fall, we will again participate in the Square 1 Art fundraiser. Briefly, students will create drawings which can be used to create custom-made items and keepsakes, such as note cards, framed pictures and mugs. More on this to come in October.

Additionally, we will be collecting Box Tops this fall and again in the spring. Beginning next week through October 13th, please send Box Tops

to school in a sealed Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name, teacher's name and number of Box Tops. Please make sure not to submit any expired Box Tops. The top 3 submissions and the class with the most Box Tops collected will win a prize.

### **HURLBUTT ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER:**

Please join us in for a fun tennis event at the wonderful Aspetuck Valley Country Club, Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 9:30am-12:30pm.

For more information please see the flyer [HERE](#)

### **HES Playground GALA**

Friday November 3, 2017 at 7:30 pm

Hosted at Rolling Hills Country Club and complete with food, drinks, friends, dancing and auctions, the HES PTO will be putting on a GALA to support the new HES playground! If you would like to be on this committee or donate a silent auction item, please contact [karla.krassin@gmail.com](mailto:karla.krassin@gmail.com).

More information can be found on our website, <http://www.hesplayground.com>

### **WESTON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION:**

#### **WBA Proudly Offers**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls and Boys Fall Basketball Clinics**

The WBA Fall basketball clinics are here! We are excited to announce that NEW for this year, we are adding a very special clinic just for 4th grade boys and girls. We want to welcome them into the fun world of travel basketball, and there's no better way than to learn the game the right way at our WBA pre-season clinic. Best of all, we are offering this clinic to 4th graders at the heavily discounted rate of only \$25 for all 5 sessions.

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Whether you're looking to get ready for travel basketball or just hone your skills, or just hoop it up with friends, the WBA has clinics for boys and girls from 4th to 8th grade. Check out the details below and register at [westonbasketball.com](http://westonbasketball.com) today!

#### **4th Grade Boys & Girls Clinics with WHS Varsity Coach Dan Rosen and his staff**

- **When?:** Saturdays 10 am - 11 am at WHS
- **How Many Sessions?:** 5 sessions (9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30 & 10/7)
- **How much?:** ONLY \$25 for all sessions or drop-in for \$10 any session

#### **5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Pre-Season Clinics with WHS Girls Varsity Coach Dan Rosen and his staff**

- **When?:** Saturdays 8:30 am - 10 am at Weston High School
- **How Many Sessions?:** 5 sessions (9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30 & 10/7)
- **How much?:** \$125 for all sessions or drop-in for \$30 any session

#### **5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Pre-Season Clinics with WHS Boys Varsity Coach Sam Moser and his staff**

- **When?:** Saturdays 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Weston High School
- **How Many Sessions?:** 5 (9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30 & 10/7)
- **How much?:** \$125 for all sessions or drop-in for \$30 any session

### **WESTON PARKS AND RECREATION:**

**Parks & Recreation Programs can be found [here](#).**

**For Further Information Please Visit Our Website**

[www.westonct.gov/parksandrec](http://www.westonct.gov/parksandrec)

Prior to registration online make sure you have updated your household account for 2017–18 school year. Review your family's household account with your child's current age, grade, address, phone number, etc. You will not be able to complete the online registration for any program if you do not do this.

**\*\*\*FALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION! \*\*\***

Fall program registration has begun on [www.westonct.gov/parksandrec](http://www.westonct.gov/parksandrec).

You will also find on our website video tutorials to help with your

registration. Program questions should be directed to Program Director, Joe

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**\*\*\*PUBLIC POOL PERMITS \*\*\***

The Weston Middle School will be open for public swim beginning Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The pool is available for lap swim begins Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Days/times: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:15 a.m. – 7:15 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 pm. A permit is required and available in the Recreation office or on [www.westonct.gov/parksandrec](http://www.westonct.gov/parksandrec). Fee: \$100.00 – Weston family, \$50.00 for adults or non-adults. Daily drop in fee is \$5.00 per person. Weston seniors (ages 62 and up) is free!!

**\*\*\*FALL SWIM LESSONS – SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (NEW) \*\*\***

Fall swim lessons will begin on Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> and a NEW Sunday class beginning on Sept., 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration has begun on [www.westonct.gov/parksandrec](http://www.westonct.gov/parksandrec) and in the Recreation office at 47 Norfield Road if space is available for Weston residents. Saturday classes are: Parent toddler (ages 1 – 3 years), Special Needs and Levels 1 – 5. Sunday classes are: Levels 1 – 5. Limited spaces!

**\*\*\*SUNDAY SPRINGBOARD DIVING CLASSES\*\*\***

Coach Patty Nizlek will be offering a Springboard diving class this fall!

Day/Dates: Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration has begun online on [www.westonct.gov/parksandrec](http://www.westonct.gov/parksandrec) and in the Recreation office if space is available. Fee: \$270.00 for 9 classes. Registration has begun.

**\*\*\*GOOD CITIZEN DOG OBEDIENCE – FALL\*\*\***

Join instructor, Janet Metzger for this 7 week dog training course. Classes held at the Hurlbutt Elementary School North House. Day/dates: Saturday: Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. Time: 9:00 a.m. – Beyond Beginners, 10:00 a.m. – Beginners or 11:00 a.m. – Puppy Kindergarten. Fee: \$195.00 for Puppy Kindergarten and Beginners or \$185.00 for Beyond Beginners. If you have any questions or to register, contact Janet at 203-938-2951 or [mandjmetzger@optonline.net](mailto:mandjmetzger@optonline.net).

**\*\*\*RUNNING PROGRAMS GRS. K – 5\*\*\***

This Fall marks the return of “Rise & Run” the before school running club that meets Mondays for grades 3-5 at WIS and Wednesdays, grades K-2. The class will meet from 7:45 A.M. until 8:15. We will also welcome back WIS Running Club Wednesdays after school for students in grades 3-5. Coaches Pascal Butcher and Megan Cebulski will educate students through games, drills and challenges. These programs are a fun way to keep your child active. Registration has begun online on [www.westonct.gov/parksandrec](http://www.westonct.gov/parksandrec) and in the Recreation office if space is available.

**\*\*\*TENNIS LESSONS – GRS. 3 – 5\*\*\***

Instructor Doug Barshon for offer this tennis program for students in grades 3 –

Instructor Doug Barshop will offer this tennis program for students in grs. 3 – 5. Participants will learn racquet skills, play games and learn tennis play formats. Limited spaces! This will fill quickly. Day/Dates: Friday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. Fee: \$160.00. Registration has begun on [www.westonct.gov/parksandrec](http://www.westonct.gov/parksandrec) and in the Recreation office if space is available.

**\*\*\*WIS SPORTS & FITNESS – GRS. 3 – 5 \*\*\***

Instructors, Steve Santora, Tom Ehret and Dan Ungar will offer this popular after school program for children in grs. 3 – 5. This program allows children to burn off energy while playing PE games and is for all athletic levels.

Dates: Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> or Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Fee: \$144.00 for either day. Registration has begun on [www.westonct.gov/parksandrec](http://www.westonct.gov/parksandrec) and in the Recreation office if space is available.

**\*\*\*HIT IT CARDIO BOXING\*\*\***

Get some serious sweat on with this boxing and kickboxing class! Class combines upper and lower body exercises that will leave you feeling fit and strong. Day/Dates: Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Fee: \$175.00 for 7 classes. Instructor: Cyrece Lehrman. Registration has begun on [www.westonct.gov/parksandrec](http://www.westonct.gov/parksandrec) and in the Recreation office if space is available.

**\*\*\*CARDIO CHISEL\*\*\***

Join instructor Cyrece Lehrman, with this workout designed to be a total boost! No muscle will be untouched! Day/Dates: Tuesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. Fee: \$175.00 for 7 classes. Time: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Registration has begun on [www.westonct.gov/parksandrec](http://www.westonct.gov/parksandrec) and in the Recreation office if space is available.

**\*\*\*PILATES – NEW\*\*\***

Class is designed to re-align the spine in regards to its natural skeletal position. Rebalancing the muscles around the spine, abdominal and the extremities to accomplish core strength, stability and longer leaner muscle tone! Day/Dates: Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Time: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Fee: \$120.00. Registration has begun on [www.westonct.gov/parksandrec](http://www.westonct.gov/parksandrec) and in the Recreation office if space is available.

**WESTON YOUTH SERVICES:**

**A Message from Weston Youth Services**

Start the school year with Weston Youth Services! We're back-to-school and better than ever with wonderful WOW! offerings for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. This fall we're excited to introduce several new programs including Crazy Chemworks, Introduction to STEM with LEGO, Game Gala, and Tinkering-Introduction to Circuits at Hurlbutt and Introduction to Garage Band, Morning and Afternoon Yoga, Journalism, and Introduction to Robotics at WIS. Many old favorites such as Karate, International Cuisine, Chess, Art, and Magic are back on the schedule as well. Program dates, descriptions, and details are available on our website at [www.westonyouthservices.org](http://www.westonyouthservices.org). Registration opens Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:01 pm. and classes begin the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>.

For your budding babysitter, we'll be offering four Sitter Safety sessions this year, where middle-school students will learn about infant and toddler care, child development, and how to handle emergency situations to help them become responsible babysitters. Participants will also gain American Heart Association First Aid Certification with Hands only CPR. And new this fall is a Yoga program which will be held on Wednesday afternoons. Registration for these programs begins on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:01 p.m. And if you're high school student is driving you crazy about driving, he/she can participate in The Next Street Driver's Education program held at Weston High School. The first session begins on September 25<sup>th</sup>! For more information and to register online, please visit <https://www.thenextstreet.com/ct-driving-schools/fairfield-county/weston-high-school-drivers-ed>. **Afternoon and evening programs are available.**

## **WESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**

### **The Weston Historical Society Presents**

#### **"Honoring Weston's Own Fire and EMS Volunteers" to Close Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The last day to view the Weston Historical Society exhibit "Honoring Weston's Own Fire and EMS Volunteers" is Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 104 Weston Road, Weston



p.m. to 7 p.m. The museum is located at 104 Weston Road, Weston. Activities planned for the day include "Touch a Fire Truck", where would-be First Responders can sit behind the wheel of one of Weston's Fire Engines. Plus, parents can take photos of their kids dressed in fire gear, boots, and a firefighter helmet. The exhibit features 25 stunning color-on-metal photographs taken by Weston Firefighter and professional photographer Bruce Ando, shot in the course of duty and at various training exercises in Weston and around the state. In addition, it showcases a collection of apparatus and artifacts, plus photographs, personal accounts and newspaper clippings from the Hurlbutt Elementary School Fire of 1963. Admission for "Honoring Weston's Own" is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. The Weston Historical Society would like to thank our sponsors: Fairfield County Bank, Cohen and Wolf P.C., KMS at Coldwell Banker, the Weston Volunteer Fire Department and Weston EMS. Without their help, the exhibit would not be possible. For further information, please visit our website at [www.westonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.westonhistoricalsociety.org)

### **LACHAT TOWN FARMERS MARKET:**

On Friday, September 29th from 4pm until 8pm Lachat Town Farm, a local farm in the heart of Weston, will be hosting its first Farmer's Market! Come and enjoy live music, fresh farm produce, artisanal vendors, gourmet food trucks, farm animals and children's programming.

Sign your child up, [CLICK HERE](#), for an educational program so that you may peruse and shop from local vendors. Meet friends and dine from the gourmet food trucks while you listen to live music!

This will be the first of five markets this summer. Each one will be on a Friday night; September 29th and October 27th.

Lachat Town Farm  
106 Godfrey Road West  
Weston, CT 06883  
<http://www.lachattownfarm.org/farmers-market.php>

**WMS Movie Night:**

Saturday September 2nd, "The Princess Bride" at WMS for a Back to School Movie Night!

Movie Starts at 7:30 pm and Food Trucks will be there at 6 pm

Don't forget your blankets and lawn chairs and join Weston in a wonderful welcome back!

**Cub Scout Kickoff:****Calling all Future Cub Scouts!**

Imagine sleeping on a battleship, at Lime Rock racetrack, or at the American Museum of Natural History. How about camping at the Weston Historical Society's Coley Homestead, hiking in Devil's Den, visiting the fire station or the police station? These are just a few of the adventures the Weston Cub Scouts have planned this year.

If your kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade son is interested in scouting, come meet Pack 75 and find out more at our 2017-18 Cub Scouts Kickoff Meeting on September 8th from 6:30-8PM at Norfield Congregational Church's Community Room, 64 Norfield Road, Weston. Pizza will be served. For more information, go to [westonpack75.org](http://westonpack75.org).

**Weston Soccer Club:****THE WESTON SOCCER CLUB "GIVING BACK" EVENT**

On Labor Day -- Monday, September 4 -- the Weston Soccer Club will host its second highly successful Family FUNdraiser at the High School Stadium and Lower Turf Fields from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Kicking off the fall season, the event is a chance to meet the professional coaches, further your soccer skills, win prizes, and give back to less-privileged parts of the soccer world. Everyone is welcome (you don't have to be a member of the WSC).

“Weston Soccer delivers high quality training programs which have helped our program to consistently grow and improve,” explains WSC Community Director, Tom Socha. “Club membership is on the rise and our standing among competitor towns improves every season. We wanted to celebrate the game with an event that fosters community spirit and helps needy children in less advantaged parts of the world.”

Plans for the event include scrimmages, skills challenges with prizes, food, and the ever-popular dunk tank and waterslide. U9-U15 teams (prearranged through the coaches and team managers) will compete for honors in games played simultaneously on the upper and lower turf fields. The scrimmage schedule for U9-U15 teams is posted below.

To support the club’s philanthropic efforts, participants can donate both online [CLICK HERE](#) and at the event; donation stations will be set up at the entrances. All proceeds will be used to help fund local charities and on-going club development programs. **In addition to cash donations, all participants are urged to bring new or lightly used soccer equipment: cleats, balls, shirts, shin guards, goalie gloves, etc. These items will be collected and shipped to schools, hospitals, and other areas in need.**

## **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 Fridays, please send your submissions by the Wednesday 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.

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