

# The Whistle Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

THE WHISTLE – SEPTEMBER 15th, 2017  
WIS PTO NEWSLETTER #40

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## **WIS SCHOOL EVENTS & CALENDAR:**

September 21 NO SCHOOL Rosh Hashanah  
September 26 Grade 5 Back to School Night 7PM  
October 5 WIS Philanthropy Meeting 9AM  
October 9 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day  
October 11 WIS/HES PTO Meeting 9:30AM @ HES South House Cafeteria  
October 19 WIS Photo Day



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### **A MESSAGE FROM WIS PTO:**

Our first **JOINT WIS/HES PTO meeting is Wednesday, October 11th**. We will be meeting at **9:30 am, HES South House Cafeteria**. Please join us for the opportunity to go over our new school lunch menu options.

**TODAY** is the last day to register for the PTO. Registered members will receive emails that keep you updated on important school events, one PTO membership directory, and eligibility to participate in and decide how

our Philanthropy Funds are spent. To register online: [CLICK HERE](#). **Don't forget to order your WIS Pride T-Shirts** [CLICK HERE](#).

Have a great weekend!

WIS PTO Communications

### **WIS Photo Day 2017:**

School photo day will be held on, Thursday, October 19. Order forms will be going home in backpacks shortly. Please fill out and return to your teacher before photo day.

If you opt to order online, please go to [Coffeepond.com](http://Coffeepond.com) and remember to print out your form and send into school.

Coffeepond will photograph every student, even if they forget they form or do not want to purchase. If you do not want your child photographed at all, please email [samhleuzzi@gmail.com](mailto:samhleuzzi@gmail.com)

### **PHOTO DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- PLEASE CLICK ON LINK TO SIGN UP**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4badae2cab9-wisphoto1>

### **WIS Fundraising:**

WIS Square 1 Art

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.

Box Tops For Education

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Our Fall Box Tops collection is in full swing. Did you know that last year WIS students raised \$837.10 through The Box Tops program? Our goal this year is to raise \$1000 or more. These funds help support programs like Family Fun Night. Box tops for our Fall Collection can be submitted now until October 20th. Please send your unexpired Box Tops to school in a sealed Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name, teacher's name and number of Box Tops. Alternatively, you may use the collection sheets found at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/about/collection-sheets> and glue or tape your Box Tops to the sheet. Remember, the top 3 student submissions and the class with the most Box Tops collected will win a prize! Please contact Alison Martin at [almcelhone@aol.com](mailto:almcelhone@aol.com) with any questions.

### **WIS/HES Family Photo Day Fundraiser:**

WIS/HES PTO is sponsoring Family Photography Day with [Jen Goldberg Photography](#) on Saturday, September 23rd at Compo Beach from 9am-4pm and Sunday, September 24th at Weston Town Hall from 9am-4pm. Pets welcome only Sunday, September 24 Weston Town Hall.

**Please see the flyer [HERE](#) for more information.**

**To register please go [HERE](#)**

### **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 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 at 203-222-2675.

### **\*\*\*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.

**\*\*\*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 for grades 3 – 5 is now full. You may call the Recreation office to leave your name and number on a wait list.

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

Instructor Doug Barshop for 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. This class is now full. You may call the Recreation office to leave your name and phone number on a wait list.

**WESTON YOUTH SERVICES:**

**A Message from Weston Youth Services**

Registration is currently underway for our WOW! Fall After-School programs! We're back and better than ever with wonderful 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). Space is limited so please register early! Classes, unless noted, are scheduled to 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. Our first

session begins on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. And new this fall is a Yoga program which will be held on Wednesday afternoons beginning September 27<sup>th</sup>. Registration for these programs is currently underway! 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:**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Oktoberfest Comes to Weston Historical Society on Sunday, September 24**

Fall is almost here, and the Weston Historical Society invites you to celebrate its third annual Oktoberfest at the Coley Homestead, 104 Weston Road, on Sunday September 24, from 1p.m. to 5 p.m.

Oktoberfest will feature German food, beer and activities for the whole family. Get into the Fall spirit with pumpkin decorating, a lederhosen bottle toss, apple dunking and games for the entire family.

Live music will be performed by Otis and the Hurricanes – a local Connecticut band whose music mixes a bit of Delta Blues with some good time Rock 'N Roll. Admission includes a bratwurst or hot dog, German pretzel, chips and a drink (beer, soda or water). Children's ticket includes food and a pumpkin to decorate. Additional food and drinks will be available at the event. Dress festively. Event will be held rain or shine. Lederhosen welcome.

Special events at the Weston Historical Society are made possible in part by our sponsors: KMS Partners at Coldwell Banker, Fairfield County Bank, and Cohen & Wolf P.C. For more information about Weston Historical Society, please call 203 226-1804 or visit [www.westonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.westonhistoricalsociety.org)

### **WESTON GIRL SCOUTS:**



**WESTON GIRL SCOUTS September 21, 4-5PM**

New to town? Have a girl who just entered kindergarten? Join us on Thursday, Sept 21 at 4 pm, to explore Weston's Girl Scout Camp Aspetuck and have your questions answered. We are looking for interested girls and volunteers to become co-leaders and troop helpers.

If you cannot make this date, but are interested in learning more, email me, Kristen Abreu, at [westongirlscouts@gmail.com](mailto:westongirlscouts@gmail.com) **Please see flyer [HERE](#)**

Camp Aspetuck  
88 Old Easton Turnpike

**WESTON OPEN STUDIOS ART TOUR:**

Weston Open Studios Art Tour!

Some of the finest artists in the country have called Weston, Connecticut home. In celebration of our long heritage of cultivating fine artists, Weston Arts is proud to announce their Fall Open Studios Art Tour on Saturday, October 14th, 2017.

The tour begins at 10am at Town Hall where participants can check in, purchase tickets \$10/pp (children and under 12 are free) and receive a map with addresses for all of the Weston's fine artists' studios. Tickets will be on sale throughout the day (rain/shine) at the Town Hall on October 14th until 4:30PM. Bracelets will be required for entering all studios and will be monitored by our staff. Ticket sales will be available on site at each studio, as needed.

Each artist has happily agreed to host visitors for the day so that anyone can get a "behind the scenes" tour of where creativity is born in Weston. Art will be available for purchase at each studio, as well and 10% of the proceeds from each sale will go to WestonArts directly. The studio tours will run from 10AM-5PM.

**Tour Weston Artist Studios:**

**[Cindy Wagner](#)**

**[Carole Eisner](#)**

**Audrey Klotz**

**Drew Klotz**

**Charlie Cole**

**Julie Leff**

**Fruma Markowitz**

**David Emberling**

WestonArts 501(c) (3) was formed in June 2005 as a volunteer organization whose mission is to raise funds to promote and develop the arts in Weston, Connecticut. There are currently more than 100 members who donate time to support the growth of art in our community.

The Weston School District has been the recipient of many grants and donations from WestonArts over the years. WestonArts has raised funds for instrument storage units, sheet music storage units, community concerts, Weston Commission for the Arts, and several Weston School District teacher grants. One of its proudest achievements was the \$300,000 Weston High School Auditorium Seat Campaign which was conducted in support of the Weston High School Auditorium renovation project.

Funds raised from this tour will go toward the five \$500 Scholarships awarded each year to graduating seniors continuing their studies in the Arts, and to the School Art Department for much needed Art tables.

### **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

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>

### **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**

Love shopping at Target? Use your Target Debit Card, Target Credit Card® or Target® Visa® Credit Card to get everyday savings, support your favorite K-12 school, make prescriptions rewarding and more.

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. To designate Weston Intermediate School, use ID#123347 or call 1-800-659-2396.

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.

All submission should be sent to:

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

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