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NEWSLETTER FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

THE WHISTLE - SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2017  
WIS PTO NEWSLETTER #42

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## WIS SCHOOL EVENTS & CALENDAR:

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 11 All School Joint PTO BOE Candidate Forum, 7PM, WIS Cafetorium  
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 October 26 Drug & Alcohol Survey Results, 7PM, WMS Library

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### A MESSAGE FROM WIS PTO PRESIDENT:

I hope you are all having a great month and enjoying the extra dose of warm weather! Below are a few important dates to remember:

Our next **General PTO meeting** is **Wednesday, October 11th**. We will be meeting at **9:30 am**, in the Hurlbutt South House cafeteria. Andre Santelli, Director of Culinary Services, will be speaking about the new lunch menu options and will be happy to answer all your questions.

On **October 26th at 7 p.m.** in the **Middle School Library**, Positive Directions will be presenting the results from the drug and alcohol survey conducted last Spring. The survey was completed by parents and students in grades 7-12. Positive Directions provides treatment

students in grades 7-12. Positive Directions provides treatment, counseling and education programs focused on the prevention and recovery from substance abuse.

Thank you to **Gabrielle Schickler** for coming to all our Back to School Nights to sell the WIS Pride t-shirts. If you didn't have a chance to buy one, you can do so through our online store [CLICK HERE](#).

Have a great weekend,

Katia Colaprico

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

### **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:**

Box Tops For Education

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.

### **BOE UPDATE:**

The Board of Ed met on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Weston Middle School. The Board honored 4 WHS Students as National Merit Semifinalists. The Board also welcomed and introduced two high school students who will serve as representatives to the Board. Dr. McKersie thanked the PTOs and Weston Education Foundation for some generous gifts (aspiring scholars program, writing center, and expert-in-residence for science research).

A representative from Milone & MacBroom presented an Enrollment Report to the Board. In summary, the district is likely to continue to experience declining enrollments through at least the early 2020s, largely due to changes in the class size of lower grade levels that have already taken place. Declines at the K-2 grades are projected to be of a smaller magnitude than upper grades and are likely to stabilize or slightly increase after 2018-19. Intermediate and middle grade levels are projected to see sharpest near-term declines. High school grade levels are projected to begin declining from peak, with accelerated declines in the second half of the projection horizon.

Mr. Doak and Mrs. Deorio presented an update on the Drug and Alcohol Initiative in the district post survey results. They reported that they have created a task force, which will partner with the town, community organizations, parents and students. There will be some upcoming parent education programs, one on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> and another one, TBD, with an outreach specialist discussing normal vs. abnormal adolescent behavior, vulnerabilities, and red flags. The high school is helping to support an upcoming Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> addiction awareness event (Shatterproof Rappel Event in Stamford). Officer Joe Mogollon, SRO (School Resource Officer), spoke about his experience in the High School. He is building a website with articles and tips for parents, and working on programs for students including cyber

bullying, internet safety, and drug and alcohol awareness.

The next Board of Ed meeting will be Monday, October 16, at 7:30 pm at the Weston Middle School.

Melissa Walker

### **WIS YEARBOOK SALE:**

WIS 2017-2018 Yearbooks are on sale now! This year we are offering an early bird special of \$29. Order now and save. Ordering online is the quickest and most efficient way to to order. The yearbook will be at our lowest price, \$29 until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017. The price will go up as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, so don't miss the opportunity to order now.

Go to [www.coffeepond.com](http://www.coffeepond.com) and click on "Yearbook". The password is "wolves". Click online order. Please save your confirmation email from Lifeguards. If you can not remember if you ordered a yearbook, you can input your email address under the yearbook tab and it will let you know. Yearbooks can also be personalized. There is a \$10 charge from Coffeepond for this feature.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Christine Harris at [crizpto@yahoo.com](mailto:crizpto@yahoo.com).

### **5TH GRADE BABY PICTURES**

The 2017-18 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](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 15<sup>th</sup>.

## YEARBOOK HELPERS

We can always use a hand collecting great photos for the yearbook and general help overall. If you have great photos to submit for consideration or can share some of your time please reach out to Christine Harris at [crizpto@yahoo.com](mailto:crizpto@yahoo.com). Your photos and help are truly appreciated. If you have any questions about ordering your yearbook or submitting photos, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Christine Harris  
Yearbook Chair  
[crizpto@yahoo.com](mailto:crizpto@yahoo.com)

## HURLBUTT ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER:

***Now is the time to buy your Gala tickets!*** Join us for dinner, dancing and amazing AUCTIONS! [CLICK HERE!](#)

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>

## POSITIVE DIRECTIONS DRUG AND ALCOHOL SURVEY RESULTS:

October 26th at 7 p.m. in the Middle School library, the results will be shared from the parent survey conducted by Positive Directions last spring. The parents of students in Weston Middle School and Weston High School grades 7-12 were invited to complete this survey sponsored by Postive Directions on behalf of our school district, Weston Youth Services, Weston Social Services, and ADAP. Positive Directions provides treatment, counseling and education programs focused on the prevention and recovery from addiction. It is never too early to learn of challenges we

recovery from addiction. It is never too early to learn of challenges we may one day face.

### **WIS FAMILY FUN NIGHT:**

The WIS PTO is hosting the first Family FUN Night event of the year - Weston Night at the Sound Tigers! On **Saturday**, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, the Bridgeport Sound Tigers present Justice League Night. Come meet the Justice League Superheroes! Students will also get to sing God Bless America during intermission! So mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**. It's guaranteed to be a "super" fun night!!

Ticket details to follow soon. For any questions, please email Jennifer Bernheim @ [Jennifer@martinbpr.com](mailto:Jennifer@martinbpr.com).

### **WIS ART VOLUNTEERS:**

A Call for ART Volunteers! We need YOU!

The art room needs your help with a large variety of tasks from time to time throughout the year. No need to commit now, I'd just love to be able to be in touch as the year goes on.

*May I add you to my volunteer email list?* Please email me and let me know!

Thank you,

Cady Carroll

[CadenceCarroll@westonps.org](mailto:CadenceCarroll@westonps.org)

### **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 is open for public swim. 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 have begun for Saturday and Sunday classes. You may register 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 meets from 7:45 A.M. until 8:15. We also have the WIS Running Club held on 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 will offer this tennis program for students in grs. 3 – 5. Participants will learn racquet skills, play games and learn tennis play formats. This class is now full. You may call the Recreation office to leave your name and phone number on a wait list.

**\*\*\*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 BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION:**

You worked hard in our Summer Camp...You honed your skills in the Fall Clinics...

**NOW it's time to showcase your basketball talents!**

The WBA announces its 2017-18  
Travel Basketball Team Try-Outs!!

So what do you need to know?  
You should [register](#) (no cost!) for try-outs now

When and where should you try-out?  
See the schedule below for your grade

Anything else you need to know?  
Yes! Be sure that you read the [WBA Travel Rules](#)

Other Important Notes:

- Please arrive *15 minutes* before each scheduled try-out time to check in and change your sneakers. Try-outs will start **promptly** at the scheduled times.
- Please bring your own *basketball* and a *water bottle*.
- Please do not wear your “indoor” basketball sneakers to and from the try-outs. You should change into your basketball sneakers once you are at the try-out location.
- Have fun, stay positive, and work hard!

Follow us on social media throughout the season!

Travel Try-out Schedule

Grade	Location	Date & Time
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Girls	(1) Weston Middle School - New Gym	(1) October 12 <sup>th</sup> (Thu), 5-6:30pm
	(2) Weston Middle School - New Gym	(2) October 16 <sup>th</sup> (Mon), 5-6:30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Boys	(1) Weston Middle School - Old Gym	(1) October 12 <sup>th</sup> (Thu), 5-6:30pm
	(2) Weston Middle School - Old Gym	(2) October 18 <sup>th</sup> (Wed), 5-6:30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Girls	(1) Weston Middle School - Old Gym	(1) October 12 <sup>th</sup> (Thu), 6:45-8:15pm
	(2) Weston Middle School - Old Gym	(2) October 16 <sup>th</sup> (Mon), 5-6:30pm
	(1) Weston High School - Old Gym	

5 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Boys	(1) Weston High School - Old Gym (2) Weston High School - Old Gym	(1) October 16 <sup>th</sup> (Mon), 5:30-7pm (2) October 18 <sup>th</sup> (Wed), 5:30-7pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Girls	(1) Weston Middle School - New Gym (2) Weston Middle School - New Gym	(1) October 16 <sup>th</sup> (Mon), 6:45-8:15pm (2) October 18 <sup>th</sup> (Wed), 5-6:30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Boys	(1) Weston High School - New Gym (2) Weston High School - Old Gym	(1) October 12 <sup>th</sup> (Thu), 6:45-8:15pm (2) October 16 <sup>th</sup> (Mon), 7:15-8:45pm
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Girls	(1) Weston Middle School - Old Gym (2) Weston Middle School - Old Gym	(1) October 16 <sup>th</sup> (Mon), 6:45-8:15pm (2) October 18 <sup>th</sup> (Wed), 6:45-8:15pm
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8 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Girls	(1) Weston Middle School - New Gym (2) Weston Middle School - New Gym	(1) October 12 <sup>th</sup> (Thu), 6:45-8:15pm (2) October 18 <sup>th</sup> (Wed), 6:45-8:15pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Boys	(1) Weston High School - New Gym (2) Weston High School - Old Gym	(1) October 16 <sup>th</sup> (Mon), 7:15-8:45pm (2) October 18 <sup>th</sup> (Wed), 7:15-8:45pm

### **WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY:**

October is National Bullying Prevention Month and the Weston Public Library is coordinating programs promoting bullying prevention and kindness all month through things like the Kindness Rocks Program.

Events will be for children, teens and adults of all ages. For a full list of events, please check our events calendar at [westonpubliclibrary.org](http://westonpubliclibrary.org).

Melty Mondays will continue October 2 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Come use our perler beads and pegboards to make a design you love and Miss Alessandra will melt it down for you to take home. No Registration.

Our first Kindness program will take place Tuesday, October 3 at 4:00 PM. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to come and decorate a quilt square with an inspirational message or picture to be added to a Kindness Quilt we will display in the library. Registration required.

Kindness continues on Wednesday, October 4 at 4:00 PM with a rock hunt and Kindness Rocks painting session for children. Come hunt for the rocks we will be using in our Kindness Rocks Garden and decorate one to leave for someone else. Registration required.

On Thursday, October 5 at 4:00 PM we will have our first Halloween program of the month with a Halloween Pumpkin Craft. Registration required

### **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

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.

### **LCHAT 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!

There are only two markets left, this month and Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> so please come and enjoy while the weather is still nice. Meet friends and dine from the gourmet food trucks while you listen to live music by local musicians, *Jay and Ray*. Happy Fall!

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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