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NEWSLETTER FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

THE WHISTLE - OCTOBER 6TH, 2017
WIS PTO NEWSLETTER #43

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WIS SCHOOL EVENTS & CALENDAR:

October 9 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day

October 11 WIS/HES PTO Meeting 9:30AM HES South House Cafeteria

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October 11 All School Joint PTO BOE Candidate Forum, 7PM, WIS Cafetorium
October 19 WIS Photo Day
October 26 Drug & Alcohol Survey Results, 7PM, WMS Library

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A MESSAGE FROM WIS PTO:

October is already here and the students, teachers and staff are in full swing! Many extracurricular activities have begun and everyone is settling into their routines. We have a few reminders and hope you will be able to set aside time to join us.

Join the Weston Trojans **today, Friday, October 6th** at **7 pm** to cheer them on for their Homecoming Game against Pomperaug (Southberry, CT).

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.

The **All School Joint PTO BOE Candidate Forum** will be held on **Wednesday, October 11th**. The forum will be at **7 pm** in the WIS Cafetorium.

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, counseling and education programs focused on the prevention and recovery from substance abuse.

Lastly, 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 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

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 with any questions.

WIS BOOK FAIR 2017:

Get out your calendars and sign up to help make this year's book fair a huge success! All volunteer opportunities are just a click away on Sign up Genius! We can't have this event without your help!

Opportunities to volunteer begin on Thursday, October 29th with Set Up and the Teacher Preview Luncheon will be held on Friday, October 20th. Then beginning on Monday, October 23rd - Wednesday, October 25th, the children will attend with their class. Specific times for your teachers, will follow...All are Welcomed!

SIGN UP [HERE](#) TO VOLUNTEER!

** Book Fair Special Events to make note of:

- **All For Books** – Donate your loose change the week of October 10th -18th to benefit Strawberry Hill School in Stamford as well as help build our own classroom libraries.
- **Coffee for All!** – The book fair will open at **7:30** for you to enjoy

the book fair with your child on **Wednesday October 25th**.

We appreciate any help you can give. Please contact one of the co-chairs with any questions:

Jen Morse JLMORSE724@GMAIL.COM, Soli Goodall

GOODSANTOS@GMAIL.COM, Allison Wilson

ALLISONWILSON0831@GMAIL.COM

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 31st 2017. The price will go up as of January 1st 2018, so don't miss the opportunity to order now.

Go to 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.

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. 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 15th.

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. 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

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.

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 may one day face.

WIS FAMILY FUN NIGHT WITH THE SOUND TIGERS:

The WIS PTO is hosting the first family FUN night event of the year - Weston Night at the Sound Tigers! On Saturday, November 11th 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 11th**. It's guaranteed to be a "super" fun night!! For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

Tickets can be ordered directly through the following link [CLICK HERE](#)

Upon ordering tickets you will receive an email confirmation. Tickets will then be emailed to you the day prior to the event.

For any questions or to purchase tickets with a check, please email, please email Jennifer Bernheim @ Jennifer@martinbpr.com.

WHS BOOSTERS YOUTH NIGHT:

WHS BOOSTERS YOUTH NIGHT FOR AWESOME KIDS IN GRADES 3-6TH

Weston High School

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, October 20th

MOVIE, GAMES IN THE GYMS, PIZZA AND MORE!

If your child wants to have some fun, has endless energy, has a bunch of buddies, wants something awesome to do and has a parent who wants to support the WHS Boosters Club, then join us for a kids' night only! Our high school athletes, along with adult supervisors, will be there to play, shout, shoot and run!

The cost for the evening is \$30 per child. Each participant will receive a very cool Boosters Youth Night t-shirt!!!

This will be a limited event so sign up early! Register online at www.whsboosters.com.

Please contact Carla Welsh with any questions: carla.welsh@sir-galahad.com.

The WHS Boosters Club raises funds for all high school athletic programs as well as for the turf fields for youth usage. For more information, visit our website.

WESTON PARKS AND RECREATION:

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

For Further Information Please Visit Our Website

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. 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. 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 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. 24th – Dec. 10th. Registration has begun online on 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. 9th – Oct. 28th. 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 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. 11th – Nov. 6th, Tuesday, Sept. 12th – Nov. 14th, Wednesday, Sept. 13th – Nov. 1st or Thursday, Sept. 14th – Nov. 16th. Fee: \$144.00 for either day. Registration has begun on 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. 13th – Oct. 25th. 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!

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Follow us on social media throughout the season!

Travel Try-out Schedule

Grade	Location	Date & Time
4 th Grade - Girls	(1) Weston Middle School - New Gym	(1) October 12 th (Thu), 5-6:30pm
	(2) Weston Middle School - New Gym	(2) October 16 th (Mon), 5-6:30pm
4 th Grade - Boys	(1) Weston Middle School - Old Gym	(1) October 12 th (Thu), 5-6:30pm
	(2) Weston Middle School - Old Gym	(2) October 18 th (Wed), 5-6:30pm
5 th Grade - Girls	(1) Weston Middle School - Old Gym	(1) October 12 th (Thu), 6:45-8:15pm
	(2) Weston Middle School - Old Gym	(2) October 16 th (Mon), 5-6:30pm
5 th Grade - Boys	(1) Weston High School - Old Gym	(1) October 16 th (Mon), 5:30-7pm
	(2) Weston High School - Old Gym	(2) October 18 th (Wed), 5:30-7pm
6 th Grade - Girls	(1) Weston Middle School - New Gym	(1) October 16 th (Mon), 6:45-8:15pm
	(2) Weston Middle School - New Gym	(2) October 18 th (Wed), 5-6:30pm
6 th Grade - Boys	(1) Weston High School - New Gym	(1) October 12 th (Thu), 6:45-8:15pm
	(2) Weston High School - Old Gym	(2) October 16 th (Mon), 7:15-8:45pm
7 th Grade - Girls	(1) Weston Middle School - Old Gym	(1) October 16 th (Mon), 6:45-8:15pm
	(2) Weston Middle School - Old Gym	(2) October 18 th (Wed), 6:45-8:15pm
	(1) Weston High School - New	(1) October 12 th (Thu), 5-

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

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES:

A Message from Weston Youth Services

Join us on Tuesday, October 17th for the first of our Parent Information Series:

"Civility: Teaching Children Respect, Tolerance and Empathy in a Complicated World"

Alicia Farrell, PhD, Cognitive Psychologist and Founder of Clearview Consulting

10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. @ Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road *

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. @ Weston Library, 56 Norfield Road (no registration necessary)

This presentation is free and is appropriate for parents with children of all ages.

*Registration is recommended for the morning program at 203-762-6334 or www.wiltonlibrary.org.

WESTON REGISTRARS OF VOTERS:

From the Weston Registrars of Voters

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Absentee ballots for the November 7, 2017 municipal election will be available in the Town Clerk's office from October 6 to November 6. Please note that Town Hall will be closed in observance of Columbus Day on Monday, October 9.

Connecticut state law allows absentee balloting only under one of the following six conditions: active service in the military, illness, physical disability, religious tenets that forbid secular activity on Election Day, duties as an election official at a polling place other than your own, and absence from your town during all hours of voting.

Applications for absentee ballots are available now. They must be signed by the registered voter and submitted to the Town Clerk. Applications can be obtained from the Town Clerk during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and through the Registrar of Voters page on the Town of Weston Website (www.westonct.gov)

Ballots will be sent to voters at the address specified on their application on or after October 7. Voters may also go to Town Hall in person on or after this date to complete an application and vote at the same time.

The Town Clerk will hold a special absentee ballot session in Town Hall on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Voters may complete an absentee ballot application and vote at this time.

Voters with a permanent physical disability may have an absentee ballot sent to their homes automatically. An application and a physician's note must be filed with the Town Clerk to arrange for this accommodation.

Connecticut does not allow "no excuse" or convenience absentee ballot voting. On the application, voters must state the reason for needing an absentee ballot and swear such statement is true. For voters who do not meet one of the above absentee ballot voting conditions, the polls will be open at Weston Middle School from 6:00am until 8:00pm on Tuesday, November 7.

WHS CLASS OF 2018 "W" CAR MAGNET FUNDRAISER:

Don't Be Left Out...

GET YOUR WESTON CAR MAGNET TODAY

\$5.00 each

CONTACT ALI MELITO

Alimelito818@gmail.com

All proceeds benefit the class of 2018

**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.

WESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCARE FAIR:

PLEASE JOIN THE WESTON GIRL SCOUTS AND THE WESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH FROM 12-4PM.

The Scare Fair, sponsored by the Weston Girl Scouts, is an annual community event held on the grounds of the Weston Historical Society. There will be a wide variety of games, crafts, activities, moon bounce, and

Silent Auction. This is a family partnership fundraising event to support the Weston Girl Scouts and the Girl Scouts of Connecticut. Please join us on Saturday, October 28th, 2017 from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, October 29th. Costumes are encouraged. [CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer.

TRUNK OR TREAT:

Please join the Weston Women's League in their annual Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 29th from 4:30-6 pm. For more information please see flyer [HERE](#). Costumes, food, and fun! Rain date (Monday, October 30th). Weston Intermediate School Parking Lot.

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

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 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:

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- 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

All submissions will be acknowledged.

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