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NEWSLETTER FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

THE WHISTLE - OCTOBER 27TH, 2017
WIS PTO NEWSLETTER #46

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WIS SCHOOL EVENTS & CALENDAR:

November 1 **Delayed Opening**, Parent/Guardian Conferences
10:30AM

10:30AM

November 2 **Early Dismissal**, Parent/Guardian

Conferences 12:35PM

November 3 **Early Dismissal**, Parent/Guardian Conferences

12:35PM

November 7 **NO SCHOOL**, Election Day

November 16 WIS/HES Joint PTO Meeting, 9:30AM, WIS

Cafetrium

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A MESSAGE FROM WIS PTO:

The weeks seem to be flying by and it's hard to believe next week is Halloween and Parent/Teacher conferences. The WIS community has been busy with Run For Life and the Book Fair this week. The students had an amazing time and it was wonderful to see all the smiles on their faces! Both events turned out wonderful and we thank you for your continued support!

A special thank you to the chairs of the Book Fair, Jen Morse, Soli Goodall and Allison Wilson, who went above and beyond this year and to all the

parents/guardians that donated their time to make this years Book Fair a success!

Lastly, don't forget to order your WIS PRIDE T-SHIRTS [CLICK HERE](#).

Have a great weekend,

WIS PTO Communications

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE:

The Board of Ed met on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Weston Middle School. The Board and Dr. McKersie honored and thanked Board member Denise Harvey for her 8 years of service on the Board of Ed. The Board welcomed new Police Chief Ed Henion to town. In his remarks, Mr. Henion emphasized community policing and open communication with the schools.

During the public comment period, Tammy Roberts spoke to the Board about the recording and broadcasting of sporting events, and the Boosters' hope to have a program in place by next fall. Dr. Craw presented the annual Gauging Student Progress Report. Dr. Craw emphasized that no single measures defines a student's performance. The report focused on math, science, reading and writing. Some highlights of the report include: students' ACT scores were the highest in Weston history in every subject; kindergarten DRA levels are high; writing mechanics and math fluency need to improve. An independent honors science research course was approved for the high school. The Board approved continuing the work expeditiously on the knee wall construction project at WIS. The Board emphasized there is no threat to safety or risk of structural failure. Lastly, Dr. McKersie presented a report for discussion re: modifying the start and end times of the school day. The science and medical data support a later start time for older students, however, significant logistical concerns may make it impractical: athletic schedules, bus schedules, traffic impact; budgetary considerations. Greenwich and Wilton have made changes to their start and end times. The Board decided to look into the issue further before deciding how to proceed.

The next Board of Ed meeting will be Monday, November 20, at 7:30 pm at the Weston Middle School.

Melissa Walker

WIS PTO COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Halloween Candy Collection for Operation Gratitude

You can send treats to the Troops by donating your excess Halloween candy. Don't throw it away, pass it on to those who serve instead! A collection bin will be located in the lobby of WIS. **Collection will take place November 1st through 6th.** Coordinated by WIS PTO Community Service.

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

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.

WIS MATH PRESENTATIONS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Come and learn more about your child's math program! We have two upcoming parent workshops scheduled to help you understand the math your child is learning this year and allow you to better support that learning at home. All sessions will be interactive and hands-on, so come excited to learn some new ways to think about mathematics!

Reservations are needed as space is limited, and we need to know how many sets of materials to prepare. Please respond to Lisa Russo in the main office, 291 - 2700 or lisarusso@westonps.org

An Introduction to Bar Modeling for Parents

This is designed for any parents, Grades 2-5, who would like to understand this unique problem solving strategy.

Location: WIS Room 118 Thursday, November 9th, 9:30 am - 10:45 am or 7:00 - 8:15 pm

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES:**A Message from Weston Youth Services**

While you might be thinking about Halloween this week, Weston Youth Services has its focus on the New Year! We'll be back this winter and better than ever with wonderful WOW! offerings for children in third through fifth grade. We're excited to introduce several new programs including Introduction to Lego Robotics-Environmental Science , Ni hao ma?, Cartooning, WIS Blogger, Molecular Motion Mysteries, Live Action... Weston Today, and Ninjaneering Masters with LEGO. Of course many of our old favorites such as international cuisine, chess, and art, are back on the schedule. Program dates, descriptions, cost, and other details are available on our website at www.westonyouthservices.org. Registration opens Tuesday November 14th at 10:01 pm. and classes begin the week of January 8th.

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.

*****WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION COMING SOON!*****

Winter program registration has begun on www.westonct.gov/parksandrec and in the Recreation office, if space is available. 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: \$150.00 – Weston family, \$100.00 for adults or non-adults. A daily drop in fee is \$5.00 per person. Weston seniors (ages 62 and up) is free!!

*****WINTER SWIM LESSONS COMING SOON*****

Winter registration for swim lessons will begin in November. Watch for more details!

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

Coach Patty Nizlek is offering a Springboard diving class this fall!
Day/Dates: Sunday, Sept. 24th – Dec. 10th. Registration is underway.

*****WIS FIT – WINTER*****

This program supports many athletic levels through a system of progressive exercises. A fun way to stay healthy! Instructor: Pascale Butcher. Day/dates: Wednesday, Jan. 3rd – Feb.21st. Fee: \$160.00 for 8 classes. Limited spaces! Registration has begun on www.westonct.gov/parksandrec and in the Recreation office, if space is available.

*****WIS SPORTS & FITNESS – GRS. 3 -5 - WINTER*****

Instructors, Tom Ehret and Dan Ungar will offer this popular winter 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, Nov. 13th – Jan. 22nd, Tuesday, Nov. 21st – Jan. 16th, Wednesday, Nov. 8th – Jan. 10th or Thursday, Nov. 30th – Jan. 25th. 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 - WINTER*****

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: Session 1: Wednesday, Nov. 8th – Dec. 13th.

Fee: \$125.00 for 5 classes. Session 2: Wednesday, Jan. 3rd – Jan. 31st. Fee: \$125.00 for 5 classes. Instructor: Cyrece Lehrman. Registration has begun on www.westonct.gov/parksandrec and in the Recreation office. Limited space!

*****WINTER BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUES – GRS. 5 – 8*****

This program will consist of weekly 75 minute practices with a Professional WBA travel coach. Games will begin on Saturday, Dec. 2nd – March 3rd. There will be boys' grades 5 & 6 league, boys' grades 7 & 8 league and girls' grades 5 – 8 league. Fee: \$250.00 for 10 weeks. Registration has begun on www.westonct.gov/parksandrec and in the Recreation office, if space is available. Games will be held at Weston High School New gym.

*****SATURDAY YOUTH BASKETBALL BOYS AND GIRLS – GRS. 3 & 4*****

This Saturday basketball program for boys and girls in grades 3 & 4 will focus on developing basic basketball and athletic skills as well as a general understanding of the game. Dates: Dec. 2nd – March 3rd. Fee: \$180.00. Registration has begun on www.westonct.gov/parksandrec and in Recreation office. Limited space!

WESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCARE FAIR:

PLEASE JOIN THE WESTON GIRL SCOUTS AND THE WESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON SATURDAY, 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.

WESTON SOCCER CLUB:

Give It a Try

265 million players in the world, 26 million of them are in the US, 3 million of them youth players.....all playing in the world's most popular sport, which is

SOCCER!!!

Weston Soccer Club would like to offer you, the potential players from Hurlbutt, in grades K-2, the chance to GIVE IT A TRY

Give what a try?

Give soccer a try, in a fun and very friendly environment to see if you like it and might want to play, and have fun, on a regular basis. By the way, it's free!!

When can I Give It a Try?

On Wednesday Nov 1st and/or Wednesday Nov 8th. The sessions will be held from 3.30-4.30pm

Who?

Anyone and everyone. Never played before, that's not a problem, come and have some fun. Currently a registered player? Come along, and bring a friend.

Where

Both sessions will be held at The Admin Field

How do I sign up?

Please sign up using the following link. Players must register to attend!

www.westonsoccer.com then click on "register online" on the left side of the home page.

What should I bring?

Bring sneakers or cleats, a water bottle, and a ball if you have one

NOTE: All parents of Kindergarten aged children are required to stay at the session. We look forward to seeing you there, and bring some friends with you too.

WESTON SOCCER CLUB:

Registration is now open for Spring 2018 U9-U10 Academy and U11-U15 Weston Soccer Club Travel Soccer teams!

The registration must be completed and PAID by **November 17th**. Late registrations will only be considered where space is available and will be subject to a \$45 late fee. We anticipate that several age groups may be full at the close of regular registration, so please be sure to register in time. To register, go to www.westonsoccer.com and click on "register online" on the left side of the page.

This registration is for players **currently in Grades 3 through 8 with birth dates in the years 2003-2009 and players currently in 2nd grade with birth dates in 2009**. Players currently in 2nd grade with birth dates in 2010 should NOT register for this program -- they should register for Junior Academy (registration opening in February).

New Players:

Interested players not currently on a U9-U15 team are encouraged to attend a practice for their current age group during the week of October 30th, but they MUST register before attending. Please e-mail Kate Moore at ckmoore1999@gmail.com to arrange a practice time. **If your child is unsure whether they want to play, just complete the registration up until the point of payment, and you can complete payment anytime after the trial practice until**

the November 17th deadline.

See information on the home page and under the Academy and Travel top tabs for further details. If you need further information after consulting the website, please contact professional Coaching Director Kevin Fitzsimmons, Kevin.Fitzsimmons@soccer-edge.com, Travel Director Bob Johnson at Robert.johnson1975@gmail.com, or Registration Director Kate Moore, ckmoore1999@gmail.com.

WHS PTO GRANDMA MILLER'S HOMEMADE PIES & CAKES:

Back by popular demand...

GRANDMA MILLER'S HOMEMADE PIES AND CAKES!!!!

Once a year these delicious baked goods come to Weston from Londonberry, VT

Get yours in time for the holidays and support the WHS PTO

Order [HERE](#) by October 30

TRUNKERS NEEDED!:

The Weston Women's League Trunk or Treat event is right around the corner, (Sunday, October 29th), and it's an event you don't want to miss! There are still some spots left for Trunkers, but time is running out! So please use the Sign Up Genius link below to reserve your spot and come show off your creativity! Best Trunker wins a prize!

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.

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.

LACHAT TOWN FARM:

This Friday, October 27th **from 4pm until 8pm** Lachat Town Farm, will be hosting its **last monthly Farmer's Market for the season!** Come and enjoy live music, fresh farm produce, artisanal vendors, gourmet food trucks and children's programming.

Our children's educational program for October's market is Halloween themed. Come dressed in your Halloween costume and create some Halloween decorations to take home -- perhaps a pumpkin and maybe a Mummy! Sign your child up, [CLICK HERE](#), so that you may peruse and shop from local vendors. In addition there will be farm animals for the kids to enjoy and a blacksmithing demonstration (by Larry Ligget).

And don't forget, this is the last market for the season so if you have not had a chance to enjoy this local event please come by. Meet friends and dine from the gourmet food trucks while you listen to live music by Frank Migliorelli. Thomas Valenti and friends will open the market and Orbit will be closing out the night. Happy Fall!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Lachat Town Farm and upcoming events.

WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Please click [HERE](#) to learn about Weston Public Library and their services.

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

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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 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

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