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NEWSLETTER FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

THE WHISTLE – NOVEMBER 3RD, 2017
WIS PTO NEWSLETTER #47

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WIS SCHOOL EVENTS & CALENDAR:

November 3 **Early Dismissal**, Parent/Guardian Conferences
10:35AM

12:35PM

November 7 **NO SCHOOL**, Election Day

November 14 School Start & End Time Workshop, **7PM, WMS Library**

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

November 22-24 Thanksgiving Recess

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A MESSAGE FROM WIS PTO PRESIDENT:

Hope you all had a happy Halloween!

Our next **General PTO meeting** is **Thursday, November 16th** at **9:30 am** in the WIS Cafetorium. Weston school counselors will be speaking on how to help our children handle anxiety.

School is closed on Tuesday, November 7th for **Election Day**. Please don't forget to vote!

Don't miss our first **Family Fun Night** event this year on Saturday, November 11th – Weston Night at the Sound Tigers. See below for details!

Have a great weekend,

Katia Colaprico

wisptopresident@westonpspto.org

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

WIS 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 is located in the WIS Front Office. **Last day to donate is Monday, November 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 FUNDRAISING:

Box Tops For Education

Thank you to all who contributed to our fall Box Tops collection. Together, we raised almost \$300 for our school! The 3 students with the most submissions are Justin L. (Schlotter), Ashley M (Cannito) and Benjamin C. (Verdi). These students will each receive a \$15 Amazon Gift card. Mrs. Schlotter's class had the most Box Tops submissions, at more than 500. Congratulations!

Please keep a lookout for Box Tops. They can be found on popular grocery brands, including Pillsbury, Yo plait, Annie's, Land O Lakes and General Mills cereals. You can send in your Box Tops anytime.

Please send unexpired Box Tops in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name, teacher and number of Box Tops. Any submissions will count towards our next contest. Contact Alison Martin at almcelhone@aol.com with your questions or comments about Box Tops.

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, 201 - 2700 or lisarusso@westonps.org

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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

WHS PTO ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE:

BAKERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

We'll need as many quick-breads, pies, cookies, cakes, etc. as possible. This is a town-wide fave and an IMPORTANT fundraiser for the PTO!

Drop off baked goods between 3:00-5:00 PM on Monday, November 6th in the back of the Middle School by the voting entrance.

Not a baker? Sign up to volunteer for a shift. We appreciate your support! CLICK [HERE](#) TO VOLUNTEER

WMS HOLIDAY GALA AND ONLINE AUCTION:

WESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY *PHANTOM* GALA & ONLINE AUCTION
Saturday 11.18.2017

The WMS PTO cordially invites you to...Stay Home and Have a Cozy Night.

We considered throwing the Fundraiser Gala of the year, but helping the WMS shouldn't require good people to go through this kind of expensive ordeal: Instead, we're asking you to donate a portion of what such a night might cost you to receive an invitation to bid on our Foodie-Themed Online Phantom Gala's Silent Auction items, in the comfort of your home, through our Facebook page. For more information please see flyer [HERE](#)

WESTON YOUTH SERVICES:

A Message from Weston Youth Services

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 filmmaking class, 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*****

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!!

*****POOL - HOLIDAY CLOSINGS*****

The Weston Middle School pool will be closed on the following holidays:

Thursday, Nov. 23rd and Friday, Nov. 24th - Thanksgiving Break

*****WINTER SWIM LESSONS*****

Winter registration for swim lessons will begin Wednesday, Nov. 15th at 12:01 a.m. on www.westonct.gov/parksandrec. Walk in registration will begin on Thursday, Nov. 16th at 9:30 a.m. in the Recreation office, if space is available. Watch for more details!

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

Coach Patty Nizleks' Springboard diving classes are underway.

Day/Dates: Sunday, Sept. 24th – Dec. 10th. Registration has begun.

*****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 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?

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.

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:

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.

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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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