



January 11, 2018

Happy New Year! With a new year comes the wonderful opportunity to set goals and make resolutions for academic and personal success. I have invited the students to share some of their goals with me and so far, I have been very impressed! If you are looking to work together with your child on some other resolutions, here are some to consider:

Helping your child succeed...

1. establish regular bedtimes*
2. subscribe to magazines or make a weekly trip to the library
3. limit TV and video game time (and move TV's and electronic devices out of kids' bedrooms).
4. talk about school and life-long learning
5. celebrate big and little successes at school
6. have a weekly family game night
7. make a big deal out of reading (make sure they see you read, too)
8. model patience and sticking to a task
9. talk about the values you believe in and live by
10. if possible, spend time in your child's classroom
11. model how the learning process continues after school ends
12. model peaceful problem solving
13. model goal setting and the action steps that lead to success
14. validate your child's dreams, interests and worries
- 15. hug them and tell them you love them everyday**

*How much sleep do kids need? Consider the "10 for 10" rule – 10 hours of sleep for ten-year olds and more for younger children.

Delayed openings- On delayed openings, breakfast is not served and all morning activities are cancelled.

Please model caution and patience in the mornings and afternoons during drop off/pick up. Snow banks limit visibility and often constrict roads and walkways. On inclement weather days, try and leave a little extra time to make sure that all of our students are safe. Slowing down and using extra caution can make a big difference. Thank you!

Jeff

The following students have earned **STRIVE** recognition
for the month of December



Drew Z.	Katie M.	Hayden P.	Molly G.
DezMariah G.	Jaylani B.	Eva T.	Kaitlyn S.
Ella C.			

Dates To Remember:



January 11	Read in the gym Homework Center EGG Group	8:00-8:30 am 3:20-4:20 pm 3:30-4:15 pm	Gymnasium Room 18 Library
January 12	Pre-K Field Trip	9:00-12:00 pm	4H Farm
January 15	<i>School Closed</i>	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	
January 16	Homework Center	3:20-4:20 pm	Room 18
January 18	Read in the gym Homework Center Pre-K Open House	8:00-8:30 am 3:20-4:20 pm 6:00-7:00 pm	Gymnasium Room 18 Room 9
January 19	Movie Night	6:30-8:00 pm	Auditorium
January 22	Gr. 5 (Cowan & Wells) PTO Meeting Homework Center	9:30-1:30 pm 6:30 pm 3:20-4:20 pm	Noah Webster Room 18
January 23	Gr. 5 (Kotller & Zyzdorff) Homework Center	9:30-1:30 pm 3:20-4:20	Noah Webster Room 18
January 25	Read in the gym Homework Center	8:00-8:30 am 3:20-4:20 pm	Gymnasium Room 18
January 26	Around the World in 80 minutes	6:00-8:00 pm	Cafeteria & Gymnasium
January 29	Gr. 4 Instrumental Concert PK-Gr.4	9:30 am	Auditorium

INCOMING KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

If you have a child that is eligible to enter Kindergarten in the Fall of 2018 (must be turning 5 before 1/1/2019) please call the office at (860) 521-0320 as soon as possible so we can add your child's name to our incoming Kindergarten list.

**From the Nurse: When to keep your child home from school**

The CDC reports that we are in the peak of flu season, which is now widespread in Connecticut. There have also been more reports of gastric/stomach illnesses locally. This is a good time to review the importance of hand washing, covering coughs, and keeping hands out of mouth with your child.

Stomachache, vomiting, and diarrhea- A child with vomiting and/or diarrhea should be kept at home until symptoms have resolved for at least 24 hours and the child is able to return to a normal diet. If your child has vomited during the evening or night please do not send them to school in the morning even if they appear to be feeling well. Allow them time to rest and return to their typical activity level. Since viruses spread easily throughout the school system, children should remain at home for a minimum of 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or fever to ensure a healthy return to school. Your child should be feeling well in order to maximize the learning experience.

Cold, sore throat, cough- If cold and cough symptoms are associated with fever or they do not readily improve, call your doctor. If the cough is persistent consider that your child may not be able to engage fully in classroom activities. Your child may attend school if there is no fever for at least 24 hours.

Fever- Fever in the school setting is defined as temperature 100 F or greater. Fevers are generally signs of infection. While Tylenol/Motrin may be effective in reducing fever, your child may still be contagious. Even though the fever is temporarily alleviated, it does not address the underlying cause. Your child should be fever free without medication for at least 24 hours before returning back to school.

Returning to school too quickly may prolong your child's illness and allow it to spread to others. Remember to wash hands frequently.

Please remember to **call the school absence line at 860-929-5828** any time if your child is ill. You should call if your child is absent more than one day in a row or if he/she went home ill the previous day. You can leave a message anytime of the day or night.

Ms. Tami Renfro, RN

Wee Deliver Session #3

(January 3-January 31)



Job	Student	Grade	Teacher
Postmaster	Sydnee D.	5	Cowan
Assistant Postmaster	Kiley F.	5	Zyzdorf
Nixie Clerk	Paige L.	4	Simpson
Facer	Nick T	3	Glidden
Sorter	Louisa M.	4	Clark
Canceller	Evelyn K.	2	Burkey
Mail Carrier	Adrian M.	2	Stafford

Webster Hill Elementary School presents

**Around the
world in 80
Minutes**



An Evening of Music, Dance and Food

Friday January 26th 2018 (6-8pm)

Bring your appetite and sample food from around the world. See spectacular performances. Travel the world without ever leaving your hometown!

**Nervous about middle school?
Unsure what to expect?
Want some answers?**



Please join the three principals of the West Hartford Middle Schools at one of two upcoming information nights. Topics at each meeting will include: MS transition planning, schedules and classes, and parenting teens.

This is open to ALL West Hartford parents of current 5th graders and is a parent-only event.

Please join us at one of the following sessions:

January 18, 2018 -Whiting Lane School, 7:00-8:00pm

February 1, 2018 -Duffy School, 7:00-8:00pm

Off To Kindergarten!



Please join us to learn more about Kindergarten in West Hartford, the Registration Process, and ways to help prepare your child.

Parents of the West Hartford Kindergarten Class of 2018-19

To register or for more information, please e-mail rsvpgreatby8@gmail.com.

Children residing in West Hartford who are 5 on or before January 1, 2019 are eligible for enrollment in WHPS kindergartens.

**Monday
January 29, 2018**
(Snow Date:
Monday, February 5)

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Town Hall
50 South Main Street
West Hartford, CT 06107**





Webster Hill School PreKindergarten Program



Applications for 2018-2019

Please plan to attend the open house informational meeting at:

**Webster Hill Open House
125 Webster Hill Blvd.,
West Hartford**

January 18, 2018 6:00 pm

Applications for the 2018-19 Webster Hill PreKindergarten program will be available in the Residency Office in the Town Hall, in the Webster Hill main office and on the West Hartford Public Schools website (www.whps.org) beginning January 11, 2018. Applicants must be four years old on or before January 1, 2019 and reside in the Webster Hill School neighborhood. Webster Hill families are also eligible to apply to either the Charter Oak or Smith PreKindergarten program as a magnet student. Please note that you may apply to **only one** pre-k program.

PreK Applications Due: March 8, 2018 4:00 PM
PreK Lottery Results mailed to parents: March 22, 2018

Enrollment will be granted based on a lottery system. Tuition will be assessed on a sliding scale based on gross yearly income. Proof of West Hartford residency will be required in order to apply. For more information about the open house, please call the Webster Hill main office at (860) 521-0320.



West Hartford Public School Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Apply now for the 2018-2019 Pre-Kindergarten programs located at Charter Oak International Academy, Florence E. Smith STEM School and Webster Hill School. Applications will be available in all West Hartford Elementary School Offices, at the West Hartford Town Hall in the Residency Office (Room 154) and the Human Services Office (Room 306), and online at whps.org beginning January 11, 2018.

Applicants must be:

- A resident of West Hartford
- Age eligible:
 - Charter Oak International Academy will accept 60 Pre-K students born between 1/2/2014 to 1/1/2016.
 - Smith and Webster Hill Schools will accept 16 Pre-K students each born between 1/2/2014 and 1/1/2015.

Please plan on attending one of the following
Open House Informational meetings:

Webster Hill School	January 18 th	6:00 pm
Charter Oak International Academy:	February 8 nd	6:30 pm
	February 22 rd	6:30 pm
Florence E. Smith STEM School:	February 15 th	6:30 pm



For additional information, please call:
 Charter Oak International Academy (860) 233-8506
 Florence E. Smith STEM School (860) 236-3315
 Webster Hill School (860) 521-0320
 Irene Garneau, Dept. Supervisor for Early Childhood Education (860) 929-5552



Programas de Pre-Kindergarten de Escuelas Públicas de West Hartford

Solicitudes para los programas de Pre-Kindergarten de las escuelas de Charter Oak, Smith y Webster Hill del año escolar 2018-2019 estarán disponibles en las oficinas de todas las escuelas primarias de West Hartford, en la oficina de residencia ubicada en el ayuntamiento (salón 154), en la oficina de recursos humanos (salón 306), y en el sitio de internet en WHPs.org a partir del 11 de enero del 2018.

Solicitantes deben ser:

- Residentes West Hartford
- Requisitos de edad establecidos:
 - La escuela de Charter Oak International Academy aceptará estudiantes de Pre-K nacidos entre el 2 de enero del 2014, y el 1 de enero del 2016.
 - Las escuelas de Smith y Webster Hill aceptarán estudiantes de Pre-K nacidos entre el 2 de enero del 2014, y el 1 de enero del 2015.

**Por favor planea asistir a una de las siguientes Noches Informativas:
Sesiones de Información:**

Escuela de Webster Hill School	18 de Enero, 6:00 pm
Charter Oak International Academy:	8 de febrero, 6:30 pm 22 de febrero, 6:30 pm
Escuela de Florence E. Smith STEM:	15 de febrero, 6:30 pm



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The Family Resource Center presents

Early Learning Playgroup at Webster Hill School

A program for children ages birth through four accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Join us for crafts, stories, songs, snack and fun! No charge to attend.

We meet **Tuesday** mornings from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Winter-Spring 2018 Playgroup

February 6

February 13

February 27

March 6

March 13

March 20

March 27

*No session 2/20

For more information and questions, call *Family Resource Center* at 860-929-5575

The Family Resource Center is a program of the Bridge Family Center.

Special Notice to 5th Grade Parents

Bristow Middle School Enrollment Process

Bristow Middle School will be holding its enrollment for the incoming 6th graders in January. Bristow Middle School is a school of choice, drawing its diverse population from all neighborhoods in West Hartford. In the 2018-2019 school year, Bristow will enroll 420 students in grades 6 through 8.

All 5th graders who reside in West Hartford and are attending West Hartford Public Schools are automatically included in this process. Other 5th graders who reside in West Hartford and attend a private, parochial or inter district magnet school like The University of Hartford Magnet School are also eligible, although they need to apply to be included in the process and verify they reside in West Hartford with our Residency office.

Each 5th grader will receive a number randomly, which will establish the choice order. This number will be mailed home to parents on January 19, 2018. In order to help parents make an informed choice, two informational meetings will be held at Bristow Middle School on Monday, March 5, 2018 and Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Parents can choose to attend either of these meetings as they are both the same. Students are invited to attend these meetings with their parents. **We recommend you attend one regardless of the number your child receives so you are prepared in case we get to your child's number.**

For information about Bristow and full details about how this enrollment process works, please visit the Bristow website at <http://bristow.whps.org/>. You can also call or email the principal, Steven Cook, at 860-231-2100/ or Steven_Cook@whps.org.

West Hartford celebrates the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018, 10:00-11:30 AM
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM, 50 SOUTH MAIN ST



Join us for the 22nd annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's life on Monday, January 15, 2018, 10:00-11:30 AM, at the West Hartford Town Hall Auditorium, 50 South Main Street.

This year's keynote speaker is Jay Williams, president, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. As president, he leads an institution that works toward improving the overall quality of life in the region through informed philanthropy. The Foundation's ability to serve as a catalyst, a thought leader, and a convener, provides opportunities to address the critical needs of Hartford and the surrounding towns during these most challenging times.

Mr. Williams recently served as U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development where he led the federal economic development agenda for the United States as head of the U.S. Economic Development Administration from 2014 to 2017. He brings experience and knowledge in capacity building, workforce readiness, economic security and urban revitalization.

Mr. Williams has also served as Deputy Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at The White House where he was the principal liaison between President Obama and local elected officials. He came to the White House after serving as Mayor of the City of Youngstown, Ohio for over 5 years. Prior to that appointment Mr. Williams led a Community Development Agency in Youngstown and also has functioned as an executive in community banking in Ohio.

SPONSORS: The West Hartford African American Social & Cultural Organization, Human Rights Commission, Town of West Hartford and West Hartford Public Schools.

Refreshments are provided by the Elmwood Senior Center. West Hartford Community TV airs this event live on Comcast Channel 5. For more information, contact Renée McCue at (860) 561-7521 or renee@westhartfordct.gov

EVENT PARTICIPANTS

Keynote Speaker:

Jay Williams
Hartford Foundation
for Public Giving

Greeting:

Mayor Shari Cantor

Opening Prayer:

Rev. Mia J. Douglas
Asylum Hill
Congregational Church

Emcee:

Tammy Exum
West Hartford Board
of Education (2013-2017)

Keynote Introduction:

Dr. Elena DeVaughn
West Hartford African
American Social &
Cultural Organization

Student Perspectives:

Grace Evans
Conard High School

Deonna Hightower
Hall High School

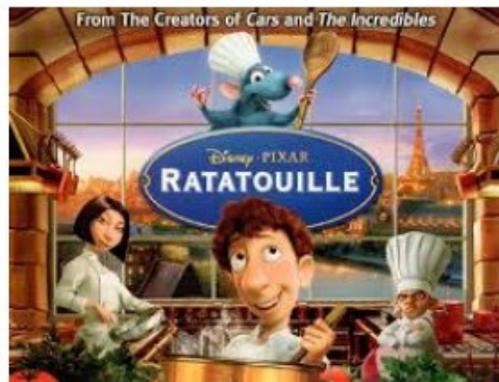
Performances:

Conard High School
Jazz Combo

Voices of Bristow
Conard's Voices of the
World Choir



**THIS YEARS FEATURED MOVIE WILL BE:
RATATOUILLE!!**



**WHEN: JANUARY 19TH 6:30-8:30PM
WHERE: CAFETERIA**



****ADMISSION IS FREE. BRING YOUR PILLOWS &
BLANKETS, WE'LL PROVIDE THE REST****

**FRESHLY POPPED POPCORN &
BOTTLED WATER WILL BE PROVIDED
COURTESY OF THE PTO**





Webster Hill After School STOCK MARKET GAME

Fourth and Fifth Grade Students

Interested in how the Stock Market works? Read on!

- **The Stock Market Game** allows students to invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in the stock market.
- **The Stock Market Game** will encourage cooperative learning, develop skill in business, math and used as an introduction to research skills.

Ages: 9-11 (Grades 4 & 5)
Dates: February 5 – April 2, 2018 (No Class: February 19)
Days: Mondays
Time: 3:20-4:15 pm
Fee: \$40 – 8 sessions
Location: Webster Hill Elementary School Media Center
Instructor: Jeff Cowan

This collaborative program is made possible by a partnership between the Board of Education and West Hartford Leisure Services. *Interested parties must register with Leisure Services by Friday, February 2.*
Do not send registration form into the child's classroom.

Registration Form for Webster Hill Stock Market Club

*** Interested parties must register with Leisure Services before the start of class. ***

Program #: 413325 A

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Street: _____ Town: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

E-Mail: _____

Payment Type: Cash _____ (in person only) Check # _____ (payable to "Town of West Hartford")

VISA _____ Master Card: _____ Exp. _____
 Month Year

I realize that as with any physical activity there is a possible risk of injury to my child while participating in this activity. I agree to assume the risk of any injury which my child might suffer while involved in this West Hartford Leisure Services program and I will not hold the Town of West Hartford or its instructors and staff liable for any injuries which my child may suffer while participating in this program.

Signature (parent or guardian): _____ Date _____

Register On-Line at www.westhartfordct.gov/leisureservices
 or register in person, mail or FAX to West Hartford Leisure Services
 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107. FAX number 860-561-7519 Phone number 860-561-7510

Hall High Girls in STEM Club Fundraiser



Buy a shirt to support Hall High Girls in STEM Club and the Association for Women in Science!

Go to: www.customink.com/fundraising/girlsinstem

Deadline: 1/14/2018 Cost: \$20 per shirt

Why support this cause? Women only make up about 29% of STEM careers. Our club hopes to change this starting with our own local community.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A CHANGE.

Box Top Challenge: Monthly Progress

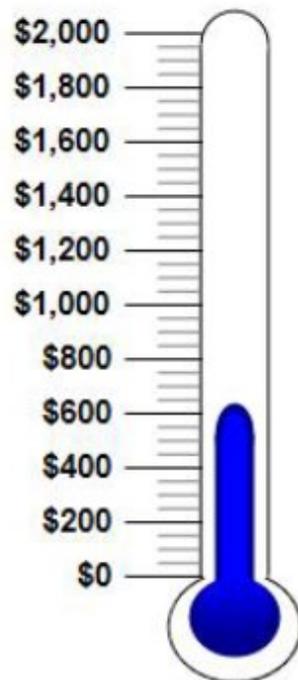


Webster Hill Elementary School

Needs **your help** to reach our 2017/2018

Box Top goal of \$2,000!

Sept.-Dec. Progress



\$640

If we reach **\$2,000** by June 1st, our students will have another chance to earn a special celebration.

Every Dime Counts!
Together, we CAN DO this!!



WEBSTER HILL PTO



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NEWS, DATES AND UPDATES • JANUARY

Co-Presidents Message

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through our school year. We are looking forward to the many exciting events our PTO has planned for 2018. In January, we have our annual movie night, which is always lots of fun. We also have our Around the World event in a few weeks. Did you know there are 22 languages spoken in the homes of our Webster Hill families? Around the World helps us to celebrate and embrace all of the different cultures we are lucky to share at Webster Hill. In addition, we have some family favorites like our Parent/Teacher basketball game and our brand new annual tradition, the Butterfly Dash plus more to come. We have something that every family can enjoy! We are excited to bring all of these great events to you for 2018 and we hope you will enjoy the many activities our PTO organizes for our school community.

Sincerely, Lin & Jeannette.



Upcoming Events For January

- ★ **Movie Night – Friday, Jan. 19th at 6:30 pm**
Come spend a cold winter night inside with the rest of your Webster Hill friends! Cozy up and watch a movie sponsored by our PTO.
- ★ **Around the World – Friday, Jan. 26th from 6:00-8:00**
Come and enjoy an evening at Webster Hill's wonderful cultural fair! More information to come.

PTO MYTHS:



Myth #1: I'll get roped into volunteering if I go to a PTO meeting.

Fact: There will be opportunities to get involved, which we do talk about at our meetings, but we don't pressure anyone to volunteer.

Myth #3: The PTO has all the help they need. My participation will not make a difference.

Fact: This is the biggest myth of all. We want and need your help and participation, even if it's just bringing cookies for an event. If you do choose to volunteer, you decide your time commitment. All levels of participation are welcome and needed, big or small.

Myth #2: The PTO members know each other really well and are just a big clique.

Fact: We do know each other well as a result of working together on various PTO events, activities, projects, but our group is friendly and welcoming to ALL.

It's a New Year, let's dispel these myths together!
Get involved and join us for our next PTO Meeting, Monday Jan. 22nd at 6:30.

<p>2017-2018 PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSONS</p> <p>Co-Presidents Lin White Jeannette McDonald</p> <p>Treasurer Mike Kirkutis</p> <p>Recording Secretary Heather Patrissi</p> <p>Communications Co-Chairs Jake and Lizzy Brooks</p> <p>Board of Education Rep John Joyce</p> <p>Teacher Representative Michael Joseph</p> <p>Fundraising Chairperson Lin White</p> <p>Community Relations Leah Clayton</p> <p>Room Parent Chairperson Jenna Santangelo</p> <p>Cultural Council Rep. Janet Tarasuk</p> <p>Baking Chairperson Virginia Kramer</p> <p>5th Grade Chairperson Missy Lindquist</p> <p>Yearbook Chairperson Kristen Cramer</p> <p>Donation & Spiritwear Traci Michaud</p>
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