WEBSTER HILL CONNECTION

November 21, 2018

Dear Families,
This abbreviated Connection contains updates and dates to remember. The abbreviated version will alternate with the regular edition of our newsletter every two weeks. Our next regular issue will be published on December 6, 2018.

Dates to Remember...

November 21	**Mad Science**	**2:10-3:10pm**	**Room 3**
November 22-23	**Thanksgiving Recess/ No School**		
November 26	**Book Fair week**		
November 27	**Author Celebration**	**9:00am**	**Room 8**
	High Touch High Tech	**Grade 2**	
	Chess Club	**3:30-4:30pm**	**Room 5**
	Paul Cryan Photography		
November 28	**Mad Science**	**2:10-3:10pm**	**Room 3**
	Paul Cryan Photography		
	Book Fair/ Reading Night/ Ice Cream Social	**5:30pm**	
December 3	**Giving Tree Begins**		
December 4	**Chess Club**	**3:30-4:30pm**	**Room 5**
December 5	**Mad Science**	**2:10-3:10pm**	**Room 3**
December 6	**EGG Meeting**	**3:20-4:15pm**	**Library**
December 10	**Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal**		
December 11	**Chess Club**	**3:30-4:30pm**	**Room 5**
	Winter Concert	**9:30/7:00pm**	**Auditorium**

Wee Deliver Session #3

(November 21 - December 19)

Job	Student	Grade	Teacher
Postmaster	Louisa M.	5	Cowan
Assistant Postmaster	Amorah C.	5	Zyzdorf
Nixie Clerk	Marleigh B.	4	Clark
Facer	Vitor S.	3	Horn
Sorter	Payton B.	4	Simpson
Canceller	Jeremiah R.	2	Sweet-Dobrow
Canceller	MacKenzie H.	2	Stafford
Mail Carrier	Michael Z-R.	3	Glidden
Mail Carrier	Ellie K.	3	Horn
Mail Carrier	Avery F.	3	Horn

Public Act 16-189

We believe that it is vital for all students in West Hartford Public Schools to be able to efficiently and effectively use digital tools that empower them in all phases of the learning process, including research, problem solving, content creation, communication, and collaboration. We also believe that we must be committed at all times to protecting students' privacy and providing them with a powerful and safe educational experience. To that end, the West Hartford Public Schools follow the legal requirements of Public Act 16-189 to promote the safety and security of all students and staff.

In compliance with Connecticut State Law, we update online programs used within the district that house student data. The programs may be used district-wide, in a very small number of classrooms, or with individual students. The list will be updated each time the district enters into a new contract where student data is housed. For more information on the specifics of Public Act 16-189 and updates of vendor agreements, visit www.whps.org/pa189.

Environmental Global Group and Webster Hill need your help…

We are starting a new way to recycle at Webster Hill School. The Trex Company is hosting a Recycling Challenge with the objective of educating students on the importance of plastic film recycling through a school recycling program. The challenge runs from November 15 to April 15. Webster Hill will compete against other schools of similar size to recycle the most plastic film and the winning school is awarded a Trex bench. The real winners, however, are all of us because we're working to be more responsible and to make our world a better place.

The Trex Company is the country's largest manufacturer of wood-alternative decking and railing products. Trex decking boards are made of 95% recycled content – recycled plastic film and waste wood shaving. These raw materials come from recovered plastic grocery bags, plastic film and waste wood fiber from hardwood flooring and cabinet manufacturers.

When you donate your unwanted plastic materials to Trex, not only are you helping to keep thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills, you're also helping us to continue to create beautiful and environmentally responsible outdoor products.

Our goal at Webster Hill is to collect clean, dry, empty used plastic bags during lunch. You can bring plastics from home as well. Place the plastic in the box on top of the compost table or in the special marked plastic bags recycling bin. Here is a list of the items to recycle to help protect the environment… grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock & other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags. Please remember that all materials must be clean, dry and free of food residue.

We are selling reusable fabric sack bags for $5.00. If you are interested please send $5 in an envelope to Webster Hill attention Mrs. Leopold. We will send home the bag with your child. Also watch for a magnet that will be sent home with your child next week.

Recycle your Clean, Dry, Empty Plastic Bags and Film Packaging!
Plastics to Collect:
- LDPE / HDPE Films
- Newspaper Sleeves
- Bread Bags
- Product Wrap
- Cereal Liners
- Food Storage Bags
- Ice Bags
- Pellet Bags
- Produce Bags
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Grocery Bags
- Case Overwrap
- Packaging Air Pillows
- Salt Bags
BATH TISSUE
PLASTIC BAGS
Look for bins and signage near store entrances and drop off collected plastics and wraps.
Your plastic bags and wraps then become Earth-friendly composite decking & railing!
Trex
Go to trexrecycling.com to see participating retailers.
800-BUY-TREX

SCHOLASTIC
open a world of possible

Bring Your Family to

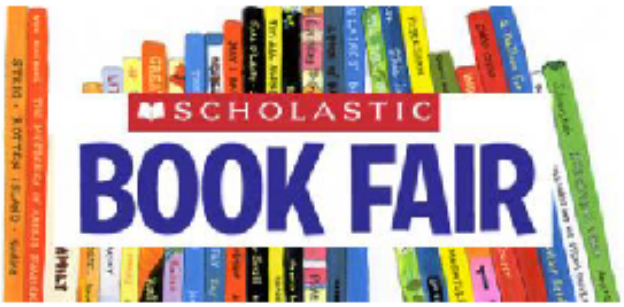
Reading Night, Scholastic Book Fair, and Ice Cream Social

When and Where: Wednesday, November 28, 2018
5:30- 7:30 - Visit reading stations throughout the school, eat ice cream in the cafeteria, buy books at the Scholastic Book Fair in the library
** *Book Fair will stay open until 8:00*

Who: Webster Hill Elementary Students and Their Families

Why: To share your love of reading
To eat ice cream
Receive a **$4 gift certificate** to the Scholastic Book Fair
To have fun with family and friends

The Book Fair is coming to Webster Hill!
November 26 – November 30



Monday, November 26
Students will BROWSE the Book Fair and create a WISH LIST!

Tuesday, November 27
BROWSING continues.

Wednesday, November 28
PURCHASING begins! Students will visit the Book Fair with their classes.
Join us for **Family Reading/Ice Cream Night** – the **Book Fair WILL be open!**
Students who participate in Family Reading Night will earn a *$4 certificate* for books at the Book Fair!

Thursday, November 29
PURCHASING continues.

Friday, November 30
PURCHASING concludes.

Contact Mr. Tavera for more information – joseph_tavera@whps.org

Webster Hill PTO websterhillpto.org

News, dates and updates • November 21st

Book Fair & Ice Cream Social: Wednesday, November 28th from 5:30-7:30pm. Visit reading stations throughout the school, eat ice cream in the cafeteria & buy books at the Scholastic Book Fair in the library (Book Fair will stay open until 8pm).

Volunteers Needed for the Ice Cream Social on November 28th from 5:30-7:30. WE NEED parent scoopers to help out at this time! Please email webhillpto1@gmail.com to sign up!

Paul Cryan Photos: Forms were due on Nov. 20th. We are in the process of scheduling the appointments. Please be on the lookout for an email with your appointment time if you signed up to have your child's photos taken.

Webster Hill Elementary PTO Private Facebook Group: Having trouble staying connected with all that is going on at the school? The PTO has created a private and closed Facebook Group so parents can stay in touch with the latest events. Due to privacy concerns, if you request to join you will be asked to prove you are a parent of a current student by answering several questions. Also, each post by members will need to be approved by the moderators. If you are interested in joining, click here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/websterhillelementarypto/

Box Tops for Education: Our monthly challenge is in full swing. We want to encourage every family to collect 10 box tops per month. We hope the collection sheets make this goal easier for families. Keep on clipping!

Amazon Smile: Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to Webster Hill PTO when you do your holiday shopping at http://smile.amazon.com/ch/30-0122164. Please follow this link to get set up if you haven't already!

Shopping at Stop and Shop? Help out our school as you shop! It is EASY with Stop and Shop A+ Rewards. All you need is a Stop and Shop card. You then register your card using the following link: http://stopandshop.com/savings-and-rewards/rewards-program/aplus/. Let us know if you need help by emailing: webhillpto1@gmail.com

Parent / Teacher Basketball Game: In the gymnasium at Conard High School on March 15th. This is a fun event for the entire family! More information to come. Save the date!

Don't miss our next PTO Meeting Monday, December 17th at 6:30pm in the Library! Come share thoughts and ideas, ask questions, and learn about our exciting upcoming events/activities. **We will have babysitters **

2018-2019 PTO Board

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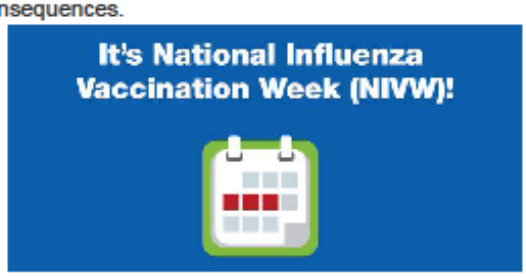
Celebrate National Influenza Vaccination Week with the West Hartford Bloomfield Health District
FLU CLINIC

WHEN: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

TIME: 4p-6p

PLACE: West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, Room 314 (Council Chambers).
No appointments necessary!

A new CDC-supported study conducted over multiple flu seasons shows that getting a flu vaccination (shot) lessened the risk of severe influenza among adults, including reducing the risk of hospitalization and admission to the intensive care unit (ICU), and lessened the severity of illness. CDC recommends an annual flu vaccination for everyone 6 months and older. Annual flu vaccination varies in how well it works, but it is the best available way to prevent flu and its potentially serious consequences.



- The Health District **can bill the following insurance for the vaccinations**: MEDICARE PART B, AETNA, ANTHEM, CONNECTICARE, CIGNA AND HUSKY. NO INSURANCE COST $30
- Vaccinations are provided for people 4 years of age and older.
- Those who should not be vaccinated against the flu are: Anyone with a previous allergic reaction to a flu vaccine, anyone with an allergy to any of the flu vaccine components and anyone <6 months of age

Cannot make it but still want a flu shot, Call 860-561-7900 for an appointment!

8th Annual

PJ DAY FOR THE KIDS

WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS TO SCHOOL

Friday, December 14, 2018

In Support of Kids at Connecticut Children's Medical Center!

Students and staff are invited to wear their PJs to school in honor of kids at Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

Thousands of children each year spend days, weeks or longer in PJs at the hospital while receiving care. PJ Day for the Kids will help us show our support for these brave kids!

Wear your PJs and make an optional donation of $1 or more.

Donations will be collected at school on Friday, December 14th.

For more information and to locate your team/school online to make a gift visit: *give.connecticutchildrens.org/pjday.*

Checks can be made to *Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation.*

All proceeds benefit the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Appropriate attire for school/weather. No slippers for safety, please.

Newington Children's Theatre Company

2018-2019

AGES 8-18 - SCHOOL-YEAR MUSICALS

Take to the NCTC stage in one of our school-year performances! Shows are double cast, with rehearsal one to two nights a week (some Saturdays). Performances will take place at John Wallace Middle School in Newington. Every cast member receives a free show t-shirt! Fee: $300

PETER PAN JR
AUDITIONS: January 7-9
REHEARSALS: January 14-March 14
PERFORMANCES: March 15-24
Wendy Darling loves to tell stories to her brothers, Michael and John. But when her father announces she must move out of the nursery, Peter Pan comes to visit the children and whisks them away to Neverland.

MARY POPPINS JR
AUDITIONS: March 27 & 28
REHEARSALS: April-May
PERFORMANCES: May-June*
*Once performance venue is secured, dates will be confirmed.
Using a combination of magic and common sense, Mary Poppins must teach the family members how to value each other again.

AGES 5-8 - IN PERFORMANCE

In Performance gives kids the opportunity to learn and strengthen their musical theatre skills, while becoming more comfortable with being on stage. Throughout the class, kids learn blocking, music and choreography in preparation to become part of the upcoming production. Every cast member receives a free show t-shirt! Three sessions to choose from! Thursdays: 4:30-5:30, Saturdays: 8:30-9:30am OR Saturdays: 10:00-11:00am. In addition to the weekly classes, participants are asked to attend two rehearsals with the older cast (TBD). Fee: $150

THE WIZARD OF OZ	PETER PAN JR	MARY POPPINS JR
October 18-November 15	February 21-March 7	Dates TBD
October 27-November 17	February 23-March 9	

NCTC - 743 NORTH MOUNTAIN ROAD, NEWINGTON - 860.666.NCTC - WWW.NCTCARTS.ORG

West Hartford Festival of Trees

HOLIDAY STROLL 2018

The Claypen Tree

Camp Jewel YMCA Tree

First Church, West Hartford
12 South Main Street
Auditorium in rear, off parking lot

Thursday, November 29
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Come view and support our fundraiser and you might win a tree decorated by local businesses, organizations, and families*

Mathnasium Tree

Enjoy live holiday music!

Growing Great Schools Tree

Entrance: $5 Suggested Donation

Fundraiser: $10 for 10 tix or $20 for 25 tix*

*Proceeds to benefit local community outreach programs that include:
Gifts of Love, Interval House, Loaves & Fishes, Foodshare, Habitat for Humanity, Covenant to Care for Children, Freshplace, My Sister's Place, South Park Inn, Hands on Hartford, The Bridge Family Center

Music & Raffle

Cookies & Hot Cocoa!

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THE BRIDGE FAMILY CENTER

EVERY FAMILY. EVERY CHILD. EVERY TIME.

Parent Leadership Training Institute

Concerned about how children are impacted by schools, communities and the environment?

Want to learn how government and education systems function and policy decisions are made?

Ready to strengthen your leadership and advocacy skills to promote the well-being of our children?

If you are passionate about children and want to be a change agent in their lives, please join us for our next Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI)

The Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) is a FREE 20-week program that combines advocacy, leadership and citizenship skills into a curriculum to foster the best interests of children.

Who: Parents, grandparents, guardians, or people who live or work in West Hartford or who have kids in the West Hartford public schools

When: Retreat - Saturday, January 12, 2019
Classes - Wednesday evenings January 16 - May 22, 2019

Time: Family Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Class meets from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Where: Charter Oak International Academy
425 Oakwood Avenue, West Hartford

Family dinner and childcare are provided for each meeting for children 4 years and older.

To register, call the Family Resource Center at 860.929.5575 and schedule your informational interview. Interviews begin November 30th and class size is limited.

PLTI
Parent Leadership Training Institute

The Connecticut State Police Presents: Internet Safety and Social Media Awareness

Join Trooper Kate Cummings (Instagram: @CT_Dare_Trooper) for an evening presentation on:

- Current social media trends and adolescent behavior online
- What is your digital footprint?
- Resources for keeping you and your family safe

When: Tuesday December 11, 2018
Time: 7-8:30pm
Where: King Phillip Middle Schools
100 King Philip Drive, West Hartford, CT 06117
Cost: FREE

WEST HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

CareCard

Please complete the following information for whom the CareCard is intended for. Parent/Guardian/Caretaker can include their name as an "Emergency Contact" if appropriate. Applications can be mailed, hand delivered, or emailed to the police department. If email is preferred, please email applications to: pkisela@westhartfordct.gov

1) Name:
First:_____Middle:_____Last:_____

2) Date of Birth/Gender/Descriptions:
Date of Birth:_____ Gender:_____ Height:_____ Weight:_____
Eye Color:_____ Hair Color:_____ Race:_____ Nickname:_____

3) Address:
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4) Cell Phone Number (if applicable): _____
Carrier of Cell Phone (i.e. AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile, etc.):_____

5) Driver License Number (if applicable):_____State:____

6) Hearing Impaired: (Deaf) **YES**_____**NO**_____
7) Impaired Visually: (Blind) **YES**_____**NO**_____

8) If 18 or older, legal ability to make decisions regarding medical, financial, and personal affairs:
YES_____**NO**_____
If the previous question was answered "no" please explain the legal limitations and who has such legal authority to make decisions:
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9) Hospital Choice:_____

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CareCard

PD Use Only: CFS#_____

WEST HARTFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
CareCard

10) Medical Conditions: (Include Clinically Diagnosed Psychological Disorders)

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11) Important Information: (Information that could help First Responders safely care for and communicate with the individual i.e. does not like loud noises, can read lips to communicate, responds well to females, can become combative when agitated, etc.)

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12) Emergency Contact:

1) **Name:**_____
Relation:_____**Phone:**_____

2) **Name:**_____
Relation:_____**Phone:**_____

13) Picture: Please provide a RECENT photograph that can be added to the CareCard. Please email the photograph to: pkisela@westhartfordct.gov

Parent/Guardian/Caretaker completing this form, please provide the following regarding yourself:

Name: _____**Relation:** _____
Date of Birth: _____**Sex:** _____ **Phone:** _____
Address: _____

Photograph Uploaded____ Card Completed____ Application Scanned____ Nexgen Photo____ CFS Written____ Card Mailed____

PD Use Only: CFS#_____

West Hartford Special Education PTO News
November 2018

Internet Safety for Our Student and the CareCard
Tuesday, December 11th at 7pm, King Philip Middle School Auditorium
Officer Cummings of the CT State Police will discuss internet safety, social media awareness, and current CT online trends with an emphasis on how special needs children process and partake in social media. The presentation covers current Connecticut laws, social media trends, and free online resources. Officer Kisela of the West Hartford Police Department will join us to register your student for CareCards.

ONGOING
2018-2019 Membership Drive
Receive *The Everyday Parenting Toolkit* by Alan E. Kazdin FREE with your 2018-2019 West Hartford SEPTO Membership; which is just $15! A book discussion will be held at the Noah Webster Library on Tuesday, March 19 led by Matthew Carbone, MSEd, MA, BCBA District-Wide Board Certified Behavior Analyst with West Hartford Public Schools.
Register for your 2018-2019 WHSEPTO Membership at https://www.whsepto.org/membership.html

NEW! Online Parent Support Group
http://bit.ly/WHSEPTO_SUPPORT
Caring for a child with special needs or differently abled can be challenging but it doesn't have to be lonely! Join our NEW Online Parent Support Group for friendship and support. Please note: this is a Facebook "Closed" group. You will need a Facebook account to join.

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