



February 4, 2019

Dear Wolcott Families,

I hope that 2019 continues to be filled with joy and good health for you and your families. The New Year continues to provide new opportunities to reflect, attempt something new and exciting, and make new memories!

In this newsletter, you will find several articles containing important information, including special event dates and times, excerpts from our *Elementary Parent Handbook*, the outdoor recess policy during the winter months, and our Buffy's Best initiative to identify and celebrate individual students demonstrating the Wolcott Way.

We welcome you to our next PTO meeting, to be held on Thursday evening, February 21st, from 7:00-8:00 in our library. These monthly meetings are a wonderful way to connect with other families, and to get involved in the fun activities and events that we have at Wolcott. Free childcare for school-aged students is provided in a nearby classroom, supervised by a school employee.

We are excited for our annual Family Game Night on Friday, February 22nd at 6:30pm in our auditorium. Wolcott staff members will call bingo numbers, and we hear that our mascot, Buffy, will make an appearance! We hope that you and your families will be able to join us at this fun event that promotes community.

On Wednesday, March 27th at 6pm we will host our first Family Math Night. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to learn about math in fun games that showcase the skill of our young mathematicians. Information about this event is located in this newsletter.

Wolcott School continues to be a special place due to its people. Thank you for the continued partnership that we share in providing your children with a safe, purposeful, and fun learning environment.

Sincerely,

-Scott

Join us at Wolcott Elementary School for Family Math Night!



What? Play, learn and enjoy hands-on activities with everyday materials and educational games. You don't need to be a math expert; come enjoy an hour of math games that are fun for the whole family!

Who? Family Math Night is designed for adults and students in kindergarten through grade 5.

When? Wednesday, March 27, 2019 6:00-7:00 PM

Where? In the cafeteria and library

We hope to see you there!



February 4th (Monday)
Board of Education Meeting
7:00
Town Hall (room 314)

February 15th (Friday)
Town Meeting Grades 3-5: Self-control
2:30-3:00
Auditorium

February 19th (Tuesday)
Board of Education Meeting
7:00
Town Hall (room 314)

February 21st (Thursday)
PTO Meeting
7:00-8:00
Wolcott Library

February 22nd (Friday)
Town Meeting K-Grade 2: Self-control
2:30-3:00
Auditorium

February 22nd (Friday)
Family Game Night
6:30-8:00
Auditorium

Grade 5 to 6 Mathematics Placement Process...

During the upcoming months, the secondary mathematics department supervisors at our middle schools will collaborate with elementary staff to develop math course placement recommendations for incoming sixth graders. West Hartford Public Schools strongly believe that nurturing, challenging environments support successful mathematicians. Teachers will provide input regarding current student progress on Grade 5 mathematics including student performance on standardized measures, perseverance, and use of higher order thinking skills. Placement recommendations will be determined later this spring, and a letter will be sent to parents/ guardians by mail in early June with additional information from the middle school math department supervisors.



Our Parent Teacher Conferences
will be held during the week of
March 4-8, 2019.



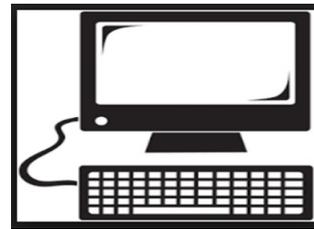
Our PTO monthly meetings continue to be held in the library on Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. We welcome all parents and guardians to be a part of this important organization that supports our school community. Childcare for school-aged children is provided at no cost in a nearby classroom during the PTO meetings. Remaining meeting dates for this school year are: February 21, March 21, April 18, and May 16.

Is your child missing a coat, hat, mittens, or other items? **Please visit our Lost and Found area** located in the cafeteria for easier student access throughout the school day. Unclaimed items are donated once a month to benefit those in need.



SIGN IN PLEASE

Please continue to sign in to the main office when visiting our school. Prior to the dismissal time of 3:20, we cannot open the classroom doors to the outdoor areas. If you have any items that need to be given to your child, please bring them directly to the main office and we will be happy to deliver them. Thank you for the partnership that we share in keeping our school a safe and secure one.



PowerSchool Parent Portal

Setting up your Parent Portal account is easy! Instructions for setting up the portal account may be found at www.whps.org/parentportal. By setting it up, you will be able to update your contact information, emergency contacts, and other forms electronically, which will provide more timely and accurate information to Wolcott. Thank you!

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.

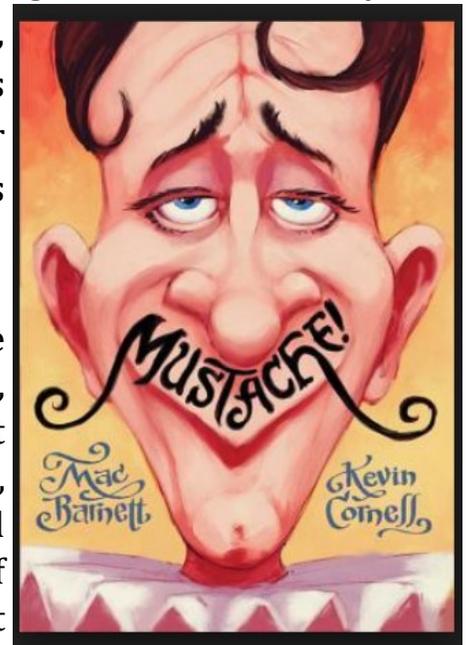
In compliance with Connecticut State Law , we update online programs used within the district that house student data. The programs may be used district-wide, in a very small number of classrooms, or with individual students. The list will be updated each time the district enters into a new contract 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."



PBIS PRACTICES & CHARACTER EDUCATION

At Wolcott School, we continue to focus on character choices to deepen student understanding and promote such character at school and home. This month we will focus on **self-control**. Our read-aloud and related classroom lesson emanates around the book *Mustache!*, in which King Duncan is terribly handsome, but a terrible king. His kingdom is in ruins, and when the village people ask for help, he only builds more tributes to his handsome face. They stand up for themselves, and they have just the plan to get out of this hairy situation.

Our Buffy's Best program continues to celebrate students' individual actions that demonstrate respectful, responsible, or ready to learn behavior. When you visit Wolcott School, please stop by our Buffy's Best wall, located next to the main office in the blue hallway. Feel free to read the narratives written on the reverse side of the awards that showcase students' efforts that reflect the **Wolcott Way!**



At Wolcott School, we choose to be respectful, responsible, and ready to learn!

UCONN PROFESSOR VISITS GRADE 5

In January, Doug Kaufman, a professor at the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut, spent the day with fifth grade students, helping them to build upon their skills as emergent writers in workshops facilitated in each class. Matt Dicks, a fifth grade teacher at Wolcott School and published author, invited Professor Kaufmann to collaborate with teachers and students relative to the writing process.

Specifically, Professor Kaufman focused on the importance of the revision process, encouraging students to see their initial drafts as the clay from which excellent writing is forged and emphasizing the importance of



getting words on the page, even if they are not initially perfect. The fifth grade teachers also had an opportunity to collaborate with Professor Kaufman to ask questions and glean insight, specifically related to the book that he is currently writing on the teaching of writing.





We thank our organizers and volunteers who made our **Ski and Snowboarding Club** a safe, fun, and successful time for all!

Bill Matzinger
Michele Matzinger
Scott Miller
Marcy Miller
Doug Rankin
Ann Reynolds
Greg Weaver
Kate Weaver



Congratulations to the following students for
being selected for **Artbeat 2019**

At the West Hartford Art League
37 Buena Vista Road

Tesla H.
Ridima K.
Brooke L.
Hannah L.
Alljah M.
Prakriti M.
Zachary S.
Rowan T.
Elias V.

Opening Reception: March 6, 2019 4:30-6:30 pm

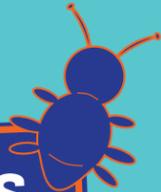
**Artwork will be on display from March 6-23, 2019
in two buildings (Clubhouse and Saltbox)**

West Hartford Art League
37 Buena Vista Road

**Galleries Hours: Please CALL AHEAD for gallery
hours**

(860) 231-8019

It is a very big honor to participate in Artbeat. Only 9 artworks
from each school will be featured, as well as students from all of
the West Hartford Public Schools, K-12.



Don't Let Head Lice Keep You Up At Night!

Here's What You Should Know



Any child can get head lice.

- Head lice are a common condition in school-age children—nearly 6 to 12 million get them every year¹
- Personal hygiene and cleanliness of home, clothes, or hair, or where you live or play, have nothing to do with getting head lice¹
- Lice mostly spread by direct head-to-head contact. They don't jump or fly^{1,2}

Consult your child's doctor.

- Speak with your doctor about treatment options and whether a prescription medicine may be right for your child³
- Only use head lice medicine when it's certain that your child has head lice. Head lice have shown resistance to some over-the-counter treatments in different parts of the US. Prevalence of this resistance isn't yet known and can vary throughout the country^{3,4}



Treat immediately!

- If your doctor decides a prescription medication is right for you, carefully follow the directions for the head lice medicine your doctor prescribes⁵
- Remember that only adults should apply head lice medication
- Check with your doctor if you think a second round of treatment is necessary

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The West Hartford Cultural Council Presents:
“Arabiqa”

Wolcott Student Performance: Monday, February 25th



Created and performed by Chicago-based artist/educator, Karim Nagi, *Arabiqa* is a vibrant and unique exploration of traditional music, dance (and acrobatics!) from the Arab world which will leave students with an uplifting impression of Arab culture -- its beauty, unity and diversity.

For more information about *Arabiqa* and Mr. Nagi please visit:

www.karimnagi.com/arabiqa

~ and ~

the West Hartford Cultural Council's Facebook page

West Hartford Cultural Council Mission:

For almost 70 years the West Hartford Cultural Council has strived to enrich and enhance elementary school curriculum by programming engaging and inspiring performing and visual arts experiences annually, ensuring every student, regardless of income or ability, has access to the arts.

Conard High School Musical Productions



ICE CREAM SOCIAL FUNDRAISER

**Wednesday, February 13
6:30-7:30**

6:30 ~ Conard High School Auditorium
*sneak preview of select musical numbers
from Singin' In The Rain*

7:00 ~ Conard High School Cafeteria
*Ice Cream Social, *Basket Raffle & Silent Auction*

Come on out and support the rich tradition
of Conard's musical theater program that began in 1959.

Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

**The raffle features baskets of varying themes, and the Silent Auction features fabulous items to bid on.*

www.conardhighschoolmusical.com



West Hartford Public School Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Apply now for the 2019-2020 Pre-Kindergarten programs located at Charter Oak International Academy, Florence E. Smith STEM School and Webster Hill School. The lottery is open to students that are West Hartford residents. Applications will be available online at whps.org or may be completed at the Town Hall Residency Office, Room 134 beginning January 10, 2019.

Applicants must be:

- A resident of West Hartford
- Age eligible:
 - Charter Oak International Academy will accept 50 Pre-K students born between 1/2/2015 to 1/1/2017.
 - Smith and Webster Hill Schools will accept 16 Pre-K students each born between 1/2/2015 and 1/1/2016.

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

Charter Oak International Academy:	February 7th 6:30 pm February 21st (snow date)
Florence E. Smith STEM School:	January 24th 6:30 pm January 29th (snow date)
Webster Hill School	January 17th 6:00 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 2019-2020. La lotería está abierta a estudiantes que solo residen en West Hartford. Las aplicaciones de lotería están disponibles electrónicamente en www.whps.org y en el Town Hall en la oficina de Residencia, habitación 134, comenzando 10 de Enero 2019. Pueden llenar la aplicación en la oficina de Residencia.

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 2015, y el 1 de Enero del 2017.
 - Las escuelas de Smith y Webster Hill aceptarán estudiantes de Pre-K nacidos entre el 2 de Enero del 2015, y el 1 de Enero del 2016.

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

Charter Oak International Academy:	7 de Febrero, 6:30 pm 21 de Febrero (fecha de respaldo)
Escuela de Florence E. Smith STEM:	24 de Enero, 6:30 pm 29 de Enero (fecha de respaldo)
Escuela de Webster Hill School:	17 de Enero, 6:00 pm

Para información adicional, por favor llame a:

Charter Oak International Academy (860) 233-8506
Smith School (860) 236-3315
Webster Hill School (860) 521-0320

Irene Garneau, Dept. Supervisor for Early Childhood Education (860) 929-5552



**Nervous about middle school?
Unsure what to expect?
Do you have questions?
We can help!**



Please join the three principals of the West Hartford Middle Schools at one of the two upcoming information nights. Topic 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:

Monday, February 4, 2019 - Whiting Lane School, 7:00-8:00pm

Thursday, February 7, 2019 - Duffy School, 7:00-8:00pm



FEBRUARY 2019 VACATION FUN CAMPS



Register Online or Complete Registration and Safety Form and Send to Appropriate Facility:
(See Below for Online Registration Information and Registration Form)

1. **Customer Service**, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, W.H. 06107 - Phone 860-561-7510, FAX 860-561-7519
2. **Veterans Skating Rink**, 56 Buena Vista Road, W.H. 06107 - Phone 860-561-8290, FAX 860-561-8291
3. **Westmoor Park**, 119 Flagg Road, W.H. 06117 - Phone 860-561-8260, FAX 860-236-3815

For weather cancellations, please call the facility listed above.

CRAZY ABOUT SPORTS CAMP

Age 5 - 12

Crazy About Sports is a program that will provide kids the opportunity to play hard and have fun! This program gives kids the chance to develop the skills, confidence and the desire to be active. Kids will be introduced to a variety of games and activities that encourage great competition, great sportsmanship and great fun!

Instructor: Rob Deveau & Staff

413344A Mon/Tue 9:00A - 12:00P 2/18 - 2/19 R\$68/NR\$78

LOCATION: DUFFY SCHOOL

Safety & Emergency Information Required on Registration Form

Register On-line, Fax or Mail to Town Hall, Customer Service Desk



BASEBALL CHRIS CORKUM CAMP

Age 7 - 12

Campers will receive individual and small group instruction in fielding, throwing, hitting, pitching and game strategy. College level coaches incorporate lectures, demonstrations and an ability to make this a fun experience. Please bring: hat, glove, sneakers, bat, water bottle, snack and helmet.

Instructor: Chris Corkum & Staff

413308A Mon/Tue 9:00A - 12:00P 2/18 - 2/19 R\$76/NR\$86

LOCATION: KING PHILIP MIDDLE SCHOOL - Gym is Located in Back of School on Mohawk Drive

Safety & Emergency Information Required on Registration Form

Register On-line, Fax or Mail to Town Hall, Customer Service Desk



BUENA VISTA VACATION CAMP

Age 6 - 11

This popular and exciting camp combines both on & off ice activities. Daily activities include supervised skating time, swimming, games, crafts, movies and more! (Skate rental included in fee if needed.)

Instructor: VMSR Staff

423310B Mon/Tue 8:30A - 4:30P 2/18 - 2/19 R\$84/NR\$88

LOCATION: VETERANS MEMORIAL SKATING RINK

Safety & Emergency Information Required on Registration Form

Register at Veterans Memorial Rink, On-line, Fax or Mail to VMSR



TENNIS CAMP KO

Age 7 - 10

Camp KO Tennis instructors will teach short court tennis at the Kingswood Oxford Coolidge Gymnasium located at 18 Highland Street. Campers will learn racquet skills and end with a fun mini-tennis tournament. Players should bring their racquet and wear comfortable clothes.

Instructor: Fern Park Tennis Association

413315A Mon 9:30A - 11:30A 2/18 R\$33/NR\$43

LOCATION: KINGSWOOD OXFORD

Register On-line, Fax or Mail to Town Hall, Customer Service Desk



WESTMOOR PARK FEBRUARY FROLICS

Age 6 - 12

This vacation camp program is for children in grades 1 through 6 who would enjoy some time outside and lots of fun at Westmoor Park. We'll make discoveries in the wonderful wintery world of nature with hikes, crafts and activities such as maple sugaring. We will also spend time at the farm with our barnyard friends. Outdoor gear such as hats, mittens and boots are required. Register for Lunch Bunch if you have registered for the morning and afternoon programs.

Instructor: Westmoor Park Staff

523407A Mon/Tue 9:00A - 12:00P 2/18 - 2/19 R\$66/NR\$72

523407B Mon/Tue 1:00P - 4:00P 2/18 - 2/19 R\$66/NR\$72

LOCATION: WESTMOOR PARK

Safety & Emergency Information Required on Registration Form

Register On-line, Fax or Mail to Westmoor Park.



WESTMOOR PARK FEBRUARY FROLICS LUNCH BUNCH

Age 6 - 12

Lunch Bunch is supervised time for children who sign up for the morning **and** afternoon sessions of February Frolics. Please bring a labeled lunch and drink.

Instructor: Westmoor Park Staff

523999A Mon/Tue 12:00P - 1:00P 2/18 - 2/19 R\$16/NR\$18

LOCATION: WESTMOOR PARK

Register On-line, Fax or Mail to Westmoor Park.

WESTMOOR PARK PRESCHOOL WINTER ADVENTURE

Age 4 - 5

This program is designed for children in preschool and kindergarten: campers must be 4 by the first class. Your child will make new discoveries and have loads of fun as we explore the wonderful wintery world of nature at Westmoor Park. Short walks through the woods, along with crafts, activities and time with barnyard friends will highlight your child's time. Outdoor gear such as hats, mittens and boots are required. Must be 4 by the first class.

Instructor: Westmoor Park Staff

523207A Mon/Tue 9:00A - 12:00P 2/18 - 2/19 R\$66/NR\$72

LOCATION: WESTMOOR PARK

Safety & Emergency Information Required on Registration Form

Register On-line, by Fax or Mail to Westmoor Park.

Register On-Line at www.westhartfordct.gov/leisureservices

- 1) Click on the Link: Online Registration**
- 2) Enter Your User ID and Password (for help see forgot password tab)**
- 3) Type Program # in Activity Search Box**
- 4) Click on Shopping Cart to Enroll**
- 5) Select Family Member**
- 6) Proceed With Payment**

REGISTRATION FORM – Please complete separate form for each participant

PARTICIPANT'S LAST NAME _____ **First Name** _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____ Male _____ Female _____ Entering Grade _____ (if applicable)

SPECIAL CONCERNS: List any special needs or health related issues or concerns of participant: _____

PROGRAM #	TITLE	DATES	TIME	FEE

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

TOTAL	
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___ VISA ___ Master Card Expiration Date: _____
Month Year

Household Information (Please print)

Your Name or Parent/Guardian: Last Name _____ First Name _____
 Street _____ Town _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____
 EMAIL: _____

Emergency Contact for Participant _____ Relationship _____

Home Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

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

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date** _____

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

This section MUST BE COMPLETED if you are registering a CHILD for a program that runs 3 HOURS OR MORE A DAY.

Has participant been prescribed an Epi-pen? Yes _____ (if yes, an Epi-pen form will be sent to you) **No** _____

Please list and describe your child's known allergies, known illnesses, physical limitations, special needs etc. Please list and describe:

List Medications _____

Family Doctor's Name _____ Doctor's Phone Number _____

Please read below and if you understand and agree to each statement write your initials in the space next to the paragraph to signify your understanding and agreement.

_____ In the event my child needs emergency hospital or medical care while participating in this West Hartford Leisure Services Program and there is no time for me to be contacted and/or I cannot be reached, my hospital preference is:

Hospital Name _____

_____ However, if circumstances are such that it is deemed necessary to admit elsewhere, permission is hereby granted.

_____ If my child needs emergency medical care while in this West Hartford Leisure Services Program, I hereby give permission for the hospital to
 give such emergency treatment as is considered necessary or desirable by medical judgment, including administration of anesthesia.

_____ If my child needs to be transported by an ambulance, I give my permission for such transportation and I agree to assume all expenses incurred by said transportation.

_____ I agree to assume all medical expenses incurred by my child while participating in this West Hartford Leisure Services Program.

Fabulous February Break 2019 Workshops
At the Noah Webster House
Ages 7-12

Monday, February 18, 2019 9 a.m. to noon Election Day Cake

Bake a traditional Hartford Election Day Cake. Election Day was considered an important holiday in early New England. The cake was baked to celebrate it and on President's Day too!



Monday, February 18, 2019 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Say Cheese

Kids won't believe how easy it is to make their own cheese! We'll make a lemon-herb cheese spread served with homemade crackers



Tuesday, February 19, 9 a.m. to noon Hearth Cooking Workshop

A child's favorite. Young cooks will use colonial recipes and cook over an open hearth the old-fashioned way! (space fills up quickly)



Tuesday, February 19, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Hand Puppets Workshops

Children have been making **hand puppets** since the beginning of time! What's especially fun about hand puppet's is that each one can be unique and individual. Put on a **puppet show** when done!



The program fee is \$25 per child, per workshop, (\$20 for museum members). Please pack your child a snack. Pre-registration is required. Call the Education Department at (860) 521-5362 ext.14. **Bring a bagged lunch when registering kids for both sessions!**

Cancellation Policy

Requests for refunds (minus a 10% processing fee) will be honored up to one (1) week before the start of the workshops. Full refunds will be given if the session is cancelled due to under enrollment.

Contact Us If you would like more information about these workshops and other programs, please call the Education Department, or email Education@NoahWebsterHouse.Org





SEPTO Transition Planning Night

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

(snow date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019)

7:00-8:00pm

King Philip Middle School

Location: 'The Commons'

*Pre-School to Elementary
Elementary to Middle School
Middle School to High School
High School to Post Secondary*

Please join **SEPTO** and **Pupil Services** for the **Annual Transition Night**. Transition Night is scheduled for West Hartford parents of children transitioning into Kindergarten, Middle School, High School and Post-Secondary programs.

Gretchen Nelson, Director of Pupil Services and school personnel will discuss the transition process and programs available to students receiving special education services at each level.

Parents and Guardians are encourage to attend if their student is transitioning to a new school in the fall of 2019.

West Hartford
Special Education PTO
(SEPTO)

Support, Education & Friendship...One Family at a Time





CREATE A FUTURE. BE A MENTOR!

Youth mentoring is a sound personal or business decision. Thousands of companies and individuals across Connecticut and America invest in mentoring as a means of providing a positive influence on young peoples' lives and their communities.

January is National Mentoring Month and the West Hartford Public School System is launching a recruitment campaign called 30 Mentors in 30 Days. The January month-long campaign will focus on the need for community involvement in youth mentoring and how each of us – individuals, businesses, schools and other organizations – can work together to increase the number of mentors and assure brighter futures our young people. Please consider taking only one hour per week (and even less in some schools) to support a student.

For additional information, please contact Carol Wilkas, West Hartford Public Schools, District Coordinator at 860-231-6009 or your school's site coordinator.

HELP PASS THE TORCH TO A YOUNGER GENERATION.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BECOME A MENTOR TODAY!



Join us for a parent information meeting about the Math QUEST Program and the screening process.

Math QUEST is an accelerated math program for students who are capable of working at two grades or more beyond their current placement. Grade 3 and 4 Math QUEST screening will take place at all elementary schools between March 18th – 29th, 2019. The assessment results are one part of the criteria used for identification for those students who demonstrate the propensity for an accelerated pace for learning with a demanding curriculum.

Math QUEST students interpret ideas through mathematical discourse and inquiry into numbers, thoughts, words, patterns, and theory to build and discover meaning through standards, essential understandings, knowledge, skills, and processes.

Students will be actively engaged using concrete materials and technologies for understanding of mathematical concepts or relations. Problem-solving is a continuous process of integration in the curriculum with a specialized vocabulary and language pattern critical to the student's knowledge. Students will think deeply and apply a wide variety of skills and strategies for solving a myriad of problem types. The depth and breadth of content are critical components in developing habits of mind that are essential to student success.

Date:
**Wednesday,
February 6, 2019**

Time:
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Location:
**Duffy Elementary
School
Auditorium
95 Westminister Drive
West Hartford, CT**





“Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas”

-Albert Einstein

Math QUEST is an accelerated math program where students are pacing to learn mathematics two years beyond their current placement. The grades 3 and 4 Math QUEST Screening test will take place at all elementary schools from **March 18– 29, 2019**. Assessment results are used to assist in identifying students for Math QUEST. For those students whose results indicate a propensity to experience a very demanding curriculum at a more challenging pace, 3 days of instruction and 2 days of independent work, Math QUEST placement is recommended.

Math QUEST students interpret ideas through mathematical discourse, and inquiry into numbers, ideas, words, and theory to make and discover meaning through the process of analyzing information and evaluating predictive solutions. In addition to demonstrating mastery of standards, students engage in rich, authentic problem solving strategies that form the basis of an understanding of many real-world mathematical applications. Mathematics beyond the traditional sequence enables creativity that integrates knowledge skills, and a magnitude of understanding.

Through progressively more complex problem solving, inquiry and interest, specific tasks are applied according to precise mathematical applications. Math QUEST responds to students’ academic pacing necessary to ensure the appropriate pacing and level of challenge. A commitment to the depth and breadth of content, along with a commitment to the habits of mind in time management are critical to student's meeting with success.

Math Progression

Grade	Traditional (concepts introduced)	Honors	Math QUEST
3	Multiplication, division, intro to fractions		
4	Fraction equivalence, decimal notation		Grade 4/5/6
5	Four operations with fractions, decimals		Grade 6/7
6	Ratio concepts, algebraic expressions	Grade 6/7	Grade 7/8
7	Ratio proportions, algebraic expressions/ equations	Grade 7/8	Algebra
8	Radicals, integer exponents, linear equations, Pythagorean Theorem	Algebra	Geometry *
9	Algebra	Geometry	Algebra II
10	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calc
11	Algebra II	Pre-Calc	Calculus
12	Pre-Calculus	Calculus	College *

There will be a parent information meeting about the Math QUEST Program and the screening process:

When: Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Where: Duffy Elementary School Auditorium
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

* This curriculum work may require students to travel to a different school campus, e.g. high school or off site campus.

Join us!

5th to 6th Grade Transition Night



Parents and students are invited to join us at Sedgwick Middle School on the date assigned to your child's current school.

6:30-7:30 pm - Auditorium

Monday, March 18th
Braeburn, Charter Oak and Webster Hill

Monday, March 25th
Duffy, Wolcott and eligible Smith students

Snow Date: April 1st



WEST HARTFORD SEPTO PRESENTS



SILENT SPRING FLING

AN ALL INCLUSIVE DANCE PARTY | STUDENTS TO AGE 21

- Typical & non-typical students welcome.
- Bluetooth headsets allow individual volume control.
- Enjoy light refreshments.
- Parent lounge for adults to mingle
- No babysitting
- One-on-one assistance will not be provided.

05.11.19

SATURDAY | 7PM-9:30PM
ELMWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

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Winter/Spring Playhouse Theatre Academy Classes

Playhouse on Park announces the Playhouse Theatre Academy! Dedicated to offering professional theatre programs for emerging artists of all ages and abilities, all students will learn from expert faculty who will share their exceptional abilities and love of theatre. **The 224 EcoSpace** - Playhouse Theatre Academy is located at the beautiful 224 EcoSpace, 224 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105. Here you will find plenty of off-street parking, beautiful waiting areas, and dedicated teaching studios.

MONDAYS: Creative Kids (Grades K -2) Mon. 4:30 - 5:30 pm, **Instructor: Tori Mooney**

(also see the **Saturday Creative Kids** sessions below)

Winter: classes begin 1/14 **Spring:** classes begin 4/15

SATURDAYS: *new* Creative Kids (Grades K -2)

Sat. 10:00 am - 11:00am, **Instructor: Elizabeth Simmons**

Winter: classes begin 1/12 **Spring:** classes begin 4/20

Creative Kids Mon/Sat Class Description: Welcome to the basics of theatre! Children will be introduced to theatre through creative play. Exercises and games will focus on acting, storytelling, puppetry, music, and movement

Student Prerequisite: Students must be currently enrolled or have completed Kindergarten to register.

MONDAYS: Puttin' On A Show (Grades 1-3)

Mon. 5:30 -6:30 pm, **Instructor: Tori Mooney**

Winter: classes begin 1/14 **Spring:** classes begin 4/15

Puttin' on a Show Class Description: This class is geared more towards the process of putting together a script and a performance utilizing the fundamentals that our students have previously gained from the CREATIVE KIDS class.

WEDNESDAYS: Young Actors (Grades 3-5)

Wed. 4:30 - 5:30 pm, **Instructor: Emily Santarsiero**

Winter: classes begin 1/16 **Spring:** classes begin 4/1

Young Actors Class Description: Young Actors will allow upper elementary students their own space to explore acting in Improvisation, Scenes, and New Plays.

***Fees for classes described above:** \$135. There is a once a year additional \$15 registration fee. **Discount:** We offer a 10% sibling discount

THURSDAYS: Actor Performance Training Program (Grades 6-8)

Thurs. 4:00 - 5:30 pm, **Instructor: Emily Santarsiero**

Unit 2 (Winter): classes begin 1/17 **Unit 3 (Spring):** classes begin 4/18

Class Description: This class is for middle school students who are interested in improving their acting and performance technique. This class will be broken into three units to allow for in-depth study of various acting topics. **Fee:** \$600. There is a once a year additional \$15 registration fee.

Note: This class is a **YEAR LONG** class, new joining students are currently being accepted.

COMEDY/IMPROV (Grades 3-8)

Wednesdays. 5:30 - 7:00pm, **Instructor: Helena Morris and TBA**

Winter only: classes begin 1/30

Class Description: A team (director/clowning instructor) will teach this special 5 week class for students who love to improv, tell jokes, and act out comedic characters! **Fee:** \$120

For more information and to register, visit www.playhouseonpark.org.

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