

Wolcott Elementary School  
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Dear Wolcott Families:

I hope this newsletter finds you happy and healthy as we enter another school year together! For teachers, New Year's resolutions are not typically made in January, but rather in September when school begins. The beginning of another school year provides us an opportunity to try something new, different, or daring...all focused on what is right and best for our children. With the new school year comes excitement, hope, and determination. We look forward to watching your children grow as students and citizens this year.

As you may know, Wolcott School was chosen to be showcased at the district Convocation at the beginning of the school year. Over 900 teachers and administrators attended this annual event at which our Wolcott Choir performed. They were outstanding! We thank our music teachers, Dan Luongo and Jeff Rhone, for their planning and musical direction.

We enjoyed seeing you at Open House prior to the first day of school, and our annual Gazebo Gathering on the first day was well-attended. Thank you for braving the heat wave during our few two weeks of school; we think that cooler temperatures are upon us! We welcome our parents and guardians of students in Grade 5 to Curriculum Night this Thursday evening beginning at 6:00 in classrooms. After teacher presentations, we will meet at 6:40 in the auditorium for welcoming remarks and sharing of important information relative to our upcoming trip to Camp Colebrook in October. This event is for adults only.

Mark your calendars! We have several upcoming events that we would love for you to attend. Our dedicated PTO will organize our Movie Night in the Children's Forest on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. There is no rain date. Our annual, and very popular, Haunted Forest will be held on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 with a rain date of October 27<sup>th</sup>. Additional dates and times of special events may be found on page two of this newsletter.

Wolcott School is a true community, in which its members are dedicated to each other. We appreciate the partnership that we share with you in creating a safe, relevant, and exciting school experience for your children. Here's to another great year!

-Scott

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



September 13 (Thursday)  
Grade 5 Curriculum Night & Colebrook Info.  
6:00-7:30  
Classrooms & Auditorium

September 14 (Friday)  
Whole School Town Meeting: Kindness  
2:30-3:00

September 17 (Monday)  
Constitution Day  
Classrooms

September 19 (Wednesday)  
No School - Yom Kippur

September 20 (Thursday)  
PTO Meeting  
7:00-8:00  
Library

September 28 (Friday)  
Grades 3-5 Town Meeting: Kindness  
2:30-3:00

October 2-5  
Grade 5 Trip to Colebrook

October 5 (Friday)  
K-Grade 2 Town Meeting: Kindness  
2:30-3:00

October 12 (Friday)  
Movie Night  
6:30-8:00  
Children's Forest

October 20 (Saturday)  
Haunted Forest  
5:00-8:00  
Raindate: October 27

### FROM OUR ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK

#### From page 1:

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:35-3:20 and Wednesday from 8:35-2:00.

#### From page 2:

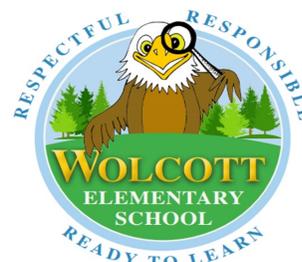
Relative to emergency contact information, parents/guardians are required to supply the names of at least two people who would be able to take a sick child home if the parent of guardian is unavailable. Please make any updates directly through the PowerSchool Parent Portal at [www.whps.org/parentportal](http://www.whps.org/parentportal).

#### From page 3:

Parents/guardians are asked to not send invitations to birthday parties or similar events for distribution at school unless every child in the class is to receive an invitation.

### NEW SCHOOL COLORS

We continue to use the logo here (updated last year with faculty, staff, student, and family input) to represent the community of Wolcott School. This logo of blues and greens showcase our lovely Children's Forest as well as our mascot, Buffy, whose Eagle Eye is always looking for respectful, responsible, and ready to learn behavior! As such, we are choosing **blue** and **green** as our school colors.





We dismiss our students at 2:00 every Wednesday during the entire school year so our teachers may collaborate on professional learning. Thank you for planning for this weekly early release.

## NURSE'S CORNER

### Vision and Hearing Screenings

We will begin our annual hearing and vision screening for all Wolcott students excluding 2nd grade during the week of September 17. State guidelines have recently changed to exclude screenings at the 2nd grade level. If you have a child in 2nd grade and have any concerns about hearing or vision, please contact Tracey Roberts.

We will make every attempt to complete screenings at a time that will be least disruptive to the classroom. If your child has any difficulty with testing, we will call you with the results and discuss recommendations. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call and speak with the Mrs. Roberts.

## Fall 2018 Box Tops Collection



Wolcott + Box Tops = \$\$\$

It's time for the Fall Box Tops for Education contest! Please send in your Box Tops in plastic bags or envelopes. Make sure to put your teacher's name on the bags or envelopes so your class will get credit. Submissions are due no later than Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Our goal for this fall is to collect at least 6,000 box tops, which equals \$600.00 for our school.

If you have any questions about General Mills Box Tops for Education program, please visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) or call Jani DeMichele (860) 313-8052. Thank you!

## ELC Lottery Applications

The Early Learning Center at Whiting Lane School and Aiken Elementary School is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. The program is family centered and has half day sessions that meet four days a week. A lottery will be conducted in January.

*To be considered for the program, children must be three years old by September 1, 2019, toilet-trained by the start of the school year and exhibit age-appropriate language, social and play skills. All applicants must participate in a play-based screening prior to being considered for the lottery selection.*

If you are interested, please contact Pam Macca at (860) 233-1455. The application process will close on December 15, 2018.



Vacant Seat Program – Application Start date is Monday, October 1, 2018

The West Hartford Public Schools vacant seat program utilizes available space on school buses. This program allows students to ride buses, where space is available, who under the West Hartford Public Schools Transportation policy are not eligible for transportation. No additional bus stops are added to the routes for this program.

Interested parents should contact the West Hartford Public Schools Transportation Office at (860)561-6647 for additional information on or after October 1st. Requests are taken in this office by telephone on a first come, first served basis starting at 8:00 am.



The Caring School Committee is looking for some helping hands! This is a no-commitment volunteer opportunity for those who would like to become involved on an as-needed, fits-your-lifestyle type of schedule. We need an on-going list of volunteers who can potentially help us to assist others in need. Please sign up if you are interested in receiving notifications through "sign-up genius." We may ask volunteers for an array of items from bringing in approved

snacks, clothing (good condition, used clothes are great!), fresh fruits, snow pants, pants, mittens, holiday food bags, holiday wish lists, etc. Please email Jenine St. Clair at [jeninestc@gmail.com](mailto:jeninestc@gmail.com) to add your name and email address. Thank you for making a difference!

Check out the Eagle's Nest in the main lobby near the fish tank. It is filled with new and gentle-worn clothes for anyone in need. This initiative, created and led by our Caring School Committee, serves to provide clothing for those in need. We welcome everyone to shop and take what they wish!



# Food Drive



Please donate food to help  
support the West Hartford  
Food Pantry

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

9:00am-2:00pm

Stop & Shop

176 Newington Road

West Hartford





# West Hartford Back-to-School Program



Kindergarten – Grade 12

West Hartford Social Services offers a NEW backpack and assistance with school supplies for the 2018-2019 school year!

Servicios Social de West Hartford ofrece una NUEVA mochila y asistencia para efectos escolares para el año escolar 2018-2019!

Town Hall, 50 South Main Street  
Social Services Office, Room 306

Program registration runs from June 4<sup>th</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>  
Call 860-561-7561 for more information

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Town Hall, 50 South Main Street,  
Oficina de Servicios Sociales, oficina 306  
Registración comienza desde Junio 4 - Agosto 31  
Llame al 860-561-7561 para más información.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES ON REVERSE/ GUIAS DE INGRESOS EN EL REVERSO



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# 2018 – 2019 Eligibility Requirements/Requisitos

## REQUIREMENTS

- Income-eligible West Hartford residents (Grades K-12) or any student enrolled in a West Hartford Public School (Grades K-12) may apply for this program.
- Estudiantes residentes de West Hartford (Grados K-12) con ingresos elegibles o estudiantes inscritos en una escuela pública de West Hartford (Grados K-12) pueden aplicar para este programa.

## INCOME GUIDELINES

Household Size/ Tamaño del Hogar	1	2	3	4	5
60% SMI	\$34,366	\$44,940	\$55,514	\$66,089	\$76,663
Household Size/ Tamaño del Hogar	6	7	8	9	10
60% SMI	\$87,237	\$89,220	\$91,202	\$93,185	\$95,168

### Applicants **MUST** provide:

- photo identification
- birth certificates for all children in the household
- recent piece of mail with current address
- proof of income (for the past 4 weeks)

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### Solicitantes **DEBEN** proveer:

- identificación con foto
- certificados de nacimiento de todos niños/as en el hogar
- correo reciente con dirección actual
- prueba de ingresos (de las últimas 4 semanas)

# WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU.



The **Bridge Family Center** has served as the **Youth Service Bureau (YSB)** for the Town of West Hartford for nearly four decades. We focus equally on prevention and intervention and are here to support children, adults, and families.

**We meet with your schools regularly to understand trends and how we can help.**  
(mentoring, in-school counseling, support groups, emergency-response counselors)

**We meet with your Police Department regularly and serve on your Juvenile Review Board to support prevention and intervention.** (counseling/mentoring for at-risk/high-risk kids)

**We operate your West Hartford Teen Center to keep teens connected & directed to positive choices.**

**We operate your Family Resource Center to support young children and their caregivers.**  
(Great by 8, play groups, parent support and education, parent leadership groups, developmental assessments, special events, etc.)

**We provide Emergency Shelter for teens ages 13-17 who are homeless or who have run away.**  
Note: 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ. This Emergency Shelter information is important to share with local Gay Straight Alliances and others who support the LGBTQ community.

**We operate the West Hartford Counseling Center to support children, families, and adults.**  
Our team includes a child psychiatrist. We accept private insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare.



1022 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06107

 [bridgefamilycenter.org](https://www.bridgefamilycenter.org)  860.521.8035 

## -FREE MOVIE & COMMUNITY CONVERSATION-



Join West Hartford friends and neighbors as we learn the story of how the children of Birmingham, Alabama fought segregation in 1963 through nonviolent protest and were catalysts for positive change that impacted our entire nation. Stay for the youth led panel discussion about activism in our schools and community, featuring West Hartford students.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 2-4PM AUDITORIUM at CHARTER OAK INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY  
All ages welcome, especially middle and high school age youth.

*Organized by the West Hartford Beloved Community Builders.*