

Bugbee Buzz



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Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Location	Time
11/19-12/21	Wish Upon a Star Gift Donation	Lobby	
11/23-11/24	Thanksgiving Break-No School		
11/28	Spotlight Meeting	Library	7:00 p.m.
11/30	Picture Re-Take Day	Lobby	9:00-11:00 a.m.
11/30	Open Choice Family Game Night	Bristow Middle School	5:30 - 7 p.m.
12/03	PTO Meeting	Library	7:00 p.m.
12/04	Barnes and Noble Book Fair	Blue Back Square	All day
12/04	Mitten Run Fundraiser	Field	11 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
12/07	Student Council Meeting	Room 5	7:45 a.m.
12/07	Principal on the Playground		3:00-4:00 p.m.
12/11	Winter Concert Walk Through (grades 4 &5)	Auditorium	10:25-11:25 a.m.
12/12	Winter Concert	Auditorium	9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
12/13	Grade 2 Penguin Party	Classrooms	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
12/18	Buzz Assembly	Auditorium	9:30 a.m.
12/15	Student Council Meeting	Room 3	7:45 a.m.
12/21	Cozy Slipper Day		9:00-11:00 a.m.
12/21- 01/01/2019	Holiday Recess-No School		



- To the Bugbee PTO, for the bounty of delicious meals and snacks provided to us during parent/teacher conference week. We truly appreciate your generosity.
- To our Grade 4 Girl Scout Troop, led by Pam Borer, for collecting and donating Halloween candy.
- To PTO, for providing refreshments and their time in coordinating the Principal on the Playground events.
- To Michelle Bonner, for coordinating a very successful Lyman Orchard Pie Fundraiser.
- To the Lyman Pie distribution team, comprised of :Michelle Bonner, Alison Saulsbury, Debbie Dylan, and Andrea Moschella, for giving their time to make sure everyone received their pies.



*On behalf of the entire Bugbee staff,
we would like to wish our families a
wonderful Thanksgiving break.*

Parking Lot Reminder

With colder weather, comes longer lines in the parking lot! Thank you for your effort so far this year to be respectful of other drivers and keep our priority on our students' safety. Please continue to:

- Give yourself a few extra minutes! Cold weather means more families dropping off via car.
- Stay out of the bus circle until after the 2nd bell (8:35)
- Do not leave cars idling over 3 minutes.
- In the parking lot, pull all the way forward to the yellow cones, please do not pull around on the left of a car to exit, and encourage your child to be "ready to go" (coat, backpack, etc.) for a smooth exit.

• Thank you all for your smiles and patience as we start our days together. We will do our best as a staff to support.

News from the Library Media Center

BUGBEE BOOKFAIR AT BARNES & NOBLE

Want to get a headstart on your holiday shopping AND support the Bugbee Library? Then come to the Bugbee Bookfair on December 4, 2018 from 10am-9pm. Mention Bugbee at check-out and a percentage of the sale will go to the Bugbee Library.

Stop by Barnes and Nobles to check out:

- **Teacher Wish List table!** Looking to support your child's classroom directly? Consider purchasing a book for your child's teacher. It makes a perfect thank you gift!
- **Mini Talent Show!** K-2 students from 6-6:30 pm, 3-5 students from 6:30-7 pm (more information to come).

We are also still looking for volunteers to help staff the welcome table at Barnes and Noble throughout the day on 12/4/18. If you are available, please email Andrea Moschella at moschellafamily405@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there!

BARNES & NOBLE



BUGBEE PTO NEWS

2018-2019 PTO Board

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Salad Bar Volunteers Needed

Each Wednesday Nutrition Services provides a fresh salad bar in place of the "traditional" hot lunch. Currently, the salad bar depends upon parent volunteers.

No volunteers = No salad bar!

Volunteers are responsible for helping the students -- especially in the younger grades -- make food choices and get the items on their plates, training them to eventually use the salad bar independently. Volunteers also help keep the salad bar clean and work with lunchroom staff to help keep the salad bar items stocked. You will be amazed at how excited many of our students are for salad!

There are currently 40 Salad Bar dates on the calendar, with two 50-minute shifts on each date. Please help us fill our 40 volunteer openings to keep the Salad Bar running.

There is no need to commit to a regular schedule. Just pick any date! Please log onto Konstella to view dates/time slots and sign up.



Lost & Found. . .

. . .Is growing into a nice collection of jackets, sweatshirts, hats, lunchboxes and more. Please plan to take a peek to find a missing item or two. The Lost & Found collection can be found in the front Lobby. Items that are labeled with a name are more likely to make their way back home!





Yearbook

Pictures Needed

We need your photos for the Grade 5 Yearbook! Please upload photos of school events from your child's years at Bugbee from K-5. We want to have photos of all grade 5 students in the yearbook so we need to get as many as possible.

It is very easy to upload your photos. Here is how:

Go to: <https://images.schoolannualonline.com/411493681>

If you do not get automatically logged-in use the passcode 411493681

Browse to select the photos you want to upload. It is easiest to put all photos in a folder and then chose the folder to upload.

Enter information about the photos (child's name) and contact information.

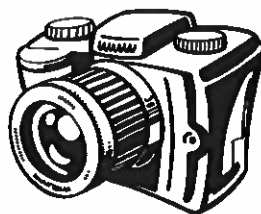
Click "Upload Chosen Images"

Please submit your photos as soon as possible. We will be beginning work on the yearbook soon so we need your photos!

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Rosado at mpleon99@comcast.net

We cannot guarantee that all submissions will be used in the book and we cannot use photos of non-school events such as birthday parties or neighborhood gatherings.

Picture **Retake** Day will be held



Friday November 30, 2018

Class Photos:

With our new vendor, we have received "class photos" which your child may have brought home. Please know that you will also receive a composite class photo similar to years' past after retake day. We will solicit feedback as to family preference once you have both in hand this winter!



From the Health Room

When should I keep my child home from school?

If your child has flu symptoms (fever, chills, cough, headache, or muscle aches that often come on quickly) keep him or her home. If your child has a cold (stuffy nose, sneezing, sore throat, cough, often coming on gradually), there is no fever for 24 hours, symptoms are mild, and your child is alert, then he or she may attend school.

Germs are spread from person to person through coughing, sneezing, direct contact and occasionally from contaminated surfaces. The flu vaccine is the best way to prevent your child from getting the flu. To prevent the spread of colds and flu, practice good hand washing, disinfect frequently touched surfaces, cover nose and mouth with a tissue or cough into your sleeve. Ensure that there is no sharing of cups, water bottles or utensils. Stay healthy by obtaining sufficient rest, exercise and maintaining good nutrition and fluid intake.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Karen Burnett at 860-929-5510.



Protecting Student's Privacy

"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.

Jared W. Morin, Ed.M.

Director of Technology Services

Town of West Hartford & West Hartford Public Schools

Moving

If you are moving to another address in West Hartford, (even within the neighborhood), you must contact the Residency Office at (860) 561-6620 located at the Town Hall. If your phone number changes, please contact our office at (860) 929-5500.

Attendance Reporting

If your child is absent or will be tardy, we ask that you contact the school office at (860) 929-5500. You may report an absence before 8:00 a.m. by using our voice mail system. Please include the reason for the absence. You may also e-mail the office at Bugbeeschool@whps.org. Including the office is of vital importance, since a substitute teacher will not have access to voice mail or e-mail. Following these procedures will avoid incorrect absence postings in our records and unnecessary calls, which interrupt you at home or at the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Dismissal Changes

We know that things come up which result in changes in afternoon dismissal plans. Please do everything you can to avoid changes beyond the morning hours unless absolutely necessary, as it requires an interruption to the classroom.

Dismissal changes can be e-mailed to the office at Bugbeeschool@whps.org or called into our office at (860) 929-5500.

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.



Deadline for The Buzz

The deadline for submissions to the next Buzz is 11/29/2018.

Publication Date: 12/04/2018

Please email submissions to

Marianne Zinzarella

Marianne_Zinzarella@whps.org



PLEASE POST THIS BY YOUR PHONE AT HOME & WORK!!

INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSING & DELAYS

The following radio and television stations will carry the necessary information about late openings.

TELEVISION STATIONS:

Channel 3, 30 & Channel 5 Cable Access

INTERNET:

www.whps.org

RADIO STATIONS:

WTIC 1080 AM WKND 1480 AM

WHCN 105.9 FM WKSS 95.7 FM

WRCH 100.5 FM WRYM 840 AM

REMINDER: Whenever there is a delayed opening, ALL morning activities such as Choir, Band, etc. are cancelled.

EARLY DISMISSALS: It is very important that you review early dismissal emergency procedures with your child.

It is appreciated if you use one or all of the above sources to keep updated on the latest information regarding school delays and closings.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

No supervision is provided on the grounds until 8:20 a.m. Please be sure to be informed of the latest information regarding delayed opening using the sources above.

Thank you for your continued support for the safety of your children.

EMERGENCY EARLY CLOSING

In the event of an emergency early closing, these are the early closing times for ALL days of the week.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	11:45 a.m.
Middle School	11:00 a.m.
High School	10:30 a.m.

- Give your children 3 to 5 homes to go to in the neighborhood, in a certain order.
- Show them where an extra house key is kept.
- Remind your child to go to the designated neighbor, but then be certain to leave a note for you (on the back door or in the mailbox) as to where they are staying.

We suggest that you walk through a simulation with your children to give them the experience in a non-threatening situation.

REMINDER:

In the event of any emergency early closing, Bugbee's Kidslink Extended Day Program will be closed

OUTDOOR RECESS POLICY

The recess policy dictates that all students will go outside for recess if the temperature is 20 degrees or above. Students should be appropriately dressed to spend time outdoors during recess. Warm clothes, gloves, hats, and boots are required during the winter months.

Children well enough to come to school should be well enough to be outside during recess. Exceptions for medical reasons may be granted on an individual basis.



In the event of inclement or severely cold weather, outdoor recess will be cancelled.

BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKFAIRS

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Bugbee Elementary School

Tuesday, December 4th 10am-9pm
Barnes & Noble
Blue Back Square

Stop by Barnes and Nobles to:

- Get a head start on holiday shopping!
- Check out the Teacher Wish List table.
- Mini Talent Show: Gr. K-2 6-6:30pm, Gr. 3-5 6:30-7pm

Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online from 12/4/18 to 12/9/18
by entering Bookfair ID 12459103 at checkout.

A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit the Bugbee Library



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BARNES & NOBLE

CAFÉ ORDER FORM

FALL 2018

Whole Cakes from the Café—Perfect for Gatherings and Gift Giving



Pumpkin Cheesecake

Pumpkin and spices blended with our classic creamy cheesecake, topped with real whipped cream lattice on a spicy graham cracker crust.

QUANTITY



Red Velvet Cheesecake

A creamy cheesecake swirled with chunks of homestyle red velvet cake and topped with a rich cream cheese icing.

QUANTITY



Hershey's® Cheesecake

Hershey's® chocolate cake layered with chocolate ganache and chocolate cheesecake, finished with chocolate icing.



Plain Cheesecake

A creamy California cheesecake with a graham cracker crust.

Select Stores Only:

Caramel Crunch Cake

A layer of caramel crunch cake topped with caramel cheesecake and caramel mousse.

White Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake

An infusion of imported raspberry coulis and white chocolate chunks swirled in creamy cheesecake on a chocolate crust.

Carrot Cake

Classic homemade carrot cake made with pineapple and walnuts, topped with a rich cream cheese icing and toasted almonds on the side.

Cinnabon® Cheesecake

Layers of Cinnabon® cinnamon cheesecake and vanilla crunch cake, topped with cream cheese frosting and caramel.

Triple Chocolate Cheesecake Made with Ghirardelli®

Creamy chocolate cheesecake filled with milk and dark chocolate chips, baked on a moist chocolate brownie, and topped with rich chocolate mousse and whipped cream rosettes. Flecked on top with milk and dark chocolate ganache.

Blueberries and Cream Cheesecake

Creamy white chocolate cheesecake swirled with wild blueberries and white chocolate graham cracker crust, topped with whipped cream and white chocolate shavings.

STORE ADDRESS

EVENT DATE

CUSTOMER NAME

ORGANIZATION NAME

PHONE & EMAIL

PICK-UP DATE

Note: Cheesecake flavors vary seasonally. So we can best serve your needs, please note a first and second pick. During bookfairs, all eligible purchases made by your supporters in our Barnes & Noble Café are included in your organization's bookfair sales total. Members save 10%. The Cheesecake Factory Bakery® is a registered trademark of TCF Co. LLC.

Items vary seasonally and by store. Please inquire within the Café for pricing.

THIRD ANNUAL BUGBEE FUN RUN

The Turkey Trot is now the

MITTEN RUN FUNDRAISER



NEW DATE: Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Funds raised support various enrichment programs including the Artist-in-Residence, grade-specific activities, equipment, field trips and the purchase of equipment and supplies that enhance our school.

To Donate:

Bugbee Families

<http://bit.ly/TurkeyTrotBugbeeFamilies>

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For more information or to volunteer contact Michelle Bonner | michelle@bonnercg.com



**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.

**It's National Influenza
Vaccination Week (NIVW)!**



- 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!

Health Services Update

INFORMATION ON HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease in Connecticut have been reported in the news. Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease is a common childhood virus that is seen in the summer and early fall.

It is caused by different viruses. It usually affects infants and children under the age of 5, but older children and even adults can be affected. It takes 3-6 days for signs and symptoms to show. It is spread through coughing, sneezing, fluid from blisters on the hands and/or feet or through contact with stool of the affected person. It usually starts with a fever and sore throat followed by a rash with tiny blisters in the mouth, fingers, palm of hands, soles of feet and buttocks. One or all of these areas may have blisters. Symptoms usually can last for about one week. Skin peeling of fingers and toes can occur.

There is no medicine to treat Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease, but the symptoms such as fever can be treated. Ways to control spreading include frequent handwashing, teaching your children to cover their mouths and nose with a tissue or their arm when coughing or sneezing, and preventing of sharing of food, drink and personal items.

Children with Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease generally do not need to be excluded from school or child care unless the child has a fever and/or is uncomfortable or blisters are open and weeping.

For more information please visit the:

CDC website: <http://www.cdc.gov/hand-footmouth/index.html> or

American Academy of Pediatrics website: <https://www.healthychildren.org>.

Information provided by: Grace Johnson, RN, BSN
Nursing Department Supervisor, West Hartford Public Schools

WEST HARTFORD FESTIVAL OF TREES



HOLIDAY STROLL 2018

The Claypen
Tree

First Church, West Hartford
12 South Main Street

Camp Jewel
YMCA Tree

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


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WEST HARTFORD

Cookies
&
Hot Cocoa!

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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 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, MEd, 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.

www.WHSEPTO.org

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/West-Hartford-SEPTO - Follow us on Instagram at [@whsepto](https://www.instagram.com/whsepto)



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.

