



Respectful - Responsible - Compassionate

Duffy Dateline

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September 14, 2017

Dear Families,

In my opening day message to students, I said, *Your teachers and I will continue supporting you in becoming the best learners and the best people you can be. You see, you are our future. When you leave us at the end of 5th grade and go out into the world, I want you to use that Duffy part of you to help shape a world where:*

Learning matters.

Mindset matters.

Respect, responsibility, and compassion matter.

Inclusion matters.

Peace matters.

Duffy staff and students are focusing on what *matters* in these critical first few weeks of school. We know that students who feel safe and nurtured at school, and have a strong sense of belonging, learn best. It is for this reason that our first school goal (**raising academic achievement**) and our second (**creating a positive environment**) are equally important and perfectly balanced in our curriculum.

Morning Meeting

Each morning, students and their teacher come together to talk. This daily opportunity to get to know one another strengthens relationships and leads to enhanced cultural competency within each classroom community. Teachers guide discussions ranging from favorite books and activities, to feelings, to personal preferences, and how these preferences may be the same or different from each other. Students practice responding in ways that are respectful, responsible, and compassionate. At times, students may have questions about how they are feeling or how to express themselves and teachers welcome this initiation. Creating an environment where children are free to ask or share without judgment is the goal. Morning meeting is at the heart of our instructional practice!

Safety and Security

With 491 students, 60 staff members, and almost 1,000 family members, clear policies are critical to a safe and positive environment. We all play a role in keeping our community safe. Reminders:

- The “Drop-Off Zone” on Westminster Drive is for families who prefer a quick drop-off. When using this zone, you must pull up to the curb, say good-bye, and let your child *independently* exit the car next to the sidewalk. If you need more time, pull up farther or park in one of the lots.
- The Duffy field is not open to the public between school hours. Please do not walk your dog or run through our play area.
- All family members should wait behind class lines at morning entry. A clear sidewalk helps students find their classes without confusion!

Communication

We are committed to two-way, positive communication. I hope you found Open House, our Coffee and Conversation events, and Curriculum Night to be effective opportunities to interact and learn about our school. I also hope you have signed up for *Seesaw* to watch and listen to the curriculum “come alive” as your children communicate their learning directly to you.

It’s going to be a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

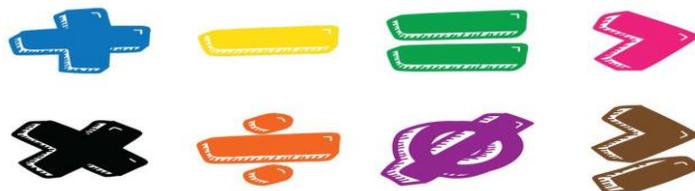
-Kristi

Kristi Laverty
Principal



Curriculum Corner
Christine Mori, Curriculum Specialist

How to Create a Community of Mathematicians



At Duffy School, we will “Advance achievement for all students and reduce disparity between and among groups.” One way we will work towards reaching this goal is to teach our students how to create a *Mathematical Mindset*. This *Mathematical Mindset* is one where students believe math is about thinking, sense making, big ideas and connections.

During a daily math block, your child will be engaged in purposeful tasks that “engage problem solving and connections to relevant, real-world application.” They will work in whole groups, small groups, and individually.

In the opening weeks of school, and developed throughout the entire year, teachers will work to create a community of mathematicians by emphasizing these beliefs:

- 1- Math is about connections and communicating
- 2- Math is about creativity and sense making
- 3- Mistakes are valuable
- 4- Depth is more important than speed
- 5- Questions are really important
- 6- EVERYONE can learn math to the highest levels
- 7- Math class is about learning, not performing

Just Remember the 5 C's

Want to help support your mathematician at home? It's easy, just remember the 5 C's!

Curiosity- find engaging ways to bring math into your daily routine

Connection Making- connections between concepts, procedures, and tools

Challenge- allow your child time to productively struggle with problems

Creativity- find problems with multiple entry points and various solutions

Collaboration- talk about the strategies used to solve

Jo Boaler, Professor of Mathematics at Stanford University, and author of the book **Mathematical Mindset**, shares some of her resources on her website YouCubed.

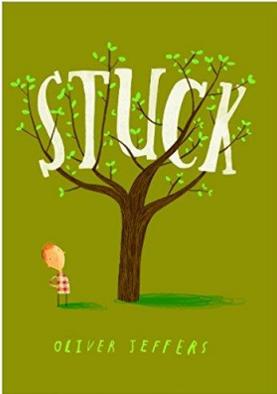
Looking for ideas? Great tasks to challenge yourself and your child? Check it out! www.youcubed.org

Growing a Growth Mindset

Christine Mori, Curriculum Specialist

At our house, reading before bed is a part of our nighttime routine. I've been getting a little smarter lately, because I am reading books to my girls that are engaging, yet purposeful. I'm "sneaking in" some books that will help them begin to grow their *Growth Mindset*. Reading the books, having discussions, and making connections will keep them away from a fixed mindset. I want them to believe that they can learn, change, and develop any skill. I want them to be better equipped to handle inevitable setbacks, and know that hard work can help them accomplish their goals.

Here are some of our favorite titles that we hope your family will enjoy!



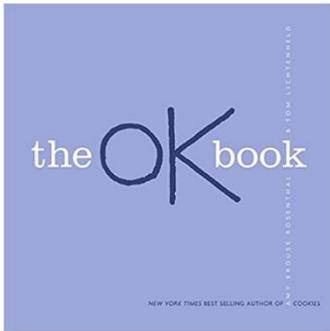
Stuck by Oliver Jeffers

When Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, he's determined to get it out. But how? Well, by knocking it down with his shoe, of course. But strangely enough, it too gets stuck. And the only logical course of action . . . is to throw his other shoe. Only now it's stuck! Surely there must be something he can use to get his kite unstuck. An orangutan? A boat? His front door? Yes, yes, and yes. And that's only the beginning.



The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires

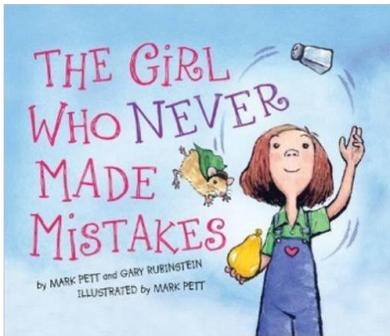
This is a story about a girl and her very best friend, who happens to be a dog. The girl has a wonderful idea. She is going to make the most MAGNIFICENT thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. All she has to do is make it, and she makes things all the time. Easy-peasy! But making her magnificent thing is anything but easy, and the girl tries and fails, repeatedly. Eventually, the girl gets really, really mad. She is so mad, in fact, that she quits. But after her dog convinces her to take a walk, she comes back to her project with renewed enthusiasm and manages to get it just right.



The OK Book by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

In this clever and visual play on words, OK is turned sideways, upside down, and right side up to show that being OK can really be quite great.

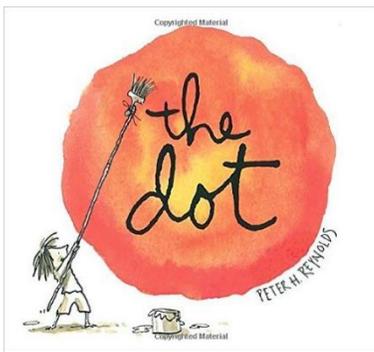
This book celebrates the real skills and talents children possess, encouraging and empowering them to discover their own individual strengths and personalities. Whether OK personifies an OK skipper, an OK climber, an OK lightning bug catcher, or an OK whatever there is to experience, OK is an OK place to be. And being OK just may lead to the discovery of what makes one great.



The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes

by Mark Pett

Meet Beatrice Bottomwell: a nine-year-old girl who has never (not once!) made a mistake. She never forgets her math homework, she never wears mismatched socks, and she ALWAYS wins the yearly talent show at school. In fact, Beatrice holds the record of perfection in her hometown, where she is known as The Girl Who Never Makes Mistakes. Life for Beatrice is sailing along pretty smoothly until she does the unthinkable—she makes her first mistake...in public!



The Dot by Peter Reynolds

Art class is over, but Vashti is sitting glued to her chair in front of a blank piece of paper. The words of her teacher are a gentle invitation to express herself. But Vashti can't draw - she's no artist. To prove her point, Vashti jabs at a blank sheet of paper to make an unremarkable and angry mark. "There!" she says.

That one little dot marks the beginning of Vashti's journey of surprise and self-discovery. That special moment is the core of the creative spirit in all of us.



September 2017

Thu, Sep 14	All day 3:20-4:45pm 6:00-7:00pm 7:00-8:00pm	School Picture Day! Girl Scout Meeting GR 4 (Troop 10425) - Room 28 Welcome Wagon Dinner for all new families - Cafe 1st General PTO Meeting - Cafe
Mon, Sep 18	7:45-8:20am 7:45-8:15am	Grade 5 Orchestra Grades 3-5 Before School Gym
Tue, Sep 19	7:45-8:20am	Grades 3-5 Before School Gym
Wed, Sep 20	7:45-8:20am 2:00-3:30pm 5:30-6:30pm 7:00-8:30pm	Grade 5 Band Girl Scout Meeting GR 3 (Troop 10420) - Room 6 Brave Parents' Meeting - Room 6 Girl Scout Meeting GR 5 (Troop 10422) - Cafe
Thu, Sep 21	All day	No School - Rosh Hashanah
Mon, Sep 25	7:45-8:15am 7:45-8:20am 3:20-4:20pm	Grade 3-5 Before School Gym Grade 5 Orchestra BRAVE Meeting - Room 9
Tue, Sep 26	7:45-8:15am 7:45-8:20am 9:00-1:45pm 3:20-4:20pm 6:30-8:00pm	Graes 3-5 Before School Gym Grade 4 Choir Gr 4 to Westmoor Park Hobby Quest - Aviation GR 3-5 - Room 23 Boy Scouts Pack 161 Parent Meeting - Cafe
Wed, Sept 27	7:45-8:20am	Grade 5 Band
Thu, Sep 28	7:45-8:15am 7:45-8:20am 3:20-4:20pm 3:30-4:30pm	Grade 3-5 Before School Gym Grade 5 Choir Hobby Quest Magic GR K-5 - Room 6 Site Council - Conference Room
Fri, Sept 29	3:30-4:30pm	Chess Club, LMC
Mon, Oct 2	7:45-8:15am 7:45-8:20am 3:20-4:20pm 3:20-4:20pm 3:30-4:30pm	Grade 3-5 Before School Gym Grade 5 Orchestra Mad Science GR 1 & 2 - Room 6 Mad Science GR 3-5 - Room 23 Safe School Climate Committee - Library

Tue, Oct 3	7:45-8:15am	Grade 3-5 Before School Gym
	7:45-8:20am	Grade 4 Choir
	3:20-4:20pm	Hobby Quest - Aviation GR 3-5 - Room 23
	3:45-4:45pm	Garden Committee Meeting - Art Room
	5:30-7:00pm	Girl Scout Meeting GR 3 (Troop 10426) - Room 6
Wed, Oct 4	7:45-8:20am	Grade 5 Band
	5:30-7:00pm	Daisy Girl Scout Meeting GR 1 (Troop 10416) - Room 6
Thu, Oct 5	7:45-8:15am	Grades 3-5 Before School Gym
	7:45-8:20am	Grade 5 Choir
	3:20-4:20pm	Hobby Quest Magic GR K-5 - Room 6
Fri, Oct 6	3:30-4:30pm	Chess Club, LMC
Mon, Oct 9	All day	No School - Columbus Day
Tue, Oct 10	7:45-8:15am	Grades 3-5 Before School Gym
	7:45-8:20am	Grade 4 Choir
	3:20-4:20pm	Hobby Quest - Aviation GR 3-5 - Room 23
Wed, Oct 11	7:45-8:20am	Grade 5 Band
	7:45-8:20am	Enrichment Committee Meeting – Conf. Room
Thu, Oct 12	7:45-8:15am	Grades 3-5 Before School Gym
	7:45-8:20am	Grade 5 Choir
	All day	Gr 5 to Winding Trails
	3:20-4:20pm	Hobby Quest Magic GR K-5 - Room 6
	3:20-4:30pm	Girl Scout Meeting GR 2 (Troop 10424) - Room 15
	3:20-4:45pm	Girl Scout Meeting GR 4 (Troop 10425) - Room 28
	6:00-7:30pm	Bingo Night - Cafe

News from the Duffy PTO

September 2017

On behalf of everyone at the Duffy PTO, welcome to the first Duffy Dateline of the 2017-2018 school year. We feel very lucky to be included in the Dateline each month. This is definitely a reflection of the relationship between the school and the PTO. We are committed to working together to enhance the learning environment at Duffy.

So many PTO volunteers work throughout the summer and help with the back to school transition. A very special thank you to:

Whitney Guida who coordinates with Duffy office staff to organize and assemble information in your back-to-school folders. Thanks to the team of volunteers who came in to assemble folders in record time!

Joy Russell for putting together a delicious first day luncheon for teachers and staff. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for this committee and brought something for our staff to enjoy.

Joy has also been working to make sure all parents and staff are connected on Konstella. Thank you!

Laura Freeman who again organized the two “Coffee and Conversation” hosted by the PTO on the first days of school. Thank you, Laura! It was wonderful to meet and catch up with everyone who attended.

The PTO Beautification Committee, headed this year by **Kristen Fernandez** and **Jennifer Montanari**. This committee works year round to make sure Duffy looks as beautiful as she possibly can. Perhaps you noticed that your annual picture in front of *Louise Duffy School* sign on the first day of school looked exceptionally good this year? That’s the amazing work of the Beautification Committee!

Jamie Gomes and the custodial staff who help us with all of these committees. Jamie is there from set-up to clean-up at all of our activities and meetings. Thank you Jamie for always going above and beyond!

If you are interested in finding our more about PTO committees and volunteer opportunities, you can find a list of all our chairpersons and contact information in the Duffy Directory.

Please continue to check the Konstella calendar as we add information about upcoming events such as Family Night Bingo and the Parents’ Night Out Auction.

All of us at the Pto are embracing the Duffy growth mindset of “...YET”. We are a work in progress and always welcome ideas and suggestions to help us improve.

Note from the Music Room



We are off to an excellent start in music class this year! All classes are already making music and working together beautifully! It has been delightful working with your children and watching them joyfully participate in all aspects of class. We are well on our way to fostering a love of music, singing in-tune and becoming musically literate through songs, singing games and movement. The children are quickly acclimating to the routines of our class while being incredibly kind to each other.

Next week, I will be sending home an invitation to all our fourth and fifth grade students to join our choir. Choir is a wonderful way to continue the joy of music class in a large group setting.

Fourth grade choir will rehearse on Tuesday mornings and Fifth grade choir will rehearse on Thursday mornings. As our concert date approaches, the two choirs will join and rehearse together. Our choir rehearsals will begin the week of September 26th. I am hoping your child will join me in this musical endeavor.

I am looking forward to a musical year with your children.

Cheryl Tierney

BEFORE SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAMS 2017-2018

****There is no before school rehearsal if school is delayed for any reason.***

The following before school programs begin at 7:45am.

Starting Dates:	Band Grade 5:	Wednesday, September 13
	Orchestra Grade 5:	Mondays, September 18
	Choir Grade 4:	Tuesday, September 26
	Choir Grade 5:	Thursday, September 28

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grade 5 Orchestra	Grade 4 Choir	Grade 5 Band	Grade 5 Choir	Grade 4 Band (February-May)
First Rehearsal: September 18	First Rehearsal: September 26	First Rehearsal: September 13	First Rehearsal: September 28	
			Grade 4 Strings (February-May)	

**Concert Dates: Wednesday December 6, 2017
Tuesday May 8, 2018**

Please reach out with any questions!

David Thomas, Instrumental Music
Cheryl Tierney, Vocal Music



What's happening in Physical Education?

Greetings Duffy Families,

I am so excited to start another year here at Duffy and to have the privilege of working with your children. September is great time of year in the gym. This year we are fortunate enough to have Mrs. Amanda Pace teaching part time physical education.

Students in Kindergarten and grades 1 and 2 will be working on traveling in an open space and learning different ways of traveling through space while building the foundation of safety and being active. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be working on the different fitness components and begin the preparation for the CT Physical Fitness Assessment.

I also offer students in grades 3, 4, and 5 a Before School Gym program. This program is free of cost and will begin Monday September 18 and will be available three mornings a week: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 7:45 AM. Children take part in activities that are being taught in Physical Education class and will also have the opportunity to explore other physical activities and games.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:45-8:15 Before school gym	7:45-8:15 Before school gym	NO ACTIVITIES	NO ACTIVITIES	7:45-8:15 Mat Ball

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Rob_DeVeau@whps.org

860-521-0110

Sincerely,

Rob DeVeau

Duffy School, Physical Education Teacher

A Note from the Nurse

Please save my direct number so you know it is me when I call you. I frequently email, so it is usually of an urgent matter if I am calling you.

860-929-5610

When to keep you child home from school

If your child has vomiting and/or diarrhea they should be kept at home until symptoms have resolved for at least 12 hours and the child is able to return to a normal diet.

If your child has symptoms of a cold, cough, sore throat associated with a fever or they do not readily improve, call your doctor. Your child may attend school if there is no fever for at least 24 hours.

Your child may attend school with a temperature less than 100 F. Fevers are generally signs of infection or a virus. While Tylenol/Motrin may be effective in reducing fever, it is a temporary measure. 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.

Brownies

The second grade Brownie Girl Scout troop will begin meeting in November! We will meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Duffy School. If your second grade daughter is interested in joining Troop 10426 and you would like more information, please contact Amy Messinger by September 23rd. You can reach her at ajmick@gmail.com or [860-841-2359](tel:860-841-2359).

School Portraits



Picture Day is: Today, Thursday, Sep 14

Picture Day ID: EJ417013Q0

The easiest way to get school pictures is by ordering at mylifetouch.com

- No need to send cash or flyer back to school
- Get more background choices online
- Customize your package online with different portrait sheets
- New My Family rewards program available [online](#).

You may order online up to 48 hours after picture day

ELC Lottery Applications

The Early Learning Center at Whiting Lane School and Aiken Elementary School is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 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, 2018, 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, 2017.

Vacant Seat Program



Vacant Seat Program – Application Start date is Monday, October 2, 2017

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 2nd. **Requests are taken in this office by telephone on a first come, first served basis starting at 8:00 am.**

Emergency Forms

Please return completed emergency forms to the office if you haven't done so already. It is very important that we have the correct home/work/cell phone numbers so we can contact you in case of an emergency. Please call the school office at 860-521-0110 if any of your contact information changes during the school year.

From the Cafeteria

If you want your child to be able to buy ice cream or snack, you must specify “open account” and set a “daily limit” when you apply money to your child’s account. Please write your child’s full name on the memo line of the check (made payable to WHNS) or on the envelope if you send cash. The cafeteria must be notified in writing if you want to change the daily limit on your child’s account.

Informational Flyers in the Office

- 1- Duffy PTO Volunteer Form
- 2- Duffy PTO Membership Envelopes
- 3- September Lunch Menu (also available on Duffy Website)

Duffy Chess Program Registration - Fall 2017

Registration Deadline: September 27, 2017

- (1) **Club Program** – Practice play and lessons from basic to beginning intermediate chess. Emphasis will be on developing basic skills and providing the opportunity for at least weekly practice play. The Program will be a combination of group lessons and supervised play.

Club meetings for the spring will be 3:30 to 4:30 PM on Fridays:

Spring Semester:

Sep 29 • Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 • Nov 3, 10 • Dec 1, 8, 15, 22

NOTE: One make up date is already included in this schedule, and if not required for make up, will be used as additional regular program day. If a cancellation occurs, no additional days will be required to complete the program.

- (2) **Off-Campus Competition Program** – The tournament program will run together with the club program. Tournament players participate in area tournaments throughout the school year. The tournament program is by invitation. Returning competition players are automatically invited to participate on the school's competition team.
- (3) **Club Tournament** – Open to the entire school, this semester-end event will test the developing skills of all players. The event will take place at instructor's option as part of the last two or three days of club meetings.
- (4) **Program Fees** – The program fee is \$160 per player. Financial assistance may be available for those in need.

Any questions about the program can be directed to Alexander Lumelsky, alexander.lumelsky@gmail.com.

NOTICE: THE PROGRAM REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 16 COMMITTED PARTICIPANTS. IF 16 PLAYERS ARE NOT REGISTERED BY SEPTEMBER 27, THE PROGRAM MAY BE CANCELLED. PLEASE E-MAIL REGISTRATION INTENT WITH NAME OF PLAYER, GRADE AND SCHOOL NAME, AND BRING BELOW REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO THE FIRST CLASS.

Registration Form (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

Player's Name: _____ USCF Rating, if any: _ Age: ____ Grade: ____

School Duffy Elementary School Town West Hartford

Parent Name: _____ Preferred Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

Address: _____ Parent's e-mail: _____

_____ Mark "X" here if you are requesting financial assistance from the school.

**Please make checks payable to "AllClubs Chess". PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.
Please submit registration intent via e-mail by September 27 and bring registration with payment to first class.**

CARDBOARD CHALLENGE MAKERSPACE STEAM



Cardboard Challenge

We are kicking off the year and creating a Makerspace by having a Cardboard Challenge. Students will be asked to let their imaginations run wild and put their making and building skills to the test. Please send in any cardboard you have at home so that students can build and create. This day was inspired by a boy who built his own arcade out of cardboard. If you would like to learn more about the Cardboard Challenge I encourage you to visit the website. More details to come!

Bring in cardboard ASAP

And watch our Twitter on October 7th to see the amazing creations the students will make.



What to Donate?

shipping boxes,
cereal boxes,
paper towel
tubes...

and anything else
cardboard that
you don't need

scissors, duct
tape, packing
tape and glue

More to come...

CARDBOARD CHALLENGE

<http://cainesarcade.com/cardboardchallenge/>

Caine's Arcade

Family Resource Center Offers the Circle of Security® Parenting™ Program



“Often our children’s needs are hidden in plain sight.”

~Bert Powell
Co-ordinator, Circle of Security

The **Circle of Security® Parenting™** program is an 8-week researched-based program that supports and strengthens a parent/caregiver’s ability to understand a child’s emotional needs and how best to respond and support those needs.

Through video examples, handouts and reflective dialogue, caregivers will explore their parenting/attachment experiences in a safe environment and build parenting skills to encourage healthy growth and development.

Circle of Security® will be facilitated by Kim Townsend, FRC Parent Educator and Amy Yarbrough, FRC Family Liaison Trained COS-P Facilitators

Dates & Location

Meets 8 Fridays, Sept. 29 - Nov. 17
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

At the Family Resource Center (FRC)
Charter Oak International Academy
425 Oakwood Avenue, West Hartford

Important Information

Parents and caregivers of children of all ages invited
Limited to 8 participants.

Fee: \$36 *Partial scholarships available
Please make checks payable to *Bridge Family Center*

To register, contact the FRC at 860.929.5575
Registration deadline: September 21
The FRC is a program of the Bridge Family Center



It's a Great Time to Get Involved!



Join us ...

Monday, September 18th

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Charter Oak International Academy

425 Oakwood Avenue, West Hartford
(please use Oakwood Avenue entrance)

Who We Are:

Parents, Educators, Health Professionals,
and Committed Community Members

About Us:

Great by 8, West Hartford's early childhood collaborative, engages and connects West Hartford families to resources and services creating a community where young children thrive.

We strive to ensure that every young child in West Hartford, in every family, in every school, is healthy, engaged and supported.

Focus Areas:

Quality Care for Infants & Toddlers
Developmentally Appropriate Pre-K
Social & Emotional Health of Elementary Children
Co-Creating Equity
Family Support & Quality Out-of-School Experiences

PLAYHOUSE ON PARK



CHECK OUT OUR NEW CLASSES!



creative kids
PUTTIN' ON A SHOW

mondays:

grades K-2
grades 1-3

4:15PM-5:15PM
5:45PM-6:45PM

Tuesdays:

ACTING AND PUPPETRY
SHAKESPEARE FOR KIDS

grades 2-5
grades 3-5

4:00PM-5:00PM
5:15PM-6:15PM

wednesdays:

FILM, TV, COMMERCIALS
IMPROVISATION

grades 2-5
grades 3-5

4:00PM-5:00PM
5:15PM-6:15PM

THURSDAYS:

aPTP*

grades 6-8

4:00PM-5:15PM

*ACTOR PERFORMANCE TRAINING PROGRAM (FULL YEAR COURSE!)

Please visit our website for class descriptions!

WWW.PLAYHOUSEONPARK.COM

Classes begin in early September! Please call our box office to register!

860-523-5900 EXT: 10





ALL NEW AIRPLANES coming to Duffy!

Tuesdays, September 26 - November 28 (no class 11/7, 11/14)

3:20 - 4:20 pm

grades 3-5

\$124 per student



Get into the cockpit and fly this fall with Hobby Quest's Airplane Captains! As a commander in this exclusive flying club, you'll learn fundamental STEM concepts to build your own aircrafts. We'll build ALL NEW planes this fall, like the Batman—a super-high-flying rubber-band powered helicopter that will shoot for the stars!

When you're ready to fly as far as a football field, we'll build the electric Seagull, a battery-powered plane that will fly incredibly far and long! Class is a perfect combination of STEM learning, building and flying fun!

Build it! Fly it! Keep it!

Register online at hobbyquest.com/centralct/signup

Questions? Contact Adam at: 203-900-HBBY centralctinfo@hobbyquest.com

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AFTER SCHOOL**



www.hobbyquest.com

Educational Enrichment and Events



NEW! Coming to Duffy:
MAGIC CLUB
BECOME A REAL MAGICIAN!

Thursdays, September 28 - November 30 (no class 11/16, 11/23)

3:20 - 4:20 pm

grades K-5

\$124 per student

If you love illusions and mysterious feats, join us in Magic Illusions and learn how to become a real magician! Reading your audience's minds will be a piece of cake after you master our Dice Prediction and Spirit Plates tricks! You'll dazzle your friends with the color-changing Chameleon Chip and Exploding Dice! For the finale, we'll invite your friends and family to witness your new magic skills at a real magic show! Class is designed to enhance communication and presentation skills in a supportive, creative atmosphere. Learn it! Perform it! Keep it!

Register online at hobbyquest.com/centralct/signup

Questions? Contact Adam at: 203-900-HBBY centralctinfo@hobbyquest.com

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AFTER SCHOOL



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Educational Enrichment and Events



WEST HARTFORD YMCA FALL PROGRAMS

Sports programs are held at St. Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Avenue in Bloomfield. Fees are \$85/per child unless noted otherwise. Please visit us at westhartfordYMCA.org to register. Fall I runs from September 11th–October 29th, and Fall II runs from October 30th–December 17th. For more information about our sports programs, please contact Thomas Faeth at 860.521.5830 ext. 14 or thomas.faeth@ghymca.org.



Soccer League
Fall I
Ages 2–6
Saturday mornings
Times vary by age group



Basketball League
Fall II
Ages 2–Grade 2
Saturday mornings
Times vary by age group



Archery
Fall I & II
Ages 7 & up
Wednesdays
5:00–5:45pm



Field Hockey
Fall I
Grades 3–8
Tuesday evenings
Times vary by age group



Sports of All Sorts
Fall I
Ages 2–3
Saturday
10:30–11:30am



Chess Club
Fall I & II
Grades K–8
Saturdays
11:00am–1:00pm
Fee: \$50/child



T-ball League
Fall I
Ages 2–6
Saturday mornings
Times vary by age group



Volleyball
Fall I
Grades 3–8
Tuesday evenings
Times vary by age group



Lacrosse
Fall I
Ages 6–10
Saturdays
12:00–1:00pm

Water Discovery

Parent must join child in pool
Friday 5:30–6:00pm
Saturday 11:00–11:30am

Preschool Swim

Water Acclimation (Level 1)
Friday 6:00–6:30pm
Saturday 11:00–11:30am
Saturday 12:30–1:00pm

Water Movement (Level 2)
Friday 6:30–7:00pm
Saturday 11:30–12:00pm
Saturday 1:30–2:00pm

Water Stamina (Level 3)
Friday 7:00–7:30pm
Saturday 12:00–12:30pm

Youth Swim

Water Acclimation (Level 1)
Friday 5:30–6:10pm
Saturday 11:30am–12:10pm
Saturday 1:00–1:40pm

Water Movement (Level 2)
Friday 6:10–6:50pm
Saturday 12:10–12:50pm

Water Stamina (Level 3)
Friday 6:50–7:30pm
Saturday 12:50–1:30pm

Swim lessons are held at the **Mandel JCC**, 335 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford. **Fees:** Water Discovery —\$84 (Ages 6mo–3 years) Preschool Swim —\$84 (Ages 3–5) Youth Swim —\$89 (Ages 6–10)

For more information about aquatics, please contact **Travis Morse** at 860.653.5524 or travis.morse@ghymca.org.

For more information about child care, please contact **Cheryl Swett** at 860.462.6209 or cheryl.swett@ghymca.org.

After School Program

Serving Kids in all West Hartford Public Schools
Location: St. Brigid School, 100 Mayflower Street, West Hartford
Time: (including early dismissal Wed)
Program begins at school dismissal and ends at 6:00pm.
Transportation not included.

Vacation Camp

Location: St. Thomas Seminary
Grades: K–5
Dates: September 21st, October 9th, November 7th, December 26th–29th
Time: 7:00am–6:00pm
Fees: \$50/day
Pre-registration is required.

Kids Night Out

Location: St. Thomas Seminary
Ages: 5–12
Dates: September 8th, October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st
Time: 6:00–9:00pm
Fees: \$20 for the first child \$5/additional child

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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 what is going on and how we can help.
(mentoring, in-school counselling, 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 Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor and child psychiatrist. We accept private insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare.



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February 5th

March 1st - Dateline Schedule

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