Season's greetings and best wishes for a Happy New Year! From our family to yours

Schedule Publication Date: December 22, 2016

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thurs, Dec 22nd	3:20-4:05pm	Grades 3-5 After School Sports, Gym	
	3:20-4:20pm	Mad Science, Rooms 7 and 27	
Mon, Dec 26th, 2016 Mon, Jan 2nd 2017		**No School - Winter Break**	
Tues, Jan 3rd, 2017	7:45-8:20am	Before School Gym	
	5:30-7:00pm	Grade 2 Brownie Girl Scouts (Troop 10426), Room 6	
Wed, Jan 4th	7:45-8:20am	Before School Yoga, Gym	
Thurs, Jan 5th	3:20- 4:20pm	Daisy Girl Scouts GR 1 (Troop 10420), Room 6	
	3:20-4:20pm	Mad Science, Rooms 7 and 27	
	3:20-5:00pm	Grade 1 Daisy Girl Scouts (Troop 10424), Room 16	
	6:00-7:00pm	Grade 2 Cub Scouts, Cafe	
Fri, Jan 6th	7:45-8:20am	Before School Gym	
	7:00pm	Duffy Choir will perform the National Anthem at Wolf Pack Game	
Mon, Jan 9th	7:45-8:20am	Before School Gym	
	3:20-4:20pm	Mad Science, Rooms 7 and 17	
	3:30-4:30pm	Safe School Climate Meeting, LMC	
	6:30-7:30pm	Grade 5 Girl Scouts (Troop 10423), Cafe	
Tues, Jan 10th	7:45-8:20am	Before School Gym	
Wed, Jan 11th	7:45-8:20am	Before School Yoga, Gym	
	2:15-3:45pm	Grade K Daisy Girl Scouts Meeting (Troop 10416), Room 6	
Thurs, Jan 12th	3:20-4:20pm	Mad Science, Rooms 7 and 27	
	3:20-5:00pm	Grade 3 Brownie Girl Scouts (Troop 10425), Room 6	
	6:30-8:00pm	Grade 3 Cub Scouts, Café	
Fri, Jan 13th	**All day**	**Dress As Your Favorite Character Day**	
	7:45-8:20am	Before School Gym	
	3:30-4:30pm	Chess Club, LMC	
Mon, Jan 16th		**No School - Martin Luther King Day**	
Tues, Jan 17th	7:45-8:20am	Before School Gym	
Wed, Jan 18th	7:45-8:15am	Garden Committee Meeting, Room 12	
	7:45- 8:20am	Before School Yoga, Gym	
	6:30-8:00pm	Grade 4 Girl Scouts (Troop 10422), Cafe	
Thurs, Jan 19th	3:20-4:20pm	Mad Science, Rooms 7 and 27	
	6:00-7:00pm	Grade 2 Cub Scouts, Café	

Fri, Jan 20th	7:45-8:20am	Before School Gym
	3:30-4:30pm	Chess Club, LMC
Mon, Jan 23rd	7:45-8:20am	Before School Gym
	7:45-8:20am	Technology Committee Meeting, LMC
	7:45-8:20am	Grade 5 Orchestra, Music Room
	3:20-4:20pm	Mad Science, Rooms 7 and 17
Tues, Jan 24th	7:45-8:20am	Before School Gym
	7:45-8:20am	Grade 4 Choir, Music Room
Wed, Jan 25th	7:45-8:20am	Before School Yoga, Gym
	7:45-8:20am	Grade 5 Band, Auditorium
	6:00-7:00pm	Grade K Cub Scouts, Cafe
Thurs, Jan 26th	7:45-8:20am	Grade 5 Choir, Music Room
	7:45-8:20am	Grade 4 Strings, Auditorium
	3:20-4:20pm	Mad Science, Rooms 7 and 27
	6:30-7:30pm	Grade 1 Cub Scouts, Cafe
Fri, Jan 27th	7:45-8:20am	Before School Gym
	7:45-8:20am	Grade 4 Band, Auditorium
	3:30-4:30pm	Chess Club, LMC
Mon, Jan 30th	7:45-8:20am	Before School Gym
	7:45-8:20am	Grade 5 Orchestra, Music Room
	3:20-4:20pm	Mad Science, Rooms 7 and 17
Tues, Jan 31st	7:45-8:20am	Grade 4 Choir, Music Room
	7:45-8:20am	Before School Gym

Exciting News from Chess Club!

The Chess Club finished their semester tournament last Friday with impressive results!!!
Congratulations to Joshua F. for his 3rd place finish, and to Evan P., 1st place finisher - going undefeated with ten wins and is Duffy's new school champion!
Congratulations to the entire Chess Club for all their hard work and preparation for the tournament.

Duffy Kindergarten Daisy Girl Scout Troop

Attention Kindergarten girls! A Duffy Kindergarten Daisy Girl Scout troop is forming with the goal of starting in January 2017. All spots have been filled for the troop, but please email if you would like your daughter to be on the wait list while we confirm the current roster. If interested, please e-mail Jennifer O'Connell (jennifer.oconnell4@gmail.com) or Jen Montanari (Mm98521@yahoo.com).

Special Notice to ***5th Grade Parents***

Bristow Middle School Enrollment Process

Bristow Middle School will be holding its enrollment for the incoming 6th graders in January. Bristow Middle School is a school of choice, drawing its diverse population from all neighborhoods in West Hartford. In the 2017-2018 school year, Bristow will enroll 420 students in grades 6 through 8.

All 5th graders who reside in West Hartford and are attending West Hartford Public Schools are automatically included in this process. Other 5th graders who reside in West Hartford and attend a private, parochial or inter district magnet school like The University of Hartford Magnet School are also eligible, although they need to apply to be included in the process and verify they reside in West Hartford with our Residency office.

Each 5th grader will receive a number randomly, which will establish the choice order. This number will be mailed home to parents on January 19, 2017. In order to help parents make an informed choice, two informational meetings will be held at Bristow Middle School on Monday, March 6, 2017 and Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:30pm. Parents can choose to attend either of these meetings as they are both the same. Students are invited to attend these meetings with their parents. **We recommend you attend one regardless of the number your child receives so you are prepared in case we get to your child's number.**
For information about Bristow and full details about how this enrollment process works, please visit the Bristow website at http://bristow.whps.org/. You can also call or email the principal, Steven Cook, at 860-231-2100/ or Steven_Cook@whps.org.

OUTDOOR RECESS POLICY

The WHPS outdoor recess policy dictates that all students will go outside for recess if the "real-feel" temperature is 20°or above. Children should be dressed appropriately to spend time outdoors. Warm jackets and pants are required in cold weather. Children may not play in the snow unless they are wearing boots and snow pants. Children who are well enough to attend school should be well enough to be outside for recess. Exceptions for medical reasons, with a doctor's note, will be made.

Early Dismissal For Snow Storms

The Board of Education has set standardized dismissal times if students need to go home early due to snow.

ELEMENTARY @ 1:00 P.M.
MIDDLE @ 11:45 A.M.
HIGH SCHOOL @ 11:OO A.M.

Parents should not call schools or central office to find out if schools are closing early. Radio and television stations will carry notices of early dismissal and delayed openings.

Reminder: When school is cancelled or delayed, **ALL** morning activities are cancelled. When school is closed early due to inclement weather **ALL** afternoon activities are cancelled, including Duffy's **Kidslink** after school program.

West Hartford Public School Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Apply now for the 2017-2018 Pre-Kindergarten programs located at Charter Oak International Academy, Florence E. Smith STEM School and Webster Hill School. Applications will be available in all West Hartford Elementary School Offices, at the West Hartford Town Hall in the Residency Office (Room 154) and the Human Services Office (Room 306), and online at whps.org beginning January 12, 2017.

Applicants must be:

- A resident of West Hartford
- Age eligible:
  - Charter Oak International Academy will accept 60 Pre-K students born between 1/2/13 and 1/1/2015.
  - Smith and Webster Hill Schools will accept 16 Pre-K students each born between 1/2/13 and 1/1/14.

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

Charter Oak International Academy:	**February 2nd**	**6:30pm**
	February 23rd	**6:30pm**
Florence E. Smith STEM School:	**February 9th**	**6:30pm**
Webster Hill School	**February 1st**	**6:00pm**

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

Off To Kindergarten!

Please join us to learn more about Kindergarten in West Hartford, the Registration Process, and ways to help prepare your child.

Parents of the West Hartford Kindergarten Class of 2017-18

To register, please e-mail **rsvpgreatby8@gmail.com**

Childcare available by reservation on first-come, first-served basis.

Children residing in West Hartford who are 5 on or before January 1, 2018 are eligible for enrollment in WHPS kindergartens.

Monday
January 30, 2017
(Snow Date: Monday, February 6)

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Town Hall
50 South Main Street
West Hartford, CT 06107

West Hartford Public Schools
West Hartford, Connecticut

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BRIDGE

The Hartford Wolf Pack would like to invite you to

DUFFY ELEMENTARY NIGHT

- Duffy Elementary School and the Hartford Wolf Pack are teaming up on January 6th as the kids will perform the National Anthem in front of thousands!
- Come out and enjoy a fun night and support the kids!
- Watch the best hockey the AHL has to offer!
- Deadline to order is December 21st
- Ticket orders and checks should be sent to the Duffy office in an envelope marked "Wolfpack"
- Tickets will be distributed to your child the week of January 3rd
- Contact Jenn O'Connell for questions jennifer.oconnell4@gmail.com

Friday, January 6th at 7:15 PM

Doors open at 6:15 PM

Tickets are $15 each

($5 will go to our Special area programs)

Please have all orders in no later than December 21st 2016

PLEASE COMPLETE THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FORM

Child's Name:_____ **Event:** Hartford Wolf Pack vs Phantoms

Room # / Teacher Name:_____

Number of tickets:_____ **Payment Method: Cash or Check** **Amount Enclosed:** _____

***** PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS OUT TO "DUFFY PTO" *****

INSPIRATION MEETS IMAGINATION

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We offer exciting opportunities for students interested in furthering their theatrical talents and abilities. We welcome students of all levels of experience! Our acting classes strive to teach the basics of acting techniques in a comfortable, educational, professional and fun environment! Students are placed into classes based on their current grade level. We conclude each session by inviting friends and families to a final share day!

Class sizes are limited. Advanced registration required.

Winter session begins as early as January 9th! Sign up today!

MONDAYS

4:30-5:30PM Grades: K & 1

5:45-6:45PM Grades: 1 & 2

TUESDAYS

5:30-7:00PM Grades: 5 - 8

WEDNESDAYS

4:00-5:00PM Grades 3 & 4

5:15-6:15PM Grades 4 & 5

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Get Your tickets now to see professional actors bring these energetic and exciting plays to life! We also offer in-school workshops!

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