Mini Morley Reader

The Mini Morley Reader will contain reminders and dates to remember and will alternate with the regular edition of our newsletter every two weeks.

Calendar of Events to Jot Down . . . 02/24 - 3/10/17

DATE	TIME	EVENT/ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Thu Mar 23	7:45am - 8:15am	Student Council	LMC
	2:30pm - 5pm	Inter-El Choir	Auditorium
	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Homework Center	LMC
Fri Mar 24	10:20am - 10:50am	Hall Band Performance Assembly	Auditorium
	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Grade 5 STEM Event	LMC
Mon Mar 27	7:50am - 8:30am	Morley Muse Mrs. Antoinetti	Room 12
Tue Mar 28	8:30am - 1:30pm	Grade 4 Field Trip	State Capitol
	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Grade 4 Homework Center	LMC
	3:25pm - 4:25pm	French Club	Room 9
Wed Mar 29	9am - 1pm	Chem Club (STEM event)	Auditorium
Thu Mar 30	2:30pm - 5pm	Inter-El Choir	Auditorium
	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Homework Center	LMC
Tue Apr 4	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Homework Center	LMC
	3:25pm - 4:25pm	French Club	Room 9
Thu Apr 6	9am - 10:30am	Mrs. Antoinetti Community Service Project	
	2:30pm - 5pm	Inter-El Choir	Auditorium
	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Homework Center	LMC
Mon Apr 10 – Fri Apr 14		Spring Recess	
Tue Apr 18	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Homework Center	LMC
	3:25pm - 4:25pm	French Club	Room 9
Wed Apr 19	6pm - 7:30pm	Science Fair	Auditorium
Thu Apr 20	2:30pm - 5pm	Inter-El Choir	Auditorium
	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Homework Center	LMC
	6:30pm - 7pm	Incoming K Parent Orientation Meeting	LMC
Fri Apr 21	9am - 2:00pm	Grade 3 Field Trip	Westmoor Park
	9am - 1:30pm	Grade 5 Field Trip	Noah Webster

Recognition of Religious Holidays 2016 - 2017 School Year

4/11 - 18 Passover* (8 days); 4/14 Good Friday (Christianity); 4/16 Easter (Christianity); 5/14 Buddha Day – Visakha Puja (Buddhism); 6/6-7/5 Ramadan* (Islam)

** All holy days begin at sunset the day before*

UPCOMING

Kindergarten

Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting: Thursday, April 20th 6:30pm

ONGOING

Music REHEARSALS

Choir Grades 4 & 5
Wednesday 7:45am

Band Grade 5
Tues. 7:45 - 8:45am

Band Grade 4
Thurs. 7:45 - 8:45am

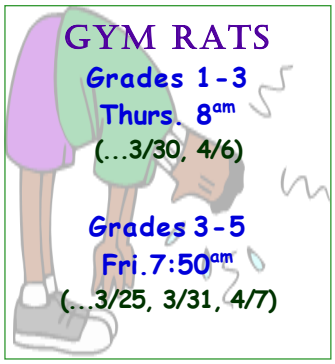
Orchestra Grade 4
Tues. 1 - 1:30pm

Orchestra Grade 5
Fri. 7:45 - 8:45am

French Club Room 9
Tues. 3:25 - 4:25pm

Homework Center
Tues & Thurs 3:20-4:20pm
Library

GYM RATS



Grades 1 - 3
Thurs. 8am
(…3/30, 4/6)

Grades 3 - 5
Fri. 7:50am
(…3/25, 3/31, 4/7)

Morley Community: Please check the Morley PTO website at www.morleypto.com for important information regarding upcoming PTO and Morley events!

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77 Bretton Road W Hartford, CT 06119 860.233.8535 / Fax: 860.233.7705
http://www.morley.whps.org

Morley's Celebrity Chef!

The Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools is proud to have Morley's own **Ryan Cleary** as a Celebrity Chef for our annual *West Harford's Cookin'* event onSaturday, April 1st from 6:30-9:00 in the Town Hall.

West Hartford's Cookin' is the Foundation's annual fundraiser. All money raised supports grants awarded to teachers to implement their creative and innovative ideas that enhance students' education.

The theme this year is "No Foolin', it's a FACT!" Committee members are excited to uncover facts from the schools and share them with guests. For example, did you know that the honorary chair, Town Manager, Mr. Ronald Van Winkle, attended Duffy Elementary School's first Kindergarten class?

All are invited to join Ryan and other celebrity chefs as they delight you with their signature dishes. Enjoy an evening of food sampling and fun with live and silent auctions and a chance to Raise the Paddle for the Foundation!

For more information and ticket purchases,
please go to http://fwhps.org/

CALLING FUTURE KINDERGARTNERS

If you have (or know) a child (5 years old on or before 1/1/18), eligible for kindergarten in Fall 2017, please call the school office @ 233.8535. We want to add your child's name to our list of incoming students.

Our incoming kindergarten parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20th 6:30pm

To our Morley PTO:

A special thank you for the amazing and delicious lunches and snacks provided during Conference week.

Thank you!!

2016 Education Legislation: 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.

`~ ~ ~ ~ Lost & FoUnD ~ ~ ~ ~

Is your child missing anything?

Maybe a forgotten jacket, snow pants, hat or gloves?

You might just find one of these items on the

Lost & Found table located in the basement by the Cafeteria.

Please plan to stop by!!!

All items will be donated to a worth cause before Spring Break!!

DEALINE EXTENDED to Friday 3/24/17 !!!

2016-2017YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

It's time to order your Morley School yearbook. **The sale will run until Monday, March 13, 2017.** The yearbook features all of the students' Portraits photos taken in the fall, special pages devoted to the 5th graders, special school events, the first day of school, and more! Don't be left out....order yours today!

Yearbooks are $18 each and checks should be made payable to Morley PTO.

You can also write a note to be featured in the Words & Wishes section. Each message is $2 and should be 100 characters or less.

Some examples of messages:

Michael- You did a great job in 2nd grade. We love you! Mom & Dad

Ben- You were the best book buddy ever! Your friend Penn

Mrs. Willin- I loved being in your class this year. Sincerely Allie

Student name_____ Teacher_____
Grade_____

Parent name_____ Email_____
Phone_____

# of yearbooks ($18 each): _____

# of Words & Wishes messages ($2each): _____

Total: _____

Words & Wishes message:_____

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If you need more space for more messages, please use the back. Thank you!

Culture Celebration

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April 24th 5:30 to 8:30

West Hartford Town Hall Auditorium - 50 South Main

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24 de abril; 5:30-8:30 de la tarde

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Tuesday, April 4, 2017

12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Free Ice Cream Cones, Giveaways & Much More!

Since 1979, Ben & Jerry's has been saying "thank you" to fans around the world by sponsoring Free Cone Day. This year, Ben & Jerry's of West Hartford Center has selected Connecticut Children's Medical Center as its charity of choice for its Free Cone Day Celebration!

Donations are welcome and appreciated.
All proceeds (100%) of event proceeds benefit patients at Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

connecticutchildrens.org

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Connecticut Children's MEDICAL CENTER

Talcott Mountain Science Center
April Vacation Programs 2017

Each course lasts 2 days, 9AM - 3PM each day.
Each course is $120 for members, $135 for non members.
www.tmsc.org/programs/vacation

Mon & Tue April 10 & 11

Grades K-3

Robotics

Design, build, test and compete with LEGO Mindstorms robots - you'll work in teams to help find ways you and your robots can save the planet while playing our "Research Roundup" robot game!

Magic & Science

Want to know how to fool your friends? To do tricks with rings, coins, cards, cups & balls and more? You'll learn a dozen or more tricks with everyday objects, and the science behind them!

Grades 4-8

Spring Ecology

From vernal pools to budding trees, from bugs & slugs to salamanders and pond life, spring is a great time to find out what's alive all around us. Work in the field and the lab to discover all the growing, crawling, swimming & flying stuff that makes spring great!

3D / Makerspace

Want to design something new? Create things on your own? Take things apart and figure out how they work? This class allows you to do just that! With a wide variety of tools, harness your curiosity and creativity to tinker, design, build, and experiment.

Wed & Thu April 12 & 13

Grades K-3

Spring Weather

Learn about the clouds above us, the rain that falls and the winds that blow! Feel a hurricane and make a tornado! You can even make your own snow in springtime, and learn how to forecast the weather!

Inventions

Learn what's inside the things you use everyday and the simple machines that make them possible. Design and build new contraptions with LEGO® to solve problems and engineering challenges!

Grades 4-8

Robotics

Design, build, test and compete with LEGO Mindstorms robots! You'll work in teams to build and code robots to complete the missions on one of the FIRST LEGO League robot games.

Magic & Science

What makes a magic trick work? What makes a science demo amazing? You'll learn about sleight of hand and make some gimmicks. You'll see, make and learn about illusions plus the science and math of how magicians can fool people!

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talcottacademy.org

Summer of Science Adventures 2017

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Talcott Mountain Science Center

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No one does summer quite like the Mandell JCC. We offer camps and programs of all varieties: from Camp Shalom, our sprawling day camp along the Farmington River; to our standing ovation-worthy Theater Camp; there's our game-play centric Sports Jams specialty camps, as well as the beautiful family summer oasis, The Swim & Tennis Club. There is something for everyone this summer at the Mandell JCC!

Flexible hours. Payment plans. Before and After Care.

Contact the Member Services Center, 860-236-4571, or mandelljcc.org/camps to register.

Register for all JCC Camps Online!
Visit mandelljcc.org/camps to sign up today.

Zachs Campus | 335 Bloomfield Ave.
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EARLYBIRD RATES END MARCH 15!

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WINNER! BEST of W-H

MANDELL JCC SPORTS JAMS

Director: Thai Tran, 860-231-6410, ttran@mandelljcc.org
Recreation & Wellness Director: Bonnie Hittleman-Lewis, 860-231-6361, blewis@mandelljcc.org

FULL DAY

ANDREW PINNOCK FOOTBALL JAM
Grades 2-8 as of Fall 2017
July 10-14

DANCE JAM
Grades 2-6 as of Fall 2017
July 17-21
July 24-28

DURELLE BROWN BASKETBALL JAM
Grades 1-9 as of Fall 2017
July 24-28
July 31-August 4

Stem LEGO® Engineering JAM
Grades 1-6
as of Fall 2017
August 14-18

CREATIVE COOKING JAM with Growing Great Schools
Grades 2-5
as of Fall 2017
August 21-25

HALF DAY FULL DAY

SPORT-A-PALOOZA JAM
Grades 1-8 as of Fall 2017
Jun 14-16* | Jun 19-23
Jun 26-30 | Jul 24-28
Jul 31-Aug 4 | Aug 7-11
Aug 14-18 | Aug 21-25

TENNIS JAM
Grades 1-8 as of Fall 2017
Jun 14-16* | Jun 19-23
Jun 26-30 | Jul 3-7**
Jul 10-14 | Jul 17-21
Jul 24-28 | Jul 31-Aug 4
Aug 7-11 | Aug 14-18
Aug 21-25

KARATE JAM
Grades 1-6
as of Fall 2017
June 19-23
August 21-25

GOLF JAM
Grades 2-8
as of Fall 2017
July 10-14
July 31-Aug 4

ZEKE SEGURO SOCCER JAM
Grades 1-8
as of Fall 2017
July 17-21

CHEERLEADING JAM
Grades 1-7
as of Fall 2017
August 7-11

SHARKS COMPETITIVE SWIM JAM*
Grades 3-9
as of Fall 2017
August 14-18

arts camp
just for the art of it!

Grades 1-6 as of Fall 2017
Wk 1: July 17-21 | Wk 2: July 24-28
Wk 3: July 31-Aug 4 | Wk 4: Aug 7-11

Director: Jane Pasternak, 860-231-6342, jpasternak@mandelljcc.org

Budding artists will spend their mornings creating art through a multitude of hands-on experiences that teach new skills in the worlds of clay, shading, print-making, puppetry, drawing and more. Dress for a mess!

Half-day & full-day options are available. Full-day campers pack a lunch, enjoy additional art activities, snack, swimming and time on the Playscape or outdoor play at the Mandell JCC. Shabbat is celebrated each Friday afternoon.

A lunch option provided by the Mandell JCC's Café J is available.

THEATER CAMP

Sponsored by ROSENBERG ORTHODONTICS

Entering grades 3-8
as of Fall 2017
June 19-July 14
9:00am–4:00pm

Camp Director:
Jane Pasternak,
860-231-6342,
jpasternak@mandelljcc.org

Scene from Shrek Jr. 2015, Photo by Jerry Margolin.

Young thespians will take to the stage and also learn all aspects of putting on a full theatrical performance. This summer's production will be Rodgers & Hammerstein's classic tale of *Cinderella**.

The theater camp experience will culminate with two performances.

Theater Director: Mac Cherny | Musical Director: Emily Weiser
A lunch option provided by the Mandell JCC's Café J is available.
Space is limited and early registration is encouraged.

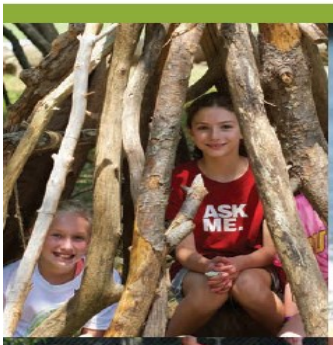
**pending licensing agreement*

CAMPAREENAH
Preschool day camp program.
For more information contact Gen Delay-Pasternak, 860-231-6343, gpasternak@mandelljcc.org.

The Swim & Tennis Club

Director: Sara Billings, 860-231-6331, sbillings@mandelljcc.org
Summer Phone: 860-243-0794 | Location: 4 Duncaster Rd., Bloomfield

The Swim & Tennis Club is the place for a special family vacation, each and every day. Splash in our pools, slide down our water flume, play on our 8 tennis courts, romp in the 2 playscape structures, or enjoy any of the many additional facility options including: gaga pit, basketball & volleyball court, arts and crafts hut, 4-square, life-size Connect Four, shuffle board, or relaxing in a lounge chair on the deck and catching up on your favorite summer reading. Your summer membership includes the special programs we have on weekdays, weekends and holidays. You belong at The Swim & Tennis Club.



CAMP SHALOM

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The fresh air, the woods, the water, s'mores by the campfire, making friends and building confidence — that's what Camp Shalom is all about. Located on 75 wooded acres along the Farmington River, Camp Shalom is the perfect place for your children to swim, boat, canoe, water-ski, tube, kayak and paddleboard, under the watchful eyes of Red Cross-certified instructors. Their fun-filled days also include fishing, hiking, sports, the arts and so much more.

For more information, dates, pricing, and for our Camp Shalom brochure, visit www.mandelljcc.org/campshalom or contact Karen Wyckoff, 860-231-6317, kwyckoff@mandelljcc.org. Summer Phone: 860-688-2267.

Mandell JCC Valley Sports Jams

Valley Sports & Community Center

310 Albany Turnpike, Canton
860-693-2378 | valley@mandelljcc.org

For a complete list of Valley Sports Jams visit www.mandelljccvalley.org

Seth Greenberg Basketball Academy

Full-day | Grades 3-9 | August 7-11
$350 by March 15/$375 after March 15

Coach Greenberg, with 35 years experience as a college basketball coach, two-time ACC Coach of the Year and ESPN College Basketball Analyst, will lead all aspects of camp – skill & drill sessions along with competitions – and will be on-court daily interacting with players. He will be utilizing techniques with all campers that he used successfully to develop top competitive college teams.

Morley PTO Meeting
March 16, 2017

Agenda

1. Welcome: Introduction of all attending: Kristin Cianfione, Ryan Cleary, Liz Hanawalt, Morgan Pohorylo, Kim Parets, Becky Munday, Molly Land, Douglas Chritton, Tracey Krupp, Angelica Vallejo, Janel MacDermott, Liz Wallack, Brenda Smith, Mari Beth Hixson, Molly McAllister
2. Principal's Report:
    a. Mr. Cleary thanks all parents for great conferences and providing yummy treats during the week.
    b. Junior Achievement has begun across the building!
    c. Science Fair is 1 month away and students are excited
    d. **Budget**: Big issue that is an emotional subject for everyone right now
        i. Staff is trying to focus the kids on learning and not allow the budget to be a distraction from daily life in school
        ii. For information about the budget, please direct yourself to the following resources:
            1. Summary document on the PTO website: http://www.morleypto.com
            2. Official district resources on the BOE website: http://www.whps.org/page.cfm?p=532
        iii. What can we do?
            a. There will be uncertainty in coming months as local and state budget planning comes together.
            b. Write a letter to town contacts (Mayor, deputy mayor, etc.), WH town council, State senators, State Representatives and Governor (http://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/Contact-Governor-Malloy/Share-your-Opinion-with-the-Governor)
            c. Suggestion box on Tom Moore's web page
            d. Send an email to Budget@whps.org
            e. Reach out to Mr. Cleary with questions
        2. Talking points:
            a. Towns absorb burden of pension costs
            b. Underfunding of funding of ECS (educational cost sharing)
            c. Reduction in special education funding when comparing ECS reduction and special education grant
            d. Lack of revenue plans in Governor's budget
            e. Advocate for what is best for West Hartford and the students. Tell stories and provide anecdotes but link it to the student's programming. People move to this town due to the amazing education that students receive in West Hartford.

Ongoing	**Contact State Legislators and Town Council with Feedback**
3/21 Town Hall 7pm	Budget Workshop #1: focus on "Roll Forward"
3/23 Charter Oak 6pm	**Town Council & BOE Forum: open session to comment**
3/29 Town Hall 7pm	BOE Public Hearing & Budget Workshop #3
4/4 Town Hall 7pm	BOE budget adoption
4/25 Town Hall 7pm	Town Council Budget Adoption

***** Town Council needs to hear from parents and family more than board of education, as the town***

3. Treasurer's Report:
    a. Eat Drink Bid was a great success which netted $11,000!
    b. Wolf Pack Game: brought in more than budgeted!
4. Update: Recap since last meeting
    a. Bingo Night: Allison Zito did a great job mcing. Suggestion for gender neutral prizes for next year
    b. Wolfpack Game: Great success with many Morley families involved! Thanks to Molly James for planning
    c. Eat Drink Bid: "Smashing success"! Special thanks to Rachana Sampat and all the volunteers
    d. Dr. Seuss Day: K-2 morning with parents and evening was an overwhelming success! Lots of support from teachers and families
5. Volunteers:
    a. Teacher appreciation week coming up: looking for volunteers and suggestions for the teachers that week
        i. Wegush.com was a suggestion for parents and kids to write in about what they love about the teacher
        ii. Teacher suggestion: write a note and wear favorite color on any day of the week, instead picking a specific day
    b. Spring concert: lots of volunteers! Thanks
    c. Yard Goats: May 12th. Morley choir is signing "Take me out to the ballgame"
    d. K Registration: coming up in April
    e. Art Show: May 22-May 25
    f. School Picnic: June 6th
6. Fundraising:
    a. Effie's Place: Lots of families joined and had a great time!
7. Health and Wellness:
    a. Farmer's Market: June 8th
    b. Garden: Parent working with Ms. Vannie's classroom for planting
8. PT council:
    a. Last meeting discussed about budget and transitions within schools (elementary to middle, middle to high): Link crew
9. STEM: science fair is coming up! April 19th
    a. Coding unplugged for 5th graders
    b. Chemistry Club: March 29th: Hall HS comes to Morley
10. What's Cookin: 4/1
    a. Mr. Cleary, town council and state reps will be there
    b. $50 a person
11. 5th grade gifts from past:
    a. Memory Wall: up in the hall on 2nd floor
    b. 3-D printer (not yet in use)
12. Ms. Hixson thanked the group for helping her build a Little Free Library to put out on the playground
13. Book Club: 4th and 5th graders meet during lunch to discuss book run by Mrs. Smith
14. If you're interested in joining the PTO, contact any current PTO member

***Next PTO meeting: May 11th**