

THE MORLEY READER

Character Builds Community

Mr. Ryan Cleary, Principal

January 10th 2018

Dear Morley Community,

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2018! I hope that everyone enjoyed a nice winter break with friends and family. As great as it was to have some time off, there is certainly something positive to be said about being back in a routine.

I'd like to highlight a community project that is connected to Morley through a few families. Some of you may have heard that on December 14th and 16th there was an event at town hall called the Inspiring Equity Exhibit. During this exhibit the pages of a book were on display; the book is called "Community: Voices toward equity, West Hartford listens." The book is collection of stories highlighting the diverse background of West Hartford community members. In the book, each page has a photograph of a person or people that comes to life (through an app called Live Portrait) to tell that person or group's story. An incredible project, it came to be through a state grant and was authored by WHPS special education teacher Michelle Tremblay Lacroix and photographed by Morley parent **Jamie Kaminski**. Additionally, Morley 3rd grader **Laila** and her mom **Adreinne** tell their story in the book (pg. 22).



You can also spot Morley Speech teacher **Donna Cote** (pg. 8), 3rd grade teacher **Mr. Barrieau** (pg. 52) and former Morley/Open Choice liaison **Diana Lamenzo** (pg. 22) as well. Lastly, several Morley "parent alums" are present including **Jen Sherman** (pg. 45), **Mayor Shari Cantor** (pg. 58), **Reverend Bob Hooper** (pg. 13), and **Patti Mohler** (pg. 61). We have a copy of the book here in the office so please feel free to check it out the next time you are in. The stories are powerful, and I am so thankful for everyone in town who was involved in this meaningful community project.

I want to share about the project described above not just because of the Morley people involved, but also because I think there are a lot of connections to our character traits. One of our most important character traits here at Morley is **citizenship**. The stories that people have shared in the Inspiring Equity Exhibit, as well as their efforts to participate in the project, demonstrate citizenship. Over the course of the day here at Morley we talk with students about being good Morley citizens. That means using all of our other character traits (kindness, caring, fairness, responsibility, and respect) to complete our own work with integrity and also to help others around us be successful as well. As we move forward into the new year we'll continue to use language centered around citizenship to help students celebrate their own and group successes, as well as work through challenges and difficulties. Students completing quality work in reading and math, being nice to a friend, sharing, working hard in music, art, and PE, and always looking out for each other are things that happen here at Morley every day. These actions help us truly define what it means to be a Morley citizen. Please join me in recognizing and celebrating our students' progress towards citizenship this winter and spring!

I would like to thank our many PTO and parent volunteers who are participating in our 90th anniversary committee. We are starting to meet this month and are very excited to be thinking about how we'll recognize Morley and celebrate in the spring. Also, our first PTO meeting of 2018 is next **Thursday, January 18th at 6:30 in the library**. We hope to see many of you there. As always, thanks to our amazing PTO for their incredible support.

Please join me in being excited about the growth we will make as a community in this New Year. Thank you for your support of teaching, learning, and community at Morley.

Respectfully,

Ryan Cleary, Principal

MORLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Curriculum Corner

By Jennifer Slifer, Curriculum Specialist

Wonderings...

If you haven't read the book or seen the movie *Wonder*, put it on your "to do" list for the new year! It's a story filled with inspiration and hope and a story that has "teachable moments" for children and adults.

The story was "born" when author R.J. Palacio (who had never written a book) was with her own children and they saw a little girl with a "significant craniofacial difference." The author's three year old was scared and started to cry. In the haste of the moment, R.J. Palacio whisked her son away. Afterwards she started to think about the challenges the little girl encountered each day and the story *Wonder* was written.

Wonder tells the story of Auggie Pullman, a boy with facial deformities caused by a rare genetic condition. Having been homeschooled, Auggie enters fifth grade where he makes friends, faces bullying, and learns to navigate the social world of tweens. The book shifts narrators to show the perspectives of Auggie, his classmates, his older sister and other characters. The reader/viewer is a first-hand witness to the actions and words that Auggie deals with on a daily basis. At times the story is uplifting and at times the story is heart-wrenching.

Wonder exhibits all of Morley's six character traits - citizenship, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and kindness - throughout the story, but the one that stands out is clear - **BE KIND**. Be kind in your words. Be kind in your actions. As the author so eloquently states:

No matter your age,
when given the choice between being right or kind,
choose kind.



Important Dates & Events at Morley

Mon Jan 15	Martin Luther King Jr Day		
	~ No School ~		
Tue Jan 16	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Homework Center	LMC
Thu Jan 18	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Homework Center	LMC
	6:30pm - 7pm	PTO Meeting	LMC
Fri Jan 19	6:30pm - 8pm	STEMPTO Mad Science Family Night	
Tue Jan 23	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Homework Center	LMC
Thu Jan 25	7:45am - 8:30am	Student Council Meeting	
	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Homework Center	LMC
	6:30pm - 7:30pm	90th Anniversary Committee Mtg LMC	
Fri Jan 26		PTO Bingo Night	Auditorium
Tue Jan 30	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Homework Center	LMC
	5pm - 8pm	Kids Lit Competition	CCSU
Thu Feb 1	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Homework Center	LMC
	3:20pm - 5pm	Inter-El	Auditorium
Tue Feb 6	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Homework Center	LMC
Thu Feb 8	3:20pm - 4:20pm	Homework Center	LMC
	3:20pm - 5pm	Inter-El	Auditorium
	6:30pm - 7:30pm	Math Quest Parent Info Night Duffy School	

"Spin Pop Boom"

Fri January 19th 6:30^{pm}



The Morley STEM Club is Proud to Host a Science Event for the Whole Family

CHOIR REHEARSALS

AUDITORIUM

4th Grade Tuesdays 7:45^{am}

5th Grade Wednesdays 7:45^{am}

BAND & ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS

AUDITORIUM

4th Grade Band Thu 7:45^{am}

Jan 18, 25, 30, Feb 1, 8, 15

5th Grade Orchestra Fri 7:45^{am}

Fri Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 16

4th Grade Orchestra Fri 12:50^{pm}

Fri Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 16

5th Grade Band 7:45^{am}

Tue Jan 23, 30 Feb 6, 13

Recognition of Religious Holidays

3/30 Good Friday (Christianity); 3/30-4/7 Passover* (8 days) (Judaism);

4/1 Easter (Christianity); 4/29 Visakha Puja (Buddhism);

5/16-6/14 Ramadan* (Islam); 6/15 Eid al-Fitre

* All holy days begin at sunset the day before.

Homework Center

Tue & Thu LMC

Dec 12th - May 17th

3:20^{pm} - 4:20^{pm}

D A T E S T O S A V E

MORLEY DAY

Harlem

Globetrotters

XL Center

February 17th @ 2^{pm}

Please join the Morley community for a great family event!

Kids will get to go on to the court to perform the song YMCA



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SATURDAY MARCH 3RD

FRENCH CLUB

Tues 3:25^{pm} - 4:25^{pm} Room 13

1/23 - 5/15/18 (Except 3/6)

(See application included)

Bonjour!

GYM RATS

Grades 1, 2, 3 Thurs 8:00^{am}

Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 & Feb 1

Grades 3, 4, 5 Fri 7:50^{am}

Jan 5, 12, 19, 26 & Feb 2

CALLING FUTURE KINDERGARTNERS

If you have, or know of a child who will be 5 years old on or before 1/1/19 eligible for kindergarten in Fall 2018, please call the school office @ 860.233.8535. We would like to add your child's name to our list of incoming students for the 2018 - 2019 school year

*Our incoming kindergarten
parent meeting is on*

**Nervous about middle school?
Unsure what to expect?
Want some answers?**



Please join the three principals of the West Hartford Middle Schools at one of two upcoming information nights. Topics at each meeting will include: MS transition planning, schedules and classes, and parenting teens.

This is open to ALL West Hartford parents of current 5th graders and is a parent-only event.

Please join us at one of the following sessions:

January 18, 2018 -Whiting Lane School, 7:00-8:00pm

February 1, 2018 -Duffy School, 7:00-8:00pm

West Hartford celebrates the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018, 10:00-11:30 AM
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM, 50 SOUTH MAIN ST



Join us for the 22nd annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's life on Monday, January 15, 2018, 10:00-11:30 AM, at the West Hartford Town Hall Auditorium, 50 South Main Street.

This year's keynote speaker is Jay Williams, president, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. As president, he leads an institution that works toward improving the overall quality of life in the region through informed philanthropy. The Foundation's ability to serve as a catalyst, a thought leader, and a convener, provides opportunities to address the critical needs of Hartford and the surrounding towns during these most challenging times.

Mr. Williams recently served as U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development where he led the federal economic development agenda for the United States as head of the U.S. Economic Development Administration from 2014 to 2017. He brings experience and knowledge in capacity building, workforce readiness, economic security and urban revitalization.

Mr. Williams has also served as Deputy Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at The White House where he was the principal liaison between President Obama and local elected officials. He came to the White House after serving as Mayor of the City of Youngstown, Ohio for over 5 years. Prior to that appointment Mr. Williams led a Community Development Agency in Youngstown and also has functioned as an executive in community banking in Ohio.

SPONSORS: The West Hartford African American Social & Cultural Organization, Human Rights Commission, Town of West Hartford and West Hartford Public Schools.

Refreshments are provided by the Elmwood Senior Center. West Hartford Community TV airs this event live on Comcast Channel 5. For more information, contact Renée McCue at (860) 561-7521 or renee@westhartfordct.gov

EVENT PARTICIPANTS

Keynote Speaker:

Jay Williams
Hartford Foundation
for Public Giving

Greeting:

Mayor Shari Cantor

Opening Prayer:

Rev. Mia J. Douglas
Asylum Hill
Congregational Church

Emcee:

Tammy Exum
West Hartford Board
of Education (2013-2017)

Keynote Introduction:

Dr. Elena DeVaughn
West Hartford African
American Social &
Cultural Organization

Student Perspectives:

Grace Evans
Conard High School
Deonna Hightower
Hall High School

Performances:

Conard High School
Jazz Combo
Voices of Bristow
Conard's Voices of the
World Choir

Note from the Nurse:

The State of Connecticut requires that Grade 5 females be screened for Scoliosis. Scoliosis is a curvature of the spine, most often noticed during the “growth spurt” years and is more common in girls than boys. Girls are more likely to have curves that progress and require treatment. Early treatment can prevent deformity which can affect appearance and future health.

In January, I will be screening the girls in my office independently and privately. For their comfort, I would suggest wearing either a camisole or sports bra under shirts for the exam. It is important that their shoulders, vertebrae and tops of hips are exposed from the back. They will be asked to touch their toes, while I observe for curvature or unevenness. The exam takes less than one minute.

A referral letter will be sent home if further evaluation is needed.

Thank you,

Angela Colossale, R.N.

Morley School Nurse

Hall High Girls in STEM Club Fundraiser



Buy a shirt to support Hall High Girls in STEM Club
and the Association for Women in Science!

Go to:

www.customink.com/fundraising/girlsinstem

Deadline: 1/14/2018 Cost: \$20 per shirt

Why support this cause? Women only make up
about 29% of STEM careers. Our club hopes to
change this starting with our own local community.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A CHANGE.

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 2018-19

To register or for more information, please e-mail rsvpgreatby8@gmail.com.

Children residing in West Hartford who are 5 on or before January 1, 2019 are eligible for enrollment in WHPS kindergartens.

Monday

January 29, 2018

(Snow Date:

Monday, February 5)

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Town Hall

50 South Main Street

West Hartford, CT 06107



West Hartford, Connecticut



West Hartford Public Schools PreKindergarten Lottery

Application Information

The lottery application for the 2018-2019 school year will be available on the WHPS website January 11, 2018. Here are some general eligibility guidelines:

For PreKindergarten applications ONLY:

Your child must be turning 3 years or 4 years old prior to January 1, 2019 (born in 2015 or 2014 respectively) to apply for [Charter Oak International Academy](#).

Your child must be turning 4 years old prior to January 1, 2019 (born in 2015) to apply for [Smith STEM](#) or [Webster Hill Elementary](#).

These PreK programs are open only to children who live in West Hartford. Smith and Charter Oak PreK programs are open to children who reside anywhere in West Hartford. The PreK program at Webster Hill Elementary is only open to children who live in the Webster Hill neighborhood.

Time Line:

Application Process Begins.....	Jan 11, 2018
Parent Information Meeting at Web Hill.....	Jan 18, 2018 6:00 PM
Parent Information Meeting at Smith.....	Feb 15, 2018 6:30 PM
Parent Information Meetings at Charter Oak	Feb 8, 2018, 6:30 PM Feb 22, 2018, 6:30 PM
PreK Applications Due	March 8, 2018 4:00 PM
PreK Lottery Results mailed to parents	March 22, 2018

Families must register their child before applying for the PreKindergarten Program. An appointment with the Residency Office is required. Please call the Residency Office on or after January 11, 2018 to make an appointment at (860) 561-6620. Office hours for appointments are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 154 of the West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, Connecticut.



West Hartford Public School Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Apply now for the 2018-2019 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 11, 2018.

Applicants must be:

- A resident of West Hartford
- Age eligible:
 - Charter Oak International Academy will accept 60 Pre-K students born between 1/2/2014 to 1/1/2016.
 - Smith and Webster Hill Schools will accept 16 Pre-K students each born between 1/2/2014 and 1/1/2015.

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

Webster Hill School	January 18 th	6:00 pm
Charter Oak International Academy:	February 8 nd	6:30 pm
	February 22 rd	6:30 pm
Florence E. Smith STEM School:	February 15 th	6:30 pm



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



Programas de Pre-Kindergarten de Escuelas Públicas de West Hartford

Solicitudes para los programas de Pre-Kindergarten de las escuelas de Charter Oak, Smith y Webster Hill del año escolar 2018-2019 estarán disponibles en las oficinas de todas las escuelas primarias de West Hartford, en la oficina de residencia ubicada en el ayuntamiento (salón 154), en la oficina de recursos humanos (salón 306), y en el sitio de internet en WHPS.org a partir del 11 de enero del 2018.

Solicitantes deben ser:

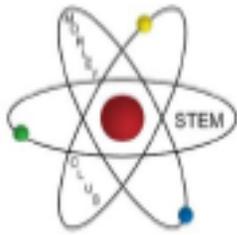
- Residentes West Hartford
- Requisitos de edad establecidos:
 - La escuela de Charter Oak International Academy aceptará estudiantes de Pre-K nacidos entre el 2 de enero del 2014, y el 1 de enero del 2016.
 - Las escuelas de Smith y Webster Hill aceptarán estudiantes de Pre-K nacidos entre el 2 de enero del 2014, y el 1 de enero del 2015.

**Por favor planea asistir a una de las siguientes Noches Informativas:
Sesiones de Información:**

Escuela de Webster Hill School	18 de Enero, 6:00 pm
Charter Oak International Academy:	8 de febrero, 6:30 pm 22 de febrero, 6:30 pm
Escuela de Florence E. Smith STEM:	15 de febrero, 6:30 pm



Para información adicional, por favor llame a:
Charter Oak International Academy (860) 233-8506
Smith School (860) 236-3315
Webster Hill School (860) 521-0320
Irene Garneau, Dept. Supervisor for Early Childhood Education (860) 929-5552



The Morley STEM Club is Proud
to Host a Science Event for the
Whole Family

Friday, January 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Morley Auditorium

Mad Science Will Present the Family Science Show

“Spin Pop Boom”

Cost is \$1 per person and children must be accompanied by at least one adult. Older and younger siblings are invited.

Please complete and return the form below with your money to the school office.

Please cut and send the part below

SPIN POP BOOM ticket order form

Cost is \$1 per ticket. Please clip money or check to this form.

Make checks payable to “MORLEY PTO”

Child/Children (first and last name) _____

Grade(s) _____

Number of children tickets: _____

Number of adult tickets: _____

Total Number of Tickets _____ @ \$1 each

To guarantee a spot at this event, pre-purchase tickets!

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 2018-2019 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, 2018. In order to help parents make an informed choice, two informational meetings will be held at Bristow Middle School on Monday, March 5, 2018 and Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm. 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.



West Hartford Special Education PTO December 2017 – January 2018 Events



Thursday, December 14 & Saturday December 16 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Inspiring Equity: A Multi-Media Exhibit

Join us at the book launch and photography exhibit of CommUnity: Voices Toward Equity West Hartford Listens featuring WHSEPTO! The book highlights West Hartford groups and individuals who inspire equity in our community. CommUnity is a project of the West Hartford

Public School that seeks to bring our schools and community together through the lens of individual and collective stories.

LOCATION: West Hartford Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford

Friday, January 5 from 9:30am to 10:30am

Coffee & Conversation" at Panera in Bishops Corner

The first Friday of the month, parents of children receiving special education services meet for coffee and a chance to talk & make new friends in a casual setting. We generally meet in the back of the restaurant.

Wednesday, January 24 (snow date 1/31)

Transition Meeting: for students entering a new school

Meet with Pupil Service and leaders from each school as well as experienced parents to ease the transition for you and your student into a new school.

NEW LOCATION: King Philip Middle School Media Center, 100 King Philip Drive, West Hartford

Ongoing

Membership Drive & Book Club

Your 2017-2018 membership dues of \$15 earn you a great deal this year: a **paperback copy of Ross Greene's *Raising Human Beings***. The book will be discussed at our April meeting, as West Hartford Schools personnel share their training in Greene's Collaborative and Proactive Solutions model. Please visit www.whsepto.org/membership.html to join or to renew your membership.

www.WHSEPTO.org

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West Hartford Board of Education and
Leisure Services present:

Morley's Morning PE Program Gym Rats!



Expanding on current learning through game play and new adventures.
What is better than a cup of coffee to get going....Activity and Exercise!
Students will get up and get moving early in the morning
with Michael Aparo, Morley's PE Teacher.

Program #: 412351 E
Age: 6, 7, 8 (Grades 1, 2, 3)
Dates: November 30, December 7, 14, 21
Time & Days: 8:00 - 8:30 a.m., Thursdays
Location: Morley School
Fee: \$25 (4 Sessions)

Program #: 412351 F
Age: 8, 9, 10 (Grades 3, 4, 5)
Dates: December 1, 8, 15, 22
Time & Days: 7:50 - 8:30 a.m., Fridays
Location: Morley School
Fee: \$25 (4 Sessions)

Program #: 413351 A
Age: 6, 7, 8 (Grades 1, 2, 3)
Dates: January 4, 11, 18, 25 February 1
Time & Days: 8:00 - 8:30 a.m., Thursdays
Location: Morley School
Fee: \$30 (5 Sessions)

Program #: 413351 B
Age: 8, 9, 10 (Grades 3, 4, 5)
Dates: January 5, 12, 19, 26 February 2
Time & Days: 7:50 - 8:30 a.m., Fridays
Location: Morley School
Fee: \$30 (5 Sessions)

Registration Form for Gym Rats – Morley's Morning PE Program

Interested parties must register with Leisure Services before the start of class.

Please Check: Program #: 412351 E Ages 6, 7, 8 (Grades 1, 2, 3) Program #: 413351 A Ages 6, 7, 8 (Grades 1, 2, 3)
 Program #: 412351 F Ages 8, 9, 10 (Grades 3, 4, 5) Program #: 413351 B Ages 8, 9, 10 (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Street: _____ Town: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

E-Mail: _____

Payment Type: Cash _____ (in person only) Check # _____ (payable to "Town of West Hartford")

____ VISA ____ Master Card: _____ Exp. _____
Month Year

I realize that as with any physical activity there is a possible risk of injury to my child while participating in this activity. I agree to assume the risk of any injury which my child might suffer while involved in this West Hartford Leisure Services program and I will not hold the Town of West Hartford or its instructors and staff liable for any injuries which my child may suffer while participating in this program.

Signature (parent or guardian): _____ Date _____

Register On-Line at www.westhartfordct.gov/leisureservices
or register in person, mail or FAX to West Hartford Leisure Services,
50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107. FAX number 860-561-7519



*** Help your child excel in school ***
Morley PTO After School French Club

K-5 kids welcome!

Open to all interested Morley students of any age. This after-school program is a relaxed and fun way to learn French with the wonderfully engaging Madame Laura Schwartz.

* Research shows that early exposure to a 2nd language helps build neural connections in a child's brain *

Cost: \$140 (\$10 per session for 14 weeks)

Class Begins: January 23, 2018

Time: **TUESDAYS** - 3:25 PM - 4:25 PM

Maximum 20 children per class. Sign up early!

After school care students will be escorted back to the after school program area after French Club.

All others, including after school bus students, must be picked up promptly at 4:25 PM at the Morley pick-up entrance. Please note there is no late bus for this activity.

Snack: Please provide a snack and drink for your child for each class.

Fill out the application form below, attach payment and return to the Morley Office.

Make checks payable to Laura Schwartz.

Any questions, please contact Laura Schwartz via email: lzags@yahoo.com

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FALL 2018 FRENCH CLUB APPLICATION

Student's Name: _____ Grade and Teacher: _____

Student in MEDC after school care on French Club Day? Yes _____ No _____

Parent/guardian cell phone number: _____

Parent/guardian e-mail address: _____

Name and phone number of person(s) picking up student (if different)



**Morley day at Harlem Globetrotters
February 17, 2018 at 2pm at the XL Center**

**Please join the Morley community for a great family event! Kids
will get to go on to the court to perform YMCA!**

For tickets and more information, please visit:

<http://www.morleypto.com/>

**If you have any questions, please email or text Molly James,
mollyjames@gmail.com and 203-988-4031**



Think Spring!

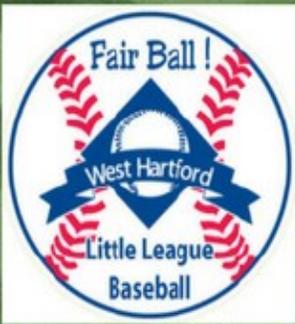


Register now and join in the fun this spring in West Hartford Little League (www.westhartfordlittleleague.com).

We offer five different divisions for children ages 4-12.

We are committed to our "Fair Ball" philosophy, in which all players play and gain experience at every position.

We also offer competitive summer travel options as we compete with the best Little League teams in central Connecticut.



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 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.

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

**SCHOOL CLOSINGS & DELAYS
DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

- * The superintendent of schools determines the necessity for a delayed opening or emergency closing of school due to weather conditions or other emergencies.
- * Parents will receive a phone call via the Connect-ED Rapid Notification Service informing them of a delayed opening or emergency closing. The phone call would be issued no later than 6:30^{am}
- * In the event of an early dismissal from school due to inclement weather or other circumstances, parents/guardians will be notified by the principal via the Connect-ED Rapid Notification System. This allows parents to be notified by phone within minutes.
- * Announcements regarding school-opening delays or closings also are made over local radio and television stations.
- * This information also may be accessed by visiting our website at www.whps.org for closings, cancellations and additional information.
- * When schools are closed early, all school-related afternoon and evening activities are cancelled as well.

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. Listen to your radios.

It is appreciated if you don't call the school to check on school closings.

SUPERVISION BEFORE SCHOOL

- * All students should not be on school grounds before 8:20^{am}
- * Bus students are not to exit the bus until 8:20^{am} at the school.
- * Parents will be called if their children are consistently dropped off before this time.

There is no supervision on the grounds until 8:20^{am}

Please be sure that your child (ren) are not arriving or being dropped off before that time. There is no access to the school before the first bell at 8:30^{am}.

Thank you for your cooperation in the safety of your children.

EMERGENCY EARLY CLOSING

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

High School	11:00 ^{am}
Middle School	11:45 ^{am}
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1:00^{pm}

- * 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 them 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.

REMEMBER - In the event of an emergency early closing, **Morley Extended Day Care** will close when school closes.

OUTDOOR RECESS POLICY

The recess policy dictates that all students will go outside for recess if the temperature is 20° Fahrenheit or above. Youngsters 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 canceled.