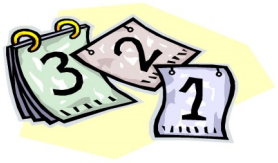
WEBSTER HILL CONNECTION

February 23, 2018

Dear Families,
This abbreviated *Connection* contains updates and dates to remember. The abbreviated version will alternate with the regular edition of our newsletter every two weeks. Our next regular issue will be published on March 15, 2018.

Dates to Remember …



Feb 23-Mar 1	**Read Across America**		
February 26	**Pre-K Field Trip**	**9:00-12:00am**	**4-H Farm**
	Stock Market Club	**3:20-4:15pm**	**Library**
February 28	**Chinese New Year Parade**	**8:50-9:20am**	
	Mad Science	**2:10-3:10pm**	**Room 3**
March 1	**Read in the Gym**	**8:00-8:30am**	**Gymnasium**
March 5	**Stock Market Club**	**3:20-4:15pm**	**Library**
March 6	**Grade 4 Field Trip**	**9:00-11:15am**	**CT Historical Society**
March 6-9	**Parent-Teacher Conferences –Early Dismissal**		
	Tues., Mar 6	**1:30pm Dismissal**	
	Wed., Mar 7	**2:00pm Dismissal**	
	Thurs., Mar 8	**1:30pm Dismissal**	
	Fri., Mar 9	**1:30pm Dismissal**	
March 7	**Mad Science**	**2:10-3:10pm**	**Room 3**
March 8	**Read in the Gym**	**8:00-8:30 am**	**Gymnasium**
March 12	**Stock Market Club**	**3:20-4:15pm**	**Library**
March 14	**Mad Science**	**2:10-3:10pm**	**Room 3**

INCOMING KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

If you have a child that is eligible to enter Kindergarten in the Fall of 2018 (must be turning 5 before 1/1/2019) please call the office at (860) 521-0320 as soon as possible so we can add your child's name to our incoming Kindergarten list.

Rethinking School Start Time Committee

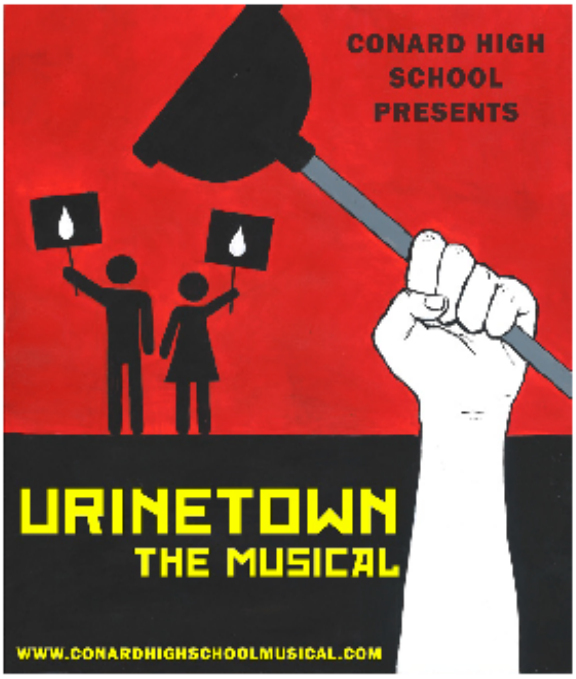
UPDATE

New Dates: Stakeholder Surveys/Family Information Night

The Rethinking School Start Time (RSST) Committee which consists of a group of volunteer parents, students, teachers and administrators, is studying the issue of changing school start times. At the request of the Board of Education, the committee is examining the impact a change will have on all aspects of the educational program.

One important aspect of the committee's work is to gather information from stakeholders. To that end, the committee will issue a survey for parents, teachers, and secondary school students. Originally, the committee planned to administer the surveys in February and March. The committee has secured the services of the Hanover Research Group to support the creation of a survey personalized to West Hartford's needs. Hanover will administer the survey and work with the RSST Committee to analyze the results. ***The new survey window is May 1-May 15. A Family Information Night will held at 7:00 p.m. on May 3 in the auditorium at Town Hall, 50 South Main Street.***

The survey and family information night are two ways for stakeholders to communicate their questions, comments and concerns about this important issue. If you prefer to use email, please direct any comments to RSST@whps.org . You are always welcome to attend a Board of Education meeting and address the Board of Education members in person during the public comment portion of the meeting.



URINETOWN
THE MUSICAL

Presented by
Conard High School
Musical Productions

March 9, 10, 16, & 17 @ 7:00
Matinee on March 11 @ 2:00

Tickets:
$18 for adults
$15 for children/students
On sale beginning February 21 @
www.conardhighschoolmusical.com

Purchasing tickets online in advance is suggested, remaining tickets will be sold at the door. There is a limited number of wheelchair accessible handicap seating in the Conard High School Auditorium

Satirical musical Urinetown premiered on Broadway in 2001, and remains remarkably timely. The show opens with Officer Lockstock and Little Sally (Miles Brown and Maddie Gallinoto) welcoming the audience with the tale of an ongoing 20-year drought and a water shortage that has crippled society making private toilets unthinkable. Young Bobby Strong (Matthew Vitelli) fights against Urine Good Company, a megacorporation whose CEO, Caldwell B. Cladwell (Charlie Uthgenanannt), has taken control of the water supply. Bobby gathers an unlikely group of rebels to beat the system – specifically, a system that forces residents to pay for the "privilege to pee."

Billed as a satire of musical theatre itself, audiences may recognize early on that each song is a spoof of other well-known musicals, including the rousing Act One finale that's not too far removed from Les Miserables. Urinetown is a wickedly funny, fast-paced, and touchingly honest comedic romp.

URINETOWN
THE MUSICAL

Music and Lyrics
Mark Hollmann

Book and Lyrics
Greg Kotis

URINETOWN was produced on Broadway in September, 2001, by the Araca Group and Dodger Theatricals in association with TheaterDreams, Inc., and Lauren Mitchell.
URINETOWN is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

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WEST HARTFORD
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
RICHARD CHIARAPPA, MUSIC DIRECTOR
Classical
FAMILY
concert
Sunday, March 4 at 3:00 PM
SNOW DATE: Monday, March 5
ROBERTS THEATRE KINGSWOOD OXFORD SCHOOL
170 Kingswood Road, West Hartford
Parking on Outlook Avenue and Trout Brook Drive
Handicapped parking at Outlook Avenue entrance circle
FEATURING
Michael Dunne & Mary Dombroskas, narrators
TICKETS
$20 General Admission | $15 Seniors/Students
Children under 12 – FREE
PERFORMING
Peter and the Wolf, Night on Bald Mountain, selections from Carnival of the Animals, Tambourin Chinois, Hungarian Dance #5, selections from Star Wars, and many more!
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West Hartford Special Education PTO

February 2018 Events

Friday, February 28

The Effects of Screen Time with Nicole Feeney

Does screen time effect your child? How or what does it do? Find out more with with Nicole Feeney, M.Ed, Assistive Technology Specialist at Oakhill's New England Assistive Technology Center (NEAT)

LOCATION: King Philip Middle School, Media Center

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.

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Co-Presidents Message:

Welcome to February, the month of love, heart health and Black History! It's also the time of year, when the days begin to slowly grow longer and we edge ever closer to warmer weather. Let's just hope Punxsutawney Phil was wrong this year and we get an early taste of Spring. We've had a busy few weeks here at Webster Hill, we enjoyed a Movie Night, Around the World and our annual Goodwill Pasta Dinner. Our PTO strives to bring families together, by sponsoring these fun family events. In our continued effort to enrich and better serve our Web Hill community, the PTO is conducting this brief survey. We are considering hosting a guest speaker for one of our upcoming PTO meetings. We are interested to know which topics you think might be beneficial to our community, as a whole. We value your input and hope that you will take a minute to complete this survey. ***survey ends 2/26***

- Jeannette & Lin

Upcoming Events - March:

★ **Teacher Conference Week Luncheon- March 6-9th.**
Twice a year, the PTO provides lunches for our hardworking, dedicated teachers, during a very busy parent-teacher conference week. We need your help to make this week a success. Would you please consider lending a helping hand? Use this SignUpGenius link, to see how you can help out. As always, thank- you for your support!!

★ **Parent Teacher Basketball Game- March 16th, 6:30-8:30 @ Conard**
We need parents to play in the game. It's a lot of fun! Basketball experience is a bonus, but not a requirement. If you are interested in playing, please email Jeff Peak at jandjpeak@att.net We will also need help with ticket sales. More details to follow!

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