



June 20, 2018

Dear Families:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for being a partner in your child's education. We believe that your involvement makes a tremendous difference in your child's success. That support continues as we move into the summer months. Please help us foster continued growth by reading to your child each day and ensuring that your child reads over the summer. ***Students who do not read during the summer regress as much as two months.*** We see an alarming discrepancy each fall between students who kept up their skills and students who didn't. PLEASE encourage your child to read a little bit each day. Please also understand that there are many other ways to stay academically active during the summer months. Please take advantage of the town libraries, the summer math and reading challenges, and our summer adventure weekly emails. Thank you for another great year!

A list of local summer camps and programs for all students is being maintained on our West Hartford Continuing Education website.

<https://www.whlifelearn.org/CourseCatalog/Summer-Camps-Information/>

*School Motto update:* The students, staff and families were surveyed and ***all three groups*** chose, "Every student matters; every moment counts" as the top choice. This will appear on our new website and hopefully on spirit wear and other places to help promote a beautiful message.

I am pleased to announce that beginning in the next school year, we'll be opening up the PowerSchool parent portal for electronic form submission. You will be able to update your contact information and emergency contacts online instead of returning paper forms to the office. In addition, we will be able to send electronic versions of back to school paperwork (i.e. student handbook and other forms); this will also give the school more timely and accurate information about your child.

In order to utilize this new feature, you'll need to create a PowerSchool parent portal account. You only need one portal account for all of your children in the district, so you may already have one if you have a child in middle or high school.

The required Access ID and Access Password will be sent to you in a separate email correspondence; instructions for creating and using your Parent Portal account can be found at the following website:

[www.whps.org/parentportal](http://www.whps.org/parentportal)

We will contact you once the online forms are published for the 2018-19 school year; forms will be under the **Ecollect Forms** link on the left side of your Parent Portal screen.

Goodbye and thank you to the Webster Hill Staff Members who have made a positive difference in the lives of your children:

Mrs. Mazur is heading to Bugbee to be their Reading Intervention Teacher.

Ms. Ruocco, due to declining enrollment, will be teaching next year at Duffy School.

Ms. T.W. is a finalist for a teaching position in another district.

Office Paraprofessional Ruthann Hussey is leaving Webster Hill after 20 years of support and service.

Teaching Assistants who will not be with us next year: Mrs. Smith, Ms. Harris, Ms. Kipphut, Mrs. Kellogg, Ms. Mazzotta, and Ms. Gaudreau. Some have secured classroom teaching positions for the fall and some are moving on to other opportunities.

Señora Moskites, our world language teacher and Art teacher Ms. Heyl will be moving on to other exciting adventures.

Please welcome:

Ms. Haley Nelson as Webster Hill's new art teacher.



## Summer Reading

West Hartford Public Schools and Libraries are proud to announce this year's elementary summer reading program, "Libraries ROCK!" Students are encouraged to read as often as possible during the summer. All students will soon receive a summer reading folder with more details. This information will also be available on the Webster Hill Library website. Included in folders are reading logs for students to record each book they read. This log will be returned back to school in the fall. Oh – and don't forget to join us for our second annual Webster Hill Summer Read Aloud at the Faxon Library on June 26! See the attached invitation for details.



Happy Reading!

*Mr. Tavera*  
Teacher/Library Media Specialist  
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We will continue the Canarama/ Bottle Brigade over the summer due to its huge success. When you have a bag of clean, empty cans or bottles marked CT .05 cents please drop them off in the blue recycling bins located between the two sets of front doors to Webster Hill School. Remember no alcohol or glass bottles please.



Also if you have empty juice pouches feel free to drop them off as well in the marked juice pouch bin.

Thank  
you!

The Webster Hill Staff and Teachers would like to thank Lin White and Jeannette McDonald—our PTO Presidents, the PTO Board, and the many Parent Volunteers who donated their time and generosity this year, to benefit all of our Webster Hill School students and families!

*Webster Hill families are invited for a*

***Summer Read Aloud***

*at the*

***Faxon Branch***

*of the*

***Public Library***

*1073  
New Britain  
Avenue*



*West Hartford*

***Tuesday, June 26 at 11:30am***

*Join Mr. Wallowitz, Mr. Tavera, and/or other teachers for a read aloud. Stay after the story to check out books and enjoy free lunch!*

*We can't wait to see you. :)*

The Environmental Global Group (EGG) completed another successful year- We would like to share with Webster Hill some of our highlights.

**Here is our first annual State of the EGG's Report- 2018-**

- L.E.D. Fundraiser- \$920 earned by WebHill
- February Hiking Trip to Rockledge Golf Course
- Two new umbrellas for Courtyard (one signed by EGG members)
- CoCoRaHS Rain Gauge- Station Number CT-HR-78 @ <https://www.cocorahs.org/> - **check it out in the Courtyard-**
- Donated \$1000 to Water.org- WaterCredit is working in eleven countries around the world, bringing affordable loans and opportunities for fresh water to more than 11 million people.
- Bottles/cans and Juice Pouch update- 2018 - bottles and cans \$63 and Juice Pouches- \$33.47 (more recycling to return soon!)
- Battery Collection- Mr. Staley reports that twice this year he received this comment when delivering our recycled battery box from the Hazardous Waste Facilitators (West hartford & Newington)- **NO school in the Greater Hartford area recycles more batteries than Webster Hill- EGGcellent!**
- Sold 37 reusable canvas bags (MathNight/Pasta Supper/Basketball game) \$185
- Sold remaining 15 water bottles (Jump Rope for Heart) \$75
- EGG shirts will be available for sale in the Fall

**Thank you to all families & staff that have helped in your own way- We do appreciate everything! E.G.G. will be back in full force for the 2018/19 school year- We are always looking for new members to help our environmental efforts @ Webster Hill!**

**Adult EGG's- Mrs. Leopold, Dr. Civetelli,  
Mr. Staley, Mr. Bette & Mr. Cowan**





# West Hartford Back-to-School Program



**Kindergarten – Grade 12**

West Hartford Social Services offers a NEW backpack and assistance with school supplies for the 2018-2019 school year!

Servicios Social de West Hartford ofrece una NUEVA mochila y asistencia para efectos escolares para el año escolar 2018-2019!

Town Hall, 50 South Main Street  
Social Services Office, Room 306  
Program registration runs from June 4<sup>th</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>  
Call 860-561-7561 for more information

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Town Hall, 50 South Main Street,  
Oficina de Servicios Sociales, oficina 306  
Registración comienza desde Junio 4 - Agosto 31  
Llame al 860-561-7561 para más información.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES ON REVERSE/ GUIAS DE INGRESOS EN EL REVERSO



Sponsored by:



# Free Summer Meals

## Comidas de Verano Gratis



Children and teens ages 18 and under are welcome  
Lunch served Monday - Friday 12:00PM - 1:00PM

**Faxon Library**  
**1073 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT**  
**860-561-8202**

**June 25th - August 17th, 2018**

*Meals & Administration provided by West Hartford Public Schools*



# BOX TOP SUMMER CHALLENGE!



Collect Box Tops from participating products and glue/tape them to this Box Top collection sheet (for June, July, and August). Turn the completed sheet in during the first week of school. Please try to fill **all 25 boxes** throughout the summer.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to follow the rules below...

- ✂ NO expired Box Tops, they cannot be redeemed
- ✂ At least one of the expiration dates must remain intact after cutting
- ✂ Hand in Bonus Box Tops separately
- ✂ Glue/tape box tops (no staples allowed)

				
				
				
				
				

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_