

# Whiting Wire



Whiting Lane School 47 Whiting Lane West Hartford, CT 06119 Telephone 860-233-8541 Fax 860-236-9367

Ms. Karen Kukish, Principal

**December 21, 2017**

## **Early Closing/Delay of School Opening**

The superintendent of schools determines the necessity for a delayed opening or emergency closing of school due to weather conditions or some other emergency.

Announcements regarding school opening delays or closings are also made over local radio and television stations.

This information also may be accessed by visiting the WHPS website at [www.whps.org](http://www.whps.org) for school closings, cancellations and additional information.

**Please do not call the school office for information on early closings/delay of school openings.**

If there is a delayed opening, before school activities are cancelled. If there is a delayed opening on a Wednesday, students will be dismissed at the regular time - 2:00 pm.

If there is an early dismissal, after school activities are cancelled and WLEDC is closed.

Please be sure to be informed of delayed openings/school closings/early dismissals using the sources listed above.

**Please be sure to discuss with your children the plan for your family if schools are closed early.**

## **Attention ELC Parents**

If there is a **delayed opening** due to inclement weather, ELC morning classes will be cancelled and afternoon classes will meet from 12:15-2:45 pm. All full day students will come in at the delayed opening time.

If we have an **early dismissal**, ELC morning classes will dismiss at their usual time (11:30 am) and afternoon classes are cancelled. Full day students will dismiss at 1:00 pm.

If a parent meeting, itinerant services or PPT meeting is scheduled during the delayed or missed hours, that session or meeting is cancelled and will be rescheduled.

## **Recess Policy**



The recess policy dictates that all students will go outside for recess if the temperature is above 20 degrees. Children should be dressed appropriately to spend time outdoors. Warm jackets, hats and gloves are required in cold weather. 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.

## **Dismissal Changes**

We know that things come up that result in changes to afternoon dismissal plans. Please do everything you can to avoid changes beyond the morning hours unless absolutely necessary, as it requires an interruption to the classroom.

Dismissal changes should be emailed to the office at [ann\\_ramette@whps.org](mailto:ann_ramette@whps.org) and [lesley\\_mckay@whps.org](mailto:lesley_mckay@whps.org).

## **PJ Day for the Kids**



Thanks to the generosity of the WL/ELC community, we sent a check for \$546.34 to CCMC.

## Kindergarten Alert



If you have a child who is eligible to enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2018 (five years of age on or before 1/1/19), please call the school office at 860-233-8541 as soon as possible so that we may add your child's name to our incoming kindergarten list.

## PTO Email Blast Sign Up

Please sign up to receive PTO blasts and the electronic copy of the newsletter by following these easy steps:

1. Go to the Whiting Lane PTO website ([whitinglaneppto.net](http://whitinglaneppto.net)).
2. Click on the red Sign Up box to register.
3. Enter your email address.
4. Choose which list you need (ELC Lane Families & Staff or Whiting Lane Families & Staff).

## Reporting Absences/Late Arrivals

If your child will be absent or tardy, please remember to call the school office at **860-233-8541** before **9:30 am**. You may report an absence before 8:00 am by leaving a message in the absence box - please state the child's name, classroom teacher and reason for the absence.

Please notify the teacher **AND** the school office **each day** of the absence - including the office is of vital importance, since a substitute teacher does not have access to the teacher's voicemail or email.

Following these simple procedures will avoid incorrect absence postings in our records and unnecessary absence calls, which interrupt you at home or at the office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Informational Flyers/Booklets

- ⇒ January Lunch Menu
- ⇒ December 2017 Vacation Fun Camps
- ⇒ Noah Webster House & WH Historical Society's Winter Wonderland 2017 Workshops

## Dates to Remember

12/22	2:45 pm	Birthday Party/cafe
12/25		Christmas (Christian)
12/26 - 1/1/18		NO SCHOOL - Holiday Recess



1/2	3:20 - 4:20 pm 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Homework Center/PR2 Chess Competition Program/cafe
1/3	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Cub Scouts/cafe
1/4	3:20 - 4:20 pm 3:20 - 4:20 pm	Homework Center/PR2 KIDS Group/TBD
1/6		Epiphany/Three Kings Day (Christian)
1/8	8:00 - 8:30 am 3:20 - 4:20 pm 6:00 - 7:00 pm 3:50 - 5:30 pm 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Grade 4 Band Homework Center/PR2 Daisy Scout Meeting/cafe Art Quest @ KPM Grade 5 Girl Scouts/cafe
1/9	7:45 - 8:30 am 3:20 - 4:20 pm 3:20 - 4:20 pm 3:20 - 4:20 pm 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Grade 5 Choir Homework Center/PR2 Airplane Club/cafe Fashion Club/Room 1 Chess Competition Program/cafe
1/10	7:45 - 8:30 am 8:00 - 8:30 am 9:30 - 10:15 am 10:45 - 11:30 am 12:15 - 12:45 pm 6:30 - 7:30 pm	Grade 4 Choir Grade 5 Band ELC Play Based Observations ELC Play Based Observations Grade 4 Strings Cub Scouts/cafe
1/11	8:50 am - noon 3:20 - 4:20 pm 3:20 - 4:20 pm 3:20 - 4:20 pm 3:20 - 4:20 pm 7:00 pm	Grade 4 Field Trip Homework Center/PR2 KIDS Group/TBD Magic Club/cafe Photography Club/Room 1 PTO Meeting/Library
1/12	8:00 - 8:30 am	Grade 5 Strings
1/15		NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day

## Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for submissions to the *Whiting Wire* is **9:00 am** the **Tuesday** before the **Thursday** publication. Please email your submissions to Ann Ramette at [ann\\_ramette@whps.org](mailto:ann_ramette@whps.org).

Submission Deadline	Publication Date
<b>1/9</b>	<b>1/11</b>

**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**

## Special Notice to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

### **Bristow Middle School Enrollment Process**

Bristow Middle School will be holding its enrollment for the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> graders who reside in West Hartford and are attending West Hartford Public Schools are automatically included in this process. Other 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Steven_Cook@whps.org).



## West Hartford Special Education PTO December 2017 – January 2018 Events

**ALL DECEMBER LONG ANY WONDER TICKETS BOUGHT WILL BENEFIT:**

### **West Hartford Special Education PTO**

**MOVIE TICKETS** bought via this direct link to Fandango support our cause!

<https://www.fandango.com/wonder-199146/movie-overview?a=13034&cmp=13034:wonder12729>

**\$1.00** from every ticket to WONDER—bought any day during DECEMBER supports West Hartford Special Education PTO

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MENTION OF OUR CAUSE PAST THIS LINK.** Fandango does not host any information about the wonderful schools or causes that FilmRaiser supports. The tracking tag attached shows that our cause benefits.

**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](http://www.whsepto.org/membership.html) to join or to renew your membership.

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# WEST HARTFORD YMCA YOUTH PROGRAMS

WINTER I; JANUARY 8TH—FEBRUARY 25TH

Visit [westhartfordYMCA.org](http://westhartfordYMCA.org) to register now!

Fee is **\$85** per child. The basketball league will be held at **St. Thomas Seminary** on 467 Bloomfield Ave. in Bloomfield, and **Sedgwick Middle School** on 128 Sedgwick Rd. in West Hartford. Basketball training and volleyball will be held at the **St. Thomas Seminary**.



## Youth Coed League

### PARENT & ME

Ages: 2-3  
Location: St. Thomas Seminary  
Date: Saturdays  
Time: 8-9:00am

### ROOKIES

Ages: 3-4  
Location: St. Thomas Seminary or Sedgwick Middle School  
Date: Saturdays  
Time: 9-10:00am

### BOUNCERS

Ages: 5 & Kindergarten  
Location: St. Thomas Seminary or Sedgwick Middle School  
Date: Saturdays  
Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

### DRIBBLERS

Grades: 1 & 2  
Location: St. Thomas Seminary or Sedgwick Middle School  
Date: Saturdays  
Time: 10-11:00am or 11:00am-12:00pm

## Girls Youth League

One practice held on a weekday, schedule TBD

### DRIBBLERS

Grades: 1-2  
Location: St. Thomas Seminary  
Date: Saturday games  
Time: 5-6:00pm or 6-7:30pm

### SHOOTERS

Grades: 3-4  
Location: Rotating  
Date: Saturday games  
Time: 2-3:00pm

### PASSERS

Grades: 5-6  
Location: St. Thomas Seminary  
Date: Saturday games  
Time: 4-5:00pm

### DEFENDERS

Grades: 7-8  
Location: St. Thomas Seminary  
Date: Friday games  
Time: 6-7:00pm

## Boys Youth League

One practice held on a weekday, schedule TBD

### SHOOTERS

Grades: 3-4  
Location: Rotating  
Date: Saturday games  
Time: 1-2:00pm

### PASSERS

Grades: 5-6  
Location: St. Thomas Seminary  
Date: Saturday games  
Time: 3-4:00pm

### DEFENDERS

Grades: 7-8  
Location: St. Thomas Seminary  
Date: Saturday games  
Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

Financial assistance available!

## Swim Lessons

Classes run on Friday evenings & Saturday mornings!

Location: Mandell JCC  
335 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford

Fee: Water Discovery —\$84

(Ages 6mo-3 years)

Freshpool Swim —\$84

(Ages 3-5)

Youth Swim —\$89

(Ages 6-12)



## Basketball Training

Ages: 5 & up

Dates: Per Diem

Time: 1 hour

Fee: \$50/child

Group rate: \$10/additional child  
Must schedule 3 days in advance!

## Volleyball

Grades: 3-8

Date: Tuesdays

Time: 5-6:00pm (Grades 3-5)

6-7:00pm (Grades 6-8)

# THE MAGIC OF KAYLA DRESCHER

Magic is timeless, it crosses demographics, is constantly unpredictable,  
and continues to evolve creatively.

Ignite the "irrational" side of the brain... at this not to miss  
**ALL AGES PERFORMANCE!**



**February 25th, 2018**

**2:00-3:30pm**

Sedgwick Middle School Auditorium

Snow Date: March 4th, 2:00pm

**Connecticut's Own, LA Based, Professional Magician Kayla Drescher!**

— Featured in Current Season Of Penn & Tellers: Fool Us

— Boston's 2013 "Magician Of The Year"

— Today Show's David Copperfield's "Search For The Next Great Magician" Winner

— Comedy Central Stage Appearances



**Tickets: \$10<sup>00</sup>**

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