



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES

May 7, 2010

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

On April 8, 2010, the Board of Education adopted the proposed 2010-2011 budget in the amount of \$5,200,000. The proposed budget represents an increase of approximately \$125,000 over last year's approved budget. In addition to the budget proposition, the purchase of a passenger van and an expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$35,000 from the Bus Reserve Fund to pay for the van in full, and the election of one board member to a five year term will be presented to the voters for approval on **Tuesday, May 18, 2010**. Mrs. Alice LaRock has submitted a petition to be placed on the ballot for the Board Member position.

A Public Budget Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, May 11, 2010** at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Our meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation.

I encourage any individual or group that wants me to answer specific questions on the budget to call me for answers or set a time when we can meet. As always let's continue to work together to make Westport Central School the best it can be. Thank you for your support!

WESTPORT DRAMA CLUB

The Westport Drama Club proudly presents the musical comedy Wonderful Town! Performances will be May 7th at 7 p.m. and May 8th at 3 p.m. The ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students and senior citizens with a \$20.00 maximum per family. This production stars 30 of our talented seventh through twelfth grade students. Hope to see you there!

EARLY RELEASE DAY: Tuesday, May 11th

All students will be released at 1pm. Please notify the office in advance of any changes in your child's regular dismissal routine.

**This is a change from the original district calendar which indicates an early release on 5/13. May 13th will be a full day for all students.* Please note there will be no ACAP Afterschool Program on this day.

WCS FAMILY NIGHT: Thursday, May 13th

Family Night at Westport Central School, sponsored by the Character Ed and Shared Decision Making Committees, will be held on Thursday, May 13th beginning at 6:00 p.m in the Auditorium. "How Full Is Your Bucket?" presentation by the 9th Grade Ambassadors. Learn all about "Bucket Fillers" and MORE! Information will be available regarding the Summer Youth Program, ACAP, 4H. and other community groups. There will be games, prizes, give-aways, and much more! See you on the 13th!



WCS students, faculty and staff have been participating in trainings and assemblies outlined in the books: *How Full Is Your Bucket?*, by Tom Rath, and *Have You Filled A Bucket Today?*, by Carol McCloud & David Messing. Join us in our efforts to be a Bucket Filling School! For more information: www.bucketbook.com and <https://www.bucketfillers101.com/home.html> .

GRADE 3-6 HOMEWORK CLUB:

The Homework Club will be held next week from 3-4:10 p.m. on **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday**. There will be no Homework Club on Tuesday due to the Early Release day. The Homework Club is intended to provide students in grades 3-6 an opportunity to complete homework assignments and to provide assistance, if needed, before heading to afterschool extra-curricular activities or heading home. Students must have written permission to attend Homework Club. Parents will need to specify the days that the student has permission to attend and the transportation arrangements for participating students. A late bus is available Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:10 p.m. Students must have written permission to ride the late bus.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING & BUDGET VOTE

There will be a regular meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Public Hearing regarding the school budget at 7 p.m. The Westport Central School's Annual Meeting, Election and Budget Vote will be held on Tuesday, 5/18 from 12-9 p.m. outside the Bulles Auditorium. We urge all community members to attend the meetings – and to come out and vote.

C.A.R.E. Fair & B.E.S.T. Walk: Saturday, May 8th 10AM - 2PM

- Students, parents and community members are invited to participate at the Essex County Fairgrounds in Westport, NY. There will be games, prizes, food, giveaways and **A LOT OF FUN!** ALL are welcome!
- Mike from the "Mike & Chantal Show" from 95 Triple X will be live at the event!
- A chance for a lucky participant to **win an iPod Touch!**
- The C.A.R.E. fair will also feature a **Bike Rodeo, Operation Safe Child IDs, Child Safety Seat Check, and much, much more!**

PULL TABS FOR MOLLY UPDATEWe will be continuing to collect pull tabs so please continue sending them in!

ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST

The Westport Fish and Game Club is holding its Annual Fishing Contest on Saturday, May 8th. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with fishing at 11:00. Lunch will be served at noon. Prizes and Trophies will be awarded! Age groups are 3-6, 7-10 & 11-14.

YOUTH COMMISSION NEWS

Biddy Baseball news:

The biddy baseball season got under way on Tuesday, May 4th. The children participating must have current health forms on file with the Youth Commission. The program is open to all youth in grades K-6. A small group of volunteers will be on hand to sign participants up and get the program underway. Practices will be on Tuesdays for T-ball (grades K-3) and Tuesdays and Thursdays for Majors (grades 4-6) immediately following school dismissal at 3:15 PM at the county fairgrounds. If we have enough volunteer coaches, we may be able to add a Minors group as well. Anyone still interested in volunteering, please let us know at sign up. Baseball caps will be available for sale again this year at a cost of \$7.00 each.

Youth Commission Board openings: Anyone interested in joining the WYC Board, please feel free to join our open to the public meetings. The next scheduled meeting is June 7th at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Hiking Club news:

Our next scheduled hike is this Sunday, May 9th, we will meet at WCS at 8:30 AM and carpool to Stoney Lonesome Rd. in Ironville. This will be a relaxed trip with plenty of time to stop and snack on unpaved roads with hills and valleys. Questions, call Holly at 546-8255.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR AND

Be prepared to be AMAZED! The Science and Technology Fair is coming Monday, May 17th. Westport's scientists and engineers will be demonstrating and displaying a dizzying array of projects to educate, inform and entertain the whole family. Come see robots exploring the surface of Mars, wind turbines that generate electricity, the effects of rap music on plants, the science of a nuclear power plant and CO₂ car races. You'll be able to see inside the human body, how to make ice cream, a hydroelectric power demonstration and rubber band powered boat races. Do you know if a cat or dog has a cleaner mouth, how to clean up an oil spill or the effect of a video game on your heart rate? Come to the Fair and find out. **Monday, May 17th from 4:00 until 7:00.**

BAND CONCERT

The annual John F. Geyer Concert will be held on Tuesday, 5/18 in the Bulles Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. Please join us for an evening of fabulous music!

STUDENT ART SHOW

The Student Art Show will be held in the school cafeteria on 5/17 from 4-7 p.m. and on 5/18 during the concert. Please take time to come see our student's creations.

BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Blood Drive on Tuesday, 5/18 in Room 007 from 2-6 p.m.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Kindergarten Screening will be held on Wednesday, 5/19. If you haven't already done so, please call to register your child. Information regarding appointment times will be sent to you. For any further information or any questions, please call the school at 962-8244.

JUNIOR PROM 2010 – "Empire State of Mind"

The Class of 2011 will be having their Junior Prom on Saturday, 5/22 from 7:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. The theme this year – **"Empire State of Mind"**. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Junior Class at a cost of \$25 per person. Tickets and sign-up deadlines are 5/7 for non-WCS students and 5/12 for WCS students. Don't miss it! Coronation will begin at 11:15 p.m. – tickets are \$5.

NYS TESTING DATES FOR GRADES 3-8

- Science: Grade 8 Performance Test: Tuesday, May 25, 2010; Grade 4 Performance Test: Thursday, May 27, 2010
Grade 4 & 8 Written Test: Monday, June 7, 2010
- Grade 8 Social Studies: Monday, June 14 & Tuesday, June 15, 2010

3RD ANNUAL K-2 BOTTLE DRIVE

The 3rd Annual K-2 bottle and can drive is underway! As part of our community service, these grades are collecting CLEANED, returnable NY cans and bottles until June 11th. The proceeds will be split between the Westport Food Shelf and the SPCA. Pick-ups can be arranged by leaving a message at 962-8244.

WPTO BOOK FAIR

Volunteers are needed for the book fair beginning Monday, May 24 and ending Thursday, May 27. There are two shifts a day, the first beginning at 8:00 am until 11:30. The second shift begins at 11:30 am until the end of the day at 3:00 pm. Volunteers will dictate how often the book fair can be open. Please consider volunteering and support the efforts of the WPTO at Westport Central School. Call Laura Sells-Doyle at 962-4049 to volunteer. We need your help and participation.

MAY FITNESS ROOM SCHEDULE

The Fitness Room is open every Tuesday & Thursday from 5:00–7:00 p.m. during the month of May.

END OF MARKING PERIOD/FIVE WEEK REPORTS

Friday, 5/28 is the end of the last 5 week marking period. Five Week Reports will be distributed to grades K-6 and mailed home for grades 7-12 on Friday, 6/4.



UNUSED SNOW DAY / MEMORIAL DAY

Please make note that pending no further need for snow/emergency days, school will be closed on Friday, May 28th. In the event a snow/emergency day is needed prior to that day, school will be in session. School will be closed for all staff and students on Monday, 5/31 for Memorial Day.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Our fencing club participated in the Full Circle FOIL Competition in Middlebury VT on May 3rd. Max Rossi won 3rd place and the Bronze Medal and Jeremy Rossi took 11th place in the Y12 Foil. In the Adult E and Under Foil, Sarah Looby Placed 3rd with a Bronze Medal. Way to go fencers!

K -12 PARENT LUNCHEONS

Parent Luncheons will be held throughout the school year on the last Friday of the month, with a few exceptions due to vacations. On Parent Luncheon Day we encourage you to eat lunch with your child in the Westport Central School Cafeteria. We love having parents join us for lunch! Parent Luncheon Dates: **May 21st** & June 11th. Please join your students for lunch on Friday, May 21st. As a reminder, all parents/visitors need to sign in at the main office.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE:

Sports Physicals for student in grades 6-11 have been schedule for Thursday, May 27, Thursday, June 3, & Thursday, June 10, 2010 from 9 am – 12 Noon. If your child plans on playing any sport during the 2010-2011 school year, a physical needs to be on file in the nurse's office dated within one year prior to the start of the scheduled sport for which your child will be participating. If you prefer for your child to see your Primary Care Physician, please don't forget to request a copy of the physical for the school. All other students need to sign up for this physical with the school nurse. In addition, a health history form should be completed and signed by parents prior to the scheduled physical. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Schwoebel at 962-8244.

Medication Recall: There has been a recent recall of **name brand Tylenol infant drops, Children's Tylenol suspensions, Motrin infant drops, Children's Motrin suspensions, Children's Motrin cold suspensions, Children's Zyrtec and Children's Benadryl allergy liquids in bottles.** This voluntary recall is because some of these products may not meet required quality standards. This recall is not being undertaken on the basis of adverse medical events. However, as a precautionary measure, parents and caregivers should not administer these products to their children. Some of the products included in the recall may contain a higher concentration of active ingredient than is specified; others may contain inactive ingredients that may not meet internal testing requirements; and others may contain tiny particles. While the potential for serious medical events is remote, **the company advises consumers who have purchased these recalled products to discontinue use.** For more information, consumers can contact the company at 1-888-222-6036 and also at www.mcneilproductrecall.com.

May

- 5/6-8 Drama Club Production
- 5/11 **Early Dismissal** at 1pm
Regular BOE Meeting 6:30pm
Public Hearing (budget) 7pm
- 5/13 Family Involvement Night,
6:00 pm in the Auditorium
- 5/17 Science & Technology Fair
4-7 pm in the Auditorium
- 5/17-18 Art Show in the Cafeteria
- 5/18 **Annual Meeting, Election & Budget Vote: 12-9pm**
Science & Technology Fair 8-10 am in the Auditorium
Blood Drive 2-6 pm in room 007
John F. Geyer Concert in the Auditorium
- 5/19 Kindergarten Screening
- 5/21 Parent Luncheon
- 5/22 Class of 2011 Prom 7:30pm-12am
- 5/25 Grades 8 State Performance Test: Science
- 5/27 Grades 4 State Performance Test: Science
- 5/28 End of 5 week marking period
Unused Snow Day: No School
- 5/31 Memorial Day Holiday: No School

June

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| 6/1 | Superintendent's Coffee Hour
6 th Grade Band Recital | 6/11 | Parent Luncheon |
| 6/2 | Essex County Academic Awards Night
7 p.m. in Willsboro | 6/12 | ACT's |
| 6/3 | Academic Awards Evening | 6/14-15 | Grade 8 State Social Studies Test |
| 6/4 | 5 Week Report distribution | 6/15-24 | Regents Exams |
| 6/5 | SAT's | 6/19 | Galley Gig |
| 6/7 | Grades 4 & 8 Written Science Test | 6/24 | Last day of school for students |
| 6/10 | BOE Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in library | 6/25 | Superintendent's Conference Day |
| | | 6/26 | Graduation of Class of 2010 |

Upcoming Events

