



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES

April 1, 2010

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Message from the Superintendent

The Board of Education has conducted several budget workshop sessions reviewing each component of the proposed 2010-2011 budget- administration, operations, transportation and program. Many local citizens were present at our March 22nd Board of Education meeting which provided an opportunity for Board member interaction with the public in the form of a question and answer session. During the budget presentation, some additional strategies to reduce the budget and tax levy were provided. The state budget may restore some cuts to education, but may not do so until after the Board approves our spending plan. The difficult balance is that between program preservation and tax levy costs.

Our next budget session is at 5:30 p.m. on April 8th in the cafeteria. The regular BOE meeting will follow immediately. At that time the Board will adopt the 2010-2011 spending plan that will be presented to the voters for approval on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Our Board of Education meetings are open to the public. We welcome your attendance and participation. 0

HOMEWORK CLUB CANCELLATION:

There will be no Homework Club April 5th-9th.

APRIL 2ND – SUPERINTENDENT’S CONFERENCE DAY

School will be closed for students.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COFFEE HOUR

April 6th 8:15am – 9:15am. Please come share ideas and a cup of coffee with the Superintendent.

SPRING BREAK

April 12th thru April 19th.



SAT PREP COURSE

An SAT Prep Course is being offered for interested Juniors on Tuesday's from 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. in room 112. The course began on Tuesday, March 16th and will run through Tuesday, April 27th. (There will be no class on 4/13/10 due to Spring Break.) The cost is \$25 payable to the Westport PTO.

CV-TEC OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

The Mineville Campus will be open Tuesday, April 6th from 6-7:30 p.m. They will feature classroom tours, opportunities to talk with instructors and observe demonstrations. There will be college and post secondary Tech Center representatives available to speak with; resumes and college applications may be submitted. Complimentary baked goods and beverages will be available.

End of 3rd Quarter Marking Period

The 3rd Quarter will close on Friday, April 9, 2010. Report cards will be distributed April 23, 2010.

YOUTH COMMISSION NEWS

Hiking club news:

The hiking club's outing is scheduled for this Saturday, April 3rd, The Club will be traveling to Copperas, Owen and Winch Ponds in Wilmington. The Club will be meeting at WCS at 8:30 AM to caravan to the trail head. Applications are available in the main office. All participants must have an application completed to attend. If you have not turned your application in yet, you may turn it in on the day of the hike.



Spring Baseball/T-ball

In order for this program to get underway, we need volunteers! Anyone interested in helping to get this program started, please contact Holly at 546-8255.

HAVE YOU FILLED A BUCKET TODAY?

Our latest initiative is the "Bucket Filler" project. 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> .

GRADES 3-8 ELA & MATH STATE TESTING:

ELA: April 26, 27 & 28; MATH: May 5, 6 & 7. Please mark your calendars

APRIL FITNESS ROOM SCHEDULE

The Fitness Room will be open April 1, 5, 7, 20, 22, 27 & 29 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



K -12 PARENT LUNCHEON

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: **April 23**, May 28 & June 11.

Please join your students for lunch on Friday, April 23rd. The school lunch schedule is as follows:

<u>Kindergarten</u>	10:45 – 11:15	<u>Grades 3-6</u>	11:54 – 12:24	<u>Grades 1 & 2</u>	10:50 – 11:20
<u>Grades 7 & 8</u>	11:24-11:54	<u>Grades 9-12</u>	12:24-12:54		

As a reminder, all parents/visitors need to sign in at the main office.

SCHOOL CLOSING DATES

~ 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.

~ The early release day scheduled for Thursday, April 22nd has been **cancelled**. School will be in session for the full day.

~ The 5/13 early release day has been rescheduled to Tuesday, 5/11. **Thursday, 5/13 will be a full day of school for all students.**

YEARBOOK ORDERS BEING TAKEN

Yearbooks must be pre-ordered this year. Please pre-order your Yearbook by giving your order to any Yearbook Club Member or Mr. Thompson along with a down payment of \$15 no later than April 9th. (Please make checks payable to WCS Yearbook.) The total cost of this year's Yearbook is \$40.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We have begun taking the names of students eligible to enter Kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have a child turning 5 years of age before 12/1/10, please call the school office at 962-8244 to register. The Kindergarten screening is scheduled for May 19th.

PULL TABS FOR MOLLY UPDATE

We will be continuing to collect pull tabs so please continue sending them in!

Upcoming Events

5/6-8	Drama Club Production	5/19	Kindergarten Screening
5/11	Early Dismissal	5/22	Class of 2011 Prom 7pm-12am
	Regular BOE Meeting 6:30pm	5/28	End of 5 week marking period
	Public Hearing (budget) 7pm		Unused Snow Day
5/5-7	Grades 3-8 State Testing: Math	5/24-6/3	Grades 4 & 8 State Performance Test: Science
5/17-21	Art Show (cafeteria)		(Actual test dates to be determined)
5/17	3pm – 8pm Science & Technology Fair	5/31	Memorial Day Holiday
5/18	8am – 10am Science & Technology Fair		
	Annual Meeting, Election & Vote 12-9pm		
	John F. Geyer Concert		