



# WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES

May 21, 2010

**Soar With Excellence**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

On Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> the voters of the Westport Central School District passed the proposed 2010-2011 school budget. They also passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of a passenger van and voted to retain incumbent Board Member, Mrs. Alice LaRock to another five year term on the Board of Education. The 2010-2011 budget is a very tight one and will require establishing clear priorities during the coming year. I will be working to disseminate accurate information relative to some of the frequently asked questions throughout the year. On behalf of the Board of Education, administration, faculty, staff and students, thank you for all of your support through the formulation of our spending plan. Our students deserve your continued outstanding efforts! Thank you again for your support and for working together to make Westport Central School the best it can be.



## **GRADE 3-6 HOMEWORK CLUB**

The Homework Club will be held next week from 3-4:10 p.m. 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.

## **MAY FITNESS ROOM SCHEDULE**

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

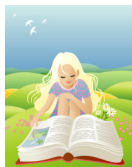
## **JUNIOR PROM 2010 – "Empire State of Mind"**

The Class of 2011 will be having their Junior Prom this Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. The theme this year – **"Empire State of Mind"**. 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.



## **WPTO BOOK FAIR**

Volunteers are needed for the book fair beginning Monday, May 24 and ending Thursday, May 27; **Family Night will be on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m.** 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.

## **END OF MARKING PERIOD/FIVE WEEK REPORTS**

Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> is the end of the last 5 week marking period. Five Week Reports will be distributed to grades K-6 on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and mailed home for grades 7-12 on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **UNUSED SNOW DAY / MEMORIAL DAY**

Please make note that pending no further need for snow/emergency days, school will be closed on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **WESTPORT STUDENTS WIN POETRY SCHOLARSHIPS**

Lake Placid Institute for the Arts awarded 2 of the 4 scholarships given to outstanding high school poets in the Adirondack Park to Westport sophomore, Alex Steele and senior, Kim Hughes. In addition to being published in this year's poetry journal, Words from the Woods, Alex and Kim will spend three days and two nights at Champlain College in Burlington, VT working with published authors and other distinguished high school writers.

Alex and Kim were chosen from over 80 other high school poets from throughout the Adirondacks and each awarded this scholarship worth over \$250. Their poems were submitted to the contest as part of a project for their Creative Writing class taught by Mr. Gibbs.



## **YOUTH COMMISSION NEWS**

### **Biddy Baseball:**



Practice for T-ball (grades K-3) will continue on Tuesdays immediately following school at 3:15-4:00 PM. T-ball players need to be picked up by 4:00 PM. Practice for Majors (grades 4-6) will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:30 PM. Practices are held at the fairgrounds. All Major players need to be picked up at 4:30 PM. All players must have a current health form on file with the Youth Commission before participating. Due to liability issues, anyone without a current health history on file will not be able to participate. A schedule of games is available from the coaches. Games will be for Majors only. Baseball caps will be available for purchase before the first scheduled game for \$7.00.

### **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 Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

### **Hiking club news:**

Our next scheduled outing is this Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have rescheduled the bike ride we were unable to complete due to inclement weather for this Sunday. We will meet at WCS at 8:30 AM to caravan to Stoney Lonesome Rd. in Ironville. Please remember this is almost a 17 mile ride, also remember to bring appropriate gear. Questions, call Holly at 546-8255.



### **Free Fishing Weekend:**



Each year, the last full weekend in June is designated as Free Fishing Days in New York State. During those two days, anyone can fish New York State waters, and no fishing license is required. This event started in 1991 to allow all people the opportunity to sample the incredible fishing New York State has to offer. Since no license is required, it is the perfect time to take a friend or relative fishing. In 2010, New York State's Free Fishing Days are Saturday and Sunday, June 26 & 27. The Westport Youth Commission in partnership with the Ballard Park Foundation would like to encourage and invite youth and their parents to come fish for free on June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.



### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Coach Rascoe, the Student Council and CVPH would like to thank all who participated in the Blood Drive. CVPH was very pleased, out of the 53 people who participated, 44 pints were able to be used. This was the largest turnout in many years. A special thanks to the Dogwood Bread Company, they donated the pizza to the Junior class for getting the most donors.



### **3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL K-2 BOTTLE DRIVE**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **K -12 PARENT LUNCHEONS**

The final Parent Luncheon of this school year will be on June 11<sup>th</sup>. 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! Please join your students for lunch on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. As a reminder, all parents/visitors need to sign in at the main office.

### **HOW FULL IS YOUR BUCKET?**

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](http://www.bucketbook.com) and <https://www.bucketfillers101.com/home.html> .

### **PULL TABS FOR MOLLY UPDATE**

We have collected over 440 lbs. of pull tabs. A special thank you to all who have contributed. Keep up the good work.

# Upcoming Events

## May

- 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; Grades K-6 Five Week Report distribution  
5/28 Grade 7-12 Five Week Reports mailed home  
Unused Snow Day: **No School**  
5/31 Memorial Day Holiday: **No School**



## June

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| 6/1  | Superintendent's Coffee Hour<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Recital | 6/11    | Parent Luncheon                        |
| 6/2  | Essex County Academic Awards Night<br>7 p.m. in Willsboro          | 6/12    | ACTs                                   |
| 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  | SATs   | 6/17    | BOE Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in library     |
| 6/7  | Grades 4 & 8 Written Science Test                                  | 6/19    | Galley Gig                             |
| 6/8  | Senior Banquet / Westport Country Club 6pm                         | 6/21-23 | K-6 dismissed at 12 p.m.               |
| 6/9  | Spring Sports Award Evening  | 6/24    | Last day of school for students        |
| 6/10 | Elementary & Gr. 7 Vocal Ensemble / Auditorium 7pm                 | 6/25    | Superintendent's Conference Day        |
|      |  | 6/26    | Graduation of Class of 2010 at 10 a.m. |

