



# WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES

June 4, 2010

**Soar With Excellence**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

June is here and the school calendar is packed with activities, celebrations and ceremonies. It is also an intense time for completing academic responsibilities for the year. For our seniors, it means making sure to complete their course work and preparing to graduate. For our other secondary students the year ends with Regents Exams, a key component in achieving benchmarks for graduation. Elementary students have academic tasks to complete as well. We are now completing an extensive round of NY State testing. Parents, teachers, support staff and administrators are partners in helping students be successful. We need to continue to work together!

Don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your child. Meanwhile don't forget to participate in the many activities, concerts and events that are scheduled for the remainder of the year.

## **LIBRARY REMINDER**

ALL library books were to be returned by Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any outstanding library books please bring them in to school. Letters will be going home to all students with outstanding books from the school library.

## **WESTPORT SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT**

The Westport School Garden project is underway thanks to community, teacher, student and parent volunteers. Mr. Fiegl's Environmental Science class built raised garden beds with materials donated by local farmers. Mrs. Bisselle's Kindergarten students started seeds in their classroom and transplanted pumpkins which will be harvested in the fall for use in school projects and cooking classes. Supplies are being purchased through two grants and local donations. Anyone wishing to donate garden tools or supplies, or willing to help maintain the garden over the summer months (think community service!) please contact Mr. Fiegl at 962-8244 or fieglj@westportcs.org. Funding for this project was provided by the Honeybee Community Fund and by GardenShare through the generosity of Jessica Griffiths and Tim Wennrich in memory of Marianne Wennrich of Canton, NY.

## **BARN DANCE AND CHILI FEED FUNDRAISER**

The Lakeside Preschool, on the corner of Cook and Leaning Roads in Whallensburg, is holding a Barn Dance and Chili Feed Fundraiser on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 10 p.m. Come play, dance, eat and bid on wonderful items at the Silent Auction!

## **YOUTH COMMISSION NEWS**

### **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:**

The next scheduled weekend outing is this Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at WCS at 8:30 AM to caravan to Lincoln Pond. (The scheduled paddle trip was changed from Silver Lake to Lincoln Pond.) Details:

- ~This is a family outing--parents are encouraged to accompany students. Adults are needed to maintain a safe adult/student ratio.
- ~Participants need to have a boat (canoe, kayak or guide boat) or have made arrangements to paddle with someone who has a boat.
- ~All participants will be required to wear a personal flotation device (life jacket) at all times on the water.
- ~Sign up by calling Holly Mitchell at 546-8255 or by email at mitchell\_holly@msn.com
- ~We will be on the water for 2-3 hours and return to WCS. Those who want to stay to picnic, swim or fish can do so at the Lincoln Pond Campground.

### **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. The next scheduled games are on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> in Moriah (players please arrive by 5:30 PM) and June 10<sup>th</sup> is a home game against Willsboro at 6:00 PM (players please arrive by 5:30 PM). Games are for Majors only. Baseball caps will be available for purchase before the first scheduled game for \$7.00.

### **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>.

### **YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE**

There are a few yearbooks still available! First come, first served! The cost is \$45.

### **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.

### **POLO MATCH**

The Adirondack Polo Club vs. Surya Polo Club will be holding a match on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1 p.m. (rain date is Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>). The event will be held at Polo Club Way, off Stevenson Road, in Westport. This is a benefit for Molly Rascoe and her family. Lunch will be available.

### **JUNE FITNESS ROOM SCHEDULE**

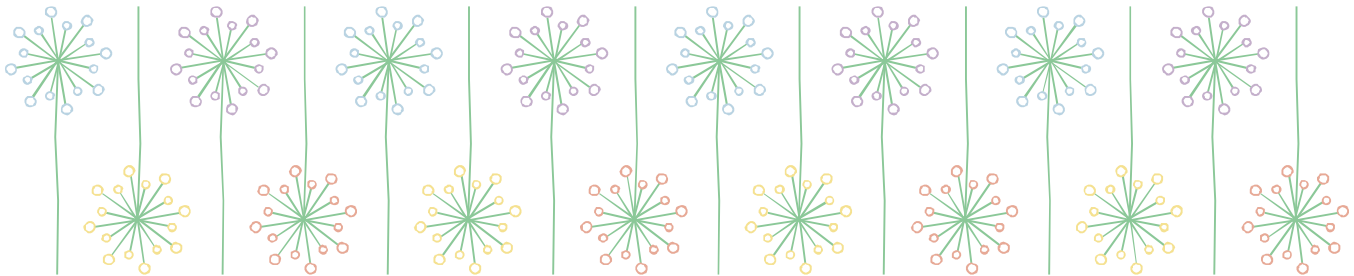
The Fitness Room is closed for the remainder of this school year. Have a great summer!

### **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

### **June**

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| 6/5     | SATs  | 6/15-24 | Regents Exams                          |
| 6/7     | Grades 4 & 8 Written Science Test             | 6/17    | BOE Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the library |
| 6/8     | Senior Banquet / Westport Country Club 6pm    | 6/19    | Galley Gig                             |
| 6/9     | Spring Sports Award Evening / cafeteria 7 pm  | 6/21    | Grade 8 French Proficiency Exam        |
| 6/10    | Elem. & Gr. 7 Vocal Ensemble / Auditorium 7pm | 6/21-23 | K-6 dismissed at 12 p.m.               |
| 6/11    | Parent Luncheon                               | 6/24    | Last day of school for students        |
| 6/12    | ACTs  | 6/25    | Superintendent's Conference Day        |
| 6/14-15 | Grade 8 State Social Studies Test             | 6/26    | Graduation of Class of 2010 at 10 a.m. |

