



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL  
WEEKLY NEWSNOTES  
May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Soar With Excellence**

**END OF 5 WEEK MARKING PERIOD/5 WEEK REPORTS**

Today was the end of the last 5 Week Marking Period. 5 Week Reports will be distributed to grades K-6 and mailed to grades 7-12 on Friday, 6/3.

**LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS**

Today was the last day to sign books out of the Library. Tuesday, 5/31, **ALL BOOKS** are to be returned to the Library.



**SCHOOL CLOSING**

School will be closed for all students, faculty and staff for the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, 5/30.

**MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST**

The Masons-Sisco Lodge #259 will be holding an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast on Monday morning, 5/30 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Federated Church in Westport. The menu includes pancakes with real maple syrup, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and assorted beverages. Prices are \$8/adults; \$4/students; \$5/seniors; \$24 family maximum. Please join us!

**MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

I wish to extend my thanks to all who came out to support the District spending plan for 2011-2012. The budget that has been approved is a very lean one, although, after significant community input, some programs were restored to the final budget.

During the coming year the faculty and staff of Westport Central School will be watching spending closely. The school may be unable to do some of the things we have done in the past. I will be leading the charge to seek additional funding from independent sources. If you have any ideas, please share them! Please feel free to call, email or stop into my office.

Additionally, the shared municipal garage will be voted on in June. If this project is approved, it will allow the construction of a shared facility which will make operations in the town, school district and fire district more efficient. This project has been many years in planning. Representatives of the three organizations will be getting details to the voters once more.

The next few weeks will be exciting ones as we finish the school year.

**FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**

Sports physicals for students in grades 6-11 are scheduled Wednesday, June 1st (both girls & boys). **All students planning on being examined at school must have their parents complete a Health History Form prior to the physical exam.**

**TEAM PHOTO'S**

Team photo's will be taken on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3 p.m. Contact Coach Rascoe with any questions.



**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**

Essex County Public Health is expanding clinic hours in June to accommodate the demand for school, college and camp immunizations. Please note the dates and times below.

~Essex County Public Health Office Clinic in Elizabethtown: June 2, 2011, 8:30 am - 12:30 & 3-6 pm

~Essex County Public Health Office Clinic in Elizabethtown: June 6, 2011, 8:30 am - 12:30 & 3-6 pm

All clinic sites will accept walk-ins, but appointments are encouraged for the Elizabethtown office clinics.

**STATE & REGENTS TESTING DATES**

Grade 4 Science Performance Test	6/1	Grades 4 & 8 Science Written Test	6/6
Grade 8 Science Performance Test	6/3	Regents Exams	6/15 -6/23

**Students should come to school well rested and have eaten a nutritious breakfast.**

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS**

Don't forget to get your college scholarship applications in; due dates are as follows:

**6/6** Essex County Sheriff's Dept. Benevolent Association (student pursuing education in the field of criminal justice)

**7/1** Adirondack Wilderness Foundation (for students pursuing education in environmentalism) – due 7/1/11

~ ADK Regional Federal Credit Union (multiple scholarships to seniors pursuing Math or Business field-no membership required to apply)

## **NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS!**



The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Family and Consumer Science class are creating activity kits to support children at Fletcher Allen Hospital. The class is currently accepting donations for these kits. We have already received donations of 100 "I Spy" books from the author, Jean Marzollo, we're sewing 100 'bags' and are accepting donations of the following: gel pens, hair care items, party packs of playdoh, coloring books, Uno, koosh balls, nail polish with nail stickers, bubbles, small stuffed animals, crayons, markers, crayola colored pencils, drawing paper, and children's scissors. All donations are greatly appreciated!

## **ACAP AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ENROLLMENT**

Re-enrollment for next year will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:00 pm in the cafeteria. This is also a time when new applicants can come and talk to the ACAP staff about signing up for the next school year and working out the details of payment, receiving the policy and procedure booklet, etc.

## **WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION NEWS**

**T-ball** will continue next week on Tuesday and Thursday to make up for the rain cancellations.

**The Majors** baseball season opens with a game at the North Hudson field on Tuesday, May 31. Players on the majors team should meet at school at 4 p.m. on Tuesday to carpool to North Hudson. A complete schedule of games and directions to fields is available at [www.westportyouth.org](http://www.westportyouth.org)

Registration is open for the Youth Commission's **Summer Program**. This year there is a registration fee of \$25 per camper. Checks should be made out to the Town of Westport with a notation for WYC Summer Program. Registration forms are available on line at [www.westportyouth.org](http://www.westportyouth.org) and can be submitted with payment in a sealed envelope addressed to WYC Summer Program at the Town Office.

## **CELEBRATE CHAMPLAIN AREA TRAILS**

Champlain Area Trails (CATS) will be featuring guest speaker, Bill McKibben, the author of *Wandering Home: A Long Walk Across America's Most Hopeful Landscape* on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information, pricing or to sign up, visit their website at [www.champlainareatrails.com](http://www.champlainareatrails.com); or go to [champlaintrails@gmail.com](mailto:champlaintrails@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **RESEARCH PRESENTATION**

Do you want to expand you online searches beyond the top hits in a Google search? Librarian and 1997 Westport graduate Sara Kelley-Mudie will demonstrate how to use Google to its fullest potential and teach us new ways to find information on the Internet. Google and Beyond: How to Find What You're Looking for on the Internet will be presented at the Wadhams Library on Wednesday, 6/15 at 7 p.m. Sara is the librarian at an independent school in Litchfield, CT. Areas of professional interest include information literacy, universal design for learning, and working with reluctant readers to develop a love of reading. She was named one of the American Library Association's Emerging Leaders for 2011 and received the Connecticut Association of School Librarian's Erikson Award for auspicious beginning in media services.



Please continue to collect Pull Tabs

# Upcoming Events

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- 6/2 Academic Awards Evening @ 6:30 p.m.
- 6/3 Parent Luncheon
- 6/6 K-6 Character Education Assembly
- 6/9 Board of Education Meeting @6:30 p.m. in the library
- 6/14 Last day of classes for grades 7-12
- 6/15-23 Regents Exams
- 6/13-17 3 p.m. dismissal for grades K-12
- 6/20-23 12 p.m. dismissal for grades K-12
- 6/21 CV-TEC Completion Ceremony, 7 p.m. @ SUNY Field House
- 6/22 CV-TEC Completion Ceremony, 7 p.m. @ Moriah C.S.
- 6/24 Last day of school grades K-12 & End of Year Ceremony
- 6/25 Graduation of the Class of 2011 at 10 a.m.