



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES

February 27, 2009

Soar With Excellence

YOUTH COMMISSION SKIING/BOARDING TRIP

The next ski/snow boarding trip to Whiteface Mountain will be on Sunday, March 1st. The bus will leave the school at 7:30 a.m. All skiers/boarders should bring appropriate clothing, equipment and either \$ or a lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Bridgette Blemel at 962-4392.

STATE MATH TESTING SCHEDULE

Grade 3: 3/4/09 & 3/5/09	Grade 6: 3/10/09 & 3/11/09
Grade 4: 3/3/09 & 3/4/09 & 3/5/09	Grade 7: 3/11/09 & 3/12/09
Grade 5: 3/2/09 & 3/3/09	Grade 8: 3/09/09 & 3/10/09

FITNESS ROOM SCHEDULE

The fitness room will be open every Tuesday and Thursday with the exception of the following days:
Monday, 3/9 Open Tuesday, 3/10 Closed

VOLLEY BALL – CANCELLED

Due to the upcoming Drama Club Production, volleyball has been postponed until further notice.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour with Dr. Gallagher will be held on Tuesday, March 10th from 8:15 – 9:15.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

There will be a Budget Meeting at 5:00 p.m. followed by a regular meeting of the Board of Education at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 10th in the school library. All community members are welcome to attend.

END OF 5 WEEK MARKING PERIOD / 5 WEEK REPORT DISTRIBUTION

Friday, March 13th is the end of the 3rd 5 Week Marking Period. 5 Week Reports will be distributed to students in K – 6th grade and mailed home for students in grades 7 – 12 on Friday, March 20th.

BIDDY BASEBALL

This year's biddy baseball program is planned to begin practicing in May and games will start in June (weeknights – no weekends). If your child is interested in participating please e-mail Jennifer Pribble at jpribble@westelcom.net or call 963-4641 **by March 15th**. This date is important so that our player count may be submitted to the County to help them in creating a game schedule. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Jennifer Pribble ASAP. We are excited to announce that the County plans to hold a Coaching Clinic this year – so please make sure you contact Ms. Pribble by March 15th. Without volunteers, these programs are not possible. On behalf of the kids and the Youth Commission we appreciate all of you who take the time to contribute. Teams will be broken down into 3 groups: Majors: Ages 10, 11, 12 Minors – Ages 7, 8, 9 T-Ball – Ages 5, 6, 7

INHALANT ABUSE PREVENTION

Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School will be hosting an Inhalant Abuse Prevention Seminar for parents and guardians on Monday, March 16th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This seminar will be presented by the Prevention Team. Inhalant abuse is the deliberate inhalation of fumes, vapors or gasses from common household or commercial products for the purpose of "getting high". It has become the high of choice – causes nervous system and brain damage, and death (Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome). Don't miss this presentation – Parents are Powerful – You can Make a Difference. For more information, contact Scott Osbourne, ELCS at 873-6371.

EARLY RELEASE DAY

Students will be released at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 19th.

PARENT LUNCHEON

Please join your elementary students for lunch on **Friday, March 27th**. The school lunch schedule is as follows:

Kindergarten 10:45-11:15
Grades 1 – 3 10:50-11:20 Grades 4 – 6 11:54-12:24

As always, please remember to sign in at the main office before going down to the cafeteria.

DRAMA CLUB PRODUCTION

The Drama Club proudly presents the hilariously funny musical production of "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying". Shows will be at 7:00 p.m. on March 27th and 28th, and at 3:00 p.m. on March 29th. This is a family friendly show so bring the whole family...hope to see you there!



5TH GRADE GREEN FACT – Ways We Can Save Our Planet

Fact: Landfills are filling up too quickly.

Tip: Take the time to sort cans, bottles, glass and newspapers/magazines. Place them in the recycle containers found at your local landfill. **RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE!**

ACAP AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE!

Thanks to a very generous donation to the Westport ACAP After-School Program, we are now able to offer enrollment for \$50.00 a month. Any parent interested in enrolling their child may pick up an application in the main office at the school.

ADULT CV-TEC PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Do you need to: get a GED, improve reading or math skills, enroll in college or get job skill training? Consider CV-TEC programs! Programs are free for adults, 21 and older without a high school diploma or GED. For more information or to register, please call Robin at 873-2341 ext. 3015.

AUTISM SEMINAR

There will be a seminar on "Understanding & Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders", offered by the University at Albany, on March 11 (in Plattsburgh) and April 8, 2009 (in Lake Placid). There is no cost to participants who live within NYS. Preregistration is required. More information and copies of the registration form are available in the main office at Westport Central School.

WEBSITE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

We encourage you to take a look at this website <http://www.going-to-college.org/> It was developed for students with disabilities who plan to go to college. The website offers ideas for planning for college. It teaches students how to use their strengths and learning styles to set goals for college and advises them on what to expect and what will be expected from them.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4/9 Coffee with the Superintendent 8:15-9:15 a.m.
 Budget Meeting @ 5 p.m.
 Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 4/10 School Closed for Good Friday
- 4/13-17 School Closed for Spring Break
- 4/23 Special BOE Meeting – Superintendent Search
 6:30 p.m. in the school library
- 4/24 End of 3rd Quarter Marking Period
- 5/1 Report Card Distribution

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