



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES

March 13, 2009

Soar With Excellence



BASKETBALL – Go Westport!

There will be **no biddy basketball** game Saturday, 3/14 due to the Regional Finals being played this weekend. Westport's Girls Varsity will play in Plattsburgh at 12:00 p.m. and the Varsity Boys will play at Potsdam High School at 4:00 p.m. Come out and support our teams!

YOUTH COMMISSION SKIING/BOARDING TRIP

The next ski/snow boarding trip to Whiteface Mountain will be on Sunday, March 15th. 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.

SAT PREP COURSE

An SAT Prep Course will be offered for interested Junior's at Westport Central School on Monday's from 3:15-4:45 p.m. in room 112. The course will meet March 16th, 23rd, 30th & April 6th & 27th. The cost is \$25 payable to the Westport PTO.

FITNESS ROOM SCHEDULE

The fitness room will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 – 7 p.m.

LIFEGUARDING COURSE

North Country Community College will be offering the American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguarding Course beginning March 11 – May 17th. The classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. and Sundays. This course will teach the knowledge and skills needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies both in a pool and at a waterfront environment. Participants must be 15 years or older. The fee is \$250 which includes the class, book, CPR mask and certification fees. For more information contact the NCCC at 518-891-2915, ext. 245.

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

EARLY RELEASE DAY

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

INHALANT ABUSE PREVENTION

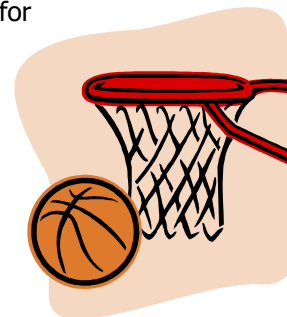
Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School will be hosting an Inhalant Abuse Prevention Seminar for parents and guardians on Monday, March 16th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This seminar will be presented by the Prevention Team. Inhalant abuse is the deliberate inhalation of fumes, vapors or gasses from common household 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.

YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

The Essex County Youth Bureau is scheduled to administer the Youth Risk Behavior Survey to our 7th – 12th grade students on Friday, March 20th, 2009. Parents may elect to keep their son or daughter from participating in the survey by notifying the main office.

TANNEBERGER ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 30th Annual Dr. Thomas Tanneberger Alumni Basketball Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2009. Games will start at 1:00, 2:30, 4:00 (consolation), 6:00 (women's) and 7:30 (championship). There will be 4 integrated men's teams and 2 women's teams comprised of players from the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and 2000's (staff and faculty are welcome to play!). Donations for admission are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. This year we will continue the 4th Quarter Shootout during the Consolation game. Other events include Bidy Basketball, High School 3-point & Middle School Foul Shooting Contests, 50/50, and concessions. Players are asked to sign up with Jeff & Carol Schwoebel at 962-8567 or 569-3745 and to register by 12:00 noon on Saturday to get your shirt and find out your team's start time. Players should bring their own t-shirt this year as polo shirts will be given to players. Bring your oldest Tanneberger t-shirt and win a prize! Player registration is \$25 and includes polo shirt and gathering for 2 after the tournament. Come join in the fun, rekindle with WCS alumni, update your alumni contact information, and support the scholarship fund!



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!

SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET SESSION

There will be a Special Board of Education Budget Session on Monday, March 30th at 6 p.m. in the school library.

FROM THE SCIENCE LAB

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Shirley Donaldson for donating her refrigerator/freezer to the Science Department! In addition, THANK YOU Laurie Davis for donating your telescope to the Earth Science Class. We will be using the telescope to view distant galaxies and lunar features this spring!

In preparation for the spring bird migration, the biology class is seeking that old pair of BINOCULARS collecting dust in your storage space. Please bring any binoculars that you would like to donate to my classroom or Janet Hoff in the office.



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

Fact: Electricity is costly.

Tip: Compact fluorescent bulbs last a long time, and use less wattage.

ADULT CV-TEC PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

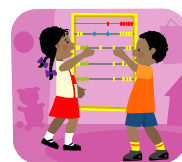
Do you need to: get a GED, improve reading or math skills, enroll in college or get job skill training? Consider CV-TEC programs! Programs are free for adults, 21 and older without a high school diploma or GED. For more information or to register, please call Robin at 873-2341 ext. 3015.

AUTISM SEMINAR

There will be a seminar on "Understanding & Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders", offered by the University at Albany, on 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.

ACAP HEAD START

ACAP Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2009-10 program year. Head Start is a comprehensive preschool program that serves eligible four year olds primarily. Eligible three year olds (by 12/1/09) are considered when openings are available. Children with special needs, physical limitations or health impairments are also considered. They offer many services in the areas of health, mental health, parent involvement, nutrition and education/child development. The most local sites for our area are located in Elizabethtown-Lewis, Essex and Moriah. Please call 873-3207 x 229 with any questions or concerns. Applications can be found in the Westport Central School main office.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Screening will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. If you have a child, or know a child, that will be 5 years of age before December 1st, 2009, please call the school to register your child at 962-8244.

SPRING

Begins March 20th!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4/6 Eaglet Band Performance @ 6 p.m.
- 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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