



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES

May 20, 2009

Soar With Excellence

Message from Dr. Gallagher:

I would like to thank all those who took the time to come and vote on Tuesday, May 19, at our annual meeting. To those who voted in the affirmative, your vote allows Westport Central School to continue the tradition of excellence for the coming year. To those who felt that they could not support the spending plan, you should know that the Board of Education has heard your concerns at Board Meetings and public presentations. The planning for 2010-2011 starts immediately.

The true challenge that confronts all boards of education is that of balancing the needs of the students with the concerns about cost. In my opinion, it will be no easier to conduct that balancing act for 2010-2011. Long-range planning will play an important part in the achievement of coming spending plans.

Congratulations to Dr. Susan Russell on her election to the Westport Central School Board of Education. I extend many thanks to Dr. David Goldwasser for his years of service to the school and the community.

SCHOOL CLOSING

School will be closed Thursday 5/21 for a Superintendent's Conference Day, Friday, 5/22 for an unused snow day, and Monday, 5/25 for Memorial Day. School will resume for all students and faculty on Tuesday, 5/26.

SENIOR AWARDS BANQUET

The Senior Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 21st at the Willsboro Central School at 7 p.m.

PARENT LUNCHEON

Please join your elementary students for lunch on Friday, May 29th. The school lunch schedule is as follows:

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



END OF 5 WEEK MARKING PERIOD

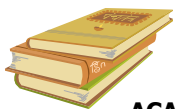
Friday, May 29th is the end of the 5 Week Marking Period. 5 Week Reports will be distributed to Grades K-6 and mailed for grades 7-12 on Friday, June 5th.

GRADE 8 SOCIAL STUDIES TEST

The NYS Grade 8 Social Studies Test will be given to all 8th grade students on Tuesday, 6/2 and Wednesday, 6/3.

ACADEMIC AWARDS EVENING

There will be an Academic Awards Evening on Thursday, 6/4th at 6:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria.



LIBRARY BOOKS

June 5th is when **all** books are to be returned to the Library. Payment will be expected for all unreturned items.

ACAP AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATES

The last day of the ACAP After School Program is **June 5th, 2009**. There will be a potluck get together so be sure to bring your favorite food to share.

WPTO MEETING

There will be a WPTO Meeting on Monday, 6/8 at 3:15 p.m. in room 110. All parents are welcome to attend.

CHARACTER EDUCATION ASSEMBLY

There will be a Character Education Assembly on Wednesday, 6/10 in the Bulles Auditorium from 2:15 – 2:45 p.m. This assembly is celebrating the positive behaviors demonstrated by our K-6 students throughout the months of May and June and to continue our focus on Safety, Respect, Honesty, and Community Service.

COFFEE HOUR WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Please join Dr. Gallagher for coffee and conversation on Thursday, 6/11 from 8:15-9:15 a.m. in his office.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC CONCERT

The Spring Elementary Music Concert will be held on Thursday, 6/11 at 6 p.m. in the Bulles Auditorium.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is Thursday, 6/11 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

GALLEY GIG

The Galley Gig will be held on Saturday, 6/20 at The Galley/The Westport Marina at 7:30 p.m. Please join us!



REGENTS EXAMS/FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL/GRADUATION

Regents Exams will be given Tuesday, 6/16 through Thursday, 6/25. Students in grades 7 – 12 should only be in attendance at school if they have a Regents Exam that day. All students should report to their homeroom for attendance, followed by an assembly on Friday, 6/26, the last day of school. Graduation for the Class of 2009 will be held on Saturday, 6/27 at 10 a.m. in the school gym.

YOUTH COMMISSION SUMMER PROGRAM: July 6 – August 7, 2009

The Westport Youth Commission is preparing for the 2009 summer camp with Vera Martin returning as Director. Vera is currently the ACAP Site Supervisor for the Westport After School Program. This summer, the Youth Commission will be offering a host of activities conveniently located at Westport Central School for children in grades K through 6. **Camp will begin on July 6th, 2009 and end on August 7th, 2009, Monday through Friday from 8am to 4:30pm.**

As in the past, Westport's Youth and Recreation Commission continues to be driven by its mission, *"to coordinating youth programming within the town of Westport to ensure that the youth are served with the best possible youth development."* The Youth Commission looks forward to partnering with our community's parents to help each child enjoy a safe and fun summer supported by the Town of Westport's Youth Commission Program.

ACAP HEAD START

ACAP Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2009-10 program year. Please call 873-3207 x 229 with any questions or concerns. Applications can be found in the Westport Central School main office.

BATTER UP-IT'S TIME FOR YOUTH COMMISSION BIDDY BASEBALL

Spring Tee Ball for grades K-3 and Baseball for grades 4-6 has started! Children will meet in front of the school at 3pm; then walk to the fields at the County Fairgrounds. Children should bring a baseball glove, snack, and water; all other equipment will be provided. Volunteers to help escort and/or coach would be greatly appreciated. Parents should pick up their children at the Fairgrounds.

Practices for grades K-3 are from 3:15-4:30 pm on the following Thursdays: 5/28, 6/4, 11 & 18.

Practices for grades 4-6 are from 3:15-4:30 pm on the following days: 5/20 & 28.

Games start on June 2nd.

If you have any questions or can volunteer, please contact: Traci Ploufe for grades K-3 (524-3835/962-2203 tploufe@charter.net) or Chris Maron for Grades 4-6 (962-4640 chrismaron7@gmail.com)

FITNESS ROOM SCHEDULE

The fitness room will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 – 7 p.m. during the month of May

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

Fact: We create a lot of trash.

Tip: Ways to make less trash: send e-cards instead of paper cards. Use cloth napkins instead of paper, use plastic containers instead of plastic bags, use rechargeable batteries and, give re-usable water bottles as gifts so we can stop buying bottled water.



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