



# WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES

January 9, 2009

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## **WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

If you did not receive a call from our automated **E**nanced **M**essaging **A**pplication (EMA) this past Wednesday when we had a snow day, please call the school at 962-8244. It is important that we have your correct contact number(s) to reach you in the case of a school closing or early release from school.

## **CAFETERIA CHARGES – IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Students are expected to pay for their meals in full each day. Parents are encouraged to pre-pay using the NutriKids system. **As per the student handbook – Only in emergency situations, students will be allowed to charge their meals.** Students must pay for their food each day (this includes snacks) unless they have monies available through the pre-payment plan. If you have a negative balance, you will be receiving written notification of the charges owed to the school and we ask that you please pay this charge in full. Students will not be allowed to make any purchases in the cafeteria until such time as their account is paid in full. Remember also, that free and reduced meal applications are available in the main office.

## **YOUTH COMMISSION SKIING/BOARDING TRIP**

This Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, is the first YC Ski Trip of the year. The bus will be leaving the school parking lot at 7:30 a.m. All skiers/boarders should bring appropriate clothing, equipment and either \$ or a lunch. Reminder: students should sign up in the main office by Friday mornings for each trip. If you have any questions, please call Bridgette Blemel at 962-4392.



## **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

School will be closed for students and all staff on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, for Martin Luther King Day.

## **NYSATA LEGISLATIVE STUDENT ART EXHIBIT**

Congratulations to Nancy Armitage and Elizabeth Peasley, two students from Westport Central School selected to have their artwork exhibited at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual NYSATA Legislative Student Art Exhibition: A Celebration of Young Artists. The opening reception will begin on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Legislative Office Building-“Well” Area in Albany. Greetings and recognition of State Legislators will begin at 1:00 p.m. The exhibit will be available for public viewing Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

## **NEW YORK STATE TESTING**

The NYS ELA Exams will be given to grades 3, 4 & 5 January 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> with make up testing January 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. NYS ELA Exams for grades 6, 7 & 8 will be given January 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> with make up testing done January 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. NYS Regents Exams will be given January 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> for any students who have pre-registered to take exams with Mr. McCormick.

## **PARENT LUNCHEON**

Please join your elementary student for lunch on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. The school lunch schedule is as follows:

Kindergarten	10:45-11:15	Grades 4 & 5	11:21-11:54
Grades 1 – 3	10:50-11:20	Grade 6	11:54-12:24

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

## **END OF SECOND QUARTER**

Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day of the second quarter marking period. Report cards will be given to Grades K-6 on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Report Cards will be mailed on February 6<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 7-12.

## VOLLEYBALL ANYONE?

Serve! Come play community, adult volleyball on Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. in the "old gym" beginning January 14<sup>th</sup>. This will help you get into shape for the WPTO Volleyball Tournament on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Mark it on your calendar now and stand by for more information on the tournament.



## FITNESS ROOM

January's Fitness Room schedule is as follows: the fitness room will be open on Tuesday and Thursday the weeks of 1/5 & 1/19 and Monday and Wednesday the weeks of 1/12 & 1/26.



## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GREEN FACT – Ways We Can Save Our Planet

Fact #3: The cost of heating our homes just keeps going up.

Tip: Try turning down the heat in your home by just a few degrees and wear a sweater.

## DONATION WISH LIST

Thank you for the telescope!! The Earth and Life Sciences Lab is still looking for a refrigerator. If you have one in your home that is not being used, would you please consider donating it to the students at Westport Central School? Thank you.

## BOX TOPS & CAMPBELL SOUP LABEL

Please remember to save and send in your Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels! These are used to receive free education items for the school, such as Science Lab Supplies.

## ACAP COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

We would love your recipes for our Westport After-school Program cookbook ...we are doing this as a fundraiser and will have the cookbooks ready for mother's day. You do not have to have your child enrolled in order to enter a recipe...this will be a book made up of past and present participants. Recipes must be in no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you ahead of time.

To add your recipe(s), go to:

[www.tyopensave.com](http://www.tyopensave.com)

Your name is the contributor name

Group Login: [westportacap](#)

Contributor password: [abqqu](#)

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

2/5	Early Dismissal @ 1 p.m.
2/6	Report Card Distribution
2/9	HS All County Music Festival (2/10 is the snow date)
2/12	Coffee with the Superintendent 8:15-9:15 a.m. Budget Meeting @ 5 p.m. Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
2/16	President's Day – School Closed
2/17-20	Winter Break
2/26	Special Board of Education Meeting
2/27	Parent Luncheon



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