



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL
WEEKLY NEWSNOTES
December 19, 2008

Soar With Excellence

Congratulations on your retirement, Mrs. Tromblee.

We wish you all the best and thank you for your 37 years of service to education.

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

Today, 5 Week Reports were distributed to the K-6th grade students. 5 Week Reports for 7th-12th grade students were mailed home.

3rd ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Congratulations to the 7th grade – the 1st place winners for this years food drive! The total count of food items collected is 370. Thank you to all who participated in this very special event!! Many will benefit from the donations from our food drive.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

School will not be in session for students and teachers for the Christmas & New Year Holidays from Monday, December 22nd, 2008 though Friday, January 2, 2009. School is closed for all staff on Thursday, December 25th and Thursday, January 1st.

FITNESS ROOM

The Fitness Room will be closed during Christmas break (12/23, 25, 30 & 1/1/09). January's 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.

FROM THE NURSES OFFICE

Essex County has been given the opportunity to receive some free doses of Flumist vaccine from the manufacturer. This is given in the form of a nasal spray rather than a shot and is just as protective as the shot. A free clinic will be offered on January 9th at Westport Central School at 9 am (assuming the vaccine arrives) for students and staff under the age of 50 years. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has added all school children to the list of people who should be vaccinated to prevent flu unless they have any health issues contraindicated with the vaccine. If you are interested in this free vaccine for your child, or if you have any questions, please call Carol Schwoebel at 962-8244. A sign up sheet has been started! Vaccine Information Sheets are available if requested. If you would like your child to receive Flumist at the school clinic, you will need to complete an Immunization Registration form (available from the school nurse) and return it promptly so that the Essex County Public Health nurse's will know the number of doses they will need for the clinic



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

Fact #3: Don't waste water. Up to 2 gallons of water can run out of the tap in one minute.

Tip: Wash your hands in a basin of water, not under a running tap. Turning off the water while you brush your teeth could save up to 3.7 gallons of water each time you brush. Also, be sure to repair any leaking or dripping faucets!

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

There will be a Budget Meeting on Tuesday, January 6th, 2009 at 5 p.m. followed by a regular Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. All community members are welcome to attend.

VOLLEYBALL ANYONE?

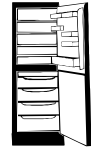
Serve! Come play community, adult volleyball on Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the “old gym” beginning January 7th. This will help you get into shape for the WPTO Volleyball Tournament on 1/31/09! Mark it on your calendar now and stand by for more information on the tournament following the holidays.

EARLY RELEASE

Students will be released from school at 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 8th. Reminder: there is no ACAP After School Program on early release days.

DONATION WISH LIST

The Earth and Life Sciences Lab is looking for a refrigerator and a telescope. 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.



**We wish a hearty welcome to Dr. John Gallagher,
our interim Superintendent beginning Monday, December 22nd.**



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 1/6 | Budget Meeting @ 5 p.m. Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. |
| 1/8 | Early Dismissal @ 1 p.m. |
| 1/9-11 | NYSTEA Student Conference |
| 1/12-16 | Grades 3,4,5 ELA Testing (make up 1/20-23) |
| 1/19 | Martin Luther King Day |
| 1/20-23 | Grades 6,7,8 ELA Testing (make up 1/26-30) |
| 1/24 | SAT's |
| 1/27-30 | Regents Exams |
| 1/30 | End of 3 rd Quarter Marking Period (2/6 Report Cards mailed) |

