



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES January 4, 2019

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Week 17: Happy New Year! I have received several questions this week involving the formation of the ELW school district. This has caused me to reflect a bit on expectations moving forward. I think that it is absolutely critical that all of us have a voice in the formation of the district, and I will do my best to remind and encourage you to voice your opinion. Have a great weekend!

E-L-W Board of Education Petitions and Election

As part of the December 4th vote, residents established a new Board of Education composed of seven members who shall serve in three year terms. The next important step in the formation of the new school district is the election of the Board of Education.

Petitions are available for distribution from District Clerks at ELCS (518-873-6371) and/or WCS (518-962-8244). The filing deadline of petitions by board candidates is 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 8th. Petitions may be submitted to the District Clerk of either ELCS or WCS.

Candidates will meet with District Superintendent Dr. Mark Davey on January 8th at 7:00 PM at Westport Central School for a drawing to determine ballot slot placement for the Board election.

A special meeting of the qualified voters of the Elizabethtown-Lewis-Westport Central School District will be held at the Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District Conference Room-Main Lobby on January 29, 2019 during the hours of 12:00 noon to 8:00 PM to elect the members of the Board of Education for such district as follows:

3 Members – 3 year term; expiring June 30, 2022

2 Members – 2 year term; expiring June 30, 2021

2 Members – 1 year term; expiring June 30, 2020

For the first election of the Board of Education, the seven candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected to fill the positions on the Board of Education, the candidates receiving the largest number of votes will be elected to the longest terms of office.

PRE-K REMINDER

Pre-K will be available for Westport residents at the Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School through a partnership with ACAP and ELCS. The start date is Tuesday, 1/22/19 from 7:45am – 3pm. Transportation will be provided for 3 & 4 year old students. If you are interested in registering your child or have a child currently attending the Pre-K at ELCS and would like to discuss transportation or if you have any questions, please contact WCS at 518-962-8244.

FROM THE MUIC DEPT

The Westport Central School Chorus has been invited to join the International Children's Winter Games Opening Ceremony Chorus! This performance opportunity for Westport Central School Music students will be in Lake Placid at ORDA on Monday, 1/7/19 at 6:30 pm. Lake Placid will welcome the International Children's Winter Games athletes, officials, coaches, committees, families, media and spectators from 1/6-11/19!

Our chorus will sing with area school's choruses hoping to total 100 voices! Congratulations to our chorus members: Olivia Montville, Bailee Lynch, Grayson King, Ella King, Mathew Severance, Philip Armitage, Corey Valentin, Ailsa Kohler, Einin Hammond, LeAnna Costin, Sophia Bosley, Aubrey Sherman, Ella Lobdell, Abby LaMotte, Brennan Mazzotte, Jordan Spear, Cooper Halloran, Harlow Bailey and Lawrence Lobdell.

SPELLING BEE

It's spelling bee season at WCS! Classroom bees for grades 4-8 begin today and will continue until Tuesday. Top finishers in each grade level will move on to the school bee, which will be held on Friday, 1/11/19, at 8:45am in the Bulles Auditorium. Parents and other community members are invited to attend.

CRAZY 8's MATH CLUB

Crazy 8's Math Club Season 2 begins on 1/14/19 at 3pm. Students in Grades K-5 who are interested in participating, please register with Ms. Lackey by emailing her at lackeyt@westportcs.org. As with Season 1, club meetings are every Monday at 3-4pm in the cafeteria for 8 weeks, starting 1/14/19. Please see the attached flyer for weekly topics.

i-READY TESTING

i-Ready Testing for grades K-2 will take place 1/14-1/18.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY

School is closed for all students and staff on Monday, 1/21 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

JANUARY REGENTS / END OF MARKING PERIOD/REPORT CARDS

January Regents will be given the week of January 22nd for all students who have registered with Mrs. Cross-Baker. Friday, 1/25 is the end of the 2nd quarter marking period. On Friday, 2/1, report cards will be distributed to grades K-6 and mailed home for grades 7-12.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY

Friday, 1/25 is a Superintendent's Conference Day. There will be no school for students.

WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION

~ **Dance and Movement:** Dance and Movement continues at the Heritage House with Caroline Thompson on Monday's after school. The sessions are open to all 4 year olds and up and runs from 3:15pm-5:30pm. For more information, please contact Caroline at 518.962.8373.

~ **Biddy Basketball:** Tomorrow, Saturday, 1/5 is our first Biddy Basketball games of the season! Westport is hosting Willsboro and the games will run from 9-10:15 am for the (3-4) teams and from 10:30-noon for the (5-6) teams. The gym will be open at 8:30am for warm-ups. We are looking forward to beginning 2019 just like we finished 2018, by showing respect, class, and demonstrating the best sportsmanship in Essex County while we compete on the courts this season. Make Westport proud, as you always do!!!

~ **2019 Ski/Ride Program:** The first ski/ride Sunday at Whiteface will be on Sunday, 1/13. For those participants riding the bus provided by WYC, please be at the school by 8am. The bus will be returning to the school at approximately 4pm. WYC Chaperones will be on all rides. We are looking forward to another great winter on the Mountain!! Ashley Duke will be running the program this winter and can be reached at 608.633.8114 with any questions or concerns.

~ **Ice Rink:** As of 1/3, the Ballard Park grounds are still not frozen enough for the WYC to build the Ice Skating Rink. However, next week is looking to be much colder, so please continue to look for updates on the WYC Facebook Page or our website at www.westportyouth.org

~ **Summer Program Director:** We are still looking for a Summer Program Director for our 6 week Summer Program at the School during July and part of August. If interested, please contact Ed Mason on 518.225.9772.

For any other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Ed Mason, WYC Director at 518.225.9772.

LOOKING AHEAD.....

2/1	Report Card distribution
2/6	Early release @ 12pm
2/7	HS All-County Music Festival – Moriah CS
2/14	Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm - Conf. Rm.
2/18	President's Day Holiday – school closed
2/19-22	Winter Break

