



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES December 7, 2018

Message From the Principal/Interim Superintendent

On Tuesday, December 4th the qualified voters of the school community voted in support of the proposed merger binding referendum with a 75% majority, passing the proposed referendum with 750 'yes' votes and 248 'no' votes. (WCS 329 'yes', 199 'no'; ELCS 421 'yes', 49 'no').

The new Board of Education will have 7 seats and 3 year terms.

I am pleased with the voter turnout. The community has spoken. The Westport Central School District and the Westport community will continue to work together with the Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District and Community to strive for excellence in the education we provide to our student. I would like to thank all of the community members, employees, and students in both districts who dedicated so much of their time to everything involved in this process. The discussion, though difficult at times, are something that we should all be proud of as a community.



Moving forward – the Elizabethtown-Lewis-Westport Central School District will begin operations on July 1, 2019. Interested candidates for the E-L-W Board of Education can obtain petitions in the next few weeks. Elections will be held in January (date to be determined). Please continue to check the WCS and the ELCS websites for updates involving this process.

Thank you to the community for voting.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Westport Central School is pleased to announce the addition of a Pre-Kindergarten Class for resident 3 and 4 year-olds. This is a full-day program anticipated to start on January 7, 2019. This is a grant funded program offered at NO COST. The program will run Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM and will follow the school calendar. Transportation is not provided by the District. If interested, please contact the District Office at 518-962-8244.



EARLY RELEASE DAY

All students will be released at 12pm on Tuesday, 12/11.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

There will be a regular meeting of the Board of Education on Thursday, 12/13 at 6pm in the conference room. All community members are welcome to attend.

END OF 15 WEEK MARKING PERIOD

The end of the 2nd Five Week Marking Period is Friday, 12/14. Grades 7-12 Progress Reports will be mailed home on Friday, 12/21.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL/HOLIDAY RECESS

There will be an emergency evacuation drill on Friday, 12/21. All students will be released at 2:30 pm. School will be closed for all teachers and students from 12/24/2018 through 1/1/2019. School offices will be closed Tuesday, 12/25 and 1/1. Have a great holiday break!



CRAZY 8's MATH CLUB

Crazy 8's Math Club will continue on Mondays after school for K-5 students. Please contact Ms. Lackey with any questions at lackeyt@westportcs.org.

WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION

~ **Dance and Movement:** Another year of dance began on Monday, 10/15 at the Heritage House with Caroline Thompson. The sessions are open to all 4 year olds and up and run from 3:15pm-5:30pm. The cost is \$25/Town residents and \$45/Non-Town Residence. For most information, please contact Caroline at 518.962.8373.

~ **Biddy Basketball:** Practices will only be held on Wednesday, 12/12 next week since Tuesday will be an early release day. Please visit the WYC Website at www.westportyouth.org or our Google Calendar or Facebook page for specific times for each level. Also, as soon as the Game Schedule comes out from the Essex County Youth Bureau it will be posted.

~ **2019 Ski/Ride Program:** Once again our 2019 Ski/Ride Program has close to 40 students signed up as of 12/6! Thank you to Ashley Duke, her husband Jessie, and Dana Marshall for handling the sign ups. PLEASE NOTE that if anyone else wants to sign up please contact Ashley on 608.633.8114 for further information. Also, PLEASE NOTE that ALL money and completed registration HAS to be into Ashley by December 28th so the WYC can pay Whiteface. After that, the program is closed.

~ **Summer Program Director:** The WYC is actively searching for a new Summer Program Director for our Westport Summer Program. Miss Vera Martin will not be directing the Summer Program, but will remain as the ACAP Site Supervisor. Interested parties, please send cover letter and resume to Ed Mason, WYC Director at Westport Town Hall, 22 Champlain Ave., Westport, New York 12993.



LOOKING AHEAD.....

1/1	New Year's Day Holiday
1/2	Classes resume
1/7	Anticipated start date for Pre-Kindergarten class
1/10	Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm - Conf. Rm.
1/14-18	I-Ready Testing
1/21	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
1/22-25	January Regents
1/25	Superintendent's Conference Day End of 2 nd Quarter Marking Period

