



# PTO's Westword Newsletter

May 18, 2016

Westword is brought to you by the Weston [PTO](#). Join us for our next PTO Board meeting TODAY, Wednesday, May 18 from 9-11am at Case House, 89 Wellesley Street, Weston. The public is welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact [Barbie Cobb](#), PTO President.

Announcements may be included in Westword if sent by 3pm the Thursday prior to publish date. Please submit announcements for the May 25 issue no later than Thursday, May 19.

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## *All Grades*

### ***Next School Committee Meeting***

The next Weston School Committee meeting is scheduled to be Monday, May 23 at 7pm at Case House, 89 Wellesley Street, Weston. The tentative agenda includes: Approval of WEEFC Grant Proposals, Presentation of Technology Plan, Middle/High School Sectioning Discussion, PTO Annual Report, and Discussion and Vote on EDCO Articles of Agreement. All members of the community are encouraged to attend this and all School Committee meetings.

### ***Weston PTO is Going Green***

The Weston PTO is going green! See our [website](#) for information about our environmental initiative and new online directory for the 2016-17 school year.

### ***Developmental Screening Scheduled in Weston***

Weston Public Schools is currently conducting its annual developmental screening for preschool-age children. The screening is a survey of the child's skills in the areas of speech and language, reasoning, gross motor, fine-motor, and personal/social development to identify children who may be disabled. This screening is not designed to determine kindergarten readiness. Parents who have concerns may request a screening by calling Dr. Marguerite (Midge) Connolly at 781-786-5240 or by [email](#).

### ***Weston PTO Outreach Collecting Donations for Non-Profit Hope and Comfort***

The Weston PTO Outreach Committee is collecting personal care items to help benefit Hope and Comfort, a local non-profit organization whose mission is to provide low-income and homeless children and adults with the essential personal care products necessary to maintain and improve health and self-esteem. Donations will be accepted from Monday, May 2 through Friday May 20. Collection bins will be in the lobbies of all three elementary schools: Country, Woodland and Field. Requested items: Toothpaste,

Deodorant, Soap, Shampoo and Toothbrushes, etc. These basic items can make a huge impact on the lives of adults and children in need. Items donated will be distributed to food pantries, children's organizations, and human services organizations located in Greater Boston and beyond. For more information, please contact [Haiying Ji](#).

### ***A Year of Art: The K-12 Art Show***

Experience the WPS Art Show! Exciting, creative, and experimental work from Kindergarten through Twelfth grade will be exhibited in the WHS Science Wing. In addition to seeing the art, you can interact with WHS art students demonstrating different areas of artistic concentration such as the potter's wheel, the TV Studio Telecaster, and expressive drawing and painting. The K-12 Art Show will be up only through Friday, May 27, which coincides with our WHS Film and Animation Festival, 7-8:30pm. Contact [Chris Fehl](#) with any questions.

### ***PTO Exclusion and Secondary Address Forms***

Each year the Weston PTO publishes an all-school Student Directory and Calendar. This year, the PTO will be publishing an online directory in addition to the print version. Parents who wish to EXCLUDE their child's personal information from the online and print directory may fill out an Exclusion Form and parents who wish to list a SECOND ADDRESS may fill out a Second Address Form. These forms are also available in the main office of your school. You need only submit these forms if you would like your child's information omitted from the online and print version of the PTO Directory or a second address listed. Note: if you would like to change or correct errors in last year's directory, please login to infinite campus and update your information online. Alternatively, you may contact the main office of each of your child's schools and ask the Administrative Assistant to update your information in the school database. For information on logging into infinite campus please email [Nick Blank](#) or call 781-786-5252.

## ***Pre-School / Elementary School News***

### ***Let Your Third Grader Guide You***

Third graders will soon visit the Golden Ball Tavern Museum (Country School went on May 16 and Woodland will go on May 25). We are holding two open houses so families can come after their student visits and have their third grader be the tour guide to show you what they learned! The open houses are: Sunday, May 22 from 1-1:30pm and Thursday, May 26 4:30-6pm. Come play some colonial games and learn about the Weston Tea Party! The Golden Ball Tavern Museum is located at 662 Boston Post Road in Weston.

### ***Grade Three Transition Principal Coffee at Field School***

Join Field School Principal Matt Lucey on Thursday, May 19 from 9-10am in the Field School Dining Hall for a Principal Coffee on the transition from Country and Woodland Schools to Field School. The goal of this coffee is to help parents learn more about: the Field School program; a "day in the life" of a student's experience; Field School transition and support; and answer any questions you may have. Principal Lucey will be joined by School Adjustment Counselor Kali Downer, Special Education Team Chair Jeff Dias, School Nurse Zinta Gulens-Grava, METCO Academic Liaison Theresa Dryden and Grade 4 Team Leader Joanne Simon.

### ***Swim Tests for Fifth Grade Celebration Day***

Fifth Grade Celebration Day is scheduled for June 13. The afternoon will be spent at the Weston Memorial Pool. Swimming in the deep end requires passing the deep end test.

Advance deep end test dates have been arranged by the Weston Recreation Center. Indoor Testing at the Weston Middle School Pool will be held on Saturdays from 1-4pm on May 21 and June 4. Outdoor Testing at the Weston Memorial Pool will be held on Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12 from 11am-7:30pm. Please contact [Susan Fazio](#) or [Alison Barlow](#) if you have any questions.

### ***Retirement Party at Country School***

Please join the Country Family on Tuesday, June 7 at 8:45am in the Country School Library as we wish Debbie Blanchard, Jane Dolan, and Mo Dowd a fond farewell. Let's congratulate them on their dedication to our school and wish them the best in their well deserved retirement.

### ***Final Country School Council Meeting***

Country's final Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8 at 3pm in the school's library. All are welcome to attend.

## ***Middle School / High School News***

### ***PTO Creative Arts at the Middle School***

On Wednesday, May 25 at noon, in the APC, the PTO Creative Arts Committee and WEEFC welcome Theatre Espresso. They will be performing their 'Secret Soldiers' interactive historical performance program for the 8th grade. The students become the jury in this compelling original drama based on the trial of a female impersonating a male soldier. The students will explore the tension between human law and moral principles. All are welcome. If you would like to join us, please check in at the front desk before attending the program. Any questions, please contact [Lisa Green](#).

### ***High School Career Day Highlight Video***

A highlight video from Career Day, 2016 including keynote speaker, Johnny Cupcakes, can be viewed this week on Weston Media channels: Verizon 45 and Comcast 9 and also on [Vimeo](#).

### ***Brazil Exchange Host Family Needed***

The Global Ed program is looking for a host family for our incoming Brazilian exchange student. The student will be with us attending WHS from the end of August 2016 through the end of January 2017. If your family is interested in hosting all or a portion of this student's stay, please contact the program's Director, [Nick Pezzote](#) for further details. Thank you!

## ***Youth Sporting Activities Community News***

### ***Weston Public Library Seminar on Highly-Selective College Admissions***

The Weston Public Library is offering a seminar on Highly-Selective College Admissions. This free event will be held on Thursday, May 19 from 7-8:30pm in the Weston Public Library Community Room and is hosted by Collegewise. Interested high school students and parents welcome. Find out how highly-selective colleges and universities really decide who gets accepted, and how to improve your chances of getting in. Learn Collegewise strategies your family can use to have a sane, stress-free, enjoyable college application process together.

### ***Wellesley/Weston Kids PMC Ride***

After a 4 year hiatus the ride is back! Come to Babson College, Sunday May 22 from 8-10:30am. Open to Bicycle and Tricycle rider ages 3-12, the PMC is the nations first fundraising bike-a-thon and today raises more than any other athletic event. This year

the ride is being organized by Stu Baderscher and Kyle Noel, Wellesley High School seniors. Both have dealt with cancer in their families and are deeply connected to the PMC. 100% of donations go directly to the cause. Please join us for a great cause! Register [online](#) today! (Please note with every \$20 donation you will receive a \$20 coupon from "47 Yawkey Way Store!")

### ***Is Your Child Fast? Does Your Child Like to Run, Throw or Jump Far?***

The Weston Recreation Department offers a short, fun, experiential, introductory youth track clinic for children in grades 2-8. Running events include the 100, 200, and 400 meters for all grades, the 50 meter dash for 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders, the 800 meters and mile for the four older grades, and the 4 x 100 relay. Field events include the softball throw for distance, the standing broad jump for 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders, and the running long jump for the other four grades. The clinic includes a scrimmage and a meet in Concord with surrounding towns. Held on three (probably four) Thursdays, 3:15-4:45pm, at the High School track, with the scrimmage on Tuesday, June 7 and the meet in the evening of Wednesday, June 22. The program starts on Thursday, May 26. Register in person at the Recreation Center or [online](#). Only 9 spaces remain.

### ***Land's Sake Middle School Summer Program Now Enrolling***

Interested in food and farming? Want to connect with other youth who share your interest in sustainability and the outdoors? Then join us in our unique local food immersion program! In GreenPower, you will experience planting, weeding and harvesting, participate in farm livestock management, visit local urban farms to learn about small scale agriculture, participate with hunger relief organizations, have fun in the kitchen, cook a community meal with a local chef, and more! For students entering 6th through 9th grades; runs weekly from June 27 to August 19. Register [online](#).

### ***Camp Invention This Summer at the Recreation Center***

Transform your summer from ordinary to extraordinary at Camp Invention, which is centered around hands on STEM activities for incoming 1st through 6th graders. The session runs June 27-July 1 from 9:30am-3:30pm. For more information please call 781-786-6260. To register, please visit the Recreation Department [website](#).

### ***Join the Weston Library Art and Exhibition Committee***

Looking for an opportunity to connect with Art in our Community? Please join us on the Art and Exhibitions Committee at the Weston Public Library. We review art twice a year, selecting artists who will exhibit in our Gallery through the year and assigning each artist a month to exhibit. It's interesting and fun and we welcome volunteers! For further information please contact [Deborah Knight](#), Chairman.

### ***Town Center Design Charrette***

The Town Center Planning Committee has engaged the planning and design firm Utile, which will present preliminary concept designs and early survey results for residents to review, discuss and provide valuable input in a working charrette session on Wednesday, May 25 at 7pm in the Town Hall auditorium. All interested residents interested in participating in the early stages of the development of Town Center improvements are encouraged to attend. A survey to inform the Town Center Planning Committee and the urban planning design team has been created. The survey is still open and can be found [here](#). Your participation in the design charrette and survey would be most appreciated.

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"Community based, non-profit, non-sectarian, children's activities and parenting oriented activities."

The Superintendent's office will continue to review and approve the form and content of each issue of Westword, including the "Community News."

**Sincerely,**

**The Weston PTO**

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