

# Bugbee Buzz



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## Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Location	Time
10/23	Reading Activity	Students Classroom	2:00-2:30 p.m.
10/24	International Night Meeting	Cafeteria	6:30-8:00 p.m.
10/25	Class Photo Day		8:45a.m.-1:30 p.m.
10/29	PTO Open Meeting	Library	7:00 p.m.
10/30	Grade 3 Field Trip to Bushnell Theater		9:15-11:30 a.m.
10/31	Kindergarten Halloween Party	Classrooms	9:00-10:00 a.m.
10/31	Grade 1 Halloween Parade/Centers	Classrooms	8:50-10:25 a.m.
10/31	Grade 2 Halloween Celebration	Hansen/Atwood & Bougor	10:00 a.m./11:00 a.m.
11/02	Principal on the Playground	Primary Playground	3:00-4:00 p.m.
11/04	Daylight Savings Time Ends		
11/06	Election Day- <b>No School</b>		
11/08	Lyman Orchard Pie Delivery	Upper Parking Lot	2:00-4:00 p.m..
11/12	Veterans Day Observed in School	Auditorium	9:00 a.m.
11/12-11/16	Parent Conference Week		
11/19	Grade 3 Field Trip to Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory		9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
11/20	4th Annual Fun Run (During Recess Waves)	Field	11:10-2:00 a.m.
11/19	Kindergarten Pilgrim Child Center Day	Classrooms	9:00-10:15 a.m.
11/22-11/23	Thanksgiving Break- <b>No School</b>		
11/30	Picture Re-Take Day	Lobby	9:30-11:15 a.m.

Don't forget to turn back the clocks on  
Sunday, November 4th



**Parent Conference week** is scheduled for the week of Nov. 13th. Please make note of the following dismissal times.

11/12 Monday 3:20 p.m.  
11/13 Tuesday 1:30 p.m.  
11/14 Wednesday 2:00 p.m.  
11/15 Thursday 1:30 p.m.  
11/16 Friday 1:30 p.m.

## News from the Cafeteria

### Breakfast is served!

“Grab and Go” breakfast is available in the cafeteria M-F from 8:30-8:45 a.m. The cost is \$1.25. Students who are approved for free meals or reduced price meals are automatically approved for breakfast as well. A hot breakfast choice is available on Wednesdays and Fridays.



The Town has officially begun its decennial update to the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The POCD is a road map for the future of the community. It identifies a long-term vision, goals, strategies and action steps necessary to support the Town's vision and goals. We hope that community participates in the process by completing a short survey and consider attending a Community Planning Workshop.

The survey can be found on the project website at [www.planwesthartford.com](http://www.planwesthartford.com).

The *Community Workshop* is scheduled to be held on **October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm** in the Town Hall Auditorium (flyer attached). The purpose of the workshop will assist the Town with updating its Plan of Conservation and Development and provides an opportunity to hear from residents and taxpayers on their vision for the future of West Hartford. The plan covers areas such as economic development, environment, housing, infrastructure, open space, sustainability and transportation. It identifies a long-term vision, goals, strategies and action steps necessary to support the Town's vision and goals. The form and format will be similar to recent past planning workshops for the Center and former UConn campus.

Additional events will be scheduled later this Fall and early Winter, so check the website for updates.

Please explore the project website, take the survey, and provide feedback through the project mapping tool.

**The flyer is attached to the electronic version**

# BUGBEE PTO NEWS

## 2018-2019 PTO Board

### Co-Presidents:

Debbie Dylan

Allison Saulsbury

### VP Community Service:

Stacey Mayer

Jodie Sadowsky

### VP Enrichment:

Amy Herzog

### VP Fundraising:

Cara Riddle

### VP Health & Wellness:

Allison Murphy

### VP Parent-Teacher Communications:

Pam Borer

### VP Special Events:

Andrea Moschella

Katherine Fresoli

### Recording Secretaries:

Kim Evans

Allison Freeman

### Treasurer:

Kim Masucci

## The Family Breakfast was enjoyed by all!

We could not have done it without our wonderful Volunteers and Bugbee Staff.

### Special Thanks To:

Sara Portal

Zhongtao Dai

Andrea Moschella

Jennifer Elder

Bill Moschella

Allison Saulsbury

Katie Carges

Tim Prosinski

Gigi Li

Debbie Dylan

Bronwyn Rolon

Jackie DeSesa



Special thanks to Kathy Frisoli & Sarah Laskowski for planning & organizing an amazing Family Breakfast!

Thank you to Lox Stock and Bagels for their generous donation of free bagels

Special Thanks to our caterers Gilbeean and Celeste Scott

## BOX TOPS



Calling all Box Tops!! Please submit any collected BoxTops by next Friday, October 26th. Your Box Top PTO Team will be collecting and counting submissions from each classroom, and then turning the Box Tops in for cash! We will be announcing the class with the highest collection count at the beginning of November. That class will win a Popsicle party!!

Any questions?? email Allison Matthews-Wilson ([allison\\_matthews@hotmail.com](mailto:allison_matthews@hotmail.com)) or Elizabeth Sheehy ([ecappelluti@yahoo.com](mailto:ecappelluti@yahoo.com))

## LYMAN ORCHARD PIE PICK-UP

**\*NEW\*** this year -- If you can't pick up your pies on November 8th by 4:30 p.m., we will deliver your pies to your home for a \$12 fee. Please be sure to include this amount with your order form and indicate you would like to have your pies delivered on your ORDER FORM (at the bottom). The top two sellers will win a lunch with Principal Brouse! If you would like to volunteer to help with the pie fundraiser, contact **Michelle Bonner** [michelle@bonnercg.com](mailto:michelle@bonnercg.com)



# BUGBEE PTO NEWS

## Salad Bar Volunteers Needed

Each Wednesday Nutrition Services provides a fresh salad bar in place of the "traditional" hot lunch. Currently, the salad bar depends upon parent volunteers.

**No volunteers = No salad bar!**

Volunteers are responsible for helping the students -- especially in the younger grades -- make food choices and get the items on their plates, training them to eventually use the salad bar independently. Volunteers also help keep the salad bar clean and work with lunchroom staff to help keep the salad bar items stocked. You will be amazed at how excited many of our students are for salad!

There are currently 40 Salad Bar dates on the calendar, with two 50-minute shifts on each date. Please help us fill our 40 volunteer openings to keep the Salad Bar running. There is no need to commit to a regular schedule. Just pick any date! Please log onto Konstella to view dates/time slots and sign up.



## Lost & Found . . .

. . . Is growing into a nice collection of jackets, sweatshirts, hats, lunchboxes and more.

Please plan to take a peek to find a missing item or two.

The Lost & Found collection can be found in the front Lobby.

Items that are labeled with a name are more likely to make their way back home!



## ELC Lottery Applications

The Early Learning Center at Whiting Lane School and Aiken Elementary School is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. The program is family centered and has half day sessions that meet four days a week. A lottery will be conducted in January.



To be considered for the program, children must be three years old by September 1, 2019, toilet-trained by the start of the school year and exhibit age-appropriate language, social and play skills. All applicants must participate in a play-based screening prior to being considered for the lottery selection.

If you are interested, please contact Pam Macca at (860) 233-1455. The application process will close on December 15, 2018.

Picture **Retake** Day will be held



**Friday November 30, 2018**

### Protecting Student's Privacy

"Public Act 16-189"

We believe that it is vital for all students in West Hartford Public Schools to be able to efficiently and effectively use digital tools that empower them in all phases of the learning process, including research, problem solving, content creation, communication, and collaboration. We also believe that we must be committed at all times to protecting students' privacy and providing them with a powerful and safe educational experience. To that end, the West Hartford Public Schools follow the legal requirements of Public Act 16-189 to promote the safety and security of all students and staff.

In compliance with Connecticut State Law, we update online programs used within the district that house student data. The programs may be used district-wide, in a very small number of classrooms, or with individual students. The list will be updated each time the district enters into a new contract where student data is housed. For more information on the specifics of Public Act 16-189 and updates of vendor agreements, visit [www.whps.org/pa189](http://www.whps.org/pa189).

Jared W. Morin, Ed.M.

Director of Technology Services

Town of West Hartford & West Hartford Public Schools

## Moving

If you are moving to another address in West Hartford, (even within the neighborhood), you must contact the Residency Office at **(860) 561-6620** located at the Town Hall. If your phone number changes, please contact our office at **(860) 929-5500**.

## Attendance Reporting

If your child is absent or will be tardy, we ask that you contact the school office at **(860) 929-5500**. You may report an absence before 8:00 a.m. by using our voice mail system. Please include the reason for the absence. You may also e-mail the office at **Bugbeeschool@whps.org**. Including the office is of vital importance, since a substitute teacher will not have access to voice mail or e-mail. Following these procedures will avoid incorrect absence postings in our records and unnecessary calls, which interrupt you at home or at the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Dismissal Changes

We know that things come up which result in changes in afternoon dismissal plans. Please do everything you can to avoid changes beyond the morning hours unless absolutely necessary, as it requires an interruption to the classroom.

Dismissal changes can be e-mailed to the office at **Bugbeeschool@whps.org**, **Marianne\_Zinzarella@whps.org** or call into our office at **(860) 929-5500**.

## Vacant Seat Program

Application Start date is Monday, October 1, 2018

The West Hartford Public Schools vacant seat program utilizes available space on school buses. This program allows students to ride buses, where space is available, who under the West Hartford Public Schools Transportation policy are not eligible for transportation. No additional bus stops are added to the routes for this program.

Interested parents should contact the West Hartford Public Schools Transportation Office at **(860)561-6647** for additional information on or after October 1st. Requests are taken in this office by telephone on a first come, first served basis starting at 8:00 am.



## Deadline for The Buzz

**The deadline for submissions to the next Buzz is 11/01/2018.**

**Publication Date: 11/07/2018**

**Please email submissions to**

**Marianne Zinzarella**

**Marianne\_Zinzarella@whps.org**



# Trick-or-Treat and Give Back!

**Trick-or-treat on Halloween, bring some of your extra candy (wrapped, please) to Bugbee School on Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and place it in the bins located in the front lobby.**

The candy will be donated to the West Hartford Fire Department and the West Hartford Police Department. Sweet treats will also be shared with Bugbee teachers, administrators, and staff to enjoy during conference week.

We want to share our sweetness with as many people as possible!

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Last year, Bugbee Bees made it possible to...

- Create 75 “thank you” treat bags for the Bugbee staff to enjoy during conference week!
- Provide all 5 West Hartford fire stations and the police station with buckets of candy to enjoy as a thank you for their hard work in our community!

Let's do it again!!!

Questions? Contact:

Stacey Mayer via e-mail at [samayer3@yahoo.com](mailto:samayer3@yahoo.com)

Jodie Sadowsky via e-mail at [jodie.sadowsky@gmail.com](mailto:jodie.sadowsky@gmail.com)

# International Night 2019



## Potluck Planning Meeting

Wednesday, October 24th at 6:30 p.m.  
Bugbee Cafeteria

Please join us for a fun evening, as we sample food from around the world, learn more about each other, and kick-off planning for Bugbee's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Night. If you are able, please bring a special treat to share, but more importantly, please join us! Children are welcome.

International Night is an evening at Bugbee dedicated to celebrating the cultural diversity of our students and our community through informational booths, entertainment, arts & crafts, games, dance, music, language, clothing, and food!

This year, International Night will be celebrated on **Tuesday, April 16, 2019**.

We look forward to reconnecting with International Night veterans, and meeting many new families who hope to be a part of this event. There are many ways to get involved!

**If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact:**

Andrea Moschella ([moschellafamily405@gmail.com](mailto:moschellafamily405@gmail.com))

Bill Moschella ([moschellafamily405@gmail.com](mailto:moschellafamily405@gmail.com))

Rosi Naut ([nautsanchez@gmail.com](mailto:nautsanchez@gmail.com))

Andrea Thomas ([aekthomas@gmail.com](mailto:aekthomas@gmail.com))

Nischala Tolat ([nischala.tolat@gmail.com](mailto:nischala.tolat@gmail.com))



# WEST HARTFORD FESTIVAL OF TREES



## HOLIDAY STROLL 2018

First Church, West Hartford

12 South Main Street

Auditorium in rear, off parking lot

### Thursday, November 29

### 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Claypen  
Tree

Camp Jewel  
YMCA Tree

Come view and support our fundraiser and you might win a tree decorated by local businesses, organizations, and families\*

Mathnasium  
Tree

*Enjoy live holiday music!*

Growing  
Great  
Schools  
Tree

**Entrance: \$5 Suggested Donation**

**Fundraiser: \$10 for 10 tix or \$20 for 25 tix\***

\*Proceeds to benefit local community outreach programs that include:

Gifts of Love, Interval House, Loaves & Fishes, Foodshare, Habitat for Humanity, Covenant to Care for Children, Freshplace, My Sister's Place, South Park Inn, Hands on Hartford, The Bridge Family Center

Music  
&  
Raffle

Cookies  
&  
Hot Cocoa!

  
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# 2018-19 GROUP RATES for LESSONS and LIFTS

for

## BUGBEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

at



**DATES (5 weeks):** Wednesdays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
**1 HR LESSON:** 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
**FREE SKI TIME:** 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. (4 hrs. based on pass scan)  
**MINIMUM AGE:** Age 8 and older / 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up

### **COST**

**LESSON/LIFT:** \$245  
**LIFT ONLY (child)** \$166  
**LIFT ONLY (parent)** \$190  
**PASSHOLDER LESSONS:** \$140  
**EQUIPMENT RENTAL:** \$135@ sundown, but we recommend checking out local ski shops for rental for entire season

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE – Friday, November 9, 2018**

### **Questions?**

**Liz Reynolds: 202-288-3883  
skibugbee@gmail.com**

**This is not a school Sponsored Program.  
Parents are responsible for their  
own children including transportation to and from Sundown**

# Meet and Greet the Coaches of West Hartford Youth Wrestling Fisher Cats

## Register for the Winter Season

\$150 checks payable to West Hartford Leisure Services  
or credit card for online registration

Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:00pm  
Hall High School Wrestling Room



Find us on 

If you have any questions about the Fisher Cats wrestling program for elementary school kids, please feel free to contact Christine Meding (Bugbee parent) at [chrismeding@gmail.com](mailto:chrismeding@gmail.com)



**Please attend West Hartford's  
Planning Workshop!**  
**Tuesday, October 30th at 6:00pm**  
**Town Hall Auditorium**



The workshop will assist the Town with updating its Plan of Conservation and Development and provides an opportunity to hear from residents and taxpayers on their vision for the future of West Hartford. The plan covers areas such as economic development, environment, housing, infrastructure, open space, sustainability and transportation. It identifies a long-term vision, goals, strategies and action steps necessary to support the Town's vision and goals.

**Take the survey at:**

**[www.planwesthartford.com](http://www.planwesthartford.com)**

