


Electronic Thursday Folder

Thursday, September 15, 2016

This week's electronic Thursday folder includes the following documents. Please note that documents with an asterisk (*) are only available on-line and were not sent home with the children. Items may be found on the West Hill website under **INFORMATION, NEWS & EVENTS**  **THURSDAY FOLDER** or by clicking on the following icon.



- "How WH Creates a Positive School Climate" – Kindergarten and newcomers only
- Cora Belden Library Book Sale*
- West Hill PTO Welcome Packet-7 pages*



Kindergarten Parents & Parents of New Students

You are Cordially Invited to Join Me for a Parent Program Called:

“How West Hill Creates a Positive School Climate”



*Date: September 27th
Time: 6:30-7:15 PM
Location: West Hill Library*



Come learn how we encourage positive behaviors and develop a sense of community among our students, and how *you* can be a part of this process.

The tools we use include:
Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS)
and
Sean Covey's 7 Habits of Happy Kids

We will discuss specific approaches and how we use them to support your child's learning. Please take this opportunity to learn more about your child's new school!

Please RSVP to Merle Cohen if you would like to attend. You can fill out the bottom portion of this flyer and send it in with your child by 9/26 or you can respond via email to cohenm@rockyhillps.com

Your Name(s) _____ ph# _____

Child's name _____

Attention Students, Teachers and Parents:

The Friends of the Cora J. Belden Library

Book Sale

is coming!

Junior fiction

Teen

Parenting books

Non-fiction

Picture books

Board books

Easy readers

More!

CHILDREN'S & TEEN SALE

Saturday, September 17 10 - 11am

11am - 4:30pm

Friends members only

General public

REGULAR SALE WITH ADULT, CHILDREN'S & TEEN ITEMS:

Saturday, October 1 10 - 11am

11am - 4:30pm

Friends members only

General public

Sunday, October 2 12:00 - 3:00pm

General public

On Sunday, all items are \$7.00 a bag.

- Teachers, add to your classroom libraries.
- Shop an entire room filled with children's books. You will also find audio books, DVDs and music CDs.
- Most children's books are 50¢ for paperbacks and \$1.00 for hard covers.

*To join the Friends
download a membership form from
www.cjbfriends.org/membership-form.html
or get a form at the library.*



You may join the day of the sale.

Cora J. Belden Library

33 Church Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

860-258-7621

www.rockyhillct.gov/library



West Hill Elementary School PTO

Welcome Packet

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*We want to hear from you! (The survey will remain open until 9/23/16, and should take no more than 3 minutes to complete)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/723R3ZK>

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Dear West Hill Families,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!

Parents are so important to a school's success, and the PTO is a way that parents can support our school. We are all parents just like you, and hope you will join us to make this another great year for our children, and educators.

Our primary goal is parent involvement. We aim to connect parents, educators, and the community, in order to benefit education. Your PTO membership dues will support the school, and you will receive a West Hill draw string bag, a note to school pad, event /activity idea calendar, and access to the Directory. Remember, being a member of the PTO does **not** mean you have to volunteer in any way. *We won't push you commit more than you want to or are able to do. And anyone can become a member, for example: grandparents, friends, family, and colleagues.*

However, if you are looking for a way to get involved at school, we can help. Volunteers are needed in the school and at home (much of the support we need can be done at home). **No** prior experience is necessary. Here are just a few of the highlights from the 2015/16 school year, made possible by PTO:

- PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentives and Supports) Friday Book give away
- Enrichment Programs such as Junior Great Books, and Llama Llama Red Pajama assembly
- The Dinosaur project /Acquisition of Dinosaur tracks from the State of CT
- Fun Family Events such as Spirit Night and Book Bingo

If you have any questions, or feedback for us, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at: WestHillPTO@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
The West Hill PTO Board



2016-2017 Board Members

Role	Name
President	Leslie Kerz
Co-President	Katrina Scelza
Co-President	Lauren Gallagher
Membership/Sponsorship	Nancy DiDomenico -Varzeas
Treasurer	Teresa Weatherbee
Secretary	Monica Navarro
Principal	Mr. Nozik
Vice Principal	Ms. Adamow
Teacher Representative	Mrs. Paragone

2015-2016 West Hill PTO Accomplishments

Enrichment Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Great Books • One Book One Community • PBIS Book • Dinosaur Rock Assembly • Llama Llama Red Pajama Assembly • Ronny Cox concert • West Hartford Museum Assembly 	After School Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running Club • Lego Club • Science Club • Chess Club 	Staff Appreciation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome back Breakfast • Valentine Carnation sale • Teacher appreciation luncheon • Scholastic Book purchases • Teacher wish list purchases 	Socials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Night • Harvest Ball (father/daughter) • Book Bingo • Wolfpack Night (mother/son) • Mornings with Mom • Donuts with Dad
Projects/Acquisitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinosaur Exhibit • Big Al the Allosaurus 	Other Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall and Spring Book Fairs • Fossil Fridays • Box Tops for 	Other Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Playground equipment (buddy bench, 	Other Offerings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Wear and Accessories • School

display outside school entrance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fossil Display in lobby • Acquisition of Dinosaur tracks from the State of CT 	education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurant Dining night outs • Election Day Bake Sale 	swings, climbers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Trips • Fun Day • 5th grade Stepping Up events 	Directories
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Member Electronic Enrollment, Directory & Survey

Electronic Enrollment

The West Hill PTO is excited to announce that we are moving to an electronic membership enrollment (e.enroll) process! We will use the e.enroll process at the membership drives held at the school (Meet and Greets and Open House) in September.

If you prefer the paper process, don't worry, *we will have the paper forms available (see page 6)*. The family membership fee remains at \$20.00, annually, regardless of how you enroll. As you may already know, the Membership Directory is published using the information provided from the enrollment process. The electronic process is being pursued to save some trees, and ensure accuracy, because the information is entered directly by the member!

As a Family Sponsor, Become a West Hill PTO Family Sponsor and be a part of the Directory. Your PTO sponsorship helps support enrichment programs, social activities, classroom supplies and improvements to the school!

Please show your support by becoming a sponsor, \$20.00 per family- Cash or Check made out to "West Hill PTO".

A Family Sponsorship dues will provide you with:

- Access to our secure online West Hill Directory that you can download and print!
- One West Hill Drawstring Bag, Note Pad to easily communicate with office staff for absences alternate pick up, etc., an Event Calendar and a West Hill Pencil

Online Survey

We are very excited to start moving to electronic processes, and we **want your feedback!** You can help the PTO understand how the West Hill Community would like to see our electronic capabilities evolve.

This short **anonymous** survey should take **no more than 5 minutes**.

The last day to take the survey is **9/23/16**.

Follow this link to take the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/723R3ZK>



As a Family Sponsor, Become a West Hill PTO Family Sponsor and be a part of the directory

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FORM INSTRUCTIONS: Please print out and complete the below form, using neat block type lettering. Return to your child's teacher in a sealed envelope marked "Sponsorship/Directory" by 9/23. Cash or checks made out to West Hill PTO. Any questions, email: WestHillPTO.com.

PARENT INFORMATION															
First Name															
Last Name															
Address															
Email															
Phone															
STUDENT (1) INFORMATION															
FIRST NAME															
LAST NAME															
TEACHER NAME															
STUDENT (2) INFORMATION															
FIRST NAME															
LAST NAME															
TEACHER NAME															
STUDENT (3) INFORMATION															
FIRST NAME															
LAST NAME															
TEACHER NAME															
Opt out	Please X the box to the left if you wish to "OPT OUT" of the Directory. This means your child's information WILL NOT be shared in the Directory and only your email address will be used for PTO communications.														

Parent Signature Required _____



An Alternative to Fundraising

Dear West Hill Families,

The West Hill Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) recognizes the busy, often hectic lives of families today. We try not to add another task to families' schedules, and we do minimal formal fundraising activities, (such as Candy, Wrapping Paper, Gift Cards sales).

One way we keep our fundraising efforts minimal is by receiving donations directly from families. If you prefer to support West Hill PTO with a one-time annual contribution rather than participating in fundraisers throughout the year, you can, guilt free!

Simply write a check to "West Hill PTO" in the donation amount of your choice. Please remember that *all monetary donations are tax deductible*. Place the check in a sealed envelope labeled "West Hill PTO Donation", and send the envelope with your child to school in their folder.

On behalf of the West Hill School PTO and students, we **THANK YOU** in advance for your generosity.

If you have any questions, please contact us via email: WestHillPTO@gmail.com

Leslie Kerz, President