

Center School
Digital Backpack
May 1, 2015

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Book Fair

The Spring **Buy One Get One Free Book fair** will be held in the Center School Library May 4th – May 8th. The fair will also open in the evening on Monday, May 4th from 5:30-7:00 during our Screen Free event. This is a great opportunity to stock up for summer reading! Please see the book fair flyer for more information.

Screen Free Week

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Spirit Day: Beach Day

Next Friday, May 8th, is a spirit day at Center School. All community members are asked to dress in appropriate beach attire. Students should have warm clothing for recess in case it is cool and sneakers if they have PE.

Mark Your Calendar

May

- 1-7 National Physical Education and sport week
- 4-8 National Teacher Appreciation Week
- 4-8 School Nutrition Employee Week
- 4-8 Screen Free Week
- 4-8 CES Book Fair
- 6 Nurse's day
- 8 Center Stage: Beach Day
- 10-16 Food Allergy Awareness Week
- 12 BOE Meeting
- 13 Incoming Kindergarten Health Screenings
- 18-29 STAR Testing Window (gr. 2, 3 & 4)
- 19 PTA meeting, 6:30
- 20 SEPTO meeting
- 23 PTA road race, Willington Day
- 25 Memorial Day, no school

June

- 1 Kindergarten Orientation (no preschool or kindergarten students today)
- 4 Volunteer Tea, 3:45
- 5 PS Gradebook closes for parents
- 5 Center Stage: Wear shirt for next year
- 9 BOE Meeting
- 12 Flag Day (tentative)
- 17 4th Grade Promotion Ceremony, 9:00a.m.
- 18 Last day for students (minimum day)
- 18 Report Cards Published

Flyers Attached

CES Screen Free Week
PTA Fun Runs and 5K letter and application
PTA Shoe Collection Fundraiser
Success SEPTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser
Willington Youth, Family and Social Services Outreach Offerings
Willington Recreation Department: Safe Boating and Personal Watercraft Course
Willington Recreation Department: Dog Obedience
Mill Works: First Sunday Weekend Programs
ECSU Soccer Camp
ECSU Basketball Camp

Old Digital Backpack Items

Earth Day

Thank you to all the volunteers and staff for facilitating an amazing Earth Day celebration at Center School yesterday. A special thank you goes to Ms. Lipstreu, Mr. Tormey, Ms. Mack and Mrs. Pettitt for organizing the day! The students participated in numerous Earth Day activities including recycling and composting, paper making and creative writing through cloud watching. Make sure to check out our school website for photos from the day that will be posted soon! Thank you to Village Springs Corporation for donating water for the students and staff.

Screen Free Week Coming Soon

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Clothing for School

We have had some strange weather this week and I would like to remind parents to send children to school with multiple layers of clothing. Some days it is warm enough for students

to take off their jacket at recess while other days, like today, a winter hat would have been appropriate.

Random Announcements

- Students can sign up for their own library card and receive it during Screen Free week (May 4-8) at the Outdoor Story Hour on Tuesday, May 5th. Send your child's form to school next week! See the DB flyers for more information!
- The PTA 5k and Fun Runs are great events at the end of May. See the flyers for more information. Online registration is available at www.lastmileracing.com.
- The PTA Kid's Kreations fundraiser artwork and order forms are going home in backpacks today. Orders are due by next Friday, May 1st.
- Don't forget to turn in any transportation requests for the 2015-16 school year. See the DB flyers from April 10th.

The Center School Digital Backpack is intended to provide parents with up-to-date school information. The Digital Backpack will be emailed to help us reduce the amount of paper we send home each week. Field trip permission forms, parent sign-off forms, and class specific items will still go home through backpacks, but school-wide announcements including handouts and informational items will be distributed through our *Digital Backpack*. Help us conserve paper by signing up for the *Digital Backpack*. Parents and community members can sign up for the Digital Backpack by emailing icordier@willingtonct.org and writing subscribe (or unsubscribe) to Center School Digital Backpack.