

Center School Digital Backpack

May 13, 2016

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No Prek or Kindergarten Monday, May 16

Don't forget that kindergarten and preschool students do not have school on Monday, May 16th, as we will be hosting the incoming kindergarten students for the 2016-2017 school year.

Minecraft Night: May 18th!

Come join us at our Minecraft Reading and Math Family Night on Wednesday, May 18th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Activities will be held throughout Center School.

Heifer International Donation

Thank you so much for supporting Ms. Mack's class with their fundraising efforts for Heifer International. Through bracelet sales and generous donations they were able to raise enough money to buy multiple animals which will help many families living in poverty. They used the money they raised to purchase two goats, a water buffalo, a sheep, two flocks of geese, two flocks of chicks, one flock of ducks, honeybees and a community animal health worker kit. Thank you for helping them greatly exceed their original goal of purchasing one goat! We appreciate your help with this great cause!

Staff Appreciation Week

Thank you to the PTA and Horace Mann Insurance for their thoughtful treats during staff appreciation week last week. Our staff works very hard and they appreciated the efforts of both groups. Thanks again!

Volunteer Tea: June 8th

We will be hosting our Volunteer Tea on Wednesday, June 8th, at 3:45. If you have volunteered at some point during this school year, please join us for some treats. Please see the flyers for a formal invitation or follow this [link](#) to RSVP.

Earth Day!

Please make sure to turn in your new volunteer form if you can support an activity next Friday, May 20th, for Earth Day. [Sign up here!](#)

PTA 5K and Fun Runs

We are looking forward to another great fun run Memorial Day weekend. Each registered fun run participant will receive a medal and t-shirt. Our event is right before the start of Willington Day and all proceeds benefit Willington students. We have another tremendous

silent auction planned as well, but you can't bid if you don't attend! [Click here](#) to register online.

Mark Your Calendar

May

- 13 Earth Day (POSTPONED)
- 16 K Orientation; no school for kindergarten and preschool students
- 16-27 STAR Testing Window (gr. 2, 3 & 4)
- 17 PTA meeting, 6:30
- 18 SEPTO Meeting, 6:30
- 18 **Minecraft Reading and Math Family Night, 6:00-7:00**
- 20 Earth Day rain date
- 26 K Celebration of Learning, 6-7:30
- 27 Center Stage: Beach Day, Super Soaker Day!
- 27 PS Gradebook closes for parents
- 28 PTA road race, Willington Day
- 30 Memorial Day, no school

June

- 2 4th grade celebration of learning: Bravery Hall of Fame & 3rd and 4th grade Chorus
- 3 Center Stage w/Math Field Day: Dress like a pirate day!
- 3 PTA Walk and Talk, River Rd. Park, 6:00-7:30
- 6 3rd grade Egg Drop, 9:00am
- 7 3rd grade Egg Drop Rain Date, 12:15
- 7 Flag Day Celebration
- 9 Promotion Ceremony, 9:00am
- 10 Last day of school for students (minimum day)

Flyers Attached

- CES Minecraft Reading and Math Family Night
- CES Math Field Day Volunteer Search
- CES Volunteer Tea Invitation
- CES Earth Day
- Willington PTA 5k and Fun Runs
- Willington Parks and Rec: Last Day of School Pond Party
- Willington Day Frog Jumping Contest
- Willington Youth, Family and Social Services: Crafts in the Park Series
- Connecticut BioBlitz
- Camp Connri
- Summer Vacation Bible School

Previous Digital Backpack Items

Earth Day!

The Center School community will be celebrating Earth Day next Friday, May 13th. Please send in the volunteer form (see flyers) if you are interested in helping out during the day. This is our thirteenth Earth Day and a great tradition at Center School. The rain date is Friday, May 20th. Please make sure to send your child to school in sneakers and apply sunscreen at home (if necessary). Also, please make sure your child layers their clothing as some years we have had 45 degree weather and other years it has been 90 degrees!

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Elementary Honors Choir!

Fourth grade students, Eve H., Ella G., Cameron L., and Adeline S. spent last Friday, April 29th, at the Convention Center in Hartford for the Connecticut Music Educators Association Elementary Honors Choir. Approximately 300 outstanding singers from across Connecticut met for the day to work with composer and conductor Cristi Cary Miller. The group led attending educators in the National Anthem and performed six musical selections at an afternoon concert, which was standing room only. Congrats to our performers!

4th Grade Promotion Ceremony

We would like to take this opportunity to invite all 4th grade parents/guardians to the fourth grade promotion ceremony Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Center School. The promotion ceremony will be an opportunity to reflect upon this school year and wish our fourth grade students success in the future. The entire program will last approximately one hour. Due to space constraints, no more than two people per family may attend the ceremony. Thank you for your understanding.

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 jcordier@willingtonct.org and writing subscribe (or unsubscribe) to Center School Digital Backpack.