

Center School
Digital Backpack
May 15, 2015

[Click here-----CES Flyers-----Click here](#)

If this link does not work, go to
<http://www.centerelementary.ct.wde.schoolinsites.com/>

Reading Challenge Success

The students met their goal last Friday to read 500,000 minutes at home this school year. As a result, we will be moving the preschool playhouse into the hallway where I will be spending the day inside on June 8th. We added an additional challenge to have Mr. Conlin spend a portion of the day in the preschool house with me if the students read an additional 70,000 minutes by June 8th.

PTA Road Race and Fun Runs

The fun runs are next Saturday, May 23rd. Don't forget to get your application(s) in if you would like to do the race. The price increases if your application is not returned by the end of the day on Tuesday. Willington Day will start right after the fun runs so come join us for this fun family event.

Mark Your Calendar

May

- 10-16 Food Allergy Awareness Week
- 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
- 28 Kindergarten Night at the Museum, 6:30-7:30

June

- 1 Kindergarten Orientation (no preschool or kindergarten students today)
- 4 Volunteer Tea, 3:45-4:30
- 4 3rd & 4th Grade Celebration of Learning, 6:15
- 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, 9:00 a.m.
- 18 Last day for students (minimum day)
- 18 Report Cards Published

Flyers Attached

PTA Fun Runs and 5K letter and application

Willington PTA Shoe Collection
Willington Day
Willington Youth, Family and Social Services: Family Yoga Night
Willington Public Library: Touch a Truck
Willington Public Library: Is Homeopathy for You?
Willington Public Library: Paddington (movie)
Willington Public Library: A Holistic Venture
Vacation Bible School

Old Digital Backpack Items

Staff Appreciation Week

Thank you to Horace Mann Insurance for making smoothies for the staff on Tuesday, and to the PTA for the amazing candy buffet on Monday and the desserts on Friday. The staff and I would like to thank all the community members for their thoughtful treats this week!

Bullying Presentation

Thanks to Girl Scout troop 65189 for creating a mini movie segment on bullying. The two movies we watched at Center Stage today demonstrated the right and wrong ways to interact with peers. We also read a book and discussed strategies to deal with mean behavior. The Girl Scouts donated posters to the school, and pencils and stickers to all the Center School students.

Honors Choir

Congratulations to Morgan Angell, Kit Bray, Derek Cameron and Grace Smith on their participation in the Connecticut Music Educators Association Elementary Honors Choir. The four students spent last Friday, May 1st, at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, singing with 198 fourth, fifth and sixth grade students from across the state under the direction of Dr. Sandra Doneski from Gordon College. The group rehearsed all day and presented the memorized pieces in an afternoon concert for parents and music teachers. They did a great job representing Center School at this significant music event!

Screen Free Week

Thank you to all the families that participated in our Screen Free Week activities! Tonight is the last night and the PTA will be hosting a *Walk and Talk* at the River Road park. Thank you to all the Center School staff that helped make the week a success too!

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.