

Center School Digital Backpack

May 6, 2016

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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!

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.

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.

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.

Mark Your Calendar

May

- 13 Earth Day
- 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 Reading and Math Family Night
- 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!
- 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 Earth Day
- Willington PTA 5k and Fun Runs
- E.O. Smith Crew 5k Run/Walk
- Willington Parks and Rec: A day on your own in Newport, RI
- Willington Parks and Rec: Boston Red Sox vs. Seattle Mariners bus trip
- Stafford Bulldogs Youth Football

Previous Digital Backpack Items

Last Call: Preschool Applications for 2016-2017 School Year

We are accepting applications for the preschool program for the 2016-2017 school year. Information and applications are available [online](#) or by calling Center School 860-429-9367. Applications and online screening are due by May 6th.

3rd Grade Celebration of Learning

Congratulations to our third grade students and teachers for a fantastic family event last night at Center School. The students wrote persuasive letters and planned the logistics for a family pasta dinner and it was a huge success. Thank you to all the [families](#) that attended!

Don't forget...

- ...to send in your volunteer form to help during **Earth Day!**
- ...to join us for some great activities for **Screen Free Week** next week.

...that next week is the buy one get one free **book fair!**

...that next week is **staff appreciation week.**

...to [sign up](#) for the **Willington PTA 5k and fun runs!**

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.