

Center School
Digital Backpack
May 8, 2015

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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!

Mark Your Calendar

May

- 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
- 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 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, 9:00a.m.
- 18 Last day for students (minimum day)
- 18 Report Cards Published

Flyers Attached

- CES Math Field Day
- PTA Fun Runs and 5K letter and application
- Willington Public Library May Programming
- Willington Public Library: Food, Inc (movie)
- Willington Public Library: Is Homeopathy for You?
- Willington Public Library: Paddington (movie)
- Willington Public Library: A Holistic Venture
- Willington Public Library: Touch a Truck
- Willington Recreation Department: Safe Boating and Personal Watercraft Course
- Willington Youth, Family and Social Services: Family Yoga Night

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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

Screen Free week is May 4-8th and we have many fun activities planned after school throughout the week. The activities are family oriented and don't include any technology. We will be using our technology tools in school during the week, but we are asking families to minimize screen time during the week. As a result, we have planned fun activities, weather permitting, including sidewalk chalk night, a board game night and an outdoor story hour. Please see the flyers for more information. I hope to see you there!

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.

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.