

Center Elementary School

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Recess Games Day

Dear Families,

This year we will be holding a Recess Games Day on Friday, October 9th, which is a minimum day. The goal of this event is to teach students games and strategies that will promote fun and appropriate play that will develop strength of character, mind, and body. The class schedule is listed below:

8:55-10:10

Mrs. Kelly
Mrs. DeMilia
Mrs. Walter
Mr. Tormey
Mr. Dunnack
Ms. Lipstreu
Ms. Mack

10:45-12:00

Mrs. Bristow
Mrs. Berghuis
Mrs. Lloyd
Mrs. Dorey
Mrs. Nyser
Mrs. Pilver

Without parent involvement this event could not take place. We need parent volunteers to assist with various activities. Students will go to many different stations to learn appropriate physical activities for home and recess. Parents will help run stations and see some of the fun and exciting challenges that we hope your child will do at home and on the playground. Anyone interested in helping on Recess Games Day is asked to fill out the bottom of this form and return it to their classroom teacher. Volunteers are asked to arrive 30 minutes before the Recess Games Day to meet with me to review the activities. Lastly, please make sure your child is wearing clothing and shoes that are appropriate for physical activity and that they bring a water bottle with his/her name on it. Please provide sun block at home (if needed).

Thank you in advance for all of your support with our Recess Games Day.

Sincerely,

Sean Conlin
PE Teacher

Recess Games Day Volunteer Form

Please circle the appropriate response.

I would like to volunteer for the 8:55-10:10 Recess Games Day session and will be able to arrive at 8:25.

I would like to volunteer for the 10:45-12:00 Recess Games Day session and will be able to arrive at 10:10.

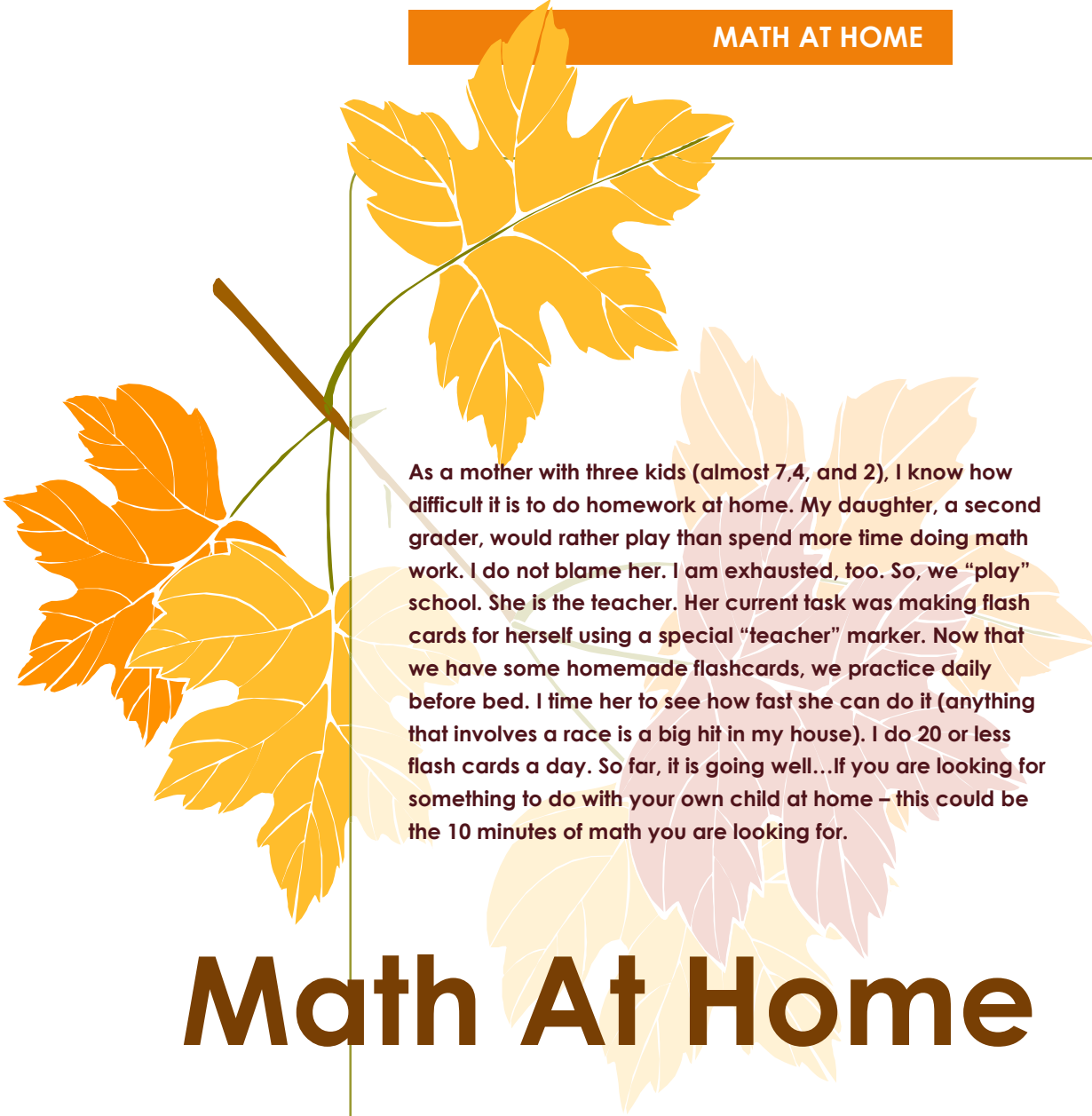
I would like to volunteer for both sessions and will be able to arrive at 8:25.

Volunteer name _____

Child's Teacher _____


Phone number _____

For safety reasons, please do not bring younger siblings if you are volunteering.



As a mother with three kids (almost 7, 4, and 2), I know how difficult it is to do homework at home. My daughter, a second grader, would rather play than spend more time doing math work. I do not blame her. I am exhausted, too. So, we “play” school. She is the teacher. Her current task was making flash cards for herself using a special “teacher” marker. Now that we have some homemade flashcards, we practice daily before bed. I time her to see how fast she can do it (anything that involves a race is a big hit in my house). I do 20 or less flash cards a day. So far, it is going well...If you are looking for something to do with your own child at home – this could be the 10 minutes of math you are looking for.

Math At Home



Please fill out the [MAH form](#) either online or the hard copy your teacher passed out to you. Due Oct 2, 2015.

Thank you,

Mrs. Bushior

Math



Kate Messner Skype Author Visit –Book Order Form

Student's Name _____ Teacher _____

Last week one of our classes participated in a Skype visit with award-winning author Kate Messner. She is personalizing and signing books for students to purchase, and we would like to extend this opportunity to all Center School students. To learn more about Kate Messner's books, you can visit www.katemessner.com/books. Please return this order form and payment no later than Friday, October 2 to Center School. Books will be signed and mailed to school in mid-December.

| <u>Book Title</u> | <u>Best for ages</u> | <u>Format</u> | <u>Price</u> (Please add 8% sales tax for NYS orders.) | <u># of copies</u> | <u>Please sign book to: (child's first name)</u> |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------|--|
| Tree of Wonder | 4-8 | Hardcover | \$16.99 | | |
| How to Read a Story | 4-8 | Hardcover | \$16.99 | | |
| Up in the Garden & Down in the Dirt | 4-8 | Hardcover | \$16.99 | | |
| Over and Under the Snow | 4-8 | Hardcover Paperback | \$16.99 \$7.99 | | |
| Sea Monster's First Day | 4-8 | Hardcover | \$16.99 | | |
| Sea Monster & the Bossy Fish | 4-8 | Hardcover | \$16.99 | | |
| Marty McGuire | 5-10 | Paperback | \$5.99 | | |
| Marty McGuire Digs Worms | 5-10 | Paperback | \$5.99 | | |
| Marty McGuire Has Too Many Pets | 5-10 | Hardcover Paperback | \$15.99 \$5.99 | | |
| Ranger in Time: Rescue on the Oregon Trail | 5-10 | Hardcover Paperback | \$17.99 \$5.99 | | |
| Ranger in Time: Danger in Ancient Rome | 5-10 | Hardcover Paperback | \$17.99 \$5.99 | | |
| All the Answers | 8-13 | Hardcover | \$16.99 | | |
| Sugar and Ice | 8-13 | Hardcover Paperback | \$16.99 \$7.99 | | |
| The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z. | 8-13 | Hardcover Paperback | \$16.99 \$7.99 | | |
| Eye of the Storm | 9-14 | Paperback | \$7.99 | | |
| Capture the Flag | 8-13 | Hardcover Paperback | \$16.99 \$6.99 | | |
| Hide and Seek | 8-13 | Hardcover Paperback | \$16.99 \$6.99 | | |
| Manhunt | 8-13 | Hardcover Paperback | \$16.99 \$6.99 | | |
| Wake Up Missing | 9-14 | Hardcover Paperback | \$16.99 \$7.99 | | |
| PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: <u>THE BOOKSTORE PLUS & INCLUDE A PHONE #</u> | | | Total Enclosed: | | |



September 24, 2015

Hi Everyone,

It is time again for **Flu Shots**. VNA East will be at Center School **October 6th, 2015 from 3:00pm until 5:00pm.**

***3:00pm to 3:30pm** for all Center School and Hall School staff.

***3:30pm until 5:00pm** for all school staff, students, town hall employees and any of their family members.

The health insurances that cover the Flu shots are:

- Anthem
- Medicare B
- Aetna
- Connecticut Care

***NO Husky, United Health Care or Cigna will be accepted! (Flu shot or mist must be given at MD office for state to cover!)**

*** If no health insurance, the Flu shot and Flu Mist will cost \$30**

As a reminder, if you are interested in the **Flu Mist** you must be between ages 2 to 49 years old. You cannot have asthma or other diseases of the lungs. You should not have a cold or other respiratory illness, fever or be pregnant or nursing. You should not live or be in close proximity to people who have a weakened immune system because the flu mist is a live virus.

***Flu Mist may not be available due to a difficulty with VNA East getting a supply in time for this Flu Clinic!**

Please bring a **photocopy of your insurance card** with you.

Thank you,

Lynne Fox R.N.



M & J Bus, Inc.

130 Ingham Hill Rd.
P.O. Box 801
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Phone (860) 388-0263

Fax (860) 388-4188

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

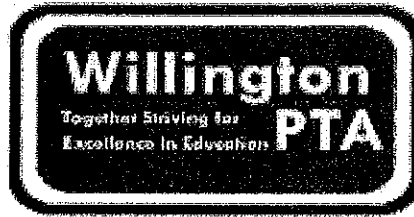
We would like to take the opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are M & J Bus, Inc., and we are providing your child's school transportation service. We are a local, family-owned company of over 40 years, and we would like you to become a part of our family too. We feel that our very best drivers are the ones that come from the communities that we serve. We are looking for drivers in the Willington area.

Driving a school bus is a perfect part-time job for parents with school-aged children or younger, any person looking to supplement their family's income or their existing full-time income, and for semi-retired persons who may be seeking to work a few hours each day. In this industry, we struggle to find applicants and are reaching out to members of our communities to find the very best people to drive the children of Willington.

We offer an excellent starting pay. Other benefits include dental, life and short-term disability insurance, 401K, and a company-paid \$5,000 life insurance policy. There is time off for school holidays, school vacations, and summer break. Often there is summer work available if you are interested. You may also be eligible to collect unemployment while laid off for school vacations and summer break. Additionally, parents with children in day care could save on these costly expenses because children are allowed to come to work with you.

We will provide you with all of the necessary training to drive the children of your community. Please contact us at (860) 742-0344 about joining our family here at M & J. We are happy to answer all of your questions and get you started on your training.

Sincerely,
Steven French
District Manager



You may have seen a PTA booth around town at events such as Willington Day or at the Town Hall on Election Day. You may have attended one of our events such as the Ice Cream Social or the 5K and Fun Runs or bought items through one of our many fundraisers.

But do you know what the Willington PTA is all about?

The Willington PTA is an association of parents, teachers and administrators who raise funds to enhance and enrich our children's school experience. The money we have raised in the past has been used to help pay for field trips, assembly programs and scholarships. We have contributed to the purchase of school sports uniforms, educational equipments and software, Center's spirit tees and Hall's sound system. Many of these extra expenses are not covered by the schools' budgets but are essential for a meaningful and rich educational and extracurricular experience for our children.

We also organize many fun community events where families can get together and meet their children's classmates and friends. We also host a son event and a daughter event. These events provide opportunities for all of us to get together as a community that cares for our children.

Anyone can join the Willington PTA for only \$10*. We meet just one evening a month for about an hour. We would love to see new faces with fresh ideas at our meetings. It is a great way to get to know the faculty and administrators, as well as other parents. As a member, you will have a voice and a vote in how we use the funds we raise. You may participate to the level you feel comfortable and are able. We are an easy going, dedicated mix of community members driven by the same goal—improving the education, health and safety of all children, all while having fun!

www.willingtonpta.com

Join us on our Facebook page at The Willington PTA!

*SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MEMBERSHIP SIGN UP, CENTER SCHOOL DIRECTORY FORM AND PERMISSION FOR USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS.

The goal of the Willington PTA is to provide services and activities to enhance the educational experiences for the children of Center and Hall Memorial schools. The Willington PTA consists of Active and Inactive members. You must be a member (Active or Inactive) to vote at scheduled meetings.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ *Email: _____

Student Name _____ Grd & Teacher _____

Student Name _____ Grd & Teacher _____

Student Name _____ Grd & Teacher _____

***Please include your e-mail address, as the schools have a paperless policy in effect.**

If faculty or staff, please check one of the following: CES ___ HMS ___

2015-2016 Membership Dues*:

*Membership is per person. Checks may be made payable to Willington PTA. We gladly accept new membership and volunteers year round.

___ \$10.00 Active - Active members volunteer their time and/or services. Active members should attend the monthly PTA meetings.

___ \$20.00 Inactive - Inactive members would like to support the PTA but are unable to volunteer or attend PTA meetings but may choose to do so at any time.

Center School Directory

The PTA will provide a digital directory to CES families. The school office cannot share this information, so this directory is helpful in planning carpools, play dates, parties, etc. If you would like your child included, please complete the section below.

I, _____, give my permission to use the following in the school directory:

my name ___ child's name(s)___ address ___ phone ___ email ___

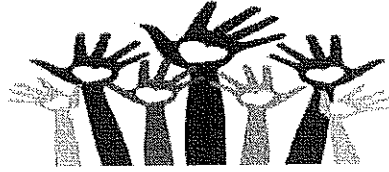
I, _____, give my permission to list my child's name(s) with class list ONLY.

I, _____, **DO NOT** give permission for my child's name(s) to be in the directory.

SIGNATURE _____

On occasion, children may be photographed during PTA events. These photos will be used for the purpose of illustrating the activities sponsored by the PTA and may be used for PTA newsletters or for online viewing. **If you do not give permission for these photos of your child to be used, please print and sign your name below.**

I, _____, **DO NOT** give permission for the PTA to publish photos of my child.
print _____ sign _____



Willington PTA Volunteer Opportunities

You do not need to be a PTA member to volunteer or bake, only to chair an event.

I would like to volunteer in the following areas: (check all that apply)

- Box Tops
- CES Yearbook
- Artwork Helpers
- Garden Angels
- Fun Runs/5K
- Fundraiser Delivery Day artwork fall spring
- Election Day Bake Sale chair volunteer bake
- Holiday Cookie Buffet chair volunteer bake
- Family Event chair volunteer bake
- Daughter Event chair volunteer bake
- Son Event chair volunteer bake
- Teacher Appreciation chair volunteer bake

Just ask! (please contact me as needed)

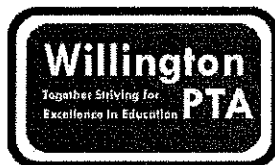
Best Availability: Mon Tues Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Best Time: Mornings Afternoons Evenings

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Do you prefer communication through: Phone Email Text



THE WILLINGTON PTA 2015-2016

MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES*

Tuesdays at 6:30pm at Center School Library

SEPT. 15 OCT. 20 NOV. 17 DEC. 15

JAN. 19 FEB. 16 MAR. 15 APR. 26 MAY 17

*Dates are subject to change.

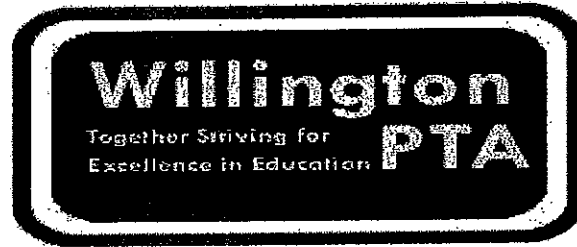
Meetings last approximately one hour. Babysitting will be provided.

Visit us at www.wilmingtonpta.com or

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE at The Willington PTA.

2015-2017 Willington PTA Executive Board

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Let's celebrate and kick off the 2015-2016 school year!
You and your family are invited to:

**The Annual Willington PTA
Ice Cream Social & Membership Drive**

**When: Friday, September 25, 2015
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Where: Willington Hill Fire House
24 Old Farms Road
(next to Center School)**



Please join us for a delicious sundae made and served by the teachers and staff of Center and Hall schools! Stop on by and say hello to teachers, neighbors and school friends, and meet your 2015-2016 PTA Executive Board. We hope to see you there!

Sundaes are \$3.00 per person or
FREE with a paid PTA membership!

Questions? - Contact Rachel Pierce
860-380-0836 or rpiercepta@yahoo.com

PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR THE WILLINGTON FOOD BANK. THEY ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF THESE ITEMS. THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION BOX SET UP AT THE SOCIAL.

Help Support **WILLINGTON PTA** with your purchase of a **Go-Card®** (our new fundraising cards)

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|---|---|--|
|  <p>10% OFF Your Purchase See * Below for Participating Locations</p> |  <p>10% OFF Your Purchase 35 Talcottville Rd Vernon</p> |  <p>15% OFF Your Food Purchase See * Below for Participating Locations</p> |
|  <p>10% OFF Your Purchase 327 Ruby Rd, Willington (Travel Centers of America)</p> |  <p>\$5 OFF a Minimum \$25 Purchase 1 Dog Lane, Mansfield</p> |  <p>20% OFF Your Purchase 327 Ruby Rd, Willington (Travel Centers of America)</p> |
|  <p>Buy One Frozen Yogurt at Regular Price; Get the Second Frozen Yogurt for 50% OFF 200 Merrow Rd, Tolland</p> |  <p>10% OFF Your Purchase Willington Locations: 25 River Rd • 11 Phelps Way</p> |  <p>Buy a Power Card of \$10 or More; Get Unlimited Video Game Play (Valid Mon-Thurs) 100 Buckland Hills Dr, Manchester</p> |
|  <p>15% OFF Your Purchase 1405 Main St, Willimantic</p> |  <p>\$5 OFF a Purchase of \$30 or More \$10 OFF a Purchase of \$50 or More 39 Adamec Rd Willington</p> |  <p>\$10 OFF Synthetic Oil Change \$5 OFF Conventional Oil Change See * Below for Participating Locations</p> |
| <p>Not Valid With Any Other Offers or Discounts • Not Transferable • Discounts Are For Cardholder Only "Buy One, Get One" Offers Valid on Equal or Lesser Value Only • Valid at Participating Locations Only Limit One Discount Per Customer Per Visit • Discounts Not Valid on Alcohol, Tax or Tip • Expires 11/30/15 * For a Complete List of Participating Locations, Please Visit: thegocard.com/willington-pta/locations</p> | | |

Thanks for Your Support!





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Excellence in Education PTA**



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Providing services and activities to enhance the educational
experience for the children of Center Elementary School



CES

COMMUNITY DISCOUNT CARD • \$20

Need a Fundraiser for Your School, Team or Organization? TheGoCard.com • 888-251-1248

- **Enjoy discounts and save money** each and every time you visit the participating local businesses
- Valid for **continuous, repeated use** until 11/30/15
- Save money **for an entire year!**
- The cards **pay for themselves in just a few visits!**
- Makes a **great gift, reward or token of appreciation**
- Cards are still available. Fundraiser proceeds will benefit programs and activities at Center and Hall Schools.

**Cards will be available at the Ice Cream Social
Friday, September 25, 6:30 - 8:00 pm.**



NOW JUST \$5

This fundraiser is organized by the **Willington PTA**

Any questions, please contact:

Melissa McKinnon
860-214-7875 • willimmw@aol.com

*Please make checks payable to: **Willington PTA***



Wilmington Youth, Family and Social Services

Fall "Crafternoon"



Three Autumn Crafts for Kids!

Saturday October 3rd from 12:00-3:00 pm

Town Office Building– First Floor "Common Room"

\$10 per person (or \$4 each craft). Stay for all three and SAVE!

12:00-1:00 pm Leaf Candle Holders

1:00-2:00pm Painted mini pumpkins

2:00-3:00 pm Birdhouses and Birds



Please register by Thursday October 1st to ensure availability of materials.

Call 860-487-3118 or email wyfss@wilmingtonct.org.

All proceeds go to WYFSS programs.



Willington Youth, Family and Social Services

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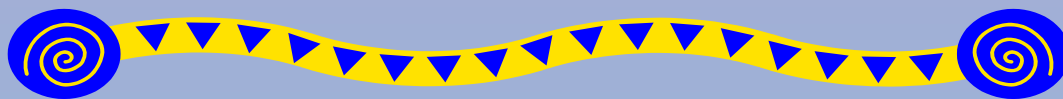
Preschool Programs

At the Willington Public Library

9:30am -11am

FALL SESSION ENROLLING NOW!

- Tuesdays— Music and movement
- Thursdays— Caterpillar Club (free, continuous Oct-May)
- Fridays— Preschool Activity



\$50 per 10 class session, or
pay as you go option- \$7 per class.

To register or for more information,
call 860-487-3118 or email wyfss@willingtonct.org.