

Willington PTA



2015



5k & Fun Runs

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Parent Teacher Association will be holding its 14th annual road race and fun runs on Saturday, May 23rd, at Center Elementary School. The 5K event will be professionally timed and results will be posted after the race at the awards ceremony. The ½ mile and 1 mile fun runs are on Old Farms Road with local police and fire departments blocking traffic for safety. The fun runs are a great way to start the Memorial Day weekend and to start Willington Day. We are hoping that many of our Willington students will participate. No road race experience is needed and all children will receive a medal when they finish the fun run! Also, every registered runner will receive a t-shirt.

We are recommending the following race lengths for families and students:

½ mile fun run	Kindergarten – 2 nd grade
1 mile fun run	3 rd grade – 6 th grade (families welcome)
5K (3.1 miles)	7 th grade – adults (walkers welcome)

As part of the road race, we have planned a tremendous silent auction. We have a wide variety of items including gift certificates to local businesses. If you would like to donate an item to the silent auction or you work for a company that would like to help sponsor the race, please contact us!

The PTA road race will occur rain or shine and we have adjusted the race times this year. **The ½ mile fun run will start at 10:30am, 1 mile fun run at 11:00am and the 5K will start at 8:30am.** All races will start on time so **please arrive early** and allow plenty of time to check in at the gymnasium. In the event we have thunder or lightning we will postpone the event for a short amount of time.

If you need more information about the race contact Sean Conlin, Center Elementary School P.E. teacher at 429-9367 ext 223 or via email at sconlin@willingtonct.org. Walk-in registration is also available the day of the race!

Sincerely,

Sean Conlin & Phil Stevens
Race Directors

Dear Parents and Staff,

We are very excited to announce Willington PTA will be collecting **gently used** shoes for our school's recycling initiative. The shoes they collect will be beneficial in many ways:

1. **Protects the earth.** □ Fewer shoes wasted in landfills. Gently used shoes don't belong in the trash, landfills or incinerators. They belong on someone's feet!
2. **Supports good jobs in U.S. for adults with cognitive disabilities** who sort and pack shoes at a warehouse here in the U.S.
3. **Supports entrepreneurs employed in Africa.** The shoes they will collect will help provide a living wage in some of the most impoverished regions of Africa where both employment and affordable footwear are in short supply.
4. **Provides affordable shoes to people who need them.** Children and families in the poorest countries of Africa typically have poor quality shoes or no shoes at all. Affordable footwear is in short supply.
5. **A great fundraiser for our school.** Our school will earn money for shoes we collect.

*Please send gently used shoes that you no longer need or wear with your child. They will then be placed in a collection box. Attached, you will find a guideline to the kinds of shoes that are acceptable. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us in this wonderful initiative!

Collection dates are from May 15th till the June 15th. Collection bags will be located at Center and Hall Schools. Please adhere to the guidelines. No flip-flops, snow boots, crocs or high heels. Good wearable shoes only.

Please contact Susan Heacox at suzyque_2@charter.net for any questions.

Gently Used Shoes We Can Use



Athletic
Running, Tennis, Basketball



Kids Shoes
Casual, Dress, Athletic



Sport Cleats



Men's Dress & Casual Shoes



Women's Flats & Low Heels



Sport Sandals

More About Gently Used Shoes

Your shoes are going to Africa. Please keep in mind that the micro-entrepreneurs need shoes they can use. They pride themselves on how their shoes sparkle after their efforts but simply do not have the tools for repairs. Their clients need shoes with life in them and free of holes. By recycling only gently used shoes, African consumers get what they need, and you can feel good that your efforts make a difference. Gently used shoes are worn but in good condition, don't have holes or rips, can be cleaned up (aren't covered in paint, indelible stains and are not peeling).

Shoes We Can't Use



Boots of any type



Winter



**Fashion Boots
All Types**



High Heels & Spikes



Crocs & Flip Flops



Damaged Shoes

WILLINGTON DAY

Center Elementary School – Willington Hill Fire Department

Saturday Afternoon

May 23rd 11am-3 pm

- Roaming Train • Bounce House
- Face Painting • Dunking Booth
- Basketball Shooting Contest
- Wiffleball tournament
- Yummy Food (Fried Dough, Baked Potatoes, Ice-Cream, Cotton Candy & more)
- Mobile slot car track races • Interesting Booths • Music
- Frog Jumping, Pizza Eating & Hula Hoop Contests

Meet 2014 Ms. Connecticut, Acicia Courtney!

There's something for everyone at Willington Day!

FREE Admission

4-5:30 p.m. – Fishing Derby at Thompson's Pond

For more information call Melissa McKinnon at 860-214-7875 or e-mail melissammckinnon@aol.com

Come join us for a free night of

Family Fun at

Family Yoga Night

With Bill Goodale, local Yoga Instructor and Reiki Practitioner

No mat? No problem!
Just bring yourself!



Two convenient dates!

- Tuesday, June 2nd from 7-8 pm
- Friday, June 5th from 6-7 pm

***No Registration
Necessary!***

Located at Center School,
12 Old Farms Road
in the Gymnasium.



**Willington Youth,
Family &
Social Services**

Where Community Grows

**Come and try Yoga
for Free!**

For more information, please contact:
Willington Youth, Family and Social Services
Town Office Building
40 Old Farms Road
Willington, CT 06279
(860)487-3118 * wyfss@willingtonct.org



Wilmington Public Library's
3rd Annual
Touch-a-Truck Event
Saturday, May 16, 2015
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM
Light Rain or Shine



Is Homeopathy for You?

Homeopathy is a safe, gentle, and natural system of healing that works with your body to relieve mental, emotional and physical symptoms, restore vitality, and improve your overall health.

Why might you be interested?

- 1 – If you prefer to take more natural products to heal your body.
- 2 – If you want to possibly take less pharmaceutical medication.
- 3 – If you've come to a dead end in your path to healing.
- 4 – If you want a more holistic approach to your health care.

Come learn how you can use homeopathy at home for minor ailments and how it can help with chronic health conditions.

Wilmington Public Library
7 Ruby Road, Wilmington, CT
Tuesday, May 19, 2015
6:30 - 8 pm

Presented by Abby Beale CCH, RSHom(NA)
Nationally Certified Classical Homeopath

860-429-3854, www.wilmingtonpubliclibrary.org
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PADDINGTON

Saturday, May 30, 2015 @ 12:30 PM in the Community Room

A young Peruvian bear travels to London in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone at Paddington Station, he meets the kindly Brown family, who offer him a temporary haven.

Rated PG Runtime 95 minutes

Willington Public Library, 7 Ruby Road, Willington, CT 06279 860-429-3854 www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org



Partnering with Nature: A Holistic Venture Presented by Judith Dreyer, MS

Thursday, May 21, 2015

6:30 - 8:00 PM



Gardens and meadows, forests and waterways provide a rich and vast array of nutrients, medicine, and magic. How many of us feel at peace and more centered, grounded even, when in our gardens, or on a hike in the nearby forests? How many of us are saddened by the misuse of our lands, and waterways and/or troubled by the rate of species disappearing?

This presentation will focus on the intelligence in nature and how we can copartner with nature to reclaim land spaces or utilize our land spaces in such a way that consciously acknowledges this intelligence. We are holistic beings. Nature too is governed by holistic principles. Gardening and care-taking our landscapes in sustainable ways not only brings healing to air, soil, and water quality but to ourselves as well.

Judith Dreyer, MS, BSN, is a Master Gardener and teacher with over 20 years experience developing workshops and classes, speaking and writing about holistic health, edible and medicinal plants, and more. She has degrees in Nursing and Nutrition Science and has taught Holistic Health Studies and Nutrition Science. She has traveled a wheel of diverse learning and experiences. She is the author of "At the Garden's Gate" which is the story of one woman's personal journal in creating a meadow, when going "green" wasn't an everyday word. This is a story of partnership with the land, a story of personal discovery and a love of nature.



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2015 Vacation Bible School
Monday, July 27th – Friday, July 31st
9 AM – 12 Noon

at the Federated Church of Willington
Rte 32., South Willington

Closing Program –Friday at 11:00 a.m
****Pizza Lunch – Friday at 12 NOON**

STORIES! CRAFTS! SONGS! SNACKS! GAMES! MISSION!

Cost: \$15/child if received by June 30th (Maximum per family: \$35)
\$17/child after June 30th (Maximum per family: \$40)
{financial assistance is available if needed}

TO REGISTER – Please use one form per child and **mail check paid to: The Federated Church of Willington, 132 River Rd., Willington, CT 06279.** Please put “VBS Registration” in the memo line.

Questions? Call 860-429-9911 or email us at info@FedChurchWillington.org

Name _____ Home Phone # _____

Street Address _____

P.O. Box Address _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Allergies _____

Grade – circle one – Nursery (3yr or 4 yr) or entering K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Parent Names _____

Emergency Phone #'s (1) _____ (2) _____

Email address (optional, for updates) _____

Siblings Attending? _____

Do you currently have a church that you attend? (please circle one) Yes / No

For more information, or more registration forms, go to www.FedChurchWillington.org and click on “VBS”, then “VBS 2015”. Music and printable downloads are now available on our website!

WE NEED PARENT HELP! Please circle possible areas/time(s) available

I can: make refreshments help serve refreshments help w/ recreation help w/ crafts

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday