

Center School Digital Backpack

April 1, 2016

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<http://www.centerelementary.ct.wde.schoolinsites.com/>

PowerSchool

We completed an upgrade to our student operating system last weekend. Please notify me if you are having any problems logging into PowerSchool, viewing report cards, viewing your child's lunch balance, etc. Please refresh the webpage if you have it saved as a favorite so it will load the new page.

Spirit Day Next Friday

The spirit day for next Friday is create your own super hero day! Center School community members are asked to create their own super hero "costume" to wear to school. Please leave all "implements" at home.

2nd Grade Celebration of Learning

Thank you to our 2nd grade team for hosting a successful celebration of learning last night at Center School. Second grade students participated in multiple events including building a paper airplane and measuring their planes flight distance. A special thank you to Mr. Tormey, Mrs. Walter, Mr. Follett, Ms. Barbash, Ms. Jabick and Ms. Vakos for a wonderful evening. Thank you to all our families that attended the evening as well!

CES Lockdown Drill

The Willington Public Schools developed a plan to manage many types of emergencies. It is important for students to practice the skills that will help keep them safe in the event of a serious emergency. We had an unannounced lockdown drill on Thursday morning and the students and staff efficiently executed the plan. We want our Center School families to feel confident that our school provides our students and staff with a safe and secure environment. It is my hope that we will never have to utilize either plan, but practicing these emergency procedures will help the students and staff implement them efficiently should they ever be needed.

Class Placement

Please review the letter that was sent out last night regarding class placement. We are starting the process of class placement for the 2016-2017 school year and this is a reminder that all placement requests should be directed to me at pstevens@willingtonct.org. This is a significant undertaking and we value your feedback in the process. Please read the letter that was sent last night for further information.

Kindergarten Donates to the Willington Food Pantry!

The kindergartner students collected 194 cans and boxes of food to restock the Willington Food Pantry! The children had an opportunity to practice many math and reading skills with the cans and boxes before the items were delivered. Jenny Arpin, Willington's Director of Youth and Family Services, and her volunteers were excited to see the amount of food donated! The kindergartners are learning how caring makes a difference in their community.

Internet Safety Presentation Success

Scott Driscoll had a wonderful presentation in front of a small crowd at Center School on Monday night. I will be posting his handouts in the Digital Backpack next week.

Mark Your Calendar

April

- 8 Center Stage: Create your own super hero!
- 14 1st grade Celebration of Learning, 6:00-7:00
- 15 Math & Poetry Day
- 18-22 Spring Break, no school
- 26 PTA meeting, 6:30
- 27 SEPTO Meeting, 6:30
- 27 Administrative Professionals Day
- 28 Grade 3 Celebration of Learning/Pasta Dinner 5:00-7:30

May

- 2-6 Staff Appreciation Week
- 2-6 CES Book Fair
- 2-6 Screen Free Week
- 4 Nurse's day
- 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
- 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

- 3 Center Stage w/Math Field Day
- 7 Flag Day Celebration
- 9 Promotion Ceremony

Flyers Attached

CES lunch menu

PTA 5K and Fun Runs letter and application
Cause for Paws Pet Photos
HMS Class of 2016 Sweet Frog fundraiser
Success SEPTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser
PTA Willington Pizza fundraiser
WYFSS April Camp
Willington Recreation Department: A Day on your own in Boston
Willington Recreation Department: Safe Boating Course
Willington Little League Softball Registration
Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars
Willington Hill Fire Department Auxiliary Family Movie Night
WAM Soccer Registration
ECSU Soccer Camp
Access Agency Health Insurance

Previous Digital Backpack Items

No School March 24 and March 25

Students do not have school on Thursday, March 24th, as the staff will be engaged in professional development activities. Also, we do not have school on Friday, March 25th, as it is Good Friday.

Internet Safety Presentation...Monday Night!

We booked Scott Driscoll from Internet Safety Concepts on March 28th for a parent presentation at Center School from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Scott's presentation will review internet safety and popular apps that many of our children will be exposed to. This presentation is for **all Center School and Hall School parents**. Please [click this link](#) to RSVP to the event so we can determine the size of the audience.

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.