

Center School Digital Backpack

September 11, 2015

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

Center Stage and Spirit Day: Hat Day and CES shirt day

Our first Center Stage and Spirit Day is next Friday, September 18th, and all the students should wear their Center School shirt and their favorite hat to show their community spirit.

CES Photo Packets

Photo order packets will be coming home next week in student backpacks!

Center School Directory Information VS PTA CES Directory

I wanted to clarify the difference between the Willington Public Schools directory information as seen in our student handbook (on the sign-off page) versus the PTA CES directory. These are two separate items with very different purposes. The sign-off page on the handbook contains information regarding what information the district can release about students (which doesn't happen often). The PTA CES directory contains information about your child which you can voluntarily provide. You don't have to share your contact information as part of the PTA directory, however I encourage you to share your information as it is a great resource (phone numbers and emails) to plan parties and play dates. Office staff is unable to share student contact information.

Mark Your Calendar

September

- 14-25 STAR Testing Window (gr. 2, 3 & 4)
- 15 PTA meeting, 6:30
- 16 SEPTO Meeting, 6:30
- 18 Center Stage
- 24 CES Photos
- 25 Recess Games Day & Safety Day (tentative)

October

- 1 CES Curriculum Night
- 2 National Custodial Worker Day
- 6 Flu Clinic 3:00-5:00PM
- 9 Staff Development, Minimum Day
- 12 Columbus Day, no school
- 12-16 National School Lunch Week
- 13 Staff Development Day, no school
- 16 Center Stage
- 17 SEPTO Parent Advocacy Workshop
- 19-23 National School Bus Safety week

- 20 PTA meeting, 6:30
- 21 SEPTO Meeting, 6:30
- 24 SEPTO Parent Advocacy Workshop

Flyers Attached

CES Substitute Search
Willington PTA Membership and CES Directory
Willington PTA Volunteer Opportunities
Willington PTA Ice Cream Social
Willington PTA box tops
SEPTO Membership Form
SEPTO program: Building Successful Partnerships
SEPTO program: Parent Advocacy Boot Camp
Willington Pack 82 Scouts
CES SEPTO thank you letter

Previous Digital Backpack Items

4th Grade Chorus

All fourth grade students received a letter in their backpack regarding chorus. Please review the letter and contract with your child and return the signed portion to school if they are interested in joining. Today was the first rehearsal, but it is not too late to sign up!

Welcome Our New Staff

Welcome to our new staff that we will be sharing with Hall School; Ms. Pantaleo is teaching Spanish and Mrs. Daigle is teaching art. Please welcome them into our Center School community!

Handbook

Our Center School handbook is online at <http://www.centerelementary.ct.wde.schoolinsites.com>. We have our [handbook](#) online to save 3800 copies! Families need to review the handbook and return the sign-off page (last page) by Tuesday, September 8th. We are sending home a hard copy of the sign-off page in backpacks on Monday. I will also send home an email on Monday with an online version for families that would like to complete the sign-off page digitally! Please contact the office if you are unable to view the handbook online.

Summer Challenge

We issued the students a challenge to complete five tasks at home this summer and send us pictures completing the different challenges below. All pictures should be emailed to kstevens@willingtonct.org and we will create a slideshow to share with students. The challenge items are listed below.

1. Read: take a photo of you reading alone, with someone, or to someone
2. Math: take a photo of you completing some math activity
3. Play outside: take a photo of you playing outside
4. Write: take a photo of you writing or send Mr. Stevens a letter
5. Community Service: take a photo of you doing something to help our community

Student Contact Forms

Student contact forms came home with your individual information on it. Please update the information and send it back to school with your child by Wednesday, September 16th. Please send the form back signed and dated whether you have changes or not. Please neatly print all information! Thank you!

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.