

CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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October 13, 2023

Dear CES Families,

Happy Friday the 13th (and National M&Ms Day)!

Congratulations to our third graders who won the PTA's Penny Wars! Of the \$1,028.67 raised here at CES, third graders won, with donations totaling \$271.03. Their prize was a pajama and popcorn day with extra recess today. The excitement was palpable all day long!

Please see below for important information and upcoming events.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Lisa Cushing, Principal (lcushing@willingtonct.org)

Super Bees

Congratulations to this week's Super Bee: Wren in KBrin! Wren is a great listener to her teachers and peers. She is patient and waits for her turn to share. She has thoughtful ideas to share about what she's learning. Great job Wren!



Abracabully

Each Abracabully show will focus on the individual, the community, attitudes, respect, and empathy. The assemblies will take place Tuesday, **October 17th**.

Reminder from Mrs. Redding in the Library

Please return library books weekly on your library day. When you return your book(s), you get to borrow a new one! Please email aredding@willingtonct.org with any questions.

Veterans Day

This year Veterans Day falls on a Saturday so here at Center School will have our annual celebration of local veterans with a school-wide assembly starting at 9:15 the day before on **Friday, November 10th**. This year we will be incorporating

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photos of loved ones into our school-wide presentation that can be replayed on the TV in the main office lobby. In order to do that we need your help! Please send photos of loved ones who are currently serving and/or who have served in the armed forces to me at lcushing@willingtonct.org by **November 3rd** with the following information: the veteran's name, the name of the CES student to whom the veteran is related and how they are related, and the branch of the military in which the veteran served. (Photos with the CES student would be even better.) Thank you in advance!

Lost & Found

We have collected several items in Lost & Found, located in the CES cafeteria. If your child is missing something, please stop by to look through the growing collection; hopefully you'll find what you've been looking for!

Mark Your Calendar

October

16 Final day for PTA Pie & Cookie Dough Orders
17 Abracabully - Anti-bullying Magic Show for PK - Grade 4
27th Trunk or Treat! (rain date Oct. 28th; the PTA still needs lots of volunteers to make this a success; please consider signing up to help [HERE!](#) Also, there is still time to sign up to do a [Trunk or Trunk Sign Up](#)

31 Halloween - Dress like your favorite character (but please save face masks/inflatable costumes/weapons for Trick-or-Treating!)



November

1 PTA Scripps Fundraiser Kicks off! Order your holiday gift cards

6 **Picture Day at CES (with class photos!)**



7 PTA Election Day Bake Sale!

- o [Bakers Needed - Sign up here!](#)
- o [Booth Volunteer Sign Up](#)

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9	PTA Meeting
10	Veteran's Day celebration at CES - 9:15 AM
20-21	Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal at 1:10
22	Early dismissal at 1:10
23-24	Thanksgiving recess - No School

Flyers:

WPS Substitutes Needed
PTA of Willington Trunk or Treat
PTA of Willington Meet the BOE Candidates
PTA of Willington Bake Sale
HMS Yearbooks for Sale
Willington Workers 4-H
WPL Friends with Reptiles
WPL Halloween Movie
WPL Birthday Reception

Food Services Information – Meal Order Link

★ One breakfast will be served daily at no cost to ALL students. Lunch is returning back to full pay this year. Lunch will be \$2.85 for students. If your student ★ qualifies for free or reduced meals, lunch will be at no cost. ★★

We encourage families to apply for free and reduced meals. Link for F/R form: <https://lincconnect.com/public/meal-application/new?identifier=QHJ5P>
Paper forms are available in the front office at each school and are also available on the school website. ★★
Please sign your children up for meals by **12:00pm on Sunday 10/15.**

****Please be sure this is completed in a timely manner so we are able to provide lunch for your child in the upcoming week. ****

★★ Please go over this order form with your children. We have a lot of children saying they don't like certain items that they are signed up for. If you're unsure if

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your child likes something or not, please do this order form with them. We have students changing their mind and it is holding up the lunch line. Thank you! ★★

Reminder- lunch link is only for CES Students. HMS students are coming through the lunch line and choosing from a variety of options.

BREAKFAST:

★ ALL Students will receive a Breakfast meal at No Cost, regardless of their free/reduced lunch status. ★

LUNCH:

★ Students eligible for free/reduced meals will receive a lunch meal at no cost.

★ Students not eligible for free/reduced-priced meals will receive a free breakfast through the CSDE STABLE funding. However, they will still be charged the full lunch price of \$2.85. ★

🍎🍎 FARM TO SCHOOL UPDATE - Apples, Broccoli, Tomatoes and Carrots served this week are locally grown at the Horse Listeners Orchard in Ashford, CT! 🍎🍎

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Knight at sknight@willingtonct.org or 860-487-2107.

[Link to sign up for the lunches for the week of 10/16-10/20](#)