

CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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October 20, 2023

Dear CES Families,

Tuesday's Abracabully presentations were a big hit with students! "Mike Magic" performed sleight of hand tricks using playing cards, coins and colorful scarves and told a powerful story from his own past about how he dealt with a bully. He ended each session with the acronym I C.A.R.E. with **I** for individual, **C** for community, **A** for attitude, **R** for respect, and **E** for empathy.

I also want to share with you something that happened recently. The Hall School administration managed an incident regarding edible marijuana. The administration discovered that a student had mints containing THC and had passed them out to other students. This incident did not impact any Center School students, but we want to provide you with some educational resources and ask you to maintain vigilance at home. Minors have unprecedented access to these products and it is a parent's responsibility to ensure safe storage of these products. Please take the time to speak with your child regarding the dangers of drugs and the importance of not accepting food items from others. Some items such as chocolate, mints, gum, and gummy bears can be infused with THC. If your child eats an edible you should call the poison control hotline, 1-800-222-1222 to report the incident, or 911 if you feel that it is an emergency.

We want to assure you that we are committed to doing everything we can to keep our students safe at school. We have provided some resources below regarding marijuana edibles and other relevant information. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

- [*Drug Alert: Marijuana Edibles*](#)
- [*Edible Marijuana Dangers: How Parents Can Prevent THC Poisoning*](#)
- [*Warning Signs of Substance Abuse*](#)
- [*Talking to Your Child About Drugs*](#)
- [*Common Emoji Codes That May Represent Drugs*](#)

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Please see below for important information and upcoming events.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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

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 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

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!)



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

Veterans Day Ceremony
HMS Yearbooks for Sale
WPL Halloween Movie
WPL Needle Felting Classes
WPL Birthday Reception
WPR Basketball
WPR NYC Trip
Willington Workers 4-H
Windham/Tolland 4-H Fall Fest

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://linqconnect.com/public/meal-application/new?identifier=QHNJ5P>

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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 10/22.**

****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 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, 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 lunches for the week of 10/23-10/27](#)

[Preschool link to sign up for lunch for the week of 10/23-10/26](#)