

CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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November 17, 2023

Dear CES Families,

Please see below for important information. Have a wonderful weekend!

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

New Kindergarten Eligibility Entry Date

Children entering kindergarten must turn 5 years old on or before September 1, 2024 to be eligible for kindergarten in the 2024-2025 school year. This is a change from the previous kindergarten cutoff date of January 1, 2025. Based on the new Connecticut legislation, if your child's 5th birthday falls on September 2, 2024 through August 31, 2025, your child will enter kindergarten in the 2025-2026 school year. If your child is eligible for kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year, please contact the Center School office as soon as possible. 860-429-9367 or cesregistration@willingtonct.org

A Note from Senora Wozniak

¡Hola padres!

A number of students have been asking how they can listen to the songs that we sing in Spanish classes. This is so exciting that they would like to practice their language skills outside of the classroom! Here are titles and/or links to some of our most popular songs that we have been singing in Spanish classes. Please feel free to reach out anytime if you have other questions! wozniak@willingtonct.org

Muchas gracias,

Señora Wozniak

[*Canción de los Colores en Español y Ingles para Niños Canciones Infantiles*](#)

[*Spanish alphabet song \(military style\) by Barbara MacAurthur*](#)

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[¿Cómo Te Llamas? | Canciones Infantiles](#)

PTA News and Dates to Remember

- Nov 1st-Dec 14th - Raise Right gift cards: All gift cards purchased have a percentage which gets sent directly to the PTA for enrichment funds. The PTA is still looking to sponsor a wish list item for each school; any support is appreciated. Whether you're buying a gift card for your gas, groceries, or gift cards for your holiday shopping, stop at the Raise Right link to see the hundreds of businesses to purchase from first and support our Willington students - [Click Here to Start Your Gift Card Order](#)
 - You can even share with your family and friends so they can order gift cards as well! Just share with them this unique code: **NDYFXHSUF3PU** and they can create an account and place their orders to support your kiddos as well!
- Dec 4th-8th - Holiday Shop at Center! All the elves are excited to see students!
- Dec 14th - PTA Meeting - Hope to see you there!

Lost & Found

There are **LOTS** of winter coats in Lost & Found, located in the CES cafeteria. If your child is missing a coat, please stop by to look through the growing collection.

Mark Your Calendar

November

20-21 Parent/Teacher Conferences (late night at CES is 11/20) - Early Dismissal at 1:10
22 Early dismissal at 1:10; CES Spirit Day! (Crazy Hair Day)
23-24 Thanksgiving recess - No School

December

1 Early dismissal at 1:10 - Staff PD
8 Pajama Day for Everyone! Wear Pajamas for CCMC Day

Flyers:

WPS Winter Weather Closing Information

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HMS Yearbooks on Sale

HMS 7 & 8 Grade Dance

PTA Holiday Shop

Willington Scholarship Foundation

WPL Thanksgiving Family Movie

WPL Closed for Thanksgiving

WPL Visit with Santa

WPL Holiday Craft Fair

WPL Pajama Party

WPL Children's Art

WPL Needle Felting Classes

Pack 82 Info Night

Raise Right Gift Cards

Willington Tree Lighting

WPRD Winter Camp

WPRD Scavenger Hunt

Food Services Information – Meal Order Link

★ ★ We have some exciting news to share! Starting November 1st, 2023 all meals will be served at no cost to all families for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Each student may get one breakfast and one lunch at no cost daily. ★

★ ★ **Just a reminder 11/20, 11/21 and 11/22 are Early Dismissal days.** ★ ★

★ ★ We still encourage families to apply for free or reduced meals. Forms are available on the school website or in the main office at each school. You may also apply online -

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

★ ★ Any questions please contact Mrs. Knight, sknight@willingtonct.org ★ ★

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★ 🍕 Please complete this form to order your child's lunch. If you have more than one child at the school click "Submit Another Response" after hitting submit for the other child. 🍕 ★

★ This form will be sent out twice a week. Once on Wednesday or Thursday and then you can find the link in the digital backpack every Friday. ★

🍎 This form is only for lunch. Breakfast will be served grab and go in the cafeteria when the children arrive at school. Children can grab their breakfast and head right to their classroom. 🍎

😊 PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM BY 12:00 p.m. ON SUNDAY 11/19. 😊

★ ★ Each child must select at least three of the five components on their tray to make a meal, including a fruit or vegetable. Children MUST select a fruit or a vegetable with their lunch every day. Without a vegetable or fruit, students will be

charged the a la carte price instead of the meal price. For instance, a protein choice, a grain choice and a vegetable would make a complete meal. ★ ★

🍎 Our school district will again be encouraging students to try the new foods being offered. 🍎

★ ★ We are also asking for your help. Please explain the program to your child before they arrive at school. Every student needs to be prepared to select at least one fruit or one vegetable with their breakfast and lunch every day. We are planning our menus to include selections we know students like, as well as many different foods they may not have tried before. Please encourage your child to try these new foods. They just might find a new favorite! ★ ★

🍎 🍎 **FARM TO SCHOOL UPDATE - Apples 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](tel:860-487-2107).

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[Link to sign up for lunches for the week of 11/20-11/22](#)

[Link for AM Preschoolers to sign up for lunches for the week of 11/20-11/22](#)