

CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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December 8, 2023

Dear CES Families,

Thank you to everyone who contributed to PJ Day for CCMC today! It was a huge success and kids had fun showing off their warm and cozy pajamas. Together we raised **\$568** to donate to CCMC!!!

Have a wonderful weekend!

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

Super Bees

Congratulations to this week's Super Bee—Evelyn in kindergarten. Evelyn is her class's cheerleader. She is always smiling, encouraging her classmates to do their best, and shows great consideration for others. Great job Evelyn!



Picture Retake Day

Lifetouch has scheduled Center School's picture retake day for **Wednesday, December 13th.**

PTA News and Dates to Remember

- Dec 12th-15th - Holiday Shop at Hall! We hope students are as excited to visit the shop as we are to help them find that special gift for their special people!
- Dec 14th - PTA Meeting - Hope to see you there!

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

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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

Lost & Found

If your child is missing a coat, hat, gloves or mittens, please stop by to look through Lost & Found, located in the CES cafeteria.

Mark Your Calendar

December

13 Picture retakes - CES
22-29 Winter recess - No School

January

1 New Years' Day - No School
15 Martin Luther King Day - No School

Flyers:

Youth and Family Services Application
PTA Holiday Shop HMS
HMS Picture Retakes
WPL Pajama Party
WPL Holiday Craft Fair
WPL Collector's Ornament
WPL Peace Traveling Exhibition
WPL Tote Bag Fundraiser
WPL T-Shirts
WPL Raffle
WPL Visit with Santa
WPL Blind Book Sale
WPRD Winter Camp

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Food Services Information – Meal Order Link

★ ★ As of 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. ★ ★

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

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

★ 🍕 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 12/10. 😊

★ ★ 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. 🍎

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★ ★ 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).

[Link to sign up for lunches for the week of 12/11-12/15](#)

[Link for PM Preschoolers to sign up for lunch for the week of 12/11-12/14](#)