

CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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February 2, 2024

Dear CES Families,

Happy Groundhog Day!

The Willington PTA is very excited to launch the Center Elementary, Hall Memorial and E.O. Smith Spirit Wear Grand Opening Sale! Every item is 25% off for the next two weeks; be sure to use code **SPIRIT213** at checkout to get the discount. Free shipping is available on orders of \$60 or more. Here are the links to each school's personalized websites:

CES

https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/CT/Willington/Center+Elementary+School?utm_source=18441&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_campaign=school-direct

HMS

https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/CT/Willington/Hall+Memorial+Middle+School?utm_source=18442&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_campaign=school-direct

E.O. Smith

https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/CT/Storrs/E.O.+Smith+High+School?utm_source=18448&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_campaign=school-direct

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

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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 at 860-429-9367 or cesregistration@willingtonct.org

Lost & Found

Please stop by the CES cafeteria if your child is missing any articles of clothing.

Mark Your Calendar

February

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| 15 | Early dismissal (staff development) |
| 16 | No school (staff development) |
| 19 | Presidents' Day (no school) |
| 20 | No school |

PTA dates to remember

February 8th: No PTA Meeting! The Winter Gala committee will be meeting at 6pm at the LIBRARY. At 7pm the 8th grade will be sponsoring a Bingo night.

February 14th: The PTA will have a fun and FREE Valentine's Day Backdrop for students to take pictures during school. A member of the PTA will be taking the picture and sending it to your preferred method of communication via the form attached in today's flyers. If you are unable to print and fill out the form to send back to school, please feel free to email the PTA with the information at membership.willingtonpta@gmail.com

Forms were also sent home in backpacks within the last week. Information is due by Wednesday Feb 7th so we can plan accordingly. This is a free fun event sponsored by the PTA :)

February 23rd: Winter Family Gala - Dress up the family and come on out to HMS for some fun, food, and dancing. The PTA will be sponsoring our second annual Winter Family Gala for \$25 per family. There will be a DJ and a photographer to capture fun candids. The PTA will have a concession stand offering hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Cash and cards will both be accepted.

March 2nd-6th: Read Across America Week: The PTA will be sponsoring a Read-A-Thon to get kids reading. More info to come.

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March 14th: 6pm. PTA Meeting at HMS

Flyers

CES Valentine's Day Backdrop Form

WPS February Menu

WPS Help Wanted

CES Baby Photos

PTA CES Valentine's Day Photos

PTA Spirit Wear

PTA Winter Gala

WPL Kids Dance and Movie Night

WPL Adult Book Club

WPL Take Your Child to the Library Day

WPL Reading with Sophie

WPRD March Boston Trip

WPL Book Talk

WPRD Spring Camp

Stafford Little League

WAM Spring Registration

4-H Summer Camp

Food Services Information – Meal Order Link

☀️ Reminder - There is NO Breakfast served on delayed openings ☀️

★★ Some families received negative balance emails this week. If you have any questions regarding your student's balance please reach out to Stephanie Knight, Food Services Director - sknight@willingtonct.org. ★★

★★ 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. ★

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★ ★ 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 ★ ★

★ 🍕 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 2/4. 😊

★ ★ 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! ★ ★

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🍏🍏 FARM TO SCHOOL UPDATE - Apples 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 2/5-2/9](#)

[Link for PM Preschoolers to sign up for lunches for the week of 2/5-2/8](#)