

CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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March 28, 2024

Dear CES Families,

There is no school tomorrow in observance of Good Friday.
Enjoy the long holiday weekend!

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

Spirit Wear

SALE EXTENDED

25% off ends on Monday April 1st

No code is needed at checkout! Free shipping on \$60 + orders and only \$5 shipping on all orders under \$60

Below you will find links to each school's personalized website. Please let us know if you have any questions!

For Center-

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

For Center Staff Members-

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For HMS-

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

For HMS Staff Members-

https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/CT/Willington/Hall+Memorial+Middle+School/collection_detail.html?type=Teachers

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For E.O. Smith-

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

For E.O. Smith Staff Members-

https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/CT/Storrs/E.O.+Smith+High+School/collection_detail.html?type=Teachers

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

Kindergarten Waiver Screenings

If a child does not meet the new cutoff date of September 1st, families may submit a waiver request in writing for early entry to kindergarten. Please submit your written waiver request by **April 26, 2024** to cesregistration@willingtonct.org. Families will be notified of the appointment time for their child's screening. Waiver screenings will be held on **May 3, 2024**. Families will be informed of either acceptance or denial of their waiver request by **May 14, 2024**.

Kindergarten Orientation and Screenings

Kindergarten screenings for new students accepted for the fall of 2024 will be held **May 13 and 14, 2024**. Kindergarten orientation will be held in the library for

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families. **There will be no regularly scheduled kindergarten or preschool on May 13, 2024 to accommodate screenings.** Final decisions for all incoming kindergarteners will be made by the end of the day **May 14, 2024.**

Mark Your Calendar

March

29 No School - Good Friday

April

8 Total Solar Eclipse

11 PTA Meeting - 6 PM at CES

15 - 19 No School - Spring Recess

Flyers

April Lunch Menu

WFD Egg Hunt

Dance Committee Flocking Time

PTA Spirit Wear

WPRD Spring Camp

WPS Hidden in Plain Sight

Cub Scout Pack 82

Food Services Information – Meal Order Link

☀️☀️ The sign up link will be turned off on Monday morning. Be sure to sign your student up by noon on Sunday. Please go over this form with your students as well, especially 3rd and 4th graders. We utilize this form to know how many items we should prepare daily, and many students are wanting to switch what they are signed up for when they are already in the lunch line. Thank you! ☀️☀️

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

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★ ★ 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. ★

★ ★ 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 at:

<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 3/31. 😊

★ ★ 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

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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! ★ ★

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 4/1-4/5](#)

[Link for PM Preschoolers to sign up for lunches for the week of 4/1-4/4](#)