



# Whiting Wire

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Ms. Karen Kukish, Principal

May 2, 2019

## HERE'S THE NEWS

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 5TH GRADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

Friday, May 3rd—Class Photo  
Monday, June 3rd—Camp Chase

Thursday, June 13th—  
**RECOGNITION CEREMONY!**

### 5TH ANNUAL WHITING LANE ROCK N RUN FRIDAY, MAY 10TH

Students will run or walk laps on the track during their recess to raise money for Whiting Lane. Everyone gets a t-shirt!

Donate online today or send cash or check payable to the Whiting Lane PTO.

<https://gofundme.com/2019whitinglaneGeneralFund>



KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION  
NIGHT IS  
TONIGHT  
6:30-7:30

Kindergarten Registration will be May 23rd  
and 24th from 9:00-2:00



**SCHOOL NURSE'S DAY IS  
THURSDAY MAY 9TH**

Please take a moment and thank **Karen Fiori** for all she does, each and every day!!

# May

5/02	3:20-4:20	<b>LAST HWC-PR 2</b>
	3:20-4:20	Hobby Quest-Rm 3
	6:30-7:30	<b>Kindergarten Parent Information Night</b>
5/03	7:45-8:30	Gr. 5 Strings
	8:30-9:15	Coffee with the Principal
	8:50	Gr. 5 Group Photo
	3:20-4:20	French Club-Rm. 3
5/06	7:45-8:30	Gr. 4 Band
5/07	3:20-4:20	Hobby Quest-Rm. 4
	6:00-7:00	Daisy Meeting-café
5/08	7:45-8:30	Gr. 5 Band
	6:00-7:30	QUEST Fair-Webster Hill
	6:00-8:00	Cub Scouts-café
5/09	<b>NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY!</b>	
	3:20-4:20	Hobby Quest-Rm. 3
	6:45-7:45	Girl Scts/Brownies/Jrs.
5/10	7:45-8:30	Gr. 5 Strings
	9:00-3:00	HIP HOP
	12:00-1:15	Rock n Run
	3:20-4:20	<b>LAST FRENCH CLUB</b>
5/13	7:45-8:30	Gr. 4 Band
	9:00-3:00	HIP HOP
5/14	3:20-4:20	Hobby Quest-Rm 4
	6:30-7:30	Brownies-café
	7:00-8:00	<b>Spring Concert-@ WL</b>
	<b>ROCK N RUN PRIZE-PICNIC DAY!</b>	
5/15	9:30-10:30	Gr 4 Chariots of the Sun
	5:00-6:30	<b>FAMILY DANCE NIGHT!</b>
5/16	1:30-2:15	Gr. 2 Bike Safety
	3:20-4:20	Hobby Quest—Rm. 3
5/17	<b>ROCK N RUN PRIZE-MOVIE!! (TBD)</b>	
	9:30-11:30	<b>FIELD DAY K-3</b>
	12:30-2:30	<b>FIELD DAY 4-5</b>

## SBAC Testing

During the month of May, the West Hartford Public Schools will be administering the annual state assessments (SBAC) in English/Language Arts and Math to all students in grades 3-5. The state assessment results are one of many indicators of student performance and growth. The results of these assessments inform our continuous work to enhance the West Hartford curriculum and improve instruction.

**TODAY** is the last day for Homework Center  
**Friday, May 10th** is the last day for French Club



The Whiting Lane Spring concert is Tuesday, May 14th @ 7pm at **Whiting Lane**. Students should arrive @ 6:30 in performance attire

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION



**2019 Art Show**  
**Wednesday, May 22nd**  
**4:30-6:30**

Please come to Whiting Lane Art Show Opening and Reception on May 22nd. The student's art work will be on display for the remainder of the school year.

# Spring Concert: May 14<sup>th</sup>

## Band, Orchestra, & Choir

- Students will perform ***TWO*** spring concerts. The first concert is at Whiting Lane School on **Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M.** The audience will be the Whiting Lane students and staff. This is an excellent way to warm up for our evening concert! **Our evening performance will be in the Whiting Lane Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> for all of you!**



**\*\*\*Students should arrive at 6:30 P.M.\*\*\***

For ***BOTH*** concerts students should **ARRIVE** wearing **Performance Attire.**



### Performance Attire:

1. White Button Down Shirt with Collar
2. Black Pants or Black Skirt (No Jeans Please)
3. Black Dress Shoes
4. Black Socks

**\*\*\*If you are in need of any of the above items, please email Miss Van Calcar by April 18<sup>th</sup>, and I am happy to provide you with what you need.**

☺ [kayla\\_vanccalcar@whps.org](mailto:kayla_vanccalcar@whps.org) \*\*\*



### **Funtastic Summer Camp has been Re-Imagined!**

The Funtastic Summer Camp program has been a staple in West Hartford Parks for close to three decades! Join our enthusiastic and dedicated staff for daily activities, swimming, field trips and special events. The newly re-imagined program is focused on adding flexibility for parents in today's busy world. We appreciate your business and hope these changes will afford you the opportunity to "stay on task". Camps are offered at three sites, Beachland Park, Fernridge Park and Eisenhower Park weekly 8:30-4:30pm for eight weeks June 24-August 16. NOTE: There will be no camp on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New For 2019:**

- All sessions are one week long to provide optimal flexibility for families.
- Flexible drop off any time after 8am. Organized activities begin at 8:30am. Allowing working families more flexibility to get where they need to go.
- Curbside Drop off/Sign in. Our staff will meet you in the parking lot to accept your camper. End of day release will still require sign out so staff can have "face time".
- Sundaes on Fridays. Weekly "make your own" ice cream sundae bar.

#### **What is staying the same:**

- Same dedicated staff. Our coordinators have almost 50 years' experience in West Hartford Summer Camps.
- Daily Red Cross Swim Lesson.
- Weekly field trip.
- Extended day option available.
- Daily schedule includes, active games, passive and quiet games, crafts, open swim and more...

For all specific pricing, dates and options please visit our webpage at [www.westhartfordct.gov/leisure\\_services](http://www.westhartfordct.gov/leisure_services)

# KidzWhiz Math Camp

Does your child love math challenges? Looking for a way to keep his or her creative thinking flowing over the summer? KidzWhiz Math Camp focuses on the core topics from grade level curriculum with an extensive range of fun & exciting math activities designed to challenge students entering grades 1-3. An academic learning opportunity, committed to enriching their love of mathematics.

Camp classes are offered in an engaging group setting with hands-on mathematic activities. Taught by West Hartford elementary school teachers who have several years of experience teaching a math enrichment program.

**Monday – Friday**

**8:30-11:30 am**

**Location: Smith School**

**Fee: \$175/session**

**Sessions:**

**June 24 – 28, 2019      Program #: 411542A**

**July 15 – 19, 2019      Program #: 411542B**



***Interested parties must register with Leisure Services before the start of class.***

***Safety and Emergency Contact Information Required.***

***(Form available during online registration process.)***

**Register On-Line at  
[www.westhartfordct.gov/leisureservices](http://www.westhartfordct.gov/leisureservices)**

- 1) Click on the Link: Online Registration
- 2) Enter Your User ID and Password (for help see forgot password tab)
- 3) Type Program # in Activity Search Box
- 4) Click on Shopping Cart to Enroll
- 5) Select Family Member
- 6) Proceed With Payment

**Town of West Hartford – Department of Leisure and Social Services  
860-561-7510**

# REGISTER NOW FOR WEST HARTFORD LITTLE LEAGUE SPRING 2019 - AGES 4-12



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[www.westhartfordlittleleague.com](http://www.westhartfordlittleleague.com)



Come see what makes West Hartford Little League so special!!



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FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

# WEST HARTFORD YMCA

## SUMMER ADVENTURES!

At Webster Hill Elementary School—125 Webster Hill Blvd, West Hartford

Financial assistance available!

Register online at [westhartfordYMCA.org](http://westhartfordYMCA.org)

### TRADITIONAL CAMP

Ages: 4–15

Date: June 17th–August 23rd

Time: 7am–6pm, AM & PM care is included in fees

Fees: \$240/week or \$175/3 days

Campers participate in traditional camp activities such as field games, arts & crafts, swimming, field trips and special guests! Campers also try new activities such as Quidditch or Building Your Bat-mobil!

### BELL Power Scholars Academy

Ages: Grades 1–4th

Date: June 24th–July 26th

Time: 7am–6pm, AM & PM care is included in fees

Fees: \$240/week

Hop the gap over summer learning loss with literacy, math, art, recreational activities and STEM enrichment with certified teachers every day! Field trips every Friday!

## BE EXTRAORDINARY ALL SUMMER LONG!

### Camp Sessions:

**Preview Week:** June 17–June 21

**Superheroes:** June 24–June 28

**Red, White & Blue:** July 1–July 5 \*no camp July 4th (discounted week)

**Safari:** July 8–July 12

**Celebration of Nations:** July 15–July 19

**Color Games:** July 22–July 26

**Halloweentown:** July 28–August 2

**Animation Nation:** August 5–August 9

**Harry Potter:** August 12–August 16

**Camp Favorites:** August 19–August 23



WEST HARTFORD YMCA 12 N Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107  
860.521.5830 | [westhartfordYMCA.org](http://westhartfordYMCA.org) | Like us on Facebook @West Hartford YMCA



# WEST HARTFORD YMCA SPRING II YOUTH PROGRAMS

## Preschool Swim at Mandell JCC (\$90)

Parent Child/ Water Discovery	Water Acclimation	Water Movement	Water Stamina
Ages 6mo-3; Fri. 5:30-6pm	Ages 3-5; Fri. 6-6:30pm	Ages 3-5; Fri. 6:30-7pm	Ages 3-5; Fri. 7-7:30pm
Ages 6mo-3; Sat. 10-10:30am	Ages 3-5; Fri. 6:50-7:20pm	Ages 3-5; Sat. 9:30-10am	
Ages 6mo-3; Sat. 11:30-12pm	Ages 3-5; Sat. 9-9:30am	Ages 3-5; Sat. 10:30-11am	
	Ages 3-5; Sat. 11-11:30am		

## Youth Swim at Mandell JCC (\$95)

Water Acclimation	Water Movement	Water Stamina
Ages 6-12; Sat. 11:15-11:55am	Ages 6-12; Fri. 6:10-6:50pm	Ages 6-12; Fri. 5:30-6:10pm
	Ages 6-12; Sat. 9-9:40am	Ages 6-12; Sat. 9:45-10:45am
	Ages 6-12; Sat. 10:30-11:10am	



## Preschool Sports

- Parent and Me Sports of All Sorts  
Ages 2-3; Sat. 9-9:45am
- Sports of All Sorts  
Ages: 5-7; Sat. 10-11am

## Flag Football

- Grades 3-5; Sat. 12:30-1:30pm

## Archery

- \* Location—Westminster Church, 2080 Boulevard
- Ages 6 & up; Sat. 12:30-1:30pm

## Soccer

- Co-ed Soccer  
Ages 3-4; Sat. 10-11am
- Ages 5-7; Sat. 11:15-12:15pm
- Parent & Me Outdoor Soccer  
Ages 2-3; Sat. 9-9:45pm

## Baseball / T-Ball

- Grades 3-4; Sat. 11:15-12:15pm

## Volleyball

- Grades 3-5; Sat. 12:30-1:30pm

Programs run from April 27th–June 8th. Swim programs start May 3rd/4th.

Program location (unless noted otherwise): **University of Saint Joseph–1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford.** Fee (unless noted otherwise): **\$85**

For more information, please call 860.521.5830. Register online at [ghymca.org/westhartford](http://ghymca.org/westhartford)



No one does summer quite like the Mandell JCC. We offer camps and programs of all varieties: from Camp Shalom, our sprawling day camp along the Farmington River; to our standing ovation-worthy Theater Camp; there's our game-play centric Sports Jams specialty camps, as well as the beautiful family summer oasis, The Swim & Tennis Club. There is something for everyone this summer at the Mandell JCC!

Contact the Member Services Center, 860-236-4571, or [mandelljcc.org/summer](http://mandelljcc.org/summer) to register.

Flexible hours. Before and After Care.  
**PAYMENT PLANS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!**



[www.mandelljcc.org](http://www.mandelljcc.org)

Zachs Campus | 895 Bloomfield Ave.  
 West Hartford, CT 06117

**SUMMER DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE IF REGISTERED BY MAY 15.**

# FRIENDS, FAMILY, TRADITION

LET YOUR KIDS LIVE IT UP ON THE SHORE OF THE FARMINGTON RIVER.

- Swimming
- Canoeing
- Tubing
- Paddleboarding
- Hiking
- Archery
- Motor Boating
- Water Skiing
- Kayaking
- Fishing
- Sports
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For more information: [www.campshalomct.com](http://www.campshalomct.com)  
 Contact: Karen Wyckoff, 860.231.6317, [kwyckoff@mandelljcc.org](mailto:kwyckoff@mandelljcc.org)



Director: Thai Tran, 860-231-6410, [ttran@mandelljcc.org](mailto:ttran@mandelljcc.org)

**FULL DAY**

\*Grade as of Fall 2019



**ANDREW PINNOCK FOOTBALL JAM**  
 Grades 2-8\*  
 July 8-12



**DURELLE BROWN BASKETBALL JAM**  
 Grades 1-9\*  
 July 22-26 | July 29-Aug 2

**HALF DAY FULL DAY**



**SPORT-A-PALOOZA JAM**  
 Grades 1-8\*  
 June 17-21 | June 24-28  
 Aug 12-16 | Aug 19-23



**TENNIS JAM** Grades 1-8\*  
 June 17-21 | June 24-28  
 July 1-5\* | July 8-12 | July 15-19  
 July 22-26 | July 29-Aug 2 | Aug 5-9  
 Aug 12-16 | Aug 19-23  
\*No camp July 4. Provided for 4 days.



**KARATE JAM**  
 Grades 1-6\*  
 June 17-21  
 July 29-Aug 2  
 Aug 19-23



**DANCE**  
 Grades 1-6\*  
 July 22-26

**FULL DAY**



**IMAGINE!**  
 Grades 1-5\*  
 Aug 19-23

**HALF DAY**



**GOLF JAM** Grades 2-8\*  
 July 8-12 | Aug 5-9  
(No Before Care Option)



**ZEKE SEGURO SOCCER JAM**  
 Grades 1-8\*  
 July 15-19



**CHEERLEADING JAM**  
 Grades 1-7\*  
 July 15-19 | Aug 5-9



**BASEBALL JAM**  
 Grades 2-7\*  
 August 5-9



**SHARKS COMPETITIVE SWIM JAM\***  
 Grades 3-9\*  
 August 12-16



## West Hartford Special Education PTO News March/April 2019

### Rita's Celebrity Scoop Night to benefit WHSEPTO

Wednesday, April 24th

Join us at Rita's, 1134 New Britain Ave in West Hartford for our annual Celebrity Scoop Night! Celebrity scoopers include: School principals, State Police, West Hartford Police, AMR EMTs, and MORE to be announced. A portion of the proceeds will benefit West Hartford Special Education PTO. If you would like to be a celebrity scooper please contact Randi Leopold at randileopold16@gmail.com.

### 2019 Silent Spring Fling Dance

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 7-9:30pm | <http://bit.ly/SilentTickets>

Elmwood Community Center, 1106 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford

The West Hartford Special Education PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) invites Students (typical and non-typical) from West Hartford and neighboring towns up to 21 years of age to join us for the 2019 Silent Spring Fling.

The Silent Spring Fling is a silent dance party experience designed specifically as an all-inclusive event including those with sensory sensitivities. The DJ will spin two channels of dance favorites through wireless Bluetooth headphones allowing attendees to control their own volume levels. If you don't have headphones you won't hear any music!

Tickets are \$10 each for students. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend for free (\$10 for headphones) and a parent lounge is provided for families to relax and connect with other members of their community during the event. **No babysitting or one-on-one assistance will be provided.**

### Special thanks to our event sponsors:

Dr. Steven A. Fischman Orthodontics  
West Hartford Special Education Leisure Services  
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Family Resource & Development Center, LLC

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# WEST HARTFORD SEPTO PRESENTS

# SILENT SPRING FLING

AN ALL INCLUSIVE DANCE PARTY | STUDENTS TO AGE 21

- Typical & non-typical students welcome.
- Bluetooth headsets allow individual volume control.
- Enjoy light refreshments.
- Parent lounge for adults to mingle
- No babysitting
- One-on-one assistance will not be provided.

## 05.11.19

SATURDAY | 7PM-9:30PM  
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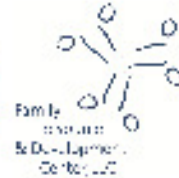
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- Buddy requests
- Machine pitch
- Skill and team building
- All teams make playoffs
- Summer travel options

### MINORS

*Players ages 9-10*

- School-based teams
- Kid pitch
- All teams make playoffs
- Play under the lights!
- Summer travel options

### MAJORS

*Players ages 10-12*

- Larger 50/70 field layout
- Learn MLB-style rules
- All-Team playoffs/All Stars
- Play under the lights!
- Summer travel options

*Recreational and competitive Travel teams*

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*Open to residents of West Hartford, towns bordering West Hartford, East Granby and Windsor*

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We believe that it is vital for all students in West Hartford Public Schools to be able to efficiently and effectively use digital tools that empower them in all phases of the learning process, including research, problem solving, content creation, communication, and collaboration. We also believe that we must be committed at all times to protecting students' privacy and providing them with a powerful and safe educational experience. To that end, the West Hartford Public Schools follow the legal requirements of Public Act 16-189 to promote the safety and security of all students and staff.

In compliance with Connecticut State Law, we update online programs used within the district that house student data. The programs may be used district-wide, in a very small number of classrooms, or with individual students. The list will be updated each time the district enters into a new contract where student data is housed. For more information on the specifics of Public Act 16-189 and updates of vendor agreements, visit [www.whps.org/pa189](http://www.whps.org/pa189)."

**SELL-OUT EVENT**

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**LAURIE SANTOS**  
Professor of Psychology, Yale University  
Featured in New York Times, NBC Nightly News,  
and The Today Show



### **Summer Reading 2019 at the West Hartford Public Library: A Universe of Stories**

This summer we are encouraging students to sign up for ReadSquared, our electronic summer reading platform: <http://westhartfordlibrary.readsquared.com/>

Using ReadSquared, students can log in the books they read during the summer. It can be accessed on any computer or mobile device. Students can earn points by reading chapter books, picture books, eBooks or listening to audio books. They can also earn points playing games and completing missions. Families who wish to use paper logs may do so and bring these logs to their children's new teacher in September.

Students who reach our summer goal will receive a ticket for a book raffle that will be held at their neighborhood school. Students can register Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, and may begin logging books June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Join us June 19<sup>th</sup> for our Summer Reading Kick off! Stop by any West Hartford Public Library children's department or access our website <http://www.westhartfordlibrary.org/children> for more information. We encourage children to come visit the library and have fun reading!



