

# THE MORLEY READER

Character Builds Community

Mr. Ryan Cleary, Principal

*November 8<sup>th</sup> 2017*

Dear Morley Community,

It was a pleasure to see so many of you during some of our events in recent weeks. The students really enjoyed the Morley Family Breakfast, Farmer's Market, Halloween events, and the STEM Family Game Night. Also, I am also thankful for everyone's participation in volunteering to read, make masks with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and be present here at school. Your efforts and engagement are such great examples of **character building community** here at Morley!

Our Red Wagon Food Drive took place this week on Wednesday morning. As always, our students and families did a fantastic job of representing our school as they gave back to our West Hartford community. This long standing tradition is a huge piece of our identity here at Morley School. Our students learn about the power of giving, interdependence, and build some perspective as well. I'd like to thank everyone who came out and participated, as well as our K-2 team for putting this event together. We have another exciting event coming up this weekend, the Morley Turkey Dash! Please see the PTO website for details ([www.morleypto.com](http://www.morleypto.com)), and we hope to see everyone there for a day of running, community, and fun! Lastly, November offers parents and teachers their first chance to officially meet to talk about student progress during **conference week, 11/13-11/17**. I would like to encourage all parents to be ready to participate in an active discussion with your child and his or her teacher about learning that needs to be celebrated, and areas of growth that will be addressed moving forward. Conference week is a great opportunity to talk about how students are developing academically, with the arts, and socially. I hope to see as many of you as possible, as I will be popping in and out of as many conferences as I can that week. Thank you in advance for the wonderful support you give to our students and our teachers.

As we move through November the season begins to get very busy. Please don't let our next **PTO meeting this Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30** get lost in the shuffle, we'd love to see you there! Also, in regards to the busier our lives are all about to become, please know that the doors to the Morley office are always open. If there are areas in which you or someone you know within our Morley community could use some support, please let me know. I am happy to be a sounding board for any feedback connected to school events or daily learning. Communication is the cornerstone of community, and I am happy to engage in dialogue to support anyone, child or parent, in our Morley family.

As always, thank you for your support of teaching, learning, and community at Morley School. Your partnership is valued in making this a place where **Character Builds Community**.

Respectfully,



Ryan Cleary  
Principal

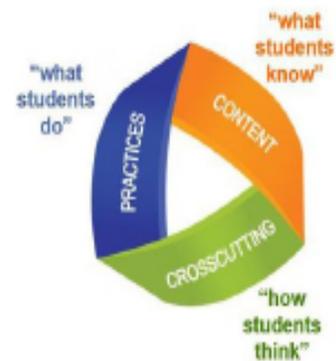
# Curriculum Corner

Jennifer Slifer, Morley Curriculum Specialist

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A multi-year implementation of the *Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)* is underway in West Hartford Public Schools. These standards, adopted by the state of Connecticut, are the backbone of our new science curriculum. During the 2017-2018 school year, our students in grades 2 and 3 will embark on this new science curriculum.

The NGSS calls for active science engagement in our classrooms through three dimensions including *Cross Cutting Concepts (how students think)*, *Science and Engineering Practices (what students do)* and *Disciplinary Core Ideas (what students know)*. The NGSS focus on deep understanding of content as well as the application of concepts in science. Written as performance expectations, our new standards closely align with the Common Core Curriculum, are integrated K-12, and prepare our students to make sense of the world around them.



Each unit of study is based on a storyline (a phenomenon) that students can observe and to which they can easily relate. The lessons in the unit will help students discover and explain what is happening in the phenomenon. The **5 E Instructional Model**, which is not new to West Hartford, will support our students as they *Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate* and *Evaluate* science.

In the classroom, you will notice that students will have the opportunity to explore and begin to construct their own understanding *before* learning the content. This inquiry based approach will foster rich conversations. Students will be engaged and excited about describing a phenomenon or solving a problem. Implementation of the NGSS in Grades 1 and 4 will occur during the 2018-2019 school year, followed by implementation in Grades K and 5 during the 2019-2020 school year.

## Important Dates & Events at Morley

Thu Nov 9	6:30pm-7pm	PTO Meeting	LMC
Sat Nov 11		<b>TURKEY DASH</b>	Morley Blacktop
	8am-8:45am	Registration	
	9am	Race Begins	
Tue Nov 14	1:30pm	Parent Teacher Conferences	Early Closing
Wed Nov 15	2pm	Parent Teacher Conferences	Early Closing
Thu Nov 16	1:30pm	Parent Teacher Conferences	Early Closing
Fri Nov 17	1:30pm	Parent Teacher Conferences	Early Closing
Mon Nov 20	3:20pm-4:20pm	STEM PTO Chess Event (K-5)	Auditorium
Thu Nov 23 & 24		No School - Thanksgiving Break	
Tue Nov 28	7:40am-8:40am	Student Council Meeting	LMC
Fri Dec 8		PJ Day for CCMC	

**Parent Teacher Conferences**  
**November 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

**EARLY DISMISSAL**

Tue Nov 14 1:30pm  
Wed Nov 15 2:00pm  
Thu Nov 16 1:30pm  
Fri Nov 17 1:30pm

**Choir Rehearsals**

Music Room 7:45<sup>am</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Tue Nov 14  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wed Nov 15  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wed Nov 22

Auditorium  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Nov 29, Dec 6

Rehearsals in the Auditorium after Thanksgiving

**Band & Orchestra Rehearsals**

Auditorium 7:45<sup>am</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra  
Thu Nov 9, 16, 30, Dec 7  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Auditorium  
Tue Nov 14, 21, 28, Dec 5

**Gym Rats**  
*Session 2 Remaining...*

Grades 1, 2 & 3  
8<sup>am</sup> November 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>  
Grades 3, 4, & 5  
7:50<sup>am</sup> November 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>  
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*SIGN UP for Session 3*  
*See Form on Page 8*

### Recognition of Religious Holidays

10/19 Diwali/Divali (Hinduism); 12/13-20 Chanukah\* (Judaism); 12/25 Christmas (Christianity);  
1/6 Epiphany/Three Kings Day (Christianity); 3/30 Good Friday (Christianity);  
3/30-4/7 Passover\* (8 days) (Judaism); 4/1 Easter (Christianity); 4/29 Visakha Puja (Buddhism);  
5/16-6/14 Ramadan\* (Islam); 6/15 Eid al-Fitre  
\* All holy days begin at sunset the day before.

## Morley Turkey Dash

**Saturday  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup>**



**Registration: 8<sup>am</sup> - 8:45<sup>am</sup>**

**Race Begins: 9<sup>am</sup>**

**Location: Morley Blacktop**



## *Morley Muse Literary Magazine!*

*Join the Morley Muse Literary Magazine!*

*Are you interested in writing? Would you like to be Part of Morley's literary magazine team? Students in Grades 2 - 5 can work on the Morley Muse as editors, typists, layout designers, revisers, or photographers. We meet on Monday mornings from 7:50<sup>am</sup> - 8:30<sup>am</sup> (parents are responsible for transportation). Applications are now available for the 2017-2018 Morley Muse Staff! Please see Mrs. Antoinetti for an application. Applications and a writing sample are due by November 20<sup>th</sup>.*



## *Chess for Fun!*

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 are invited to play chess after school on Monday, November 20th from 3:25 - 4:25 in the library at Morley. Please watch for the permission slips that will be sent home this week! Students who are attending MUST send in a permission slip. This free event is a popular one so don't wait to send in your slip! Novice and expert level players are all welcome!



**READ TO THE RINK 2017-18**  
**Presented by ProHealth Physicians and Healthy Me**

Dear Teachers!

The Hartford Wolf Pack would like to welcome back the Read to the Rink Reading Program presented by Pro Health Physicians and Healthy Me!

Read to the Rink is an incentive-driven program designed to promote the importance of literacy and stimulate the interest in reading amongst elementary and middle school students in Connecticut. Students who successfully complete the program will be rewarded with Hartford Wolf Pack hockey tickets!

Each student that completes the program will get a complimentary ticket to a select home Wolf Pack game in the Spring.

In order to get your free ticket to a Hartford Wolf Pack game each student in grades K-8th will be expected to read five (5) books. Once the student has completed their assignment, they are eligible for their free ticket voucher.

To each school will be provided a promo code to use when ordering your tickets.

The Read to the Rink program can be completed in conjunction with any existing reading program or reading requirements at home or in the classroom.

Parents/Guardians will have an opportunity to purchase tickets at a discounted rate.

Each participating school will get a visit from "Sonar" the team mascot and a Wolf Pack player (upon availability) to promote the program.

Feel free to contact me with any questions concerning our Read to the Rink Reading Program at 860-541-4728 or [frank.berrian@comcastspectacor.com](mailto:frank.berrian@comcastspectacor.com)

Sincerely,

Frank Berrian  
 Sr. Manager Game Presentation/Community Relations  
 Hartford Wolf Pack Hockey  
[Frank.berrian@comcastspectacor.com](mailto:frank.berrian@comcastspectacor.com)  
 860-541-4728



**Read to the Rink  
 Reading Program**

Sponsored by Hartford  
 Wolfpack, Pro Health  
 Physicians, and Healthy Me



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

| Book | Author | Date book was finished |
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Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## West Hartford Special Education PTO November/December 2017 Events

Wednesday, November 29 at 7pm

Join us for a discussion with Special Guest, **Dan Weiner, MA LPC**

Dan Weiner, MA LPC has provided psychotherapy services to children, adolescents, parents, families, and adults for the last 20 years. Dan's practice serves clients experiencing a variety of mental health issues, while also specializing in the treatment of neuro-developmental disorders which effect clients, cognitively, emotionally, and socially. Dan co-founded and is a partner in the Family Resource and Development Center, LLC (FRDC, LLC), also located in West Hartford, CT. FRDC is a group psychotherapy practice offering a variety of mental health services to children, adolescents, and families throughout the state of Connecticut.

**NEW LOCATION:** King Philip Middle School Media Center, 100 King Philip Drive, West Hartford

Ongoing

**Membership Drive & Book Club**

Your 2017-2018 membership dues earn you a great deal this year: **a paperback copy of Ross Greene's *Raising Human Beings*.**

For just \$15, you can support Special Education projects, receive information about SEPTO events, and earn a best-selling author's book, a great, down-to-earth read, whether your children have challenging behaviors or not! The book can be claimed by new or renewing members for 2017-2018 at any SEPTO meeting beginning October 25. Please see [www.WHSEPTO.org](http://www.WHSEPTO.org) for program details and [www.whsepto.org/membership.html](http://www.whsepto.org/membership.html) to join or to renew your membership.

The book will be discussed at our April meeting, as West Hartford Schools personnel share their training in Greene's Collaborative and Proactive Solutions model. The model focuses on identifying the skills a person is lacking and the expectations they're having difficulty meeting. Then the goal is to help them solve those problems, rather than trying to modify their behavior through application of rewards and punishments.] Greene proposes that kids will do well when they are able. And they will learn to better communicate, take another's perspective, and resolve disagreements without conflict when they are made collaborative, proactive partners in finding solutions.

Friday, December 1 from 9:30am to 10:30am

**"Coffee & Conversation" at Panera in Bishops Corner**

The first Friday of the month, parents of children receiving special education services meet for coffee and a chance to talk & make new friends in a casual setting. We generally meet in the back of the restaurant.

**Thank You!**

**You helped us raise \$500 during our Harry's BC Fundraiser on October 11<sup>th</sup>!**

Funds raised will go directly back into supporting our students receiving special education services in West Hartford.

**[www.WHSEPTO.org](http://www.WHSEPTO.org)**

Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/West-Hartford-SEPTO](https://www.facebook.com/West-Hartford-SEPTO)

Follow us on Instagram at @whsepto

West Hartford Board of Education and  
Leisure Services present:

## Morley's Morning PE Program Gym Rats!



Expanding on current learning through game play and new adventures.  
What is better than a cup of coffee to get going....Activity and Exercise!  
Students will get up and get moving early in the morning  
with Michael Aparo, Morley's PE Teacher.

**Program #:** 412351 E  
**Age:** 6, 7, 8 (Grades 1, 2, 3)  
**Dates:** November 30, December 7, 14, 21  
**Time & Days:** 8:00 - 8:30 a.m., Thursdays  
**Location:** Morley School  
**Fee:** \$25 (4 Sessions)

**Program #:** 412351 F  
**Age:** 8, 9, 10 (Grades 3, 4, 5)  
**Dates:** December 1, 8, 15, 22  
**Time & Days:** 7:50 - 8:30 a.m., Fridays  
**Location:** Morley School  
**Fee:** \$25 (4 Sessions)

**Program #:** 413351 A  
**Age:** 6, 7, 8 (Grades 1, 2, 3)  
**Dates:** January 4, 11, 18, 25 February 1  
**Time & Days:** 8:00 - 8:30 a.m., Thursdays  
**Location:** Morley School  
**Fee:** \$30 (5 Sessions)

**Program #:** 413351 B  
**Age:** 8, 9, 10 (Grades 3, 4, 5)  
**Dates:** January 5, 12, 19, 26 February 2  
**Time & Days:** 7:50 - 8:30 a.m., Fridays  
**Location:** Morley School  
**Fee:** \$30 (5 Sessions)

### Registration Form for Gym Rats – Morley's Morning PE Program

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

**Please Check:**  Program #: 412351 E Ages 6, 7, 8 (Grades 1, 2, 3)  Program #: 413351 A Ages 6, 7, 8 (Grades 1, 2, 3)  
 Program #: 412351 F Ages 8, 9, 10 (Grades 3, 4, 5)  Program #: 413351 B Ages 8, 9, 10 (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ (in person only) Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to "Town of West Hartford")

\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_ Master Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_  
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I realize that as with any physical activity there is a possible risk of injury to my child while participating in this activity. I agree to assume the risk of any injury which my child might suffer while involved in this West Hartford Leisure Services program and I will not hold the Town of West Hartford or its instructors and staff liable for any injuries which my child may suffer while participating in this program.

Signature (parent or guardian): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Register On-Line at [www.westhartfordct.gov/leisureservices](http://www.westhartfordct.gov/leisureservices)  
or register in person, mail or FAX to West Hartford Leisure Services,  
50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107. FAX number 860-561-7519



## *Lost & Found . . .*

*. . . has grown by leaps and bounds.*

*If a lost sweatshirt, jacket or lunchbox wasn't there when you first took a look, it could be there now, so take another look.*

*The Lost & Found collection is located in the lobby at the front entrance of the school. Any remaining items will be donated to a worthy cause during the Thanksgiving recess.*

The Bridge Family Center has served as the Youth Service Bureau (YSB) for the Town of West Hartford for nearly four decades. We focus equally on prevention and intervention and are here to support children, adults, and families.

## Family Resource Center Offers the Circle of Security® Parenting™ Program



“Often our children’s needs are hidden in plain sight.”

~Bert Powell  
Co-ordinator, Circle of Security

We meet with your schools regularly to understand what is going on and how we can help. (mentoring, in-school counseling, support groups, emergency-response counselors)

We meet with your Police Department regularly and serve on your Juvenile Review Board to support prevention and intervention. (counseling/mentoring for at-risk/high-risk kids)

We operate your West Hartford Teen Center to keep teens connected & directed to positive choices.

We operate your Family Resource Center to support young children and their caregivers. (Great by 8, play groups, parent support and education, parent leadership groups, developmental assessments, special events, etc.)

We provide Emergency Shelter for teens ages 13-17 who are homeless or who have run away.  
Note: 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ. This Emergency Shelter information is important to share with local Gay Straight Alliances and others who support the LGBTQ community.

We operate the West Hartford Counseling Center to support children, families, and adults.  
Our team includes a Licensed Substance Abuse Counselor and child psychiatrist. We accept private insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare.

The Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is an 8-week researched-based program that supports and strengthens a parent/caregiver’s ability to understand a child’s emotional needs and how best to respond and support those needs.

Through video examples, handouts and reflective dialogue, caregivers will explore their parenting/attachment experiences in a safe environment and build parenting skills to encourage healthy growth and development.

Circle of Security® will be facilitated by Kim Townsend, FRC Parent Educator and Amy Yarbrough, FRC Family Liaison Trained COS-P Facilitators

### Dates & Location

Meets 8 Fridays, Sept. 29 - Nov. 17  
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

At the Family Resource Center (FRC)  
Charter Oak International Academy  
425 Oakwood Avenue, West Hartford

### Important Information

Parents and caregivers of children of all ages invited  
Limited to 8 participants.

Fee: \$36 \*Partial scholarships available  
Please make checks payable to Bridge Family Center

To register, contact the FRC at 860.929.5575  
Registration deadline: September 21  
The FRC is a program of the Bridge Family Center



1022 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06107  
www.bridgefamlycenter.org 860.521.8035





## Connection is Vital for Your Child's Mental Health

*Positive, healthy relationships play a key role in mental health and are especially important as children, adolescents, and teens develop. In this issue of Every Family School Edition, we invite you to think about how your child is connected to the people around him or her, how you can encourage meaningful connections, and how you can ease your child out of the clutches of technology if its use is out of balance.*

### TAKE STOCK OF YOUR CHILD'S WEEK

Over the course of an average week, notice when your child is engaged meaningfully with family, friends, and teammates. How often is your child connected with others and experiencing relationships? Learning how to form and maintain relationships is an important part of childhood. Children experience what it feels like to be in different types of relationships and begin to make distinctions between ones that are safe and supportive, and those that are dangerous or self-serving. The inevitable ebb and flow of relationships also gives children opportunities to practice managing conflict and heartache and builds coping skills.



### CREATE "TINY TIMES" WITH YOUR CHILD

The reality of today's parenting is that parents are exhausted, and spending meaningful time with children takes effort and commitment. When large amounts of time are difficult, create tiny times together: 10 minutes to chat when you first arrive home; 10 minutes to play hide-and-seek before you do the dishes; 15 minutes at bedtime to talk about the day. Most children report that the time right before you say goodnight is when they are most likely to share a worry or something they are proud of. Offer moments of connection to your child. They will accumulate and help him or her feel important and secure. When children feel this way, they are also less likely to abuse substances or be a target for harassment or bullying.

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### ENCOURAGE CONNECTIONS WITH PEERS

Kids don't need many friends, but they will feel more content if they have at least one. They need to feel connected to others and part of something that has value. If they are having trouble making friends on their own, organized activities, when done in a balanced way, can hold a special power of belonging.



### WHAT DO WE DO?

*We work every day to strengthen lives.*

### MANAGE TECH ADDICTION

The kind of connection that is most valuable to children is human connection. If you are worried that your child is spending too much time on technology, you are wise to consider how to intervene. Kids who spend a lot of time on technology often exhibit symptoms of depression. Technology has magical powers for kids. It allows them to hit pause on whatever they are feeling and instantly transport themselves to a place where they feel relaxed. Our job as adults is to help children build their inner resources, so try to downshift time on technology slowly and encourage alternative options to achieve balanced use.



### Visit our Teen Center

Our West Hartford Teen Center is a safe, supervised, substance-free drop-in center open to West Hartford teens in grades 9-12. Join us on Mondays and Fridays from 2:30-5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1:00-3:30 p.m. for basketball, billiards, Xbox, Ping-Pong, and creative arts. Teen Night is held one Friday per month from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

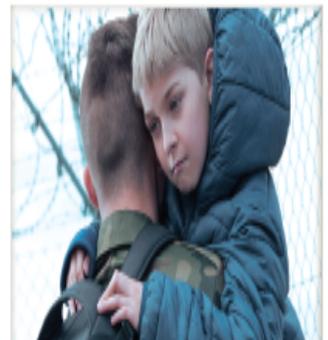


### OPIOID ADDICTION

Opioid addiction is an epidemic, and IT CAN AFFECT YOUR CHILD. When talking about opioids, send a clear message:

*"If a prescription is not yours and was not given to you by your doctor, don't take it. Pills can be highly addictive, and if abused, are often the first step in a heroin addiction. Heroin is a deadly drug and you should never, ever try it—not even once."*

If you suspect your child is abusing pills, act fast. DO NOT DELAY. If you need a first step, we can help. Our three counseling centers, located in West Hartford, Avon, and Rockville, are supported by a therapy team that includes a child psychiatrist. We accept private insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid.



### Kids in Divorce & Separation (K.I.D.S.)

We run support groups for children who are experiencing a separation due to divorce, military service, incarceration, or the death of a loved one. Groups are held in nearly all West Hartford elementary schools. Contact us to learn more.

## ELC Lottery Applications

The Early Learning Center at Whiting Lane School and Aiken Elementary School is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. The program is family centered and has half day sessions that meet four days a week. A lottery will be conducted in January.

To be considered for the program, children must be three years old by September 1, 2018, toilet-trained by the start of the school year and exhibit age-appropriate language, social and play skills. All applicants must participate in a play-based screening prior to being considered for the lottery selection. **If you are interested, please contact Pam Macca at (860) 233-1455.**

**The application process will close on December 15, 2017.**

### ***Vacant Seat Program - Application Start date is Monday, October 2, 2017***

The West Hartford Public Schools vacant seat program utilizes available space on school buses. This program allows students to ride buses, where space is available, who under the West Hartford Public Schools Transportation policy are not eligible for transportation. **No additional bus stops are added to the routes for this program.**

Interested parents should contact the West Hartford Public Schools Transportation Office at (860)561-6647 for additional information on or after October 2nd. **Requests are taken in this office by telephone on a first come, first served basis starting at 8:00 am.**

### **2016 Education Legislation: Public Act 16-189**

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 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).



# WEST HARTFORD YMCA SPORTS PROGRAMS

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN

Program runs from October 30th-December 16th  
(no program from 11/20-11/25)

Program location: St. Brigid St. Augustine Partnership School  
100 Mayflower Street, West Hartford  
Fee: \$60 for a six-week session

Financial assistance  
available!

## Volleyball

Grades: 3-8  
Date: Tuesdays  
Time: 5:00-6:00pm (Grades 3-5)  
6:00-7:00pm (Grades 6-8)

## Sports of all Sorts

Ages: 2-5  
Date: Saturdays  
Time: 9:00-10:00am (2-3yrs)  
10:00-11:00am (4-5yrs)

## After School Indoor Soccer

Grades: K-3  
Date: Tuesdays  
Time: 3:40-4:30pm

## Wiffle Ball

Grades: K-2  
Date: Saturdays  
Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

## Floor Hockey

Grades: 3-8  
Date: Fridays  
Time: 5:00-6:00pm (Grades 3-5)  
6:00-7:00pm (Grades 6-8)

## After School Basketball

Grades: K-5  
Date: Fridays  
Time: 3:40-4:30pm



## Indoor Soccer

Grades: 3-8  
Date: Saturdays  
Time: 12:00-1:00pm (Grades 3-5)  
1:00-2:00pm (Grades 6-8)

Registration is  
open online!

Program location: St. Thomas Seminary  
467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield  
Fee: \$85 for a six-week session

## Youth Coed Basketball

PARENT & ME  
Ages 2-3  
Saturdays, 9:00-10:00am

ROOKIES  
Ages 3-4  
Saturdays, 9:00-10:00am

BOUNCERS  
Ages 5 & Kindergarten  
Saturdays, 10:00-11:00am

DRIBBLERS  
Grades 1 & 2  
Saturdays, 10:00-11:00am

## Elite Clinics

Ages: 7-12  
Date: Saturdays  
Time: 11:30-1:30pm  
Fee: \$30 per clinic

11/4- Ball Handling Clinic  
11/11- Fundamentals of  
Shooting Clinic  
11/18- Scoring Clinic  
11/25- All Skills Clinic  
12/2- Skills Competition

## Archery

Ages: 7 & up  
Date: Wednesdays  
Time: 5:00-5:45pm



## Basketball Training

Dates: Per Diem  
Time: 1 hour  
Price: \$50 per child  
Group rate: \$10 per additional child  
Must schedule 3 days in advance!



## Swim Lessons

Classes run on Friday evenings & Saturday mornings!

Fees: Water Discovery —\$84  
(Ages 6mo-3 years)  
Preschool Swim —\$84  
(Ages 3-5)  
Youth Swim —\$89  
(Ages 6-10)

Location: Mandell JCC  
335 Bloomfield Ave.,  
West Hartford



# WEST HARTFORD YMCA FALL PROGRAMS

Sports programs are held at St. Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Avenue in Bloomfield. Fees are \$85/per child unless noted otherwise. Please visit us at [westhartfordYMCA.org](http://westhartfordYMCA.org) to register. Fall I runs from September 11th–October 29th, and Fall II runs from October 30th–December 17th. For more information about our sports programs, please contact Thomas Faeth at 860,521,5830 ext. 14 or [thomas.faeth@ghymca.org](mailto:thomas.faeth@ghymca.org).



**Soccer League**  
Fall I  
Ages 2-6  
Saturday mornings  
Times vary by age group



**Basketball League**  
Fall II  
Ages 2-Grade 2  
Saturday mornings  
Times vary by age group



**Archery**  
Fall I & II  
Ages 7 & up  
Wednesdays  
5:00-5:45pm



**Field Hockey**  
Fall I  
Grades 3-8  
Tuesday evenings  
Times vary by age group



**Sports of All Sorts**  
Fall I  
Ages 2-3  
Saturday  
10:30-11:30am



**Chess Club**  
Fall I & II  
Grades K-8  
Saturdays  
11:00am-1:00pm  
Fees \$50/child



**T-ball League**  
Fall I  
Ages 2-6  
Saturday mornings  
Times vary by age group



**Volleyball**  
Fall I  
Grades 3-8  
Tuesday evenings  
Times vary by age group



**Lacrosse**  
Fall I  
Ages 6-10  
Saturdays  
12:00-1:00pm

## Water Discovery

Parent must join child in pool  
Friday 5:30-6:00pm  
Saturday 11:00-11:30am

Swim lessons are held at the Mandel JCC, 335 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford. Fees: Water Discovery —\$84 (Ages 6mo-3 years) Preschool Swim —\$84 (Ages 3-5) Youth Swim —\$89 (Ages 6-10)

## Preschool Swim

**Water Acclimation (Level 1)**  
Friday 6:00-6:30pm  
Saturday 11:00-11:30am  
Saturday 12:30-1:00pm

**Water Movement (Level 2)**  
Friday 6:30-7:00pm  
Saturday 11:30-12:00pm  
Saturday 1:30-2:00pm

**Water Stamina (Level 3)**  
Friday 7:00-7:30pm  
Saturday 12:00-12:30pm

## Youth Swim

**Water Acclimation (Level 1)**  
Friday 5:30-6:10pm  
Saturday 11:30am-12:10pm  
Saturday 1:00-1:40pm

**Water Movement (Level 2)**  
Friday 6:10-6:50pm  
Saturday 12:10-12:50pm

**Water Stamina (Level 3)**  
Friday 6:50-7:30pm  
Saturday 12:50-1:30pm

For more information about aquatics, please contact Travis Morse at 860,653,5524 or [travis.morse@ghymca.org](mailto:travis.morse@ghymca.org).

For more information about child care, please contact Cheryl Swett at 860,462,6209 or [cheryl.swett@ghymca.org](mailto:cheryl.swett@ghymca.org).

## After School Program

Serving Kids in all West Hartford Public Schools  
Location: St. Brigid School, 100 Mayflower Street, West Hartford  
Time: (including early dismissal Wed)  
Program begins at school dismissal and ends at 6:00pm.  
Transportation not included.

## Vacation Camp

Location: St. Thomas Seminary  
Grades: K-5  
Dates: September 21st, October 9th, November 7th, December 26th—29th  
Time: 7:00am-6:00pm  
Fees: \$50/day  
Pre-registration is required.

## Kids Night Out

Location: St. Thomas Seminary  
Ages: 5-12  
Dates: September 8th, October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st  
Time: 6:00-9:00pm  
Fees: \$20 for the first child \$5/additional child

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# Important Safety Reminders

## **SAFETY MESSAGE**

*Please remember that students who are walkers must leave the premises at dismissal unless there is an adult present to supervise them while they play on school grounds.*

*Parents and/or guardians are reminded that public school grounds technically become public parks once students are dismissed, and the responsibility for supervision of their children shifts to them.*

*Medical supplies and treatment are not available outside regular school hours.*

*Thank you*

## **SAFETY ISSUE REMINDER**

***All bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller blades and skates . . .***

***. . . are not*** to be used on school property due to safety concerns. Once your child arrives on school grounds they are asked to walk their bicycles, scooters and skateboards to the bike racks and to remove their roller blades and skates.

None of the above are allowed to be used within the school building!

As always, we recommend that only students in grades 3-5 ride their bicycles to school. To do so, a permission slip should be filed in the office.

***Remember, helmets must be worn by all children 12 and under.***



## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING MORNING DROP OFF AND AFTERNOON PICK UP**

**Please remember, for the safety of your children . . .**

***Please do not enter the school parking lot  
AND DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS LANE  
to drop off or pick up students.***

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

## **NO DOGS PERMITTED -- IMPORTANT DISTRICT POLICY NOTICE**

Per district policy, no dogs will be allowed on school property at arrival, during the school day and at dismissal because of pet allergies and children who are fearful of dogs. Please refer to the Morley School Handbook.



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## **ATTENTION PARENTS OF BUS RIDERS**

Attendance is taken **every** afternoon on the bus to insure the safe homecoming of all our students. It is assumed that all children who are eligible to ride the bus will do so unless they are sick or have been signed out early. If your child **will not** be riding the bus either routinely (s/he will attend MEDC for example) or occasionally (an after school visit with a walker), a note **must be** received in the office. When a child is not on line for the bus in the p.m. and no note is received, we look for that child and thus hold up the bus. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated!

## **TELEPHONE CALLS TO SCHOOL**

Please note that all calls to teachers will be put into voicemail unless it is an emergency. Teachers will check their voicemail **at the end of each day**. Please make arrangements with your children before school so that there are few interruptions to classroom teaching.

We understand that there are times that you need to get an emergency message to your child and in those instances, please let the office know that you need to be put directly through to the teacher.

We appreciate your understanding.

## **IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO BE ABSENT OR TARDY?**

**Please remember to call the school office (233-8535) if your child will be tardy or absent. You may report an absence before 8:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. by using the voice mail system at the same number. Any absence reported by the teacher, but not the parent, will alert the office to a potential problem and will necessitate a call to your home.**

## **SUPERVISION BEFORE SCHOOL**

- Bus students are not to exit the bus in the morning until 8:20 AM at the elementary schools.
- **All students should not be on school grounds before 8:20 AM.**
- Parents will be called if their children are consistently dropped off before this time.

There is no supervision on the grounds until 8:20 a.m. **Please be sure that your child(ren) are not arriving or being dropped off before that time.** There is no access to the school before the first bell at 8:30 a.m.

Please be sure to stay tuned to the radio or television or call the source line at 233-2334 to be sure there is no "delay" due to the weather.

***Thank you for your cooperation in the safety of your children.***

## **A Reminder to Help Students Become Responsible Citizens**

**We encourage parents not to bring in "forgotten" items to school for their child. If you must bring something in the office, we ask that you make sure your child's name and teacher's name is on the item. You can leave the item on the office counter and we will email or leave a message on the teacher's telephone.**

**Thank you for helping make your child responsible.**

**PLEASE POST THIS BY YOUR PHONE AT HOME & AT WORK !!**

**SCHOOL CLOSINGS & DELAYS  
DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

- \* The superintendent of schools determines the necessity for a delayed opening or emergency closing of school due to weather conditions or other emergencies.
- \* Parents will receive a phone call via the Connect-ED Rapid Notification Service informing them of a delayed opening or emergency closing. The phone call would be issued no later than 6:30<sup>am</sup>
- \* In the event of an early dismissal from school due to inclement weather or other circumstances, parents/guardians will be notified by the principal via the Connect-ED Rapid Notification System. This allows parents to be notified by phone within minutes.
- \* Announcements regarding school-opening delays or closings also are made over local radio and television stations.
- \* This information also may be accessed by visiting our website at [www.whps.org](http://www.whps.org) for closings, cancellations and additional information.
- \* When schools are closed early, all school-related afternoon and evening activities are cancelled as well.

*Reminder: Whenever there is a delayed opening, ALL morning activities such as Choir, Band, etc. are cancelled.*

*Early Dismissals: It is very important that you review early dismissal emergency procedures with your child. Listen to your radios.*

*It is appreciated if you don't call the school to check on school closings.*

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- \* Bus students are not to exit the bus until 8:20<sup>am</sup> at the school.
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**EMERGENCY EARLY CLOSING**

In the event of an emergency early closing, these are the early closing times on ALL days.

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| High School              | 11:00 <sup>am</sup>      |
| Middle School            | 11:45 <sup>am</sup>      |
| <b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b> | <b>1:00<sup>pm</sup></b> |

- \* Give your children 3 to 5 homes to go to in the neighborhood, in a certain order.
- \* Show them where an extra house key is kept.
- \* Remind them to go to the designated neighbor, but then be certain to leave a note for you (on the back door or in the mailbox) as to where they are staying.

We suggest that you walk through a simulation with your children to give them the experience in a non-threatening situation.

**REMEMBER** - In the event of an emergency early closing, **Morley Extended Day Care** will close when school closes.

**OUTDOOR RECESS POLICY**

The recess policy dictates that all students will go outside for recess if the temperature is 20° Fahrenheit or above. Youngsters should be appropriately dressed to spend time outdoors during recess. **Warm clothes, gloves, hats, and boots** are required during the winter months.

**Children well enough to come to school should be well enough to be outside during recess.**

*Exceptions for medical reasons may be granted on an individual basis.*

In the event of inclement or severely cold weather, outdoor recess will be canceled.