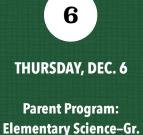
District Bulletin



Information contained in this bulletin has been approved by the Office of the Superintendent for distribution on email listservs as a service to community organizations.

If you wish to have something posted in this bulletin, please contact John Cianciarulo at <u>jcianciarulo@westwood.k12.ma.us</u>. Note: Recreation, School, Scouting, Town Hall, and Westwood Sports flyers will be posted a maximum of three times. Flyers from businesses, churches, or outside groups will be posted once.





3-5, 9am, Deerfield





WESTWOOD WIRE



GET ALL THE LATEST NEWS STRAIGHT TO YOUR INBOX!

The Town now offers a monthly newsletter with community information!

http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/towns/westwood_wire/default.htm



One of the most difficult challenges for the Superintendent of Schools is deciding whether or not to cancel or delay school due to inclement weather. Like weather forecasting, the school-closing decision process is not a perfect science. However, it is important for families to understand how the process works. This FAQ document was designed to answer such questions.

Who makes the decision about whether or not to close school?

The Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the Director of Operations, Westwood's Department of Public Works, the Highway Department, and Westwood Police officials, make the final decision by 5:45am or earlier. If made later, parents have little time to make arrangements for childcare, and some school district staff may have already left for work.

What information is gathered to aid in the decision?

There are multiple factors used in deciding whether or not to close school: information on road conditions, snow accumulation predictions, building conditions such as electricity and heat, parking lot conditions, air temperature and wind chill, and estimated times from the Department of Public Works as to when parking lots, roads, and walkways will be cleared of snow and ice.

How is the information acquired?

District staff monitors state and local weather forecasts. The Department of Public Works and Westwood Police officials provide updates on neighborhood road conditions.

What are parents' responsibilities?

The safety of your child is paramount. On days when weather conditions are questionable, but school remains open, parents are free to exercise discretion and keep children home from school. Parents of young drivers are asked to reinforce winter weather driving skills: allowing extra travel time, reducing speed, and not worrying about being late.

How are days made-up?

As per State regulations, students must attend school for a minimum of 180 days and the school year must end by June 30. If school is closed due to weather, the day will be made-up at the end of the school year.

SNOW DAY FAQ



How do power outages affect the decision?

Inclement weather can affect the timeline for utility companies to restore electricity. If all school buildings have electricity, the goal will be to open school. Other factors also influence the decision, including whether a number of neighborhoods are without power.

What is a delayed opening?

Rather than close school for a whole

day due to short-term weather situations, there may be days when the beginning of school will be delayed one hour, ninety minutes, or two hours. School will simply start later by the length of the delay. Bus pickup, therefore, will also occur later. For example, if your child is normally picked up at 8:35am, during a one hour delayed opening he/she will be picked up at 9:35am. Lunch will still be available and dismissal will be at the regularly scheduled times.

How is the public notified?

District website (www.westwood.k12.ma.us), Twitter (<a href="www.westwood.k12.ma.us"), T

School Messenger phone call ("robo-call"): If the timing is appropriate, a telephone call may be made to families. Local Television: WBZ-Ch. 4, WCVB-Ch. 5, WHDH-Ch. 7, WFXT-Ch. 25, and NECN/NBC10 Boston.

Waiting for television broadcasts is often the least effective means of learning about school closings. It is recommended that you first rely on the resources above. Each station also posts school closings on its website.



Westwood Public Schools Integrated Preschool Program Open House and Registration for 2019-2020 School Year

The Westwood Integrated Preschool will hold an Open House for the 2019-2020 School Year on November 28, 2018 & January 2, 2019 at 9:30AM. Parents are welcome to visit and explore our preschool before registration begins on January 5, 2019. Why the Westwood Integrated Preschool?

The program offers:

- High quality, developmentally appropriate practices that values play while ensuring school readiness
- Highly qualified and licensed early childhood educators with Master's Degrees
- An Integrated setting that addresses all learning styles
- A modern, high tech, environment with ample resources, accessible space and large fenced in playground
- An opportunity to become a member of the Westwood Public Schools community

Program Options:

Multi-Age Program (3 and 4 year olds) - Full Day Program \$9850 5 days per week
Monday-Friday
9:00 AM to 2:45 PM

4 Year Olds – Full Day Program \$8700 – Year before Kindergarten 4 days per week
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00 AM to 2:45 PM

4 Year Olds – Half Day Program \$6000 – Year before Kindergarten 4 days per week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

3 Year Olds – Full Day Program \$8700 4 days per week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 AM to 2:45 PM

3 Year Olds – Half Day Program \$6000 4 days per week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

To be eligible to attend preschool, your child must be at least 3 years old, and a Westwood resident. Please contact the office for more information about the Open House or registration at 781-326-7500 x5113.

Westwood Integrated Preschool 200 Nahatan Street Westwood, MA 02090 Director: Aprile E. Albertelli Admin Assistant: Jeanne Bylsma



WESTWOOD SOFTBALL

ONLINE STORE

Support Westwood Youth Softball and get some great gear for the holidays! Order by December 13th to receive in time for the Holiday Break.

November 29th - December 28th

Visit

https://straightstitch.myshopify.com/collections/westwood-softball to shop



HOLIDAY SHOPPING NIGHT!

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Thursday,
December 6th,
2018

6pm -8pm



Westwood Community Chest

Westwood Community Chest helps individuals and families facing financial difficulties with funds for basic needs including medical expenses, utility payments, and housing payments. The organization also helps families by distributing scholarships to summer camp for school-aged kids, also known as "camperships".



Come and join us for some Holiday Shopping while you enjoy Wine and Cheese -- Bring a Friend!



Decor and More has something for everyone on your list and will also be donating a portion of sales from the evening to the Westwood Community Chest

WHAT'S NEW

from



Take a look at these recent programs available on Westwood Media Center's YouTube page and airing this week on our local Cable Channels!

"Around the Hoop" Season 3 Premiere

Friday, December 7 at 5:00 pm Comcast 8 and Verizon 32

YouTube: https://youtu.be/XlUw7Wb7JIw

Book Buzz 11/29/18

Saturday, December 8 at 4:00 pm Comcast 8 and Verizon 32

YouTube: https://youtu.be/-bQpI6_TssE

Thurston Middle School Chorus 12/3/18

Sunday, December 9 at 12:00 pm Comcast 8 and Verizon 32

YouTube: https://youtu.be/xNFcoxie7QI

www.westwoodmediacenter.tv



Music in the Meetinghouse presents

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A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS WITH AMICI CANTORES

Join us for a concert celebrating beautiful Christmas music, old and new...with a special guest appearance from The North Pole!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH @ 7PM

ADMISSION: \$15; \$10/SENIORS & STUDENTS; \$35/FAMILY OF UP TO 5

First Parish of Westwood 252 Nahatan Street Westwood, MA 02090 www.firstparishwestwood.org





THURSTON
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
BAND
CONCERT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018, 7:00PM WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

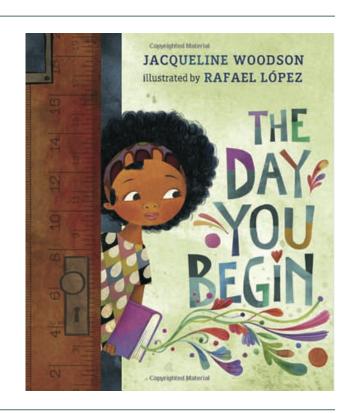


JOIN US FOR A PARENT DISCUSSION TO HELP YOU ENGAGE YOUR CHILD ON TOPICS OF INCLUSION AND BELONGING IN HONOR OF INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

Wednesday, December 12 at 7pm Hanlon Elementary School

Psychologist and Hanlon parent Dr. Emily Mohr will facilitate a parent discussion beginning with a focus on Jacqueline Woodson's **The Day You Begin**, a book being read in many Westwood Elementary School classrooms as part of Inclusive Schools Week.

There's no need to have read the book in advance; copies will be available at the event.



THIS EVENT BROUGHT TO YOU BY:





Westwood SEPAC

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



Connect with other local families, share stories and ask advice in a friendly welcoming atmosphere. Children are welcome!

Date: Friday, December 14, 2018 | **Time:** 9:00-11:00am

Location: Cafe Nero, Legacy Place, Dedham

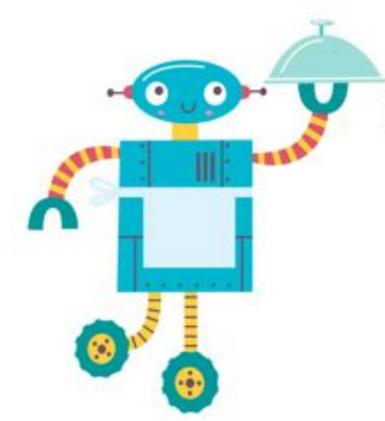
(Look for SEPAC table sign)



*6:30-8:30, FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 14TH
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ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD, AND HELP





RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW! WWW.WHSROBOTICS.ORG





BOYS:

Ages 9-14

WINTER SKILLS CLINICS

FOOT SKILLS • CONDITIONING • SMALL-SIDED GAMES • FIELD STRATEGY

MANNY FERNANDES SOCCER ACADEMY





Sundays: January 6 through March 17, 2019

12:00 to 1:00pm

Saint John the Evangelist School • 696 Washington Street in Canton, MA Limited spots available. Not for players committed to other clubs.

Contact Manny Fernandes at 617-905-0086 or maf98@hotmail.com www.mafsocceracademy.com GIRLS: For players born 2003 to 2009



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TEEN Y-BALL

Come join our fun and competitive league with your friends! Y-Ball is a high school basketball league that Players of all skill sets can enjoy! Each player is assigned a team, given a shirt and game schedule, game times will vary each week!

Grades: 9-12

Date: January 6th, 2018-March 12th, 2019

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm on Sunday's

and/or 7:30-10pm on Tuesday's

Location: Pollard Middle School, Needham Ma

Y-Ball Registration Begins:

November 19th for Family Members

November 23rd for Youth/Teen Members

November 26th for Community

For more information on program please contact:

Marco Ciavattone, Teen Director mciavattone@ymcaboston.org

What A Great Holiday Gift Idea!

For more information on Gift Certificates or Family and Teen

Memberships, please contact:

Amy Courtney, Membership Director acourtney@ymcaboston.org







Westwood Public Schools - Preschool Screening

Massachusetts Special Education Law states that each school district shall conduct screenings for three and four year olds. This screening is designed to review a child's development and to assist in identification of those children who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services. Participation in the screening is optional.

In accordance with the law, the Westwood Public Schools will conduct screenings of children throughout the school year. The following are the screening dates for the 2018-2019 school year. Please call Jeanne Bylsma Administrative Assistant at 781-326-7500, ext. 5113 to schedule an appointment for your child.

<u>Screening Date</u>- Please register at least one month in advance.

February 6, 2019



Structured Play Group

2018-2019 Group Description

These 8-week groups for K - 5th graders emphasize the development of social skills as well as building self-esteem and confidence. Organized play and activities are used to reinforce topics such as initiating and developing friendships, working cooperatively, and recognizing personal strengths. All groups are free of charge and run 4:00 - 5:00 PM.



Spring 2019 Groups now available!

Kindergarten/1st Grade

- Wednesdays, March 27 May 22, Islington Community Center
- Thursdays, Feb. 14 April 11, Islington Community Center

2nd/3rd Grade

• Tuesdays, March 5 - April 30, Martha Jones Elementary

Contact: Nina Banozic, LICSW

781-320-1006 or nbanozic@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Register online at:

http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs/default.htm

WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Public Notice

The temporary special education for records students who graduated, turned without 2.2. graduating, or moved in the 2010-2011 school year, will be destroyed on



March 1, 2019. Any students interested in receiving their special education records must call (781) 326-7500, x1502 to make an appointment to pick them up before this date. Records can be picked-up from the Westwood Public Schools District Administration Building at 220 Nahatan Street.



Recycling furniture. Rebuilding lives.



Donate Housewares to New Life Furniture Bank Truck

New Life Furniture Bank of Massachusetts will be collecting new and gently used housewares at its truck on Thursday, December 13th between 10:00-2:00 at the Keller Williams Realty office 680 High St (Route 109) in Westwood.

New Life is a 501(c)3 organization that provides high-quality, gently-used household essentials and furniture at no cost to its MetroWest and Greater Boston clients, including beds for those who need them. For five years New Life has been helping individuals and families in transition and coming out of homelessness, including those escaping domestic abuse, victims of fires and floods, and veterans.

Practical items such as pots and pans, casserole dishes, dishes, flatware, drinking glasses, kitchen utensils, small countertop appliances such as: microwaves, toasters, coffee pots, lamps, bath and hand towels, sheet sets are needed.

Each week New Life provides 12-14 clients with the essentials to furnish a small apartment. Furniture and houseware donations may be dropped off Saturday mornings at the New Life warehouse loading dock in Walpole at 102 Elm Street between 9:00-11:30.

New Life Furniture Bank is a volunteer-based organization and always in need of helping hands, household donations and financial donations. To learn more, please visit: newlifefb.org.