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Christine Carver, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools



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Dear Parents, Care Givers, Staff, and Community Members:

The **Annual Town Referendum** or **vote** on the school, town and capital budget has been set for **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**.

The Bethel Public Schools is hosting its second annual STEAM Expo (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) on Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 6:00-8:30 at Bethel High School. Students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 will be showcasing their learning as it relates to STEAM education. Along with our students, we will also have numerous exploratory tables, presentations, and exhibits from teachers, community members, and businesses. Our keynote speaker, Mr. Will Heher, Bethel High School teacher and owner of *Sweetlife Farms*, will be sharing how STEAM affects his business. For more information regarding *Sweetlife Farms* click [here](#). The STEAM Expo is a free event open to the community.

STEAM Expo
April 26, 2018
6:00 - 8:30 PM
Bethel High School
300 Whittlesey Drive
Bethel Educational Park

Due to weather, the Bethel Middle School Color Run has been postponed from April 7th to Saturday, April 28th at 9:00 AM. Please consider attending. All proceeds support Nature's Classroom.



Summer's BEST 2018 has arrived! The Bethel Public Schools will be offering many new and dynamic programs. We hope to create a summertime adventure of discovery, fun, and learning that will build knowledge and enrich your child. The goal of the summer program is to encourage children to explore new skills, talents, and interests as well as

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maintain and sharpen academic skills, boost academic confidence, and reinforce the value of education.

The Enrichment programs are self- funding. The cost of each program is set to cover the cost of the teacher and the materials. You will be sending your child to a fun, safe, educational program.

Registration for enrichment programs will begin at 7:00 AM on Monday, April 23, 2018. We will be using Pick- a-Time for registration. The link will be provided on the summer school page at www.bethel.k12.ct.us.

Summer Volunteer opportunities are available for students entering grade 9 and older. Students can choose to volunteer for session one (July 2- July 13 with no school on 7/4), session two (July 16- July 27) or both. The student must be available for each day in the session they choose, no exceptions. The volunteer hours are from 8:15- 12:15. If your child would like to volunteer, please have them email Mrs. Anderson at AndersonL@bethel.k12.ct.us from their school Gmail account and CC a parent on the email. We will be accepting volunteer emails until May 1, 2018.

Save the month of July to enroll your child in a rewarding summer experience!

[Summer's BEST Summer School Program Information](#)



BETHEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Supporting Innovation, Creativity and Excellence in Learning



**HONOR A TEACHER, EDUCATOR
OR MENTOR WHO HAS
TOUCHED YOUR CHILD'S LIFE**

A donation of **\$25** to the Bethel Education Foundation provides your honored teacher, educator or special mentor with a **personalized certificate** and **\$10 in Bethel Bucks** delivered to their classroom/school during teacher appreciation week and their name listed as an honoree on the BEF website!



[Flyer/Order Form](#)



Attention Bethel Alumni!

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Have you joined the Bethel Alumni Association? Anyone who attended or graduated from Bethel High School is invited to join the Bethel Alumni Association. Please contact Rich Bellesheim at jeanrich@aol.com



Want to be the first to know when school is delayed or canceled in bad weather? Follow me at: @BethelCTSuper In order to enhance communication with parents, in addition to our Twitter feed, @BethelCTSuper, we have a Facebook page at [Bethel Public Schools](#) We post photos of school and district events, general communications, and school closing/delay information. Please “like” our page!

Board of Education Policy Updates

The Bethel Public Schools, as a learning community devoted to the academic and social growth of our children, creates educational opportunities that inspire competence, creativity, teamwork, and a drive to excel. In an environment of trust and respect, high expectations for student performance are evident in the discussions, actions, and policies of the Board of Education. Board of Education policies can be found on our district website.

Please refer to policies and regulations recently reviewed and updated/revised and new on our district website listed below by clicking the link below:

3/15/18

Policy 1325, Non-Discrimination in Community Relations

Policy 4118.11/4218.11 - Non-Discrimination in Employment Practices

Policy 4118.14/4218.14 - Non-Discrimination Regarding Employees & Section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act Of 1973 & Title II of The ADA Act Of 1990

Policy & Regulation 4118.112 - Non-Discrimination - Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment In The Workplace

Policy 5131.9 - Aggressive Behavior

Regulation 5144.1 - Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students

[Bethel Board of Education Policies](#)

EVENTS

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Preparing Bethel students for tomorrow's careers!

Bethel High School
April 26, 2018
6:00-8:30 pm

Direct any questions to Mrs. Barbara
Donaghy at donaghyb@bethel.k12.ct.us

Join us at the STEAM Expo
Science . Technology . Engineering . Arts . Math

featuring *demonstrations, exhibitions,*
and *presentations* from students,
teachers and businesses

Keynote speaker - Mr. William Heher,
BHS teacher & owner of [Sweetlife Farms](#),
will be speaking from 6:00-6:15 pm
in the Auditorium

Find out more information on our [STEAM Expo website](#).

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- Who is organizing this: The Bethel High School National Honor Society Activities and Drives Committee is holding a school and town drive for the Women's Center of Greater Danbury
- When is this occurring: The collection is being held from April 10, 2018 to April 24, 2018
- Why they deserve this: Every year they donate their time to educate students in the Bethel Public Schools community, and we wish to thank them for their wonderful efforts to better our community
- What you can give: Paper Towels / Napkins, Wet Wipes, Toilet Paper, Paper Plates, Laundry Detergent, etc...
- Where you can give: The main lobbies of all Bethel Public Schools, as well as the Bethel Public Library, Famous Pizza, Cream and Sugar, and Bethel Music Center

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PARENT WORKSHOP

The Bethel Public Schools and the Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Please join Mike Tonucci, District BCBA

Helping Parents and Caregivers Create Practical Reinforcement Systems in the Home to Increase Desired Behaviors

Workshop Dates	Grade Level Focus
March 28, 2018	PK – Grade 3
April 11, 2018	Grade 4 – Grade 8
May 2, 2018	Grade 9 – Grade 12

7:00PM – 8:00PM

Board of Education Conference Room, 3rd Floor at the Municipal Center

Attendees at the workshops will...

- *Learn about different reinforcement ideas that may help their child engage in appropriate behavior.*
- *Have an opportunity to problem solve barriers that arise when trying to follow through with reinforcement in the home.*
- *Hear ideas that are easy to use in the home, yet still effective!*
- *And much more!*

RSVP to Susan Budris, Director of Special Education

budriss@bethel.k12.ct.us or 203-794-8616

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Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open!

[Kindergarten Registration 2018-2019](#)

[PickATime Kindergarten Registration Appointment](#)

We look forward to partnering with you in your child's education!

Last year we updated our *Proof of Residency* requirements. Connecticut State Statute require that students who attend our schools are permanent residents of Bethel. Parents are asked to show *Proof of Residency* when they initially register for school and if they move within Bethel. [Registration Procedures-Residency](#)

** If you have not yet registered online for Kindergarten, go to our website, www.bethel.k12.ct.us, scroll down, and click on the “Registration” link in the maroon circle half way down the page. Select *Kindergarten Registration 2018-2019*. There, you will find instructions for how to formally register your child for kindergarten. Please call the District Registrar at (203) 830-7355 if you need help or have any questions.

Circle of Friends

Pre-School Screening

Are you concerned that your child may be experiencing difficulties or delays with talking, play skills, problem solving skills or making their needs known?

If so, you and your child (3-5 years old) are encouraged to participate in a Circle of Friends screening. While meeting the staff to discuss your concerns or ask questions regarding your child's development, your child will take part in informal play activities that include songs and motor activities.

The preschool team includes the Supervisor of Special Education, Preschool Special Education Teachers, Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist and School Social Worker.

Screening dates for the 2017-2018 school year are: Wednesdays from 10:00-10:45 AM, April 25, 2018, May 30, 2018

If school is closed because of inclement weather, the pre-school screen will be cancelled.

Pre-registration is appreciated but drop-ins are welcomed.

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For more information, please contact Kate Coffey at 203-794-8679.

Bethel Central PTO Membership

The Bethel Central PTO was established to bring together the 5 school PTOs and also allow families with children at multiple schools to only pay one set of membership dues and automatically become a member at all the schools their children attend.

In September, the Bethel Central PTO kicks off the Bethel Central PTO membership drive with their annual Phone Book sale*, where for the price of your membership you get a copy of the 5 school phone book. But the opportunity for membership doesn't end after their Phone Book drive ends. You can become a member of the PTO all year!

All proceeds from Bethel Central PTO memberships get put to use in the district. Here are a few things that the Bethel Central PTO is able to provide:

- Scholarships for our Bethel High School Senior Members on their way to college.
- A Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast to say thank you to our bus drivers.
- Support for Parent University
- Support for Post Prom activities

If you would like to join the Bethel Central PTO, please use the link below and fill in the form to get started. Thank you for your support!!

<https://sites.google.com/view/bpspto/home>

*Phone books are only available for sale during the initial September fund drive.

Family-School Partnership

The Family School Partnership Committee and Bethel Schools Parent Network Facebook Pages!

<http://www.bethel.k12.ct.us/cms/one.aspx?portalId=547022&pageId=1148834>

Bethel Education Foundation

Click here for the [Bethel Education Foundation Newsletter](#).

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INVITES YOU TO THE 12TH ANNUAL BARNUM BALL

AN EVENING IN OLD HOLLYWOOD
A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT INNOVATION, CREATIVITY, AND EXCELLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018
ETHAN ALLEN HOTEL

GET YOUR TICKETS AT
WWW.BETHELEDFOUNDATION.ORG

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School Newsletters/Blogs

Berry School News

[Berry School Newsletter – Dandy Lines](#)

Rockwell School News

[Rockwell School Newsletter – Peek at the Week](#)

Middle School News

[Middle School Newsletter – Tiger Times](#)

Johnson School News

[Johnson School Newsletter – The Jaguar Journal](#)



PICK A PROJECT !

LEARN !

HAVE FUN !

STEM ROCKS!



SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | ARTS | MATHEMATICS

EXPO 2018

APRIL 26TH 6:00- 8:30

K-5 PRESENTERS WANTED!

[Click here to find out more information on the EXPO website](#)

**QUESTIONS!
CONTACT ME**

Kit Nielsen

nielsenk@bethel.k12.ct.us

[Click here for more info/Expo website](#)

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High School News

BHS News

SAT/PSAT Testing at Bethel High School Rescheduled

Due to the early dismissal on March 21st, the SAT and PSAT for all Grade 9-11 students has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 24th. Contact Mari Lerz at lerzm@bethel.k12.ct.us if you have any questions.

Freshman Community Service Day: April 26th

On Thursday, April 26th, our 9th grade students will participate in the annual **Freshman Community Service Day**. They will engage in various community service activities around the town of Bethel and the school campus and earn five hours toward the 60-hour graduation requirement.

Some of the activities for the day include:

- Clean up teams in downtown Bethel, inside town buildings, and at local parks
- Raking leaves, picking up garbage, painting picnic tables, spreading mulch at playgrounds
- Performing Music for the residents of Maplewood
- Playing Bingo at the Senior Center & Bethel Healthcare
- Helping out at Berry, Rockwell and Johnson schools
- Baking for Scotty Fund Families
- Painting projects
- Preparing for STEAM night
- Volunteering at DAWS
- Completing tasks for the Women's Center, Relay for Life
- Assisting at the Bethel Public Library
- And much more!

Students should come to school on April 26th dressed appropriately for the weather and the activity. Students must wear good shoes, bring work gloves, and be prepared to get dirty. In case of rain, students must have rain coats and boots. Students should also bring their backpacks to hold snacks, water, etc.

Students will attend their 1st block class, then report to the BHS Auditorium for a short presentation on the expectations and schedule for the day. Students will then break into their assigned groups. For activities taking place in the Educational Park, students will walk. For all other activities, bus transportation will be provided. For lunch, we will host a BBQ for all students at Bennett Park. Students will return to Bethel High School by 2:15pm. Please notify Ms. Lerz of any dietary restrictions.

In order to be transported to community service events within the town of Bethel, parents must sign the permission slip that was emailed to them and students must return it to their 9th grade Science teacher by Friday, April 6th.

If you have any questions about this exciting day, please contact Asst. Principal Mari Lerz at lerzm@bethel.k12.ct.us or Jennipher Israelite at israelitej@bethel.k12.ct.us.

It is going to be a wonderful day for the students of Bethel High School to give back to their community.

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HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL
BY DONATING
CLOTHES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS!



Our **FUNDrive™**
will be held at:

**Bethel High School
Upper Parking Lot**

**Saturday April 28, 2018
9:00 – 11:00 am**

and will benefit:

**Bethel High
Marching Wildcats
(Band & Guard)**



learn more:

Kristin Sprock
(203) 619-3552
kristinsprock@att.net

FUNDrive™
savers

we accept:

- CLOTHING
- SHOES
- BEDDING / TOWELS
- ACCESSORIES
- CDS, DVDS
- ELECTRICAL ITEMS
- TOYS & GAMES
- KITCHEN ITEMS
- KNICK-KNACKS
- SPORTING GOODS

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The 5th Annual Bethel Community Tag Sale



When: Saturday, May 5th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(rain date is 5/6)

Where: The upper parking lot of Bethel High School
([300 Whittlesey Dr, Bethel, CT 06801](https://www.google.com/maps/place/300+Whittlesey+Dr,+Bethel,+CT+06801))

Vendors can rent a space (size of a parking spot) for \$25, which reserves your spot to sell tag sale items, crafts, baked goods, etc.

The tag sale will be advertised online and around town.

Payment for a space is non-refundable

Vendors keep their own profits! Sellers at the Community Tag Sale are responsible for all equipment, such as tables and chairs, and must take all unsold items with them at the end of the event.

Proceeds will benefit the class of 2020

Checks should be made out to: ***The Class of 2020 Student Activity Fund***

Vendor set-up: 7:45 a.m.-9 a.m.

Open to the public: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (no early birds, please)

For more information or questions, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/0jGtDH5OID4b9zb53>

or contact:

<p>Kristen Ricciardone ricciardonek@bethel.k12.ct.us 203-794-8600 ext. 328</p>	<p>Andreia Dovale dovalea@bethel.k12.ct.us 203-794-8600 ext. 317</p>
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Spanish & Portuguese - Newsletter Highlights Youtube:



[Newsletter Highlights \(Spanish\)](#)

[Newsletter Highlights \(Portuguese\)](#)

Music News!

The Music Department would like to invite all community members to attend one or more of our concerts. You'll find all events on the schedule on our full [calendar of events for SY1718](#) Mark these dates now!

Please join our Facebook group!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bethelmusic/>

And check out our website!

<https://sites.google.com/view/bethelmusicdepartment>



BETV – Comcast Channel 97

Meet Coach Claridge, Johnson school's new PE teacher

<http://devos2.bethel.k12.ct.us/show?video=6036dcec8cf8>

Rockwell school also kicks off the Spring Concert Series! Check it out here

<http://devos2.bethel.k12.ct.us/show?video=eceb1f136e50>

Check out our full line up here

<https://sites.google.com/bethel.k12.ct.us/betv/home>

BPS Flickr Page



Check out the new photos on the Bethel Public Schools Flickr page! Dan DeBlois, District Photographer, will post photos from various school events open to the public. Sports, Concerts and Musicals are some examples on Flickr throughout the school year. Follow @DanDeBlois to be notified when they photos are posted. Go to [flickr](#) and take a look.

Bethel Public Library

Bethel Public Library Board of Directors Scholarship Fund Award 2018

The Library Board of Directors Scholarship is granted to a high school senior who is a resident of the Town of Bethel, Connecticut, and who plans to attend an accredited degree granting institution. The scholarship is awarded to a deserving student who has demonstrated a high degree of academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community activities, and financial need.

Deadline: 3:00 pm, Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

Students may download and print the form to complete. For application and instructions, please [click here](#). (<http://www.bethellibrary.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Scholarship-Application-2018-1.pdf>) (File format: pdf.)

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Community News & Events



Did you know that 4 out of 5 car seats are used incorrectly?

The Bethel Police Department is pleased to announce our upcoming Car Seat Clinic on Sunday April 15, 2018. Sgt. Burnes, Ofc. DiRago, Ofc. Broad, and Ofc. Cordero are Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians who will work with parents and caregivers to assure that their car seat is installed and used properly in their car.

The Clinic will be held, by appointment only, at the Stony Hill Fire Department, Stony Hill Rd., Bethel. For further information or an appointment time please contact the Officers at 203-744-7900 Ext. 121 or visit our website, Bethel-ct.gov/police, and select the Services tab to book an appointment online.



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BETHEL FAMILY FEST

**FOOD TRUCKS - MUSIC - HEALTH FAIR - GAMES
TOUCH A TRUCK - LOCAL VENDOR SHOPPING
AMBER ALERT - KIDS CORNER WITH INFLATABLES - SPORTS**

Join us for a fun-filled day
as we raise money to
benefit:
**Hero Project &
Neighbors Helping
Neighbors**

05.05.18

12PM-4PM | SATURDAY
DANBURY SPORTS DOME

**\$5 PER PERSON OR
\$20 PER FAMILY**
(UP TO 6)



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PLAY YOUTH RUGBY!



ASPETUCK VALLEY RUGBY CLUB OFFERS YOUTH RUGBY FOR BOYS AGES 9 - 14. WE OFFER CONTACT AND NON-CONTACT PROGRAMS (UNDER 10'S).

COACHES ARE USA RUGBY CERTIFIED AND WE PLAY A LOCAL SCHEDULE OF COMPETITION AGAINST TEAMS IN CONNECTICUT.

PLAY RUGBY!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
WWW.ASPETUCKRUGBY.ORG OR
EMAIL ASPETUCKRUGBY@GMAIL.COM



PLAY HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY!



ASPETUCK VALLEY RUGBY CLUB OFFERS HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL RUGBY FOR ALL BOYS INTERESTED IN LEARNING AND PLAYING THE GAME.

COACHES ARE USA RUGBY CERTIFIED AND WE PLAY A LOCAL SCHEDULE OF COMPETITION AGAINST TEAMS IN CONNECTICUT.

PLAY RUGBY!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
WWW.ASPETUCKRUGBY.ORG OR
EMAIL ASPETUCKRUGBY@GMAIL.COM

[Click here for flyers](#)

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2018 SPRING BETHEL YOUTH SOCCER

BYSA Spring 2018 Soccer

Register for Bethel Youth Soccer today at www.bethelsoccer.org. The cost is \$90, which includes a free shirt, professional Coerver coaching, medal and picnic at the end of the season.

Game Schedule (Saturdays)

Boys: Pre-K – K (9am-10am), Exp K – 1st (12pm-1:00pm)

Boys: 2nd – 3rd (8:30am-10am), 4th+ (10:15am-11:45am)

Girls: Pre-K – K (10am-11am), Exp K – 1st (11am-12pm)

Girls: 2nd – 3rd (8:30am-10am), 4th+ (10:15am-11:45am)

Practice Schedule (Mondays, 2nd grade and above)

Boys: 2nd – 3rd (5pm), 4th+ (7pm)

Girls: 2nd – 3rd (6pm), 4th+ (7pm)

Thursday Night Games

Minors and above will have 2 Thursday night games.

Fall 2017 Feedback

"Loved the new format focused on skill building" "We REALLY liked the Coerver coaches" "Loved the Coerver coaching staff" "My son loved going!" "My child's touches in the ball increased a lot"

[Flyer](#)

**\$90 (\$180 max)
Age 4 ½ and up**

April 14th – June 16th

**Season Picnic with
medals!**

**Free Summer Soccer
nights (Age 7+)**

**Free shirt,
Professional Coerver
coaches**

**REGISTRATION ENDS
APRIL 8TH!**

www.bethelsoccer.org

Ages 4 ½ and up

\$90 (\$180 Family Max)

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Treasure Trunk Flea Market & Family Fun Day

HAPPY HOOFERS



4-H CLUB

Convert Your Crafts, Treasures & Trash To Cash!!

***Touch-A-Truck, Kids Crafts & Games ***

Music, Give-Aways & More!!

Saturday April 28, 2018

9am to 3pm



Rain or Shine

Fairfield County Extension Center
67 Stony Hill Rd, Bethel, CT 06801

*****Entire Grounds*****

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Free Admission



INTERESTED IN BEING A VENDOR?

Early Bird reservations are **\$20 per Space** (\$30 after April 21st)
and **BENEFIT THE HAPPY HOOFERS 4-H CLUB OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

*Lots more opportunities for customers as the Savers Donation Drive, and more will
be in progress on the grounds too!*

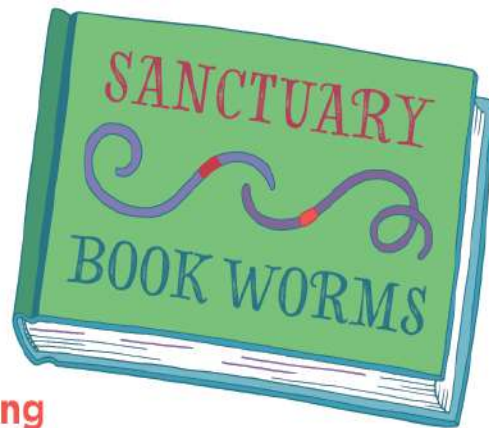
**CONTACT DOREEN OF THE HAPPY HOOFERS 4-H AT 203-209-5924
OR EMAIL US AT HAPPYHOOFERS4H@GMAIL.COM**

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HEALTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES
EXTENSION

[Flyer](#)

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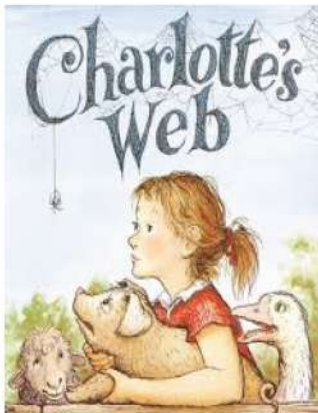
Join us for our next meeting

April 29, 2018 · 1-2 PM

**Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary
Old Farm Road, Newtown**

Sanctuary Book Worms is a book club that explores the literary world of animals and the people who love them. Chosen selections represent Catherine's favorite themes—the ones that would captivate her heart and transport her to a kinder, more gentle world. **All ages are welcome.**

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult



Participants will discuss E. B. White's beloved novel, **Charlotte's Web**- the story about a little pig who becomes famous with the help of a clever spider named Charlotte. As we discuss this story of friendship and loyalty, readers will be transported via hayride through the Sanctuary fields and paint their own magical spider web.

Register at cvhfoundation.org (click Events)
Changes due to weather will be posted to our website

Where you eat, shop, and play all make our community our home! When you shop locally you are making an investment in Bethel, in your schools, in your neighbors, and yourself.

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Sunday at the Sanctuary

Free Event for All Ages

April 29, 2018 · 12-3 PM

GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE

MEET THE ADOPTABLE ANIMALS!

April showers bring May flowers! The CVH Animal Sanctuary provides much needed habitat for pollinators, spring migrants and other species which have been under threat due to habitat loss, climate change and pesticides. Learn how to support wildlife at home and have fun doing it!

Meet the Doesy Doats goat mowers with Dr. Kim, discover "plants for birds" with the Audubon Center and learn all about native plants. Participants will also get tips on protecting bees and pollinators AND sling shot seed ball creations into the Sanctuary fields! Games, treats and so much more!

Changes due to weather will be posted on our website.



Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary

Old Farm Road, Newtown, CT

Register at cvhfoundation.org (click Events)

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A Contemporary
Theatre of
Connecticut

ACT 2018 Summer Camps & New Works Festival

July 16-29

Camp Session 1 • New Musical Workshop

July 16-27, Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:30pm

Performance July 28 th , 3:00pm

Open to rising 3rd -12th graders | Cost: \$700

Learn what it's like to work on a brand new show! Playwright Kate Herzlin will introduce kids to her new musical Peter Pan and Wendy: The Neverland Takeover, a fresh, modern take on the classic story. Students will spend their time learning scenes, songs and dances from the show, culminating in a performance as part of ACT's New Works Festival. Directed by University of Michigan voice professor, Ann Evans Watson, with music direction by ACT music director, Evan Zavada.

Camp Session 2 • Showcase Workshop

July 16-27, Monday-Friday 1:00-4:30pm

Performance July 27 th , 7:00pm

Open to rising 6 th -12 th graders | Cost: \$700

In this camp session, students will learn songs, scenes, and dances from current and recent Broadway musicals, including: Hamilton, Dear Evan Hansen, School of Rock, Come From Away, Waitress, and more. The songs, scenes and dances will be taught by music director Evan Zavada and choreographer Chelsea Groen, and finessed into an exciting showcase presentation by ACT Artistic Director, Daniel C. Levine.

Camp Session 3 • Young Playwrights Workshop

July 16-27, Monday-Friday 4:30-7:30

Performance July 27 th , 7:00pm

Open to rising 6 th -12 th graders | Cost: \$700

Have you ever wanted to write your very own show? This camp lets you do just that: students will work together to write an original one-act play! The camp will be facilitated by playwright Kate Herzlin and the final piece will be directed by Trish Breede.

Camp Session 4 • The ACT Youth Choir Camp

August 3, Friday 9:00am-12:30pm

Performance July 27 th , 7:00pm

Open to rising 1st - 3rd graders | Cost: \$350

Learn musical literacy and musicianship in this introduction to the ACT Youth Choir! In this one-week half-day camp, we'll explore choral repertoire of the highest quality, including folk and art music from around the world, as well as musical theatre repertoire. Choral Director Deb Penn will teach and conduct this fun-filled musical camp.



**The ACT Summer Camps offer technical, in-depth instruction by working professionals.
Learn from Broadway's best and hone your skills this summer!**

All camps and performances will take place at the newly renovated state-of-the-art ACT of Connecticut theatre in Ridgefield, CT. This is a wonderful opportunity to perform on the ACT stage.

For Registration and information please visit actofct.org

Register for two camps and receive 10% off

Register for three and receive 20% off

(offer cannot be combined with Youth Choir camp)

Here's the link to the page for their Education Programs:

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“Our Primary Purpose is to Improve Student Achievement”



<https://www.actofct.org/copy-of-the-fall-masterclass-series>

They are also offering scholarships. Applications due by May 5th.

Go see "Mamma Mia" running this June 9-24 with our Mr. Arcano on drums, audio production/programming.

<https://www.actofct.org/upcoming-shows>

Shopping locally is a great opportunity for you to support the merchants that support our schools, our sports, and other school clubs and organizations.

Check out the chamber's **Bethel Bucks program**. Bethel Bucks are gift certificates that can be used to purchase many products like groceries, toys, gifts, photography. They are even redeemable at the Bethel Park and Rec. department. They are available in \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, and \$50.00 denominations. They make great teacher gifts too! Purchase Bethel Bucks at the Chamber Office or by emailing Heather@BethelChamber.com or info@discoverbethelct.com.

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