

Highland/Mary G. Fritz Parent Information Checklist

Resources for staying informed and involved!

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Parent/Guardian Resources

Goal: Know resources available to be an effective partner with school to help student succeed

- Visit the web sites for our schools:
Highland: <http://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/our-schools/highland-elementary-school>
Fritz: <http://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/our-schools/yalesville-elementary-school>
→ Establish login for PowerSchool: <https://wallingford.powerschool.com/public/> . Sign up to update your child's demographic information every fall.
- Document student's login information for school (google docs, teacher websites, curriculum references)
- Access information about Lunch Menus and Meal Pay from the Quicklinks drop down menu on the district website home page. Register to view and manage/make payments to your child's meal account at MyPaymentsPlus <https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/> (This program is available, but not required, for students that buy school lunch.)
- Review the Highland Family Handbook on the Highland School website.
- For regular and special schedule school hours as well as storm-related delays and closings, visit the district website at <http://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/delays-and-closings>
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Communication

Goal: Understand forms of school-to-home and home-to-school communications in order to stay connected with school and help student succeed

- Ensure contact information (email) is accurate
Update via PowerSchool website in the fall.
- Check in on Highland's news & more on the school's website under "Parent Communication Folder" and the "Virtual Backpack".
- Read Newsletters, emails blasts and school communications
- Sign up for Wallingford Public Schools News and Happenings by RSS feed or Text Msg
<http://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/>
- Bookmark Highland's calendar and sign up for calendar and news alerts
<http://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/our-schools/highland-elementary-school>
- Bookmark Fritz's calendar and sign up for calendar and news alerts <http://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/our-schools/yalesville-elementary-school>
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Volunteerism

Goal: Be an active partner in education by volunteering

- Attend PTO meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm
- Serve on a building-wide committee (School Climate, Parent Ambassadors, Tools for Schools)
- Become a PTO member and get Parent to Parent Updates <http://www.hyespto.com/>
- Attend Parent Teacher Advisory Council (PTAC) meetings to collaborate with Principal regarding operational matters. Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Wednesday of every other month at 6:30 pm during the PTO meetings
- Help support the PTO and your child's school through programs that give money back to the school (register your Stop & Shop card with the school, shop on Amazon Smile, Box Tops for Education, and many more) http://www.hyespto.com/How_you_can_help.html
- Follow the HYES PTO on Facebook
- The Fritz Library is always looking for volunteers. If interested contact Laura McCall
lmccall@wallingfordschools.org
- Attend your child's Open House and PTO Family Nights
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Collaboration with Other Schools and Board of Ed

Goal: Be a voice in decisions that affect all schools in Wallingford

- Participate on a District level in system-wide PTAC or special interest group. Meetings are usually scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., and are held at 100 South Turnpike Rd. (BOE offices).
- Commit to attend a BOE meeting or Town Council meeting with your student
- Join the District Wellness Committee. Contact the Superintendent's office at 203-949-6502 if you are interested.
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Miscellaneous

- School Nurse:
Highland: Judith DeRosa R.N. 203-294-3972
Fritz: Pam Cucinelli, 203-284-6904
- BOE Transportation: Mary Anne Croce, 203-949-6512
- Durham Bus Company: 203-269-4171
- WPS Safety/Help Tip Line: 203-949-6592
 - To report concerns regarding general school safety of individual safety of a specific student or group of students.
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- Reminder: Photo identification is required to access all Wallingford Public Schools. When you click the button to enter, you will be asked to show your identification and state your reason for visiting.
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