



# THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

September 1, 2017



**Sept 4, 2017**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
Labor Day

**Sept 6, 2017**  
**Open House**  
6:00-8:00 pm

**Sept 15, 2017**  
**Fall Fling**  
3:00-4:30 pm  
(information to follow)

**Sept 19, 2017**  
**PTO Meeting**  
9:15 am

**Sept 20, 2017**  
**Picture Day**

**Sept 21, 2017**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
Rosh Hashanah

**Sept 27, 2017**  
**Reading Jamboree**  
6:00-8:00 pm

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caretakers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! It is always so wonderful to see our children return to school with their smiling faces, eager to learn, and ready to meet new friends. We have many new and exciting activities in store for students over the course of the school year.

Next week, students who are interested in taking an instrument are invited to attend the instrument petting zoo. Fifth graders will attend on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00-2:40 pm, and fourth graders will be invited to attend on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-2:40 pm. At that time, students will be able to experience the sound and feel of the instrument. If your child is not interested in taking an instrument, he/she will rotate through the other activity options – Chorus, Tech 1, Tech 2, PE, and Art. Our teachers will explain what the students would learn and do, should they choose to take that selected activity. Parents are welcome to attend! After experiencing the class options, students will have the opportunity to choose their activity for the first trimester. We believe the activity options provide the opportunity for students to select an additional activity focused on an area of interest.

Finally, if you have not done so already, please take the time this weekend to update your *School Forms* through the Parent Portal. This is critical information that must be updated every year. Please be advised students will **not** be able to participate in any extracurricular activities (i.e., the Fall Fling, intramurals, school play, etc.) if this information is not updated. If you need assistance with School Forms, please contact the main office at 203-794-8700 option 4.

The Portal can be found on the district calendar, [www.bethel.k12.ct.us](http://www.bethel.k12.ct.us), under Resources – Parent resources – Parent Portal or by clicking [here](#).

Enjoy the long weekend with your family.

Very truly yours,  
Alison Salerno  
Principal

 Find us on  
**Facebook**  
Johnson  
Parent Network



You are cordially invited to attend the  
 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Johnson School Open House**

Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 2017

6:00-8:00 pm

**Schedule:**

**Grade 4**

<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>
<i>6:00-6:40 pm</i>	<i>Principal Presentation in the cafeteria</i>
<i>6:40-7:00 pm</i>	<i>Visit special area/pupil services personnel</i>
<i>7:00-7:50 pm</i>	<i>Teacher presentation</i>

**Grade 5**

<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>
<i>6:00-6:50 pm</i>	<i>Teacher presentation</i>
<i>7:00-7:40 pm</i>	<i>Principal Presentation in the cafeteria</i>
<i>7:40-8:00 pm</i>	<i>Visit special area/pupil services personnel</i>

# Open House Schedule

6:00-8:00 PM - You are welcome to visit the Bethel Education Foundation or PTO tables to find out more information about who we are/what we do.

Parent portal help will be available if you are having difficulty setting up an account. **Please make sure you have your child's ID and password with you!!!!** If you need that information please call asap.

You are invited to meet with Special Area Personnel in their classrooms:

- Music – Ms. Carpentier – Music Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor by the Cafe)
- Orchestra – Mr. Robinson – Band Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor by the Cafe)
- Band – Mrs. Genuario – Band Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor by the Cafe)
- Art – Mrs. McCue – Art Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)
- Physical Education – Coach Claridge – Gymnasium (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)
- Technology – Mrs. Torpey – Computer Lab (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
- Pupil Services (Guidance) – Mr. Melo – Guidance office (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

**Grade 4 teacher presentations please meet in the following location:**

Teacher	Room
Mrs. Schrader/Mr. Malone	Media Center
Kilmartin/Wicklund	10
Galante	7
Gerety/Quader	4
Trzcinski	19
Reid	20
Donohue	6

**Grade 5 teacher presentations please meet in the following location:**

<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Room</b>
<i>Crew 2: Claridge, Kersting, Liquori</i>	<i>Media Center</i>
<i>Basher/Andreasen</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Moscowitz</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Rawlins</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Harding / Esposito</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>DiSalvo</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Montero</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Special Education (Dilworth, Wales, Gallacher)</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Special Education (Kane)</i>	<i>2</i>

## Be a Part of the Art Club @ Johnson School 😊

Art Club concentrates on the creative process through an introduction, exploration and creative use of a variety of art media, including both 2-D & 3-D art materials. Students expand on their understanding of different art cultures, artists, art periods, and art techniques. Art club encourages children to uncover exciting new ways to express themselves in unique ways. It is also the perfect place to build friendships. Art Club is always great fun for everyone!

Class Times **2:45-4:45**      Session Fee: **\$50** per program

Session 1                      September / October

\_\_\_\_\_ S1Tues      Tuesdays - 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24

\_\_\_\_\_ S1Thrs      Thursdays - 9/14, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19

Make Up Date: 10/31 (All Welcome)

Session 2                      November December

\_\_\_\_\_ S2Tues      Tuesdays - 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19

\_\_\_\_\_ S2Thrs      Thursdays - 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14

Make Up Date: 12/21 (All Welcome)

Session 3                      January February

\_\_\_\_\_ S3Tues      Tuesdays - 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13

\_\_\_\_\_ S3Thrs      Thursdays - 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15

Make Up Dates: 2/22 & 2/27 (All Welcome)

Session 4                      March April

\_\_\_\_\_ S4Tues      Tuesdays - 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10

\_\_\_\_\_ S4Thrs      Thursdays - 3/8, 3/15, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/26

Make Up Date: 4/24 (All Welcome)

Session 5                      May June

\_\_\_\_\_ S5Tues      Tuesdays - 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5

\_\_\_\_\_ S5Thrs      Thursdays- 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7

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Art Club Parent Pick Up Info

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Names & #s of Adults Picking-Up

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the Sessions you are signing up for:

S1Tues   S1Thrs   S2Tues   S2Thrs   S3Tues   S3Thrs   S4Tues   S4Thrs   S5Tues   S5Thrs

# of Sessions: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_



# Johnson School Clubs

Johnson School offers a variety of clubs to our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Intramurals will begin the week of September 11th. Please be aware of each club's dates, times, and fees.

Forms and payment are due by **Wednesday, September 6th**. We do our best to accommodate all children. Please note, clubs fill up quickly.

Confirmation letters will be sent **Friday, September 8th**.

Questions? Please email [JSintramurals@Bethel.k12.ct.us](mailto:JSintramurals@Bethel.k12.ct.us)

## Cooking

Would you like to be a chef? Learn to create simple, healthy snacks. Join Mrs. Anastakis and create some culinary masterpieces-healthy smoothies, fruit kabobs, and more.

**When:** Thursdays 3:00 to 4:00pm.

**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/14, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7

**Meet in:** Teacher's Room      **Dismissal from:** Lobby

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## Knitting & Looming

Do you want to learn how to sew with a sewing machine? Are you also someone who wants to learn beginner knitting? Ms. Carpentier's club will combine both interests and use looms to make hats, scarves, phone cases, or bags! **\*class size limited to 12 (Material Fee \$20)**

**When:** Mondays 3:00 to 4:00pm.

**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20

**Meet in:** Music Room      **Dismissal from:** Music Room

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## Legos/Board Games

Join Mrs. Danner to work on collaboration and cooperation with friends using board games and Legos. Take part in some friendly competition, learn game playing strategies, and build Lego creations. Feel free to bring board games that you would be interested in using during club time!

**When:** Tuesdays 3:00 to 4:00pm.

**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/14, 11/21

**Meet in:** Science Room      **Dismissal from:** Lobby

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## Patchwork Sewing Club

Learn the art of patchwork quilting and hand sewing while creating a small quilt of your own design. Returning students can learn additional techniques such as hexagon piecing and fabric appliqué. **\*class size limited to 12**

**When:** Wednesdays 3:00 to 4:30pm.

**Dates:** 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29

**Location:** Room 11      **Dismissed from:** Lobby

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### Open Gym

Get some exercise with Coach Claridge to start your day! Students can choose from a range of physical education equipment and have fun playing with their friends. **\*class size limited to 20**

**When:** Mondays from 7:15 to 8:00am.  
**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20  
**Meet In:** Gymnasium **Dismissal From:** Lobby

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### Wiffle Ball

Don't miss out on this opportunity to participate in one of America's favorite backyard games. Students of all abilities are invited to join Coach Claridge and your friends to learn how to hit and field like the pros. **\*class size limited to 18**

**When:** Mondays from 3:00 to 4:00pm.  
**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20  
**Meet In:** Gymnasium **Dismissal From:** Lobby

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**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28  
**Meet In:** Gymnasium **Dismissal From:** Lobby

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### Kickball

Join Coach Claridge and your friends for relaxed games of kickball. Students of all skill levels will work to improve their kicking and fielding and learn how to be great teammates. **\*class size limited to 18**

**When:** Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:00pm.  
**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28  
**Meet In:** Gymnasium **Dismissal From:** Lobby

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**When:** Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:00am.  
**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29  
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**When:** Thursdays from 7:15 to 8:00am.  
**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/14, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7  
**Meet In:** Gymnasium **Dismissal From:** Lobby

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### Basketball

Get a head start on the season by practicing with Coach Claridge and your friends. Students will participate in fun drills and simulated games. **\*class size limited to 15**

**When:** Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00pm..  
**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/14, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7  
**Meet In:** Gymnasium **Dismissal From:** Lobby

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### Open Gym

Get some exercise with Coach Claridge to start your day! Students can choose from a range of physical education equipment and have fun playing with their friends. **\*class size limited to 20**

**When:** Fridays from 7:15 to 8:00am.  
**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/13, 10/20, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8  
**Meet In:** Gymnasium **Dismissal From:** Lobby

### **Introduction to Russian**

Have you ever wondered how other people could read those strange looking letters called CYRILLIC? Well, you are going to be able to do that after you take this fun class. Russian is one of the most difficult languages to learn. I will show you however what a fun language it is. We will find out interesting facts about Russia, its culture, food and learn how to speak and read some basic Russian. Students from our school who are fluent in Russian will help during this class to show you what conversation in Russia sounds like. **\*Class size limited to 12.**

**When:** Fridays 3:00 to 4:00pm.

**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/20, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 12/1, 12/15, 12/22

**Meet In:** Room 13

**Dismissal From:** Lobby

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### **German**

Knowing another language is always an asset. But it is so difficult, right? Wrong! German is so much like English! However, it is a lot easier to read German than English. You won't believe how quickly you will be able to speak it. It'll probably take most only one class! You want to bet? Come and prove me wrong. English and German come from one common mother language, so they are like brothers. We will compare and contrast and in no time you will speak beginners German! **\*Class size limited to 12.**

**When:** Tuesdays 3:00 to 4:00pm.

**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/12, 9/19/ 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/14, 11/21

**Meet In:** Room 13

**Dismissal From:** Lobby

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### **One Stroke Painting**

This beautiful technique of painting will show you how easy it is to create a REAL masterpiece without much work. I'll show you some secrets that you can use to paint gorgeous flowers, birds and even landscapes! Some of them can be done in minutes! You will wow your parents and friends by making your own cards, decorations and even painting a mural on your wall! Best of all- there is no fear of making a mistake in this kind of painting. It's so easy to fix by just painting over it again and again! Acrylic paints, brushes and paper will be provided. **\*Class size limited to 12. (Material Fees \$10)**

**When:** Wednesdays 3:00 to 4:00pm.

**Dates:** Fall session: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/3, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29

**Meet In:** Room 13

**Dismissal From:** Lobby

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### **Needlepoint and cross stitch**

Handmade things have always been in fashion but very expensive to acquire because they take time and skill. In this class we will become our own designers and learn how to decorate our lives with one of a kind embroidery. There are so many things you can make: charms for your backpack, hand stitched gifts, gorgeous purses, cute pillows, and even decorate your clothes! You will stand out with your wardrobe because NOBODY will have anything like that. Materials for the class will be provided. **\*Class size limited to 12. (Material Fee \$10)**

**When:** Thursdays 3:00 to 4:00pm.

**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/14, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7

**Meet In:** Room 13

**Dismissal From:** Lobby

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### **Crafts! Crafts!**

Join Mrs. Bedriy and participate in fun crafts and activities to utilize your creativity. Project ideas include, but are not limited to: duct tape crafts, paper weaving, Model Magic, water color, string/yarn crafts, decoupage, etc. If you have an idea of a craft to make, we'd love to hear about it!!

**When:** Mondays 3:00-4:00pm. (Material Fee \$10)

**Dates:** Fall Session: 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20

**Meet In:** Book Room

**Dismissal From:** Lobby









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## **2017-2018 PTO MEETING DATES**

**(Meetings are held in the Teacher's Lounge at Johnson School)**

**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 am**

**Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 am & 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:15 am**

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 am**

**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 am**

**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 am**

**Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 am**

**Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 am**

**Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 am**

**June – TBD**

*We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings and working together to make this a great year for our kids!*

*--- The Johnson School PTO Board*

*RMTJohnsonPTO@gmail.com*

# PTO VOLUNTEERS



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## Volunteer/Chairperson Opportunities 2017-2018

PTO EVENT/FUNDRAISER	DATE	CHAIR	VOLUNTEER
Reading Jamboree	9/27		
Scholastic Book Fair	9/25-9/29	Rebecca Chamberlain & Christine Cohen	
Fall Fundraiser - Yankee Candle **	9/8-9/22	Amber Kane	
Fall Spirit Wear **	September	Jill Kurtz	
Pumpkin Decorating	10/24		
Veteran's Day Celebration	11/9		
Toys for Tots Giving Tree	12/4-12/15		
Holiday Shoppe - open during lunch	12/5-12/7		
Author Visit	February		
Reading Rock Stars **	TBD	Cathy Prisco & Judi Zalaznick	
Spring Spirit Wear **	March	Jill Kurtz	
Spring Fundraiser - TBD **	March		
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week	5/7-5/11		
Screen-Free Week	4/30-5/4	Pnina Flynn	
Mother's Day Plant Sale	5/10 & 5/11		
Scholastic Book Fair	5/30-6/1	PTO Board	

# PTO VOLUNTEERS



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CURRICULUM & COMMUNITY EVENTS	DATE	CHAIR	VOLUNTEER
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic	June		
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Breakfast	June		

ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES	CHECK
<b>Floating Volunteer</b> - to be contacted when extra help is needed	
<b>Baking Committee **</b> - baking for events throughout the year	

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

Child's Name & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\* Events/opportunities that can be coordinated outside of school hours.*

*Events and event dates are subject to change.*

*Please contact Christine Cohen at [cacohen10@gmail.com](mailto:cacohen10@gmail.com) or at*

*[RMTJohnsonPTO@gmail.com](mailto:RMTJohnsonPTO@gmail.com) with volunteer questions.*

***Thank you for supporting Johnson School!***



# 2017 Fall Softball



**Bethel Softball Association**  
invites you to register for the  
2017 Fall season!



**Weekly, In-Season  
Softball Clinic  
INCLUDED with  
registration.**

**Players will learn from  
WCSU Softball team  
coaches and players!**

Fees:

\$75 per player

\$100 max per family

Register by August 29 to  
avoid \$20 late fee and/or  
waiting list

Coaches! Volunteers!  
Team/League Sponsors!

We need you!

Email if you are interested

We offer recreational teams for ages PreK 4 - 16.  
Fall Season runs September - October.  
All skill levels are welcome!!

Registration fees include uniform shirt & socks



Sign up today using our **ONLINE** Registration System at

[www.leaguelineup.com/bethelsoftball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/bethelsoftball)

Questions? [BethelCTSoftball@gmail.com](mailto:BethelCTSoftball@gmail.com)



# BETHEL PARKS & RECREATION

## Activities for FALL 2017

Check out our  
**ONLINE REGISTRATION**  
At [www.bethel-ct.gov](http://www.bethel-ct.gov)

- \*Go to the Parks and Rec. Department
- \*Click on the Online Registration Link

Online & in person registration opens  
Tuesday, September 5, 2017  
at 9:00am

Credit Cards now accepted



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

**\*\*\*NO REFUNDS AFTER FIRST CLASS \*\*\***  
**Cancellations must be made in writing.**



*Like us on Facebook at Bethel Parks and Recreation*

CLIFFORD J. HURGIN MUNICIPAL CENTER, 1 SCHOOL STREET, BETHEL, CT 06801  
PHONE: 203-794-8531 • FAX: 203-778-7519



# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## FALL REGISTRATION

DATE: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
TIME: **9:00 A.M. ONLINE OR IN PERSON AT  
THE PARKS AND REC. OFFICE**  
DEADLINE: **Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**All participants must be registered before the first day of the program. Once a program has begun no registrations will be accepted.**



### OFFICE HOURS

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Please note: the night staff is not permitted to take registrations or payments.**

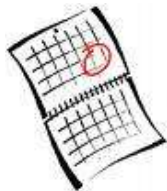
### LATE FEE

A \$10 late fee per program will be assessed for all registrations submitted after the deadline date. *Programs may reach maximum capacity before the deadline date – early registration is recommended.*



### NON-RESIDENT

Registrations for non-residents will not be accepted until Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> for an additional \$15.00 fee per family each session.



### AGE REQUIREMENT

Children must meet the age requirement within the session of the program for which they're registered. Proof of age may be required.



### SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT

Participants ages 60 and up are eligible for a \$10 discount, excluding trips and health/exercise classes under \$65.00.

All Bethel Parks and Recreation programs are inclusive. We are committed to assuring equal access to programs, activities and services to all individuals. During the course of our programs we may be, at times, taking photos or filming the activities and its participants for instructional purposes or Public Television. For more information, please contact the office at 794-8531.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

If Bethel schools are closed or cancelled, all Parks and Recreation programs will be cancelled. Athletic fields may close due to inclement weather. Cancellation information may be obtained by calling us at 794-8531 and choosing option #1.

**\*\*Missed classes will be made up at the end of the session.\*\***

### WEEKEND CANCELLATIONS

Please contact your SPORTS ASSOCIATION or COACH.

#### **Bethel Baseball Association**

[www.bethel-baseball.com](http://www.bethel-baseball.com)

#### **Bethel Youth Soccer Association**

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

#### **Bethel Softball Association**

[www.leaguelineup.com/bethelsoftball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/bethelsoftball)

#### **Bethel Youth Lacrosse Association**

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

#### **Bethel Youth Football**

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

#### **Bethel Youth Wrestling**

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



### REFUND POLICY /RETURN CHECK

Return check charge fee is \$28.00. All refunds are subject to a \$10 administration surcharge.

If the Parks & Recreation Department cancels a program a full refund is given. **No refunds will be given after the first class, unless extenuating circumstances arise.**

#### STAFF

EILEEN EARLE, DIRECTOR  
RACHAEL MCGRATH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
JANET BEOTE, SECRETARY  
MAUREEN DEFAZIO, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

#### PARKS STAFF

TROY ANDROS  
BEAU BOWDEN  
SEAN FESH  
MATT HUNT

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PHONE: 203-794-8531

FAX: 203-778-7519



## Employment

Bethel Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for *possible* openings. If you enjoy working with children, enjoy teaching sports games, or just want to work in the office, stop by the Parks & Recreation Office to fill out an application. Applicants must be 16 years old. Application deadline is September 26<sup>th</sup>.

## NYSCA Clinic & Background Checks

All parents interested in coaching or helping out with any sports **MUST** be certified by the NYSCA, and have a yearly background check. You may renew, add a sport or take the initial clinic online. You will need your membership number if you're currently certified.

You can find a link on how to get NYSCA certified, and the link to our online background check on our website:

1. [www.bethel-ct.gov](http://www.bethel-ct.gov)
2. Go to the Parks and Rec. Department
3. Under Additional Links click on "Coaches Certification and Background Check"



Please contact our office if you have any questions at 203-794-8542.

## Special Events

### Trick or Treat Street



Looking for some Halloween fun? On Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-12:45 p.m. Magician Danny Diamond one of Connecticut's premiere children's and family entertainment specialists will be here to entertain.

The show will be in the Municipal Center Gym, and will start promptly at 12:00 p.m. After the magic show a Halloween Celebration will happen on the front lawn of the Municipal Center with local businesses, from 1-4pm. There will be costume contests for people and pets, food, fun games, a DJ spinning vinyl BYOV (bring your own vinyl) and from 2-3pm kids in costume can trick or treat down Greenwood Ave and then head back to the lawn for the contest. "

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation office at 794-8531.

### Christmas Show

Come and enjoy a day in New York City on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The day will include the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall and time to look around the city.

**The bus will depart from the Municipal Center at 7:30 a.m. for a 11:00 a.m. show.**

Departure from the city will be at 4:00 p.m. to allow time for seeing some of New York's sights. Be sure to make your reservations early, as tickets are limited to 55. You will also receive a free soda and popcorn at Radio City for every ticket purchased.

Fee: \$95.00

**Please note there is no Senior Discount for this trip.**



## Adult Programs



### Art for Adults

This is an art class for adults of various artistic levels. Instruction will be given on both an individual and class basis.

Beginner students are welcome and participants may work in the medium of their choice.

Contact Adele at 744-7690 with any questions.

Day: Monday Date: 9/25 - 11/20 (8 wks.)  
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. No Class: 10/9  
Fee: \$75.00 Place: Sr. Center Ceramics Room  
Instructor: Adele Moros



### Volleyball for Adults

An informal volleyball league for adults will be held at the Municipal Center Gym and will begin on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. This program will run until May 2, 2018.

Day: Wednesday Dates: 10/25/17-5/2/18  
Time: 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. No Class: 11/22, 12/27, 4/18  
Fee: \$80.00 Place: Municipal Center Gym

### Men's Over Forty-Basketball League



All players interested in the over forty league, contact Rich Zuvich at 788-1691. Sign-up is limited to the first 56 players.

Day: Sunday Starting Date: Sept. 17, 2017  
Fee: \$100 per player Place: Municipal Center Gym

### Body By Bethel

Have fun with a certified personal trainer leading you in a Total Body Workout designed to increase your strength, balance and flexibility. We use weights, medicine balls, steps, balance discs, and bands.

New participants must fill out a two-page health informational sheet. A physician's approval is recommended for all participants; however some participants might be required to have a physician's approval for attendance. Class size is limited.

Day: Thurs. Dates: 9/28 -11/16 (8 classes)  
Time: 9:00 – 10:00a.m. No class:  
Fee: \$55.00 Place: Municipal Center Gym  
Instructor: Jill Lord



### Shape UP-Get Ready

Get ready to tone your abs, arms, buns and legs and get a killer cardio workout using combinations of all types of weight work and cardiovascular challenges. The class provides overall physical conditioning that can improve endurance, strength, flexibility, coordination and balance.

Day: Tuesday Dates: 9/26 – 11/21 (8 classes)  
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. No class: 11/7  
Fee: \$55.00 Place: Municipal Center G.P. Room  
Instructor: Laurie Leavy, Certified Personal Trainer

## Adult Programs, continued

### Yoga for Strength

This is a yoga class designed to meet you where you are. You will be guided through a series of fun and challenging yoga postures to increase strength, balance, and flexibility. We'll learn some revitalizing breathing techniques to sharpen our focus while releasing tension. Taran has worked with students of all ability levels and he will happily teach you to modify the postures using props. His classes tend to be casual; you'll have a chance to experiment with some of your favorite poses and ask questions. Taran likes to begin class with a reading that inspires, from texts like the Yoga Sutras or other meditative and uplifting books. These "sutras" or "threads" are woven into his teaching, and lay the foundation for his own practice.

Taran holds a bachelor's degree in exercise science, and completed his 200-hour yoga teacher training in 2015. He attended the Lotus Gardens Yoga School under the instruction of Lara Ward, in Seymour, CT. He has also benefitted from the mentorship of Heather Philip, former co-owner of Yogaspace, in Bethel, CT.

For your comfort, please wear layers of clothing you can put on during the cool-down, and bring your own mat and water bottle. If you have your own yoga blocks, a belt/strap, or a blanket/towel that you don't mind sweating on, feel free to bring those as well.

Day: Tuesdays      Date: 9/26 -11/21 (8 wks.)  
 Time: 9:00-10:00a.m      No Class: 11/7  
 Fee: \$85.00      Place: Municipal Center Stage  
 Instructor: Taran Darcy

### Tai Chi Ch'uan - Breath, Relax, Enjoy

Learn the healing Art of Tai Chi and Qi Gong. This ancient Chinese system is a gentle form of physical exercise that consists of slowly flowing movements and shifts of balance that strengthen and condition the entire body. These movements train you for balance and body awareness, leading to confident ease of movement in everyday life.

Reduced Stress	Gentle Aerobic Exercise
Reduced Blood Pressure	Improved Immune Function
Reduced Risks of Injury	More Efficient Breathing
Increased Bone Density	More Relaxed Mind.
Increased Hip, Leg, and Knee Strength	
Improved Balance and Range of Motion	

#### Ages: 18 & Over

Day: Thursday      Dates: 9/28 – 11/16 (8 classes)  
 Time: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.      Place: Municipal Center GP Room  
 Fee: \$85.00  
 Instructor: Nancy Ryan



### Pilates

Strengthen core muscles through controlled movement and breathing. Pilates leads to improvement in posture, flexibility and body awareness. Modifications provided for all levels. Please bring a yoga mat, towel and one set of 2-5 pound weights.

Day: Wednesday      Dates: 9/27 – 11/15 (8 wks.)  
 Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.      No Class:  
 Fee: \$80.00      Place: Municipal Center Stage  
 Instructor: Debbie Nichols

## Martial Arts

### Lil Dragons (ages 5-6)\*\*

### Junior Beginners (ages 7-12)\*\*

**\*\*These programs are ONLY available as a 1 time introductory program.  
 \*\*ONLY 6 WEEKS!\*\***

This program will introduce your child to the great benefits of the martial arts like focus, discipline, respect, physical fitness, confidence, self-defense and safety. The drills and skills are age and maturity specific and the kids have a great time while doing it. Maximum: 10 students

**Classes are twice a week.**

Days available: (MUST write down which 2 days)

#### Lil Dragons ages 5-6

Mon. 4:45-5:15  
 Tues. 5:30-6:00  
 Wed. 4:45-5:15  
 Thurs. 5:30-6:00  
 Fri. 4:00-4:30



#### Jr. Beginners ages 7-12

Mon. 5:15-6:00  
 Tues. 6:00-6:45  
 Wed. 5:15-6:00  
 Thurs. 6:00-6:45  
 Fri. 4:30-5:15

Dates: 9/25 – 11/7  
 Fee: \$69 (6 weeks)

No Class: 10/31  
 Place: Karate America

Students must purchase a uniform from Bethel Academy of Martial Arts before starting the program; please call: 203-792-1050

### Tae Kwon Do

Tae Kwon Do is the art of self defense that originated in Korea. The name Tae Kwon Do is derived from the Korean word "Tae" meaning foot, "Kwon" meaning fist and "Do" meaning way of. So, literally Tae Kwon Do means "the way of the foot and fist". TKD has influences from both Japanese and Chinese martial arts.

Our mission at Bethel TKD is to provide a quality traditional Korean martial arts program in a safe and positive environment. In keeping the Korean tradition, our classes are well rounded and focus on the basics (stances, blocks, hand and foot strikes as well as hyungs/forms, sparring, physical conditioning, and self-defense. As a student advances, breaking and weapons will be introduced.

Men, women and children, ages 5 – 65+. Our goal is to make our students the best martial artist they can be. To build character and self-esteem so they can be successful outside of the Dojang. Great for the whole family! Great way to get in shape and learn how to protect yourself and the ones you love.

Days available: (MUST write down which 3 days)

**Ages 5-8:** Wed-Friday 5:00-5:45am,  
 Sat. 9:45-10:45

**Ages 9-13:** Mon., Wed-Friday 6:00-7:00pm,  
 Sat. 9:45-10:45

**Ages 14-Adult:** Mon. Wed-Friday 7:20-8:20pm,  
 Sat. 9:45-10:45

Dates: 9/23 – 11/10  
 Fee: \$65 (6 weeks)

No Class: 10/31  
 Place: Bethel Fitness  
 120 Greenwood Ave.

Instructor: Anthony Ross

## Youth Sports

### Youth Sports

Come join an after school youth sports program to introduce and play a variety of sports. Children **grades K-3** will learn a variety of sports such as soccer, kickball and wiffle ball.

Each week will bring a new activity.

Class sizes are limited.



#### Berry School

##### Grades K-1

Day: Wednesday Dates: 9/27 – 11/29 (8 wks.)  
Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. No Class: 10/25 & 11/22  
Fee: \$60.00 Place: Berry School Gym

##### Grades 2-3

Day: Tuesday Dates: 9/26 -11/21 (8 wks.)  
Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. No Class: 11/7  
Fee: \$60.00 Place: Berry School Gym  
Instructor: Park & Rec. Staff

#### Rockwell School

##### Grades K-1

Day: Monday Dates: 9/25 -11/20 (8 wks.)  
Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. No Class: 10/9  
Fee: \$60.00 Place: Rockwell School Gym

##### Grades 2-3

Day: Thursday Dates: 9/28 – 11/30 (8 wks.)  
Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. No Class: 10/26 & 11/23  
Fee: \$60.00 Place: Rockwell School Gym  
Instructor: Park & Rec. Staff

### Bethel Youth Wrestling

Bethel Youth Wrestling Club is committed to teaching the youth of Bethel, CT the benefits of the sport of wrestling such as body control, muscular development, team work and discipline.

Season starts in early November.

**K thru 8 - All are Welcome!**



Wrestling Shoes & Head Gear required.

For more info, questions, and to **sign up** go to the BYWC website: [www.bethelyouthwrestlingclub.com](http://www.bethelyouthwrestlingclub.com)  
Email: [bethelyouthwrestling@gmail.com](mailto:bethelyouthwrestling@gmail.com)

## Gymnastics

### Fun with Tumbling

This class is an introduction to all phases of gymnastics for children **3 & 4 years old**. Tumbling, vault, bars and beams will be explored. Children will be divided into groups and rotate among the equipment with instructors.

Note: This is a parent **drop-off** class and children must be potty trained.



##### 3 year old

Day: Saturday Dates: 9/23 – 11/18 (8 wks.)  
Time: 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. No Class: 10/7  
Fee: \$55.00 Place: Municipal Center G.P. Room

##### 4 year old

Day: Saturday Dates: 9/23 –11/18 (8 wks.)  
Time: 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. No Class: 10/07  
Fee: \$55.00 Place: Municipal Center G.P. Room  
Instructor: Michelle Hoetjes



### Fun with Gymnastics

This class offers further exploration on all four apparatuses in gymnastics. Children will be divided into skill levels and rotate in groups among floor, vault, beam and bars.

Girls in the **ages 7 & up** class are encouraged to wear leotards with shorts, pants or tights and wear long hair pulled back. Boys may wear typical gym attire.

Note: This is a parent **drop-off** class and children must be potty trained.

##### Ages 5 & 6

Day: Saturday Dates: 9/23 –11/18 (8 wks.)  
Time: 10:30–11:30 a.m. No Class: 10/07  
Fee: \$65.00 Place: Municipal Center G.P. Room

##### Ages 7 & up

Day: Saturday Dates: 9/23 –11/18 (8 wks.)  
Time: 11:30–12:30 p.m. No Class: 10/07  
Fee: \$65.00 Place: Municipal Center G.P. Room  
Instructor: Michelle Hoetjes





## Tennis

### Tennis

Bethel welcomes back Camp Director Greg Sansonetti, and his excellent adult staff for their 10<sup>th</sup> season of tennis instruction. Greg, based in Fairfield County, brings over 25 years worth of tennis teaching experience. There will be a ratio of 3-5 students per instructor with a minimum of 3 participants and a maximum of 15 per class.

All Tennis Instruction will take place at the Tennis Courts near the H.S. Baseball Field. Missed classes will be made up at the end of the session. **Please bring a tennis racket.**

**Pee Wees - ages 3 - 4:** Focus is on development of hand-eye coordination in fun game situations.

Day: Thursday Dates: 9/28 – 10/26 (5 wks.)  
Time: 3:30-4:00 p.m. Fee: \$65.00



**Junior Beginners/Advanced Beginner & Low Intermediate/Intermediate - ages 5-7 & 8-11:**

Focus is on forehand, backhand, serve and volley in drills and game situations.

Day: Thursday Dates: 9/28 – 10/26 (5 wks.)  
Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m. Fee: \$105.00

**Juniors Beginner /Advanced Beginner & Low Intermediate/Intermediate - ages 8-11 & 12-15:**

Juniors continue to develop their strokes and work toward developing their all-around game.

Day: Thursday Dates: 9/28 – 10/26 (5 wks.)  
Time: 5:00-6:00 p.m. Fee: \$105.00

**Adult Clinic – ages 15 & up:** For the adult player looking to improve their strokes in game situations. **MIN 3/MAX 4**

Day: Saturday Dates: 9/23 – 10/28 (5 wks.)  
Time: 9:15-10:30 a.m. No class: 10/7  
Fee: \$129.00

**Pee Wee Clinic - ages 3 - 4:** Focus is on development of hand-eye coordination in fun game situations.

**MIN 3/MAX 10**  
Day: Saturday Dates: 9/23 – 10/28 (5 wks.)  
Time: 10:30-11:00 a.m. No class: 10/7

Fee: \$65.00



**Junior Tennis Camp – All levels, ages 5-7 & 8-12:**

Focuses on the forehand, backhand, volley and serve. Campers will also have the option to participate in cross-training sports for the last 20 minutes. Children should bring a small nut-free snack

Day: Saturday Dates: 9/23 – 10/28 (5 wks.)  
Time: 11:00-1:00 p.m. No class: 10/7  
Fee: \$159.00

**Junior Tennis Clinic – Beginner/advanced Beg – Ages 13-16:**

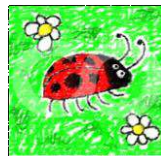
Day: Saturday Dates: 9/23 – 10/28 (5 wks.)  
Time: 1:00-2:00 p.m. No class: 10/7  
Fee: \$105.00

For more information on Bethel tennis programs, contact Greg at 203-414-9453 or email [atthenettennis@gmail.com](mailto:atthenettennis@gmail.com) or visit [www.fairfieldcountytennis.net](http://www.fairfieldcountytennis.net).

Cancellation line for after hours/Saturdays 203-283-5629

## Art and Performance Programs

### Children's Fine Arts



These exciting art classes cover everything from drawing to painting to sculpture to recyclable art and mixed media. Kids in **grades K-3** are invited to come get their creative juices flowing and join in the fun!

The instructor provides all supplies, so all you need to do is come to class! Our goal is to help develop your own style and most important, to have fun creation beautiful pieces of artwork that are an extension of your own individual creativity!

Day: Thursday Dates: 9/28 – 11/16 (8 wks.)

Time: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. No Class:

Fee: \$75.00 (supplies included)

Place: Sr. Center Ceramics Room

Instructor: Adele Moros

### Art for Children

This exciting and creative art class is geared towards young artists in **grades 4 – 8** who love to draw and want to learn all sorts of drawing and painting techniques!

Students will have FUN using pastels, watercolors and tempera in development of their individual talents. Composition, design, color and technique are also emphasized. If you really want to improve your drawing and painting skills, then this is the class for YOU!

Day: Tuesday Dates: 9/26– 11/21 (8 wks.)

Time: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. No Class: 11/7

Fee: \$75.00 (supplies included)

Place: Sr. Center Ceramics Room

Instructor: Adele Moros



## American Red Cross

### Babysitting Course

American Red Cross Babysitting Course for any youth **11 years old and up**. The intensive **1 day class** will offer students all the necessary tools to become a reliable and safe babysitter.

Students will learn basic childcare, safety precautions, child development, appropriate toys and more. Students will receive a handbook with all the information needed to serve as a reference.

Please bring a lunch and drink to class. Participants have to meet requirements of the course to receive certification.

Date: Oct. 21

Day: Saturday Time: 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$70.00 (supplies included)

Place: Senior Center Ceramic Room

Instructor: Peggy Boyle



American Red Cross

## Dance Programs

### Seven Star School of Performing Arts

The Seven Star School of Performing Arts is committed to today's complete performer. They care as much about training young performers as they do about educating responsible, dynamic leaders.

#### Dress Code

**Girls**, pink leotard with tights, pink ballet/jazz shoes, and tan tap shoes.

**Boys**, black shirt, black shorts or pants and black shoes.

**All Classes will be on the Municipal Center Stage.**

### Broadway Babies

This introductory program for **ages 3-4 years** old is designed to enhance rhythm skills, coordination, musicality and a genuine love for the art of dancing, singing and acting. The 2-hour class contains ballet, tap, tumbling, singing and acting. Please bring a light snack. There will be a parent observation during the last class of the session.

Day: Friday Dates: 9/29 -11/17 (8 wks)  
Time: 10:15 -12:15 p.m.

Day: Friday Dates: 9/29 -11/17 (8 wks)  
Time: 11:15 -1:15 p.m.

Fee: \$130 Instructor: Jacqueline Madera



### Pre-Dance

This introductory class for children **ages 3-4 years** old is designed to enhance rhythm skills, coordination, musicality and a genuine love for the art of dance. Basic ballet, tap and tumbling skills are offered in this one-hour class. There will be a parent observation during the last class of the session.

Day: Friday Dates: 9/29 -11/17 (8 wks)  
Time: 10:15 -11:15 p.m.

Day: Friday Dates: 9/29 -11/17 (8 wks)  
Time: 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Fee: \$85 Instructor: Jacqueline Madera

### Hip Hop

This class will introduce a series of hip hop moves set to modern, trendy, and age appropriate music. **Dress Code** for both boys and girls: comfortable clothing and sneakers. There will be a parent observation during the last class of the session.

#### Ages: 5 – 7

Day: Thursday Dates: 9/28 -11/16 (8 wks)  
Time: 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

#### Ages: 8 – 11

Day: Thursday Dates: 9/28 -11/16 (8 wks)  
Time: 7:15 –8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$65 Instructor: Jacqueline Madera



## Dance programs, continued

### Ballet, Tap, Jazz

Basic ballet, tap and jazz will be taught during this class. This is an introductory program designed to enhance coordination, rhythm and musicality. There will be a parent observation during the last class of the session.

#### Ages: 5 – 7

Day: Thursday Dates: 9/28 -11/16 (8 wks)  
Time: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### Ages: 8 – 11

Day: Thursday Dates: 9/28 -11/16 (8 wks)  
Time: 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Fee: \$85 Instructor: Jacqueline Madera



### \*Saturday Dance!\*

These dance classes from Seven Stars will run for **8 weeks**, and will conclude with a **parent observation during the last class.**

**All classes will be on the Municipal Center Stage**

### Ballet & Tap

Basic ballet and tap will be taught during this introductory 8 week class for children ages 3 – 4. This class is designed to enhance rhythm skills, coordination, musicality and a genuine love for the art of dance!

#### Ages: 3 & 4

Day: Saturday Dates: 9/23 –11/18 (8 wks.)  
Time: 9:00-9:45 a.m. No Class: 10/07  
Fee: \$65

#### Ages: 3 & 4

Day: Saturday Dates: 9/23 –11/18 (8 wks.)  
Time: 9:45-10:30 a.m. No Class: 10/7  
Fee: \$65  
Instructor: Janet DePaul



### Jazz & Hip Hop

Basic jazz moves will be taught, and hip hop moves set to modern, trendy, and age appropriate music.

**Dress Code** for both boys and girls is a black t-shirt, black shorts or pants and black sneakers.

#### Ages: 7 & older

Day: Saturday Dates: 9/23 –11/18 (8 wks.)  
Time: 10:30-11:30a.m. No Class: 10/7  
Fee: \$85

#### Ages: 5 & 6

Day: Saturday Dates: 9/23 –11/18 (8 wks.)  
Time: 11:30-12:30p.m. No Class: 10/7  
Fee: \$85  
Instructor: Janet DePaul



## Mommy & Me



### Busy Bee with Activity

This NEW fun and exciting program will combine multiple activities for a variety of ages!! There will be songs, instruments, arts & crafts and free play stations.

Class is for children ages **9 months – 2 years old children and their parent**. It will be a great way for both you and your child to meet and make new friends.

Day: Friday Dates: 9/29– 11/17 (8 wks.)  
Time: 9:00-10:30 a.m. No Class:  
Fee: \$65.00 Place: Municipal Center Gym  
Instructor: Sharon DiBuono



### Just You & Me – Fun With Games



Open to all **2– 2 ½ year olds**. This fun and exciting program will introduce games such as red light-green light, duck, duck goose, tag, parachute games and many more.

Come have an ACTIVE and fun time with your child in a safe and controlled environment.

Day: Wednesday Dates: 9/27 – 11/15 (8 wks.)  
Time: 9:00 –10:00 a.m. No Class:  
Fee: \$55.00 Place: Municipal Center Gym  
Instructor: Sharon DiBuono

## Preschool Programs (Drop Off)



### Story Time Crafts

Children ages **2 ½ - 3 ½ years old** will enjoy a story followed by a related craft. Please note that **parents do not stay** for this program.

**Children must be potty trained.**

Day: Friday Dates: 9/29 – 11/17 (8 wks.)  
Time: 10:30–11:45 a.m. No Class:  
Fee: \$65.00 Place: Municipal Center Gym  
Instructor: Sharon DiBuono

### Creative Storytelling

Children ages **2 ½ - 4 years old** will create a story together and do a craft. Every four weeks your child will take home their very own story book. Please note that **parents do not stay** for this program.

**Children must be potty trained.**

Day: Monday Dates: 9/25 – 11/20 (8 wks.)  
Time: 12:00 –2:30 p.m. No class: 10/9  
Fee: \$85.00 Place: Municipal Center Gym  
Instructor: Sharon DiBuono

## Preschool Programs (Drop Off)



### Lunch Bunch

Children ages **2 ½ - 5 years old** bring lunch or a snack, eat with your friends and unwind on a fun afternoon filled with free play, art projects and other fun games.

It's all about fun! So come and have a good time.  
**Children must be potty trained.**

Day: Thursday Dates: 9/28 – 11/16 (8 wks.)  
Time: 11:45 –1:00 p.m. No Class:  
Fee: \$65.00 Place: Municipal Center Gym  
Instructor: Sharon DiBuono



### Games for Tots

Children ages **2 1/2 - 5 years old** will learn and play fun playground games. Come play games such as red light-green light, duck duck goose, tag, parachute games and many more.

Please note that **parents do not stay** for this program.  
**Child must be potty trained.**

Day: Friday Dates: 9/29– 11/17 (8 wks.)  
Time: 12:00 –1:00 p.m. No Class:  
Fee: \$60.00 Place: Municipal Center Gym  
Instructor: Sharon DiBuono

### Creative Movement

Enjoy a variety of activities from moving to various types of music, using the parachute, balls and beanbags, and introduction to letter, numbers, colors, craft projects and stories. Open to all **2 ½ - 5 year olds**, **MUST** be age by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**Children must be potty trained.**

Day: Monday Dates: 9/25 – 11/20 (8 wks.)  
Time: 9:00 –11:30 a.m. No Class: 10/9  
Fee: \$85.00 Place: Municipal Center Gym  
Instructor: Sharon DiBuono



### Fun On The Run!!

Open to all **2 1/2 - 5 year olds**. This is an open gym/free play activity, where your child will have an opportunity to burn off some energy with all their friends.

Activity stations will be out in the gym, and children will have the freedom to move to each activity.

There will be some organized activities, such as parachute games, red light green light, and more!!

**CHILD MUST BE POTTY TRAINED.**

Day: Thursday Dates: 9/28 – 11/16 (8 wks.)  
Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m. No Class:  
Fee: \$55.00 Place: Municipal Center Gym  
Instructor: Sharon DiBuono



## Preschool Programs, continued

### Creative Tiny Tots

A creative preschool program for boys and girls ages 3-5, by **Dec. 31, 2017**, that will involve an introduction to letter, numbers, colors, craft projects, stories, games and music. All children must be potty trained to participate in this program. Children should bring a small snack with them.

**CHILD MUST BE POTTY TRAINED.**

Day: Tuesday      Dates: 9/26 – 11/21 (8 wks.)  
Time: 9:00 –11:30 a.m.      No Class: 11/7

Day: Tuesday      Dates: 9/26 – 11/21 (8 wks.)  
Time: 12:00 –2:30 p.m.      No Class: 11/7

Day: Wednesday      Dates: 9/27 – 11/15 (8 wks.)  
Time: 10:00 –12:30 p.m.      No Class:

Day: Wednesday      Dates: 9/27 – 11/15 (8 wks.)  
Time: 12:30 –3:00 p.m.      No Class:

Fee: \$85.00      Place: Municipal Center Gym  
Instructor: Sharon DiBuono



## Preschool Programs, continued

### Kindergarten Readiness Program

A fun filled program for preschoolers **5 years old**, by **December 31, 2018**. An Introduction to letters, numbers, cooperative games and other Kindergarten type activities will be offered.

Children should bring a small snack with them.  
Class size is limited.

Day: Thursday      Dates: 9/28 – 11/16(8 wks.)  
Time: 9:00 –11:30 a.m.      No Class:  
Fee: \$85.00      Place: Municipal Center Gym



Day: Friday      Dates: 9/29 – 11/17 (8 wks.)  
Time: 1:00 –3:30 p.m.      No Class:  
Fee: \$85.00      Place: Municipal Center Gym  
Instructor: Sharon DiBuono



# Youth Field Hockey Day

Develop your skills and have fun with the  
BHS Field Hockey Team!!

*Skills, drills, and scrimmages!*

## Sunday, October 22, 2017

12:00PM-3:00PM AT HUNT FIELD  
(left of football stadium)

## GRADES 3-8

### NO CHARGE!

TO SIGN UP OR WITH QUESTIONS CALL OR TEXT CHRISTINA  
FRANZESE AT 203-501-4412 by October 15th

*Snack shed will be open and prizes will be  
given!*

PosterMyWall.com

# 2017-18 Theatre Production!

From the team who brought you Hairspray the Musical and Peter Pan Jr!



FOR GRADES 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Directed by Anthony DePoto and Music Direction by Erin Volpintesta

Performances January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at Bethel High School!

*Have your young performer be a part of the Tony Award winning musical set against the back drop of 19<sup>th</sup> century France, an enthralling story of broken dreams and unrequited love, passion, sacrifice and redemption – a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit. Featuring the thrilling score and beloved songs “I Dreamed A Dream”, “On My Own”, “Stars”, “Bring Him Home”, “One Day More” and many more. This epic and uplifting story has become one of the most celebrated musicals in theatrical history.*

**Registration:** Signups begin 9/5. Limited space available! Go to [www.bethel-ct.gov](http://www.bethel-ct.gov) Click on the Parks and Rec. Dept. and on the right hand side will be a link to “Online Registration”

**Audition:** September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00am-2:00pm in the Municipal Center  
(Auditions are for registered participants. Everyone gets a part!)

**Tuition:** \$375 Per Child, Non-Bethel residents pay an additional \$15

**Schedule:** Rehearsals take place 6:00-8:00 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays October 2nd-November 16th and 6:00pm-8:30pm November 20th- January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Center. The final production will be performed at Bethel High School on January 26th and 27th.

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## Pro Access Bethel's Teen Center

Pro Access Bethel's Teen Center welcomes students currently in grade 7-12.

Come with your friends and make new ones!

Enjoy games, food, outings and more!!

Past experiences include: Haunted Graveyard at Lake Compounce, Lock-out, Skyzone, Spa Day, Hypnotist, Lip Sync Party, Bronx Zoo, Relay for Life, Scavenger Hunts and Open Gym.

We are open on the following days and times:

- Wednesdays 2:30-6:00pm
- Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm
- Fridays 6:00-10:00pm
- For other special events, activities and service projects check out the weekly calendar!!

**FIND US and LIKE us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!!**

Any questions? Contact Claudia Fortunato at: [teencenter@bethel-ct.gov](mailto:teencenter@bethel-ct.gov) or 203-778-7522



# Boys and Girls Basketball League

**REGISTRATION FOR IN-TOWN BASKETBALL WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>, ONLINE OR AT THE PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE AND WILL END ON NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

The Bethel Parks and Recreation Department is taking basketball registration for boys and girls in grades 2-8. The program is designed to introduce the game of basketball in a fun and positive environment. The season will begin on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and will run through the end of February 2018. Schedule is subject to change based on registrations.

Practice days/times for grades 2 – 8 are subject to coaches and gym availability. The coaches' only meeting will take place on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for team selection and players will be contacted before November 28<sup>th</sup> regarding team placement.

**Coaches are still needed please contact the office.**

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO COACH OR TEAMMATE REQUESTS HONORED AS IT IS TOO DIFFICULT TO COORDINATE WITH APPROXIMATELY 500 PARTICIPANTS. We will ask days that your child cannot practice, but there is NO guarantee we can accommodate the request as practices are based on coaches availability.

## BOYS LEAGUE

**Senior League:** A league for boys in grades 7 & 8. All games will be played on Saturdays at 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, or 12:00. Full court games will take place at Bethel High School.

**Junior League:** A league for boys in grades 5 & 6. All games will be played on Saturdays at 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, or 11:00 a.m. at Bethel Middle School.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade League:** A league for boys in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. All games will be played on Saturdays between 8-11 a.m. depending on number of teams at Johnson School.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade League:** A league for boys in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. All games will be played on Saturdays between 10-2 p.m. depending on number of teams at Johnson School.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade League:** A league for boys in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. All games will be played on Saturdays between 10-2 p.m. depending on number of teams at Berry School.

## GIRLS LEAGUE

**Senior League:** A league for girls in grades 6 - 8. If enough players are registered teams will be created. If we do not get enough players to form a minimum of 4 teams, we will run a two hour clinic from 8-10 a.m. every Saturday at the Municipal Center.

**Junior League:** A league for girls in grades 4 & 5. All games will be played on Saturdays at 8:00, 9:00, or 10:00 a.m. at Bethel Middle School.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** A league for girls in grades 2 & 3. All games will be played on Saturdays at 8:00, 9:00, or 10:00 a.m. depending on number of teams at Berry School.

## HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

**9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> Grade:** This is a Bethel Parks & Recreation basketball league for high school boys and girls. Open gym will begin in December, and games in January. Times will be announced in late November. Open gym and all games are at the Bethel Municipal Center. All Games are played on Sundays. **First open gym will be Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center. We will also have weeknight open gyms on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:30-10:00 p.m., dates for weeknights will be given out on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**BASKETBALL FEE: \$ 80.00 Individual \$130.00 Family Fee**



**LAST DATE TO REGISTER IS Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
AFTER THIS DATE YOU WILL BE PUT ON A WAITING LIST AND  
A \$10 LATE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED.**



**BETHEL RESIDENTS ONLY**

All parents interested in coaching or helping out with any sports MUST be certified by the NYSCA. You may renew, add a sport or take the initial clinic online. You will need your membership number if you're currently certified. You can find out how to get certified by going to our website: [www.bethel-ct.gov](http://www.bethel-ct.gov)

# Bethel Parks & Recreation Travel Basketball Tryouts

Boys and Girls in **grades 5-8** can try-out for Travel Basketball Teams.  
All try-outs will be held at the MUNICIPAL CENTER GYM.

## TRY-OUT DATES - BOYS:

**GRADE 5**  
Tues. 10/10 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
Tues. 10/17 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**GRADE 6**  
Tues. 10/10 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Tues. 10/17 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**GRADE 7**  
Thurs. 10/12 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.  
Thurs. 10/19 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

**GRADE 8**  
Thurs. 10/12 7:45-9:00 p.m.  
Thurs. 10/19 7:45-9:00 p.m.



## TRY-OUT DATES - GIRLS:

**GRADE 5**  
Sat. 10/14 9:00-10:15 a.m.  
Mon. 10/16 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**GRADE 6**  
Sat. 10/14 10:15-11:30 a.m.  
Mon. 10/16 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**GRADE 7**  
Sat. 10/14 11:30-12:45 p.m.  
Wed. 10/18 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**GRADE 8**  
Sat. 10/14 12:45-2:00 p.m.  
Wed. 10/18 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



**\*\*Please note that teams will be trying out for their age groups ONLY\*\***

**PLEASE SHOW UP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST TRY-OUT TO CHECK IN.**

YOU MUST BE **PRE-REGISTERED BY OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** in order to participate in try-outs.  
Pre-registration is online. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day of try-outs is subject to change based on number of pre-registered players.

Payment is not required until teams are selected.

YOU MUST ATTEND AT LEAST ONE OF THESE DATES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE TRAVEL TEAM.



Coaches applications are being accepted for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade *and boys* teams.



1. Try-outs are open to all, and previous participation DOES NOT guarantee a spot on the current team  
Travel team fee is \$300.00\*  
**\*PLEASE NOTE:** Uniforms will be purchased by the participants – they will be yours to KEEP. The Uniforms are \$55.00 and is included in the team fee. If your child makes the travel team in upcoming years it will be YOUR OPTION to purchase a new uniform. If a new uniform is not needed in the upcoming years the fee will be for participation ONLY. Participation fee will change year to year based on the cost of league entry and referee fees.
2. The week following the second day of tryouts, players will be informed of their status through email.
3. Individuals will be ranked by BHS coaches.
4. Travel Basketball is a serious time commitment. League rules stipulate that:
  - “Players (other than injury exceptions) MUST have played in at least 75% of the FCBL League games to be eligible for playoffs.”
  - “Teams with more than 1 forfeit are not eligible for playoffs & will be expelled from the league if it has 2 forfeits in one season.”



We are happy to partner with HOBBY QUEST Fall 2017!! Their programs are designed to be hands-on, fun and educational. Our focus is to help children discover new hobbies through fun and exciting enrichment classes, where they can explore their own creativity and hidden talents, and ultimately build “Skills for a Lifetime”. In each of our classes, the students take home everything they build and learn!

Our flagship program is **Aviation** (which incorporates all STEM elements). Get into the cockpit and fly this fall with Hobby Quest’s Airplane Captains! As a commander in this exclusive flying club, you’ll learn the fundamental STEM concepts to build your own aircrafts. This year we are back with ALL NEW high-flying models! The Batman is a super-high-flying rubber-band powered helicopter that will shoot for the stars! When you’re ready to fly as far as a football field, we’ll build the electric seagull, a battery-powered plane that will fly incredibly far and long! Class is the perfect combination of STEM learning, building and flying fun! **Build it! Fly it! Keep it!**

We also offer **Magic**, which is a hands-on and fun introduction to the world of magic performance! If you love illusions and mysterious feats, join us in Magic Illusions and learn how to **become a real magician!** Reading your audience’s minds will be a piece of cake after you master your Dice Prediction and Spirit Plates tricks! You’ll dazzle your friends with the color-changing Chameleon Chip and the Exploding Dice! For the finale, we’ll invite your friends and family to witness your new magic skills at a real magic show! Class is designed to enhance **communication and performance skills in a supportive, creative atmosphere!** **Learn it! Perform it! Keep it !**

### Berry School

#### Grades K-3: Magic

Day: Tuesday	Dates: 9/26 – 11/21 (8 wks.)
Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	No Class: 11/7
Fee: \$130.00	Place: Berry School Room TBA

#### Grades K-3: Aviation

Day: Thursday	Dates: 9/28 -11/30 (8 wks.)
Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	No Class: 10/26, 11/23
Fee: \$130.00	Place: Berry School Room TBA

### Rockwell School

#### Grades K-3: Magic

Day: Monday	Dates: 9/25 -11/20 (8 wks.)
Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	No Class: 10/9
Fee: \$130.00	Place: Rockwell School Room TBA

#### Grades K-3: Aviation

Day: Wednesday	Dates: 9/27 – 11/29 (8 wks.)
Time: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	No Class: 10/25 & 11/22
Fee: \$130.00	Place: Rockwell School Room TBA





# 2017 Fall Softball



**Bethel Softball Association**  
invites you to register for the  
2017 Fall season!

**Fees:**  
\$75 per player  
\$100 max per family  
Register by **August 29** to  
avoid \$20 late fee and/or  
waiting list

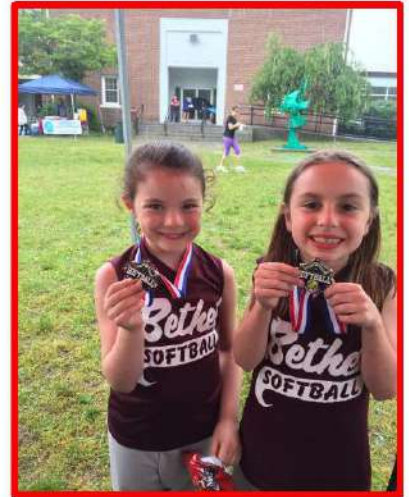
Coaches! Volunteers!  
Team/League Sponsors!  
We need you!  
Email if you are interested



**Weekly, In-Season  
Softball Clinic  
INCLUDED** with  
registration.  
Players will learn from  
WCSU Softball team  
coaches and players!

We offer recreational teams for ages PreK 4 - 16.  
Fall Season runs September - October.  
All skill levels are welcome!!

Registration fees include uniform shirt & socks



Sign up today using our **ONLINE** Registration System at  
[www.leaguelineup.com/bethelsoftball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/bethelsoftball)  
Questions? [BethelCTSoftball@gmail.com](mailto:BethelCTSoftball@gmail.com)



# LIZ TEED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 5K



*To raise money for the yearly scholarship given to a graduating High School Senior who has received ELL Services at any point during their Educational Career.*



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*Mrs. Teed supported, enriched and took an active interest in the English language learner within the Bethel Public Schools.*

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2017

**Sponsored by: Johnson School Liz Teed Memorial Scholarship Committee and Bethel Parks and Recreation**

**Time:** 8:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Check in at Johnson School  
**Course:** Within the School complex  
**Amenities:** T-shirts to first 100 registered runners.  
**Entry Fee:** \$20.00  
**Registration:** For online registration click [HERE](#) or mail in form below.

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In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I, the undersigned, Intending to be legally bound, do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against any and all race sponsors, or the cities and towns in which the race is contested, their representatives, successor or assignee, for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for completion of this event and a licensed Medical Doctor has verified my physical condition within the last six months. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any purpose whatever without compensation or remuneration. Have a fun race!

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **T-shirt:** S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Race #** \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent if under 18)

**Checks payable to: Bethel Parks & Recreation**

## SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER, 2017 PROGRAMS AT THE BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Children's Programs		
Sept. 11	6:30-7:00	PJ Storytime. September 11, October 16 and November 13.
Sept. 22	10:30-11:00	Family Fun Storytime. September 22, 29, October 13, 20, 27 and November 3.
Sept. 27	10:30-11:00	Fall Pre-School Storytime. September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1 and 8.
Oct. 11	6:30-7:30	Knights Chess Club for Grades 4-7 who understand the rules of the game.*
Oct. 17	10:30-11:15	One-on-One Demos for Parents.*
Oct. 25	6:30-7:30	Pages Chess Club for Grades 1-3 who understand the rules of the game.*
Oct. 26	10:30-4:00	Spooktacular Halloween Fun Day for kids of all ages.
Nov. 15	6:30-7:30	Combined Chess Club for Grades 1-7 who understand the rules of the game.*
Teen Programs		
Sept. 9	10:15-11:30	Teen Craft.* September 9 and October 7
Sept. 28	6:30-7:45	3D Printing for Teens.* September 28 and November 16
Adult Programs		
Sept. 6	6:00-7:45	Ageless "Wonder Women": Fighting for Democracy in America and Bethel.* Presented by the League of Women Voters of Northern Fairfield County.
Sept. 8	7:00-8:15	Community Dance at the Municipal Center with Patricia Campbell.* Sponsored by the Library Board of Directors and the DECD.**
Sept. 11	6:00-7:30	iPad Class*. September 11 and November 6
Sept. 13	6:00-7:45	Movie: Gifted. Rated PG-13*
Sept. 19	6:30-9:00	Spirits of Bethel Fundraiser
Sept. 14	6:30-7:45	Long Term Care Planning with Aldo Pantano.*
Sept. 20	6:00-7:45	Writers Group for Adults*. September 20, October 18 and November 15.
Sept. 24	2:00-3:30	Jewelry Making Workshop: Cultured Pearls*. Sponsored by the DECD.**
Sept. 25	6:15-7:45	Flower Arranging for All.* Sponsored by the Library Board of Directors.
Sept. 25	6:30-7:45	Evening Book Discussion: Lab Girl by Hope Jahren
Sept. 27	10:15-11:30	Morning Book Discussion: Lab Girl by Hope Jahren
Oct. 4	6:30-7:45	Quarterly Classic Book Discussion: Middlemarch by George Eliot
Oct. 4	6:30-7:45	Retirement Readiness with Andrea Reda and Sandor Boulter. Limited to 30.*
Oct. 11	6:00-7:45	Movie & Book Discussion Series: Sleepy Hollow. Rated R; ages 17 and under not admitted without a parent/guardian.*
Oct. 16	6:30-7:45	Author Talk with Sharon Struth*.
Oct. 18	6:30-7:45	Medicare Seminar with Andrea Reda and Sandor Boulter. Limited to 30.*
Oct. 21	10:15-11:30	3D Printing for Adults*. October 21 and November 13
Oct. 23	6:30-7:45	Evening Book Discussion: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving
Oct. 25	10:15-11:30	Morning Book Discussion: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving
Nov. 6	7:00-8:15	Mary Rowlandson: Indian Captive with Virginia Wolf.*
Nov. 27	6:30-8:00	Evening Book Discussion: TBA
Nov. 29	10:00-11:30	Morning Book Discussion: TBA
<b>Call (203) 794-8756 ext. 4 for more information, or go to <a href="http://www.bethellibrary.org">www.bethellibrary.org</a></b>		



\*Requires registration.

\*\*Supported in part by the Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts and the National Endowment of the Arts.

Most programs take place in the Maria Parloa Community Room, Cady R. Morse Conference Room, or the Children's Programming Room at the Library, 189 Greenwood Avenue.

All programs sponsored by the Bethel Public Library are open to the public, and meet accessibility requirements for the disabled. Those needing special accommodations should contact the library at least two weeks prior to the program date to make arrangements.

