

MYB November 2016 Parent Newsletter

Important Dates

November 1 - Fall Evening Conferences - 5:00 - 8:00pm
November 3 - School Picture Retake Day - 9:30 - 10:30am Only
November 7 - Lyman Orchards Pie Pick-up - 3:45-6:00pm-MYB Lobby
November 7 - Spanish Cultural Night - 5:30 - 8:00 pm Lyman Hall HS
November 8 - NO SCHOOL - Election Day
November 9 - Veteran's Day Assembly - 9:15am - Gymnasium
November 9 - PTO Meeting - 6:30pm - Bookroom
November 11 - NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
November 15 - SystemWide PTAC - 6:00-7:30pm - Board of Education Offices
November 14-16 - 2nd Grade STEM Academy
November 18 - MYB PTO Movie Night - 6:30-8:00pm-Gymnasium
November 23 - Early Release Day
November 24-25 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Recess



Early Dismissal: Wednesday, November 23, 2016

PreK: 9:05am-1:25pm

Grades K-2: 9:05am - 1:30pm

EARLY DISMISSAL/DELAYED OPENING PROCEDURES

Every effort is made to cancel school as early as possible on days of severe inclement weather. In most instances, the decision is made and broadcasted by 6:00 a.m. In addition to the posting on the Wallingford Public Schools website, the cancellation announcements will also be aired by the following radio and television stations: Go to www.wallingford.k12.ct.us and it will appear as a pop-up on your screen. Please try to have a strategy in place in the event an early dismissal is called. Please see the procedures below.

WTNH - TV Channel 8

WFSB - TV Channel 3

WVIT - TV Channel 30

WTIC – TV Channel 61

WTIC 1080 AM 96.5 FM

WDRC 1360 AM 103 FM

WRCH 100.5 FM

WZMX 93.7 FM

WPLR 99 FM 102.9 FM

WYBC 94.3 FM

WSNG 610 AM

WWCO 1240 AM

WMMW 1470 AM

No School/Delay - If the Superintendent makes a determination early in the morning for a delayed opening or school closure, you will receive a 5AM Weather Call if you provided the school with a phone number for this. If the determination is made the night before – all parents/guardians will be called/emailed.

Early Dismissal - If a determination is made during the school day for an early dismissal, you will

receive an emergency notification sent to the phone numbers and email address(es) on file.

After School Activities – In the event after school activities are cancelled, an email will be sent to all parents/guardians.

OUTDOOR RECESS

Given our long New England winters, every effort is made to get kids outside for recess play while the weather is nice. Please send your children into school with a sweatshirt, fleece or jacket, gloves and hats.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Due to STUDENT SAFETY - Please remember that the safest place to cross the street is at the intersection of Christian and North Main Streets where the crossing guard is located.

Reminders

- Please **send in a note** for all dismissal changes.
 - Please **remain in you car** when using the front loop at drop-off. Please park on North Main Street or Christian Street if your child cannot exit independently.
 - Please remember to **park on North Main Street or Christian Street** when visiting our school for drop-off, pick-up, conferences, and appointments.
 - Please **have Photo ID each time** when visiting our school or when picking up your child.
 - Please **call the Main Office @ 203-294-3940** when your child will be absent from school. Additionally, a note must be received within 10 days of absence for the absence to be considered excused.(Please see policy below.)
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Attendance

The attendance policy has been revised in light of new mandated changes by the State Department of Education. Parents must provide a note for the first 9 absences. Appropriate documentation (note from parent or doctor) must be submitted within 10 days of the student's return to school. For the 10th absence and all others thereafter, documentation from a medical professional is required for illness regardless of the length of absence. The attendance policy can be viewed here: **Attendance Policy** .

@mosesybeach

To follow Moses Y. Beach on Twitter, go to www.twitter.com and create an account. Click the @Connect button at the top and search for @mosesybeach. Then when you open twitter, you can see what we are learning and find out about upcoming events. If you do not have a Twitter account, you can still follow the MYB posts on Twitter by going to [www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/Our Schools/ Moses Y. Beach/ MYB Social Media](http://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/Our%20Schools/Moses%20Y.%20Beach/MYB%20Social%20Media).

MYB Parent Google Calendar

Click to view the [MYB Parent Google Calendar](#) and see up-to-date events happening in our school. This link stays active and will be continually updated throughout the school year.

Lunch Menu

Click on to view the [November Menu](#).

2016/2017 pricing

100% Juice Bar (Assorted Flavors) \$1.00	Chocolate or Vanilla Frozen Yogurt Cup \$0.90
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Elementary Student Lunch \$2.65	Firecracker 100% Juice Bar \$0.90
Fudge Bar \$0.90	Italian Ice \$1.00
Baked Chips \$.85	Low-Fat Cookies \$0.75
Luigi Sherbert \$1.00	Oreo or Chips Ahoy 100-Calorie Snack Pks \$0.85
Push-Up Sherbet \$1.00	Student Milk \$0.50
Warm Pretzels (No Salt) \$1.00	Whole Grain Pie (Usually Apple) \$1.00

Adding money to your child's lunch account can be done in any of the following ways:

- **Cash/Check:** Sent in an envelope with your child's name and teacher clearly stated.
- **MealpayPlus:** Follow this link for helpful directions on setting up and managing an account.
You will need your child's Student ID Number (Not the lunch pin). Please email Tgado@wallingfordschools.org for this information.

Also, please feel free to contact Cafeteria Manager, Ann Pulisz at APulisz@wallingfordschools.org with any questions or concerns.

Kindergarten

The days of October have flown by! Having mastered the routines, transitions, and all that is new about school, our Kindergartners are hard at work! They have been busy learning the letters, sounds and even sight words! Literacy Centers have become an exciting daily activity of our school day! We will soon be adding literacy strategy groups to our daily schedule.

Our "Family" themed reading unit provided lots of opportunity for our eager students to share about their own family and to learn about the families of others as well. Within our "Friends" themed reading unit, we are exploring the big ideas of what it means to be a friend, learning about friends, and getting along. Sharing is Caring!

In Mathematics, the current focus is counting and matching numerals from 0-10 with comparing. The children have been enjoying the many new songs, activities and games they have participated in as they learn these math skills at a variety of different levels.

We have also been exploring the wonders of the new season...apples, pumpkins, colorful leaves...

The excitement of October culminated in our annual Halloween Parade, where the children proudly displayed their costume finery for all their schoolmates to see.

November also promises to be a very busy month as we prepare for the coming of the Thanksgiving holiday. At our very own Thanksgiving festivities, we will give thanks for the delicious food and for the wonderful new friendships we have made with our classmates.

First Grade

Second Grade

Art

Computer Lab

Intervention Team

Library/Media Center

What's going on in PreK? PreK students see Mrs. Porier twice each week: one time for a collaborative

lesson with Mrs. Cislo in the Computer Lab and/or in the library, and one time in the library with Mrs. Porier on her own. In both the computer lab and in the library PreK students have been learning about colors and shapes through stories, songs, and ipad apps! We are noticing the changes brought on by the fall season as well and recently went on a color leaf walk. We also read stories about a busy fall animal: the squirrel! *Ol' Mama Squirrel* by David Ezra Stein and *Nuts to You!* by Lois Ehlert were two fun stories we shared. Ask your PreK student what squirrels say if you get too close. We even listened to a recording Mrs. Porier made in the woods of an actual squirrel scolding her!

What's going on in Kindergarten? Kindergarten students have been focusing on the season of autumn as well. We have been reading lots of fiction and nonfiction titles, and learning about the difference between these two types of books. When we read fiction we are thinking about ***imagination***. When read nonfiction we are thinking about ***information***. We are learning some sign language to help us remember these words as well. A favorite fiction series we know is Bear and Friends by Karma Wilson. A fun fall title from this series is *Bear Feels Sick*. We read some fall poetry, too: *Red Are the Apples* by Marc Harshman and *Autumnblings* by the amazing children's poet, Douglas Florian. These books inspired us to take a walk outdoors and write our own fall poetry.

What's going on in First Grade? First graders are busy learning their way around the library! We have been sharing stories from different areas of the library, touring these areas, and learning a song to help us remember where different types of books can be found. Students can make the best book choices for themselves when they are aware of how the library is organized. A reminder that student choice is the best motivator for developing a love of reading. Rereading old favorites is a great way to build fluency. If a book is too challenging for a child to read on their own, they may enjoy looking at the pictures or having it read to them. Even after children are reading on their own, keep reading to them. A great deal of learning takes place when a child is read to, not to mention the many benefits of spending that cozy time together!

First grade students are also working on a collaborative social studies unit, co-taught by Mrs. Porier and their classroom teachers. We are learning about families, jobs, and wants and needs. *Mole Had Everything* by Jamison Odone will really get us thinking about the difference between the things we want and the things we need.

What's going on in Second Grade? MYB Second graders are preparing for the big vote, the Nutmeg vote, that is! Second graders will have the opportunity this April 2017 to vote in our state book award contest for the first time. The Elementary Nutmeg Book Award is for CT students in grades 2-4. We learned about each of the 15 nominees and together read *In a Village by the Sea*, a beautiful picture book by Muon Van that takes place in Vietnam. The MYB library has a limited number of copies of each title. More can be found at the Wallingford Public Library. Students are encouraged to read (on their own or with a grown-up) as many of these titles they can before it is time to vote.

Second grade students are also working on a collaborative unit with Mrs. Porier and their classroom teachers. We are engaging in a study of trees to complement their organisms study that is part of the science curriculum. Students began by wondering about trees and coming up with many questions to

drive our research. We will use nonfiction books to learn about trees, as well as take several walks on our school grounds to identify and observe the trees around us. Try this around your own neighborhood!

Keep up with the MYB Library Media Center on social media! You can follow Mrs. Porier on Twitter: MYBLIB @APorier and now on Facebook, too! Keep up with happenings at elementary school libraries around town at the new Wallingford School Librarians' "WPS Libraries" page. Find out how Wallingford's school libraries impact our students positively every day!

[MYB Library Media Center Website](#) Please visit this site for an update on what students are currently working on in library classes, a slideshow of books we've recently read, forms for Celebration Books and Showcase Collections Displays and more of the latest library news!

Music

In October we had a fun time singing songs about Columbus, autumn, and Halloween, and exploring the xylophones.

The students are busy in this month of November preparing for their holiday concerts which will be held on the morning of December 9, with a snow date of Dec. 16. Schedules and times will follow later. We hope to see everyone there!

Sincerely,

Melodie Smulders msmulders@wallingfordschools.org

Nurse's Office

This month I am sending home the district Exclusion Policy. These are some guidelines to use when you are trying to decide whether or not to send your child to school.

As always if you ever have any questions you can reach me at 203-294-3943 or by email mmartin@wallingfordschools.org

Marjorie Martin, School Nurse

PE

Hi Parents,

This year has gotten off to a great start in PE class. It's hard to believe it's November already. We just ended our Soccer skills units and had a great time. We had so much fun learning all of the different skills.

This month in Physical Education class we will be taking part in a few different mini units. One unit in particular that the students really enjoy is the Parachute unit. There are many fun lessons with the parachute that we will be able to take part in. Many of the parachute lessons are physically challenging. The different lessons during the unit give a great whole body workout. The lessons keep the students engaged while maintaining a great pace by keeping their bodies moving for a majority of the class. Hopefully with nice weather we will be able to be outside as many days as we can. The parachute is a great deal of fun inside but there's something with doing it outside that just adds an extra bit of excitement.

This month Frisbee is also another great unit the students will get a chance to take part in. Frisbee is great sport where we will get the opportunity to go outside and enjoy the open green space. The children learn many different types of throws and catches with the Frisbee. This year we have new really large Frisbee's that are about 3 times larger than a normal size Frisbee and are great for

teaching good technique with the students throws and catches.
My hope as always is to keep your child happy, physically challenged and interested in all of the lessons we take part in. I look forward to a great school year.
Talk soon, Mr. Rich

System-Wide PTAC

Below is the link to the SW PTAC dates for 2016-2017. Please feel free to include dates or the link in your newsletter updates.

<http://www.wallingfordswptac.com/search/label/2016-2017%20Meeting%20Dates>

In addition, here is the link to the SW PTAC reps I was provided for 2015-2016. Please send updates as they are received or advise if you have the same reps for the 2016-2017 year.

<http://www.wallingfordswptac.com/search/label/SW%20PTAC%20Reps%202015-16>

Our first meeting is Tuesday 9/20. The agenda can be found here:

<http://www.wallingfordswptac.com/search/label/1%29%20September%202016>

MYB PTO

MYB PTO November Newsletter

What a great month October was! Thank you to everyone for your amazing fundraising efforts for the **Lyman's Orchard Pie sale**! Our top seller sold 49 pies! This is amazing. All your hard work helps us fund all the incredible events we host this year. Without your hard work none of them would be possible!

Usborne Book Fair was incredible. All of the kids loved it and enjoyed shopping and picking out books that they loved and are in line with their current curriculum as well. Big **thank you** to the 30 parents who volunteered to make this event possible! Our fun continues through the Fall and Winter months with more great events. Stay tuned for lots of details.

Calendar of upcoming events

October 24-Nov 9-- **Gift Card Fundraiser. No forms can be accepted after November 9th.**

November 7-- **Pie Pick up**--3:35-6:00pm front lobby. You can park in the loop after 4pm.

November 9-- **PTO Meeting** 6:30pm. MYB Book Room

November 18-- **Finding Dory Movie Night**---Doors Open @6:30pm. Movie Starts at 7:00pm

Week of December 12- **Penguin Patch**--- Kids will be able to shop for holiday gifts for family members.

Gift Card Fundraiser- Buy the gift cards you already need or want at no additional cost to you, and the MYB PTO will receive anywhere between 1.5% to 50% of the profits to help us fund fantastic programs like Winter Wonderland, Movie Nights and Field Day. Here's what you do:: If you don't have a form download one here: [Gift Card Fundraiser](#) 1. Browse the list of options and choose your gift cards. 2. Fill in the order form, write a check *payable to* MYB PTO, and **return your order to school by WEDNESDAY, 11/9** in an envelope labeled "MYB PTO Gift Cards". No orders can be accepted after this date! 3. **Pick up gift cards at MOVIE NIGHT- FRIDAY November 18**

Movie Night: Finding Dory November 18. Get ready to have a good time at Movie Night. Join your MYB friends with your family, blankets and pillows. Popcorn is available for \$1.00. Water jugs are available, bring reusable water bottles. There will be donation jars. If you can make a donation to cover the cost of the movie license that would be much appreciated. Thank you.

HELP WANTED

MYB PTO is honoring our amazing MYB teachers and staff monthly. In September we did a welcome back bag of popcorn with a “corny” joke attached. In October we gave them a “Season's Change Survival Kit” goody bag with a bag of hot chocolate, marshmallows, tea bag and tissues.

For November we'd like to host a “We're thankful for you” breakfast. We usually do this before the December holidays, but we want to honor them during Thanksgiving time. If you can take a peek at the signup and are able to help us create this breakfast for them that would be wonderful and enjoyed by our hard working and dedicated teachers.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0C4FACAE2CA7F49-were

We are also looking to fill chairperson positions for **Winter Wonderland (January 13) Chair and Co-Chair**. Please email Katherine Chordas at myb.pto@gmail.com if you are interested and for more details. You will have tons of help with this fun event.

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