



# WESTBROOK

## SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LEARNERS

MOUNT PROSPECT SCHOOL DISTRICT 57

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### *From the Principal...*

Dear Westbrook Families,

The energy and enthusiasm from our students has been contagious! We love having our Early Childhood students, kindergarteners, and first graders here! We are proud of our students for finishing their first full week!

*Back to School Night* We look forward to having you at **Westbrook's Back to School Night!** Please mark your calendar for **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4!** This event for parents will provide an overview of the children's learning objectives for the year, as well as other important school information. We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you in advance for arranging childcare for this event, as this event is for adults only. Please see the flyer for more information.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SCHEDULE**

- o WB PTO Meeting 6:10 p.m.
- o 1st Grade Classroom/SOAR Presentations 6:30-6:55 p.m.
- o Whole School Presentation in Gym 7:00-7:25 p.m.
- o EC/Kindergarten Classroom Presentations 7:30-7:55 p.m.

*Reading to Each Class* One of my favorite things to do is to read picture books to classes. It's wonderful to hear the connections that students make with their lives, other books, or to each other. Karl Anderson (Assistant Principal) and I have had the pleasure of reading to a few classes this week, and we look forward to reading to the rest of the classes next week. Mr. Anderson's book *Nerdy Birdy* showcases two birds who are very different. Nerdy Birdy learns that you don't have to agree on everything to still be friends. I read [The Little Tree](#) by Loren to first grade classes and [Tomorrow I'll Be Brave](#) by Jessica Hische to kindergarten and early childhood classes.

Both of my books focused on bravery and trying new things. We talked about how we all felt a little nervous and scared on the first day of school, but how we were brave for trying something new! We also discussed how we are a family here at Westbrook and how we can cheer each other on when we try something new.

While reading *The Little Tree*, I asked students what are some things that they can say to someone who is trying something new. Below are just a few of the responses that I heard:

- "It's okay. You can do it."
- "It might be hard, but you can do it!"
- "We're a family. We can cheer for each other."

*Benchmark Assessments* Along with teacher observations, parent feedback, and students' daily classroom work, the following benchmark assessments inform teachers' instruction to meet students' individual learning needs. Our Literacy Support Services (LSS) and Math Support Services (MSS) teachers are working on individually assessing every first grader and every kindergartener on their early literacy and math skills.

The information teachers receive about each child's reading and math ability will be used to inform their instruction and monitor individual student growth. All K-1st students will be reassessed on these skills in the winter and spring in order to measure growth.

#### Early Literacy Skills

- rhyming
- syllable awareness
- initial sounds
- segmenting
- blending sounds
- letter names and sounds
- sight words
- running records (1st grade only)

#### Early Math Skills

- number identification
- oral counting
- quantity discrimination
- basic computation (1st grade only)

*Fall Conferences* Westbrook will hold parent-teacher conferences on **Tuesday, November 12, Thursday, November 14, and Tuesday, November 19 from 4:20-8:20pm**. We will be using an online conference scheduling system.

*Conference sign-ups will open on October 2nd at 8pm and close on November 1st at 10am.* More information about this will be shared with you in the coming weeks.

*Follow Us on Twitter and Instagram* Please follow us on Twitter and Instagram! Our username is: **westbrook\_school\_d57**.

Thank you for your partnership and support!

Kind regards,  
Kristin Vonder Haar

## Important Information from the School Nurse

**Physical / Immunization reports:** notifications will be sent home to parents next week if there is anything still outstanding. Please send the required information to the Health Office **ASAP or prior to October 15th** in order to avoid **exclusion** from school.

**Eye Exam report:** notifications will be sent home to parents (envelope will be in child's backpack) if not received, please send **ASAP or prior to October 15th**.

**A HUGE THANK YOU... to parents who have sent in the needed paperwork.**

Please keep the Health Office informed of any new health concerns, including injuries...such as casts or stitches (a physician's note will be required regarding PE and recess restrictions).

Together...we will keep the children at Westbrook healthy and safe.

Julie Tworek, RN - Westbrook Building Nurse

847-394-7340 Ext: 2005

[jtworek@d57.org](mailto:jtworek@d57.org)

Kim Finnerty, RN - District Nurse



# *Westbrook School Back-To-School Night*

Wednesday, September 4

6:10 – 7:55 p.m.

**6:10 p.m.**                    **Westbrook PTO Meeting in the Gym** *(All Westbrook Parents are invited to attend.)*

**6:30-6:55 p.m.**            **First Grade Classroom Presentations**

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade		Related Services	
Room 101	<i>Gaseor</i>	Main Hallway	<i>Faktor-Kindergarten English Learners (EL)</i>
Room 102	<i>Roy</i>	Main Hallway	<i>Schneider-Kindergarten Literacy Support Services (LSS)</i>
Room 104	<i>Balk</i>	Main Hallway	<i>Connelly - Music</i>
Room 105	<i>Bruns</i>	Room 206	<i>Stegmueller-Kindergarten ESP Classroom</i>
Room 106	<i>Brewer</i>	Room 209	<i>Solar-SOAR Classroom</i>
Room 108	<i>Brooks</i>	Room 201	<i>Adamski-K/1 Resource Teacher</i>
Room 110	<i>Coughlin</i>		
Room 114	<i>Fergus</i>		
Room 115	<i>Nickels</i>		
Room 116	<i>Domalick</i>		

**7-7:25 p.m.**                    **Whole School Presentation in Gym** *(All Westbrook Parents are invited to attend.)*

**7:30-7:55 p.m.**            **Preschool & Kindergarten Classroom Presentations**

Circle of Friends		Kindergarten	
Room 220	<i>Carpenter/Titze</i>	Room 201	<i>Adamski</i>
Room 221	<i>Russell/Warner/Chaney</i>	Room 202	<i>Luedloff</i>
Room 211	<i>McCarthy/Winters</i>	Room 203	<i>Bruno</i>
		Room 204	<i>Zemaitis</i>
		Room 205	<i>Zakula</i>

Related Services	
Main Hallway	<i>Paraskevopoulos, Morrison, &amp; Meyers - PE &amp; Art</i>
Main Hallway	<i>McCarthy-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Literacy Support Services(LSS)</i> <i>Kim-K/1<sup>st</sup> Math Support Services (MSS)</i>
Main Hallway	<i>DeAngelo-1<sup>st</sup> Grade English Learners (EL)</i>
Main Hallway	<i>Larson-LRC Director</i>
Room 117	<i>Littel-1<sup>st</sup> Grade ESP</i>
Room 212	<i>Finnegan-Speech</i>
Room 214	<i>Hulse/Micari-OT, Jelenkovic-PT</i>
Room 217	<i>Ryno-Social Work</i>
Room 219	<i>Fratamico-Psychologist</i>

# Safety Reminders at Westbrook School

- **For the safety of the students and staff, please do not bring your pet when dropping off or picking up your child. Even the friendliest of pets will protect their owner if they feel they are in danger, many young children are afraid of them, and students may be affected by allergies. The presence of an animal can create an uncomfortable situation for parents and staff. Thank you for your cooperation.**
  - **We request that you discontinue all cell phone calls when you are dropping off or picking up your child. Your undivided attention will contribute to the safety of children and staff.**
  - **When waiting at Door 9 for your student to be dismissed, please do not allow anyone to climb on the wall/fence. We would not want anyone to get hurt.**
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## Important info about Student Attendance on our 2019/20 half-day Institute Day

Throughout the 2019/20 school year, there will be five days of half-day attendance for students throughout the District.

- ▶ At Westbrook, only 1st grade students will attend on those days from 9:20 to 12:20. Please note the difference dismissal time for our busers and walkers. Our 1st grade students will not need to bring a lunch on these days.
- ▶ Our Kindergarten and Circle of Friends students will enjoy the WHOLE day off for the five Institute Days listed below.
- ▶ Our Kids' Corner program will only be available to our 1st grade students from 7:00 to 9:20a.m. Please make sure to inform your private daycare providers of this variance in schedule.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns. Below are the Half Day Attendance Dates.

\*Non Attendance Day for Circle of Friends and Kindergarten students

\*1st grade 9:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

Half Days Listed below:

Friday, October 11, 2019

Friday, January 17, 2020

Friday, February 14, 2020

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Friday May 22, 2020

## Reminder:

Please mark your student's lunchboxes, jackets and other belongings using permanent marker with their names so that we may return lost items to the proper children.

This will cut down on the number of items in our lost & found. Thanks!



## 1st Grade Snacks

Please make sure not to pack your 1st grader's snack in their lunchboxes. Students may not have access to their lunchboxes during the day.

Retrieving snacks from lunchboxes at a different location is a big distraction in their day.

Thanks for your help with this.



## Bus Tags

If your student is a bus rider, please make sure you attach the bus tag provided by the District Business office to the handle on top of your child's backpack. This tag is required to ride the buses. If you did not receive a tag, please contact the office Thanks!



## Building Access

All visitors and volunteers must enter the building through the office entrance (Door 1). Please sign in at the office and wear a visitors badge while in the school building.

Please be advised that no parent/guardian is allowed to take their child off of the playground during school hours. Please follow school policy-- come to the office, sign the child out, and let the office staff locate the student.

Also if you plan to go to our playground during the school day, please stop by the office for a visitor tag so that the recess supervisors are aware of approved visitors.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

*Check out Westbrook School for Young Learners on Instagram!!!*



# Calendar of Events at Westbrook School

September 2.....	Labor Day - No School
September 4.....	Back to School Night
September 11 .....	Circle of Friends Popsicles in the Park, 6pm
September 11.....	Ed Foundation Meeting, LRC, 7pm
September 18.....	PTO Meeting, LRC, 7pm
September 26.....	Board of Education Meeting, 7pm, Fairview
September 30.....	No school - Buildings Closed
October 1.....	Picture Day
October 2.....	1st Grade Special Lunch
October 3.....	Walk for Westbrook
October 3.....	Board Of Education Meeting, 7pm, Fairview
October 4.....	Walk for Westbrook (Rain Date)
October 9.....	Ed Foundation Meeting, LRC, 7pm
October 11.....	Half Day for 1st Grade Only
October 11.....	No school for Circle of Friends & Kindergarten
October 14.....	Columbus day - No School
October 16.....	PTO Meeting, LRC, 7pm



Please refer to the online calendar for a more complete list of upcoming Westbrook events, and other fabulous information on our webpage by [clicking here](#).

## Absences/Emails to School

If your child will be absent from school, please contact us at (847) 394-7340, Option 1, to report the absence.

Also, if there will be any changes in your child's daily routine, please send an email to your teacher so that she is informed and include the Westbrook office

[\(WB-Office@d57.org\)](mailto:WB-Office@d57.org).

## Transportation Questions

Please call First Student directly at 847-635-9877 with any questions or concerns pertaining to bus transportation.



Westbrook School  
103 South Busse Road  
Mount Prospect, IL 60056

(847) 394-7340  
(847) 394-7349-fax

**Bee Safe, Bee Kind  
Bee Ready to Learn :)**







# Mrs. Larson's LRC News



Cindy Larson



Our Reading Treehouse



Darshana Shah

It has been a wonderful beginning to the school year and we are happy to welcome new and returning families! My name is Cindy Larson and I am the LRC director. Darshana Shah is the LRC Instructional Assistant. Mrs. Shah works with our LRC volunteers and helps keep book checkout and visits to our reading treehouse running smoothly. We are looking forward to an exciting year in the LRC!

## August and September Highlights

During these first weeks of school, the students will

- ★ Learn how to care for their library books through stories, songs and games
- ★ Practice using a shelf marker to look for a book on the bookshelves
- ★ Learning digital citizenship skills with Mrs. Larson and Mrs. Stortz, our Tech Coach.

Throughout the year we will explore a number of library skills, including parts of a book and story, exploring the characteristics of fiction and nonfiction books, and voting for our favorite Illinois Monarch Award book. The students have been eager to talk about their favorite books.

Happy Reading! Cindy Larson

**Birthday books** are a fabulous way to support the LRC and celebrate your child's birthday!

- ★ With a \$15.00 donation, your child can pick a new book to gift to Westbrook from the birthday book shelf on their birthday (or half birthday).
- ★ A bookplate with the child's name and birthday will be placed in the front of the book.
- ★ Your child will be the first person to check out the book!
- ★ All donations go directly to new book purchases for the LRC.
- ★ The birthday book form is available later in this newsletter or paper copies are available in the LRC and school office.

**Interested in being an LRC volunteer?**

Volunteers assist with shelving books, book checkout, and a variety of other library tasks. Volunteers are especially needed on Mondays and Fridays.

Please email our LRC volunteer coordinator Lynda Franco at

[westbrooklrccochair@gmail.com](mailto:westbrooklrccochair@gmail.com)

A survey will then be sent to you to gather information about your interest and availability!  
Thank you!

**Coming Soon:** October - Pumpkin Parade    November - Scholastic Book Fair  
December - Hour of Code



Follow me and the LRC on Twitter @Cindy\_Larson10 and Instagram bookish.bee.safari

# Westbrook School for Young Learners LRC Birthday Book Donation Program



Dear Parents and Guardians,

You are invited to celebrate your child's birthday by making a donation to the Westbrook LRC. A special bookplate with your child's name and birthday will be placed inside the front cover of a book selected by your student from a shelf of our most fun, appealing new books. Also, your student's picture will be displayed in the LRC for the month. The book will become a part of our Westbrook library collection.

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday in this manner, please fill out the form below and return it to the LRC with a \$15.00 donation (cash or check to Westbrook School).

Thank you for supporting the Westbrook LRC!

Cindy Larson  
LRC Director

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Please return this form to Westbrook School for Young Learners.

I would like to celebrate a child's birthday with the gift of a book. I have enclosed \$15.00 to donate a book to the LRC in my child's name.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (including year): \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Summer birthdays can be acknowledged in any month of your choosing.  
For questions, contact Cindy Larson at (847) 394-7340, ext. 2315  
Please make checks out to *Mount Prospect School District 57*



# Westbrook PTO



Click  
Here

[westbrookptod57.weebly.com](http://westbrookptod57.weebly.com)



Click  
Here

The PTO cannot be a success without YOU!  
Please visit our website where you can sign  
up to:

\*Be a room representative\*

\*Volunteer in the LRC\*

\*Volunteer for PTO committees\*

You can also join the PTO by paying the \$6  
membership dues.

The biggest perk for PTO members is access  
to the Westbrook Directory App, perfect for  
planning playdates and parties!

**Thank You for your support!**



# WESTBROOK SPIRIT WEAR

Deadline to order online is September 13th.

Questions? Email Karin Petrenko at [kgyllstr@hotmail.com](mailto:kgyllstr@hotmail.com)



Vintage green/white super soft jersey T-shirt with white distressed imprint. Men's, women's (women's is v-neck) & youth. \$17.00



Emerald green or gray tri-blend long sleeve T-shirt with white distressed imprint. Youth, gray only. Adult, both colors. \$18.00



Irish Green hoodie with white distressed imprint. Youth and adult sizes. \$21.50



Black or sport gray zip hoodie with Kelly green and gold imprint. Youth and adult sizes. \$28.00



Gray or emerald green tri-blend long sleeve T-shirt with white imprint. Youth, gray only. Adult, both colors. \$18.00.



Badger youth, men's and women's black or forest 1/2 zip 100% poly long sleeve shirt with white left chest imprint. \$30.00.



Bella women's only, super soft v-neck T-shirt with glitter imprint. navy, gray tri-blend, berry or purple. \$16.50.



Canvas unisex super soft T-shirt with glitter imprint. Asphalt, berry, Kelly green or purple. Youth and adult sizes. \$15.00.

## Ordering Is Easy!



Log on to: [www.cr-promotions.com](http://www.cr-promotions.com), click on "online stores" - Login Code: WESTBROOK(ALL CAPS, no spaces).  
(The shipping method will be your child's teacher).



**Calling all Westbrook 1st grade girls  
interested in joining Daisies for the 2019-2020 school year!**

**What: Girl Scout Troop 45947**

**When: First Monday of the month**

**4:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.**

**Our first meeting will be October 7th**

**Where: Gathered Boutique & Workshop  
117 S. Emerson St  
Mount Prospect, IL 60056**

**Leaders: Laura Pettyjohn, Kourtney Arreguin, Brigid Course**

**If you are interested in signing up your daughter, please complete the following steps  
by September 16th, 2019**

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- ❑ 1. Register on the council website and pay \$25.00 for annual membership.  
<https://girlscouts.secure.force.com/girl> ( Sign up here)
  - ❑ 2. Please sign up as soon as you can because we have limited space this year. **Please do not send any paperwork back to Westbrook. Bring form/ checkbook to the parent meeting on 9/16!**
  - ❑ 3. Email Laura Pettyjohn at [Laura.Pettyjohn@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.Pettyjohn@gmail.com) to confirm that you have completed registration for your daughter. Any questions, please let us know!
  - ❑ 4. We will be having a short mandatory parent meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Gathered Boutique and Workshop to go over the yearly activities, fees, and events. ( If possible, no kids should attend due to space)

Interested in  
Cub Scouting?



**JOIN  
TODAY**

Calling all K-5<sup>th</sup> grade Westbrook and Lions Park students interested in joining Cub Scouts!

**Cub Scout Pack 154 is looking for YOU!**

Come check us out at any of the following events:

**1<sup>st</sup> Pack Night** – Thursday 9/5 at 6pm at Lions Park (outside)

(meet by Owen and Shabonee picnic tables)

- Come check out our Pack and enjoy relay races, games, and fun

**Blast Into Scouting** – Thursday 9/12 at 7pm at Lions Park and Westbrook

- Parents can talk with scout leaders to get information and sign up for Pack 154 at this yearly recruiting and registration event. If you cannot attend, please email us and we will be happy to send you more information about scouting. You can sign up anytime!

**Pancakes & Tie Dye!** – Saturday 9/14 at 9am at Lions Park school (outside)

- Join us for a fun morning outside with pancakes and tie dying shirts!

Contact Us: [mppack154@gmail.com](mailto:mppack154@gmail.com) for more information

We are ready for a great year of scouting!





***Mount Prospect School District 57  
Westbrook Kids' Corner Program for  
Before/After School Child Care***

***KC Assistant needed each school day***

***Hours: 7:45-9:30am and 3:30-6:15pm  
\$11.00 per hour***

***This position is available immediately. Applicants may choose to work the morning shift, the afternoon shift or both. Will consider adjusting shift times to accommodate high school/college student schedules. Must be 16 years old or older.***

***For more information go to our website [www.d57.org](http://www.d57.org) or call Human Resources at 847-394-7300 x1010.***

# NEWS FROM 57



## HOW DISTRICT 57 COMMUNICATES WITH YOU

The District 57 Administration, School Board and schools make it a top priority to communicate with families and community members. There is regular outreach about school news and events, as well as issues affecting your children's education, such as finances, curriculum and technology. Please take advantage of the many opportunities to be informed:

- **District and School Websites:** Go to [www.d57.org](http://www.d57.org) for news, resources and links to the school sites, staff directories, calendars and more. The redesigned websites have a fresh, new design and expanded information.
- **District 57 App:** The new app is a free resource that gives you quick-and-easy access to the District and your child's school. Get it at the [App Store](#) or on [Google Play](#).
- **Social Media:** Follow District 57 on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) (@Dist57) if you haven't already done so, and regularly check the pages. District 57 social media is a hub of news, information and photos from the District and schools. You'll also find each of the schools on Twitter and Instagram.
- **Superintendent's Messages:** Updates on important issues that are distributed periodically by Dr. Aumiller via email, school newsletters, the website and social media.
- **School Newsletters and Emails:** Newsletters are distributed by the schools via email on Fridays and found on the school websites ([Westbrook](#), [Fairview](#), [Lions Park](#), [Lincoln](#)). Special announcements from the schools are emailed throughout the week, if needed.
- **District 57 Newsletters:** Distributed at least twice a year via email, school newsletters, the website and social media. The fall/winter and spring/summer issues cover major news from the District and highlight exciting happenings at the schools.
- **School Messenger Phone System:** Parents will receive messages via this system when there are school closings or other urgent announcements. Email, the website and social media also will be used in these instances. Be sure to inform your school of any phone or email changes.
- **Bus Bulletin:** A system that will notify parents via text, email or voice message if their child's bus is delayed. Register online for free.
- **School Board:** Meetings are generally held at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at Fairview School. Meeting dates and topics are communicated in advance on the website and social media, and agendas/meeting packets can be found at this [link](#). Community members are welcome to attend Board meetings, and there is time for public comments. Podcasts of the meetings are available at this [link](#). In addition, community members can submit comments/questions for Board members at this [link](#).



*Click the icons above to access the District 57 website and Facebook and Twitter pages.  
Be "in the know" about everything going on in our schools and the District!*

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## ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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**The District 57 Administration Office is pleased to present this information about upcoming events and news from local organizations that serve our community's children.**

### **GREEN WHITE TOPSOCCER – Buddy Soccer Program**

Soccer program for kids with cognitive or physical disabilities. Players paired up with a buddy. All abilities welcome! Visit [www.greenwhitesoccer.org/topsoccer](http://www.greenwhitesoccer.org/topsoccer) for info

### **Mount Prospect Fire Department Open House – Saturday, September 28**

Come 10am to 2pm to Fire Station 13 (112 E. Northwest Hwy.) and meet Sparky! See Fire Dept. equipment, fire sprinkler demonstrations, slide down a fire pole, and much more. Free lunch.

August 30, 2019