



From the Principal...

Dear Westbrook Families,

Our staff kicked off our professional book study during our staff meeting. We are reading the book [Conscious Discipline](#) written by Dr. Becky Bailey. Dr. Bailey is a leader in brain-based social-emotional learning. This book builds off of last year's professional book study of [The Whole-Brain Child: 12 Revolutionary Strategies to Nurture Your Child's Developing Minds](#) written by Dr. Daniel Siegel and Dr. Tina Bryson, which explains how a child's brain is wired and how it matures. Everyday experiences, including the books we read, the activities we participate in, the discussions we have, and the time we spend with family and friends, help to mold our brains. Both of these books offer different skills and strategies to help foster healthy brain development and emotional intelligence.

Safety Drills This morning, we practiced what to do in the case of severe weather. The students did an excellent job of staying quiet and listening to their teachers. We will complete another drill this afternoon to make sure that all of our students know what to do in the case of an emergency.

Next week, our kindergarteners and first graders will learn how to stay safe while riding a bus and what to do if there is an emergency on the bus during our bus evacuation drills.

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.

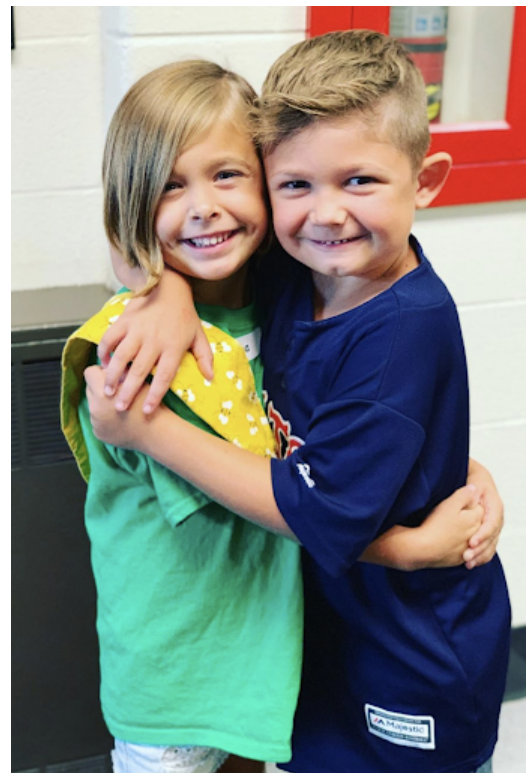
[Meet the Westbrook Staff Here is a link](#) to our staff slideshow, which we showed during our Back to School Night. I feel so fortunate to work alongside such talented and dedicated individuals!

Be Kind, Safe, and Ready At Westbrook, we have three school-wide expectations: Be Safe, Be Kind, and Be Ready. Students are explicitly taught what this looks like and sounds like at each location throughout our building. We practice them often! Students who are “caught” displaying these expectations are given bee tickets, which are proudly displayed on our two bee hives in the school. Each Friday, one person from each class is chosen to wear the coveted bee sash! It is such an honor for our students to proudly show that they were displaying safe, kind, and ready behaviors! Bee sash winners will be showcased on our website each week. Congratulations to all of our bee sash winners!

Follow Us on Twitter and Instagram Please follow us on Twitter and Instagram! Our username is: **westbrook_school_d57**.

Have a lovely weekend! Thank you for your support!

Kind regards,
Kristin Vonder Haar



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 email the office
wb-office@d57.org
along with *your teacher* to
notify us of any dismissal
changes.

Thank you

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 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
October 17.....	Board of Education Meeting, Fairview
October 25.....	PTO WALK Pancake Breakfast
November 4.....	No School - Staff Institute Day



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).

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 :)**



WESTBROOK SPIRIT WEAR

Deadline to order online is September 13th.

Questions? Email Karin Petrenko at 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, click on "online stores" - Login Code: WESTBROOK(ALL CAPS, no spaces).

(The shipping method will be your child's teacher).



The PTO website is where you sign up to:

- Be a room representative (Sign up by Sept 13)
- Order special lunch (Orders Due Sept 13)
- Volunteer for PTO committees
- Pay membership dues

PTO Members receive access to our DirectorySpot App. PTO members will get an e-mail from DirectorySpot with login instructions. We hope the app will be ready for use by the end of September.





Walk Around The World



Thursday, October 3rd

Please join us in the seventh annual Walk for Westbrook fundraiser! For the past seven years we have maintained the same fundraising goal, \$15,000. This money goes directly to fund the Westbrook Parent Teacher Organization. The PTO provides assemblies, enrichment activities, free books, art supplies, teacher grants, community events and so much more. Every dollar raised goes back to Westbrook students!

Our theme this year is "Walk Around the World." On Thursday, October 3rd, Westbrook students will walk around the school and visit famous landmarks and sites from around the world. These book-related stations are fun and interactive!

How does it work?

Students sell raffle tickets to friends and family. Each ticket costs \$10. We accept online payments, checks, and cash. The link to purchase raffle tickets is tinyurl.com/walkforwestbrook2019. Both the donor who buys the ticket and the student who sells the ticket will be entered into our raffle prize drawings.



What are the prizes?

There are a variety of prizes for donors, including golf outings, wine tastings, and spa treatments. Student raffle prizes include trampoline parks, art classes, event tickets, and restaurant gift cards. A list of raffle prizes is available on the PTO website, westbrookptod57.weebly.com.



How do I win?

All raffle tickets are electronic and will be sent to your e-mail address. Visit the raffle ticket link to buy tickets online or use the donation collection form for any cash or check payments.

Tickets must be purchased by October 4th and winners will be chosen by October 11th

Early Donations

Students who turn in donations by Friday, September 27th are eligible to win a ride to school in a fire truck, police car, or public works truck!

Class with Highest Total Raised

The class that raises the most money will win a special reward.

Class with Highest Participation

The class with the highest percentage of participants will win a stuffed animal sleepover and keepsake photo album.

Will we reach our goal?

As a reward for raising \$15,000 students will enjoy an international music assembly from Old Town School of Music.



Breakfast of Champions

Students who raise \$100 or more are invited to join Mrs. VonderHaar and Mr. Anderson for a pancake breakfast on Friday, October 25th.

Payment Details

There are two ways to purchase raffle tickets:

- Credit Card purchases can be made at tinyurl.com/walkforwestbrook2019 or by scanning the QR Code.
- Cash and Check purchases should be listed on the donation collection form (included) and returned with the cash and checks to your child's classroom teacher.
- **There are NO paper raffle tickets this year. All raffle entries will be sent to your e-mail address.**

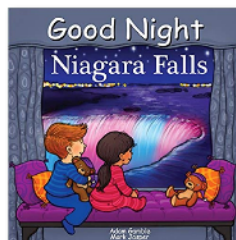
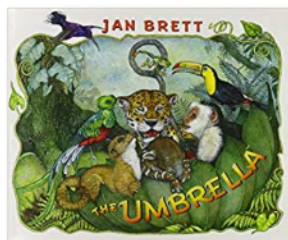
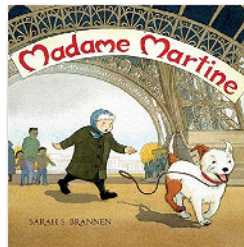
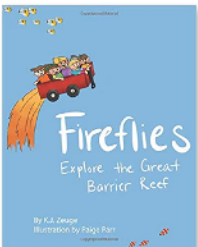


Additional Information

Parents are encouraged to come and cheer for their Westbrook student(s) the day of the walk. There will be a morning session and an afternoon session. All preschool, kindergarten and first grade students will participate in the walk. Times for each class will be posted on the PTO website, westbrookptod57.weebly.com. If for some reason the weather does not cooperate, our rain date is Friday, October 4th.

If you would like to volunteer for the walk or you are interested in donating a prize to be included in our raffle drawings, please contact us at ptowestbrook@gmail.com

Featured Books



Every year our students visit interactive stations on their walk around the school. This year our students will be visiting Niagara Falls, the Amazon Rainforest, the Pyramids, the Great Wall of China, the Great Barrier Reef, and several famous European landmarks. The stations are based on these books, read to the students during their library time this fall.



THANK YOU for supporting our school!

Fall 2019



Donation Collection Form



- For credit card payments, please visit our website tinyurl.com/walkforwestbrook2019 or scan the QR code. Raffle tickets will be automatically sent to your e-mail. **There is no need to list credit card payments on this form.**
- For any cash or checks, please fill out the information below. There are no paper tickets this year. **Donors will get raffle tickets delivered to their inbox.**
- Return this form along with cash and checks to your child's teacher in the provided envelope by October 4th

Student Name _____ **Grade** PreK / K / 1st

Teacher Name _____ **Parent Phone #**(_____) _____ - _____



Donor Name	Donor E-Mail (please print clearly)	Cash/Check	Amount

Total Included \$ _____

ENGLISH LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES



Hello! Czesć! Merhaba! Здравствуй! Hola!

Our names are Mrs. Olena Faktor, Mrs. Jenny DeAngelo, and Mrs. Pia Chojdecki. We are Westbrook's English Learner (EL) Support Services team. We work with students* in kindergarten and first grade who speak a language other than English and/or live in a home where a language other than English is spoken. Let us introduce ourselves:



Mrs. Olena Faktor - EL Teacher

- I was born in Ukraine.
- I came to the United States in 2003 when I was 26 years old.
- I speak Russian, Ukrainian, and Italian.



Mrs. Jennifer DeAngelo - First Grade EL Teacher/ Polish Bilingual

- I was born in the U.S. but my parents were both born in Poland.
- I attended Polish School as a child.
- I speak Polish and a little bit of Spanish.



Mrs. Pia Chojdecki - EL Instructional Assistant

- I am originally from Switzerland and Australia.
- I came to the United States in 2000.
- I speak German, French, and Polish.

Our primary roles as EL teachers are to develop students' English language proficiency and support students' grade-level content learning. We also collaborate with classroom teachers in meeting ELs' needs.

Services we provide:

- Push In Support Service: Focuses on assisting students in the mainstream classroom especially during writing times
- Pull Out Support Service: Focuses on social and academic English language development in listening, speaking, reading, and writing

With the start of the new school year, we are always excited to see the diversity among our student population at Westbrook! **This year, Westbrook's students and/or their families speak 28 different languages!** Aside from English, Polish remains the most spoken native language. Similar to last year, Polish, Spanish, Russian, Romanian, Greek, and Bulgarian continue to be the top six languages spoken by our Westbrook families.

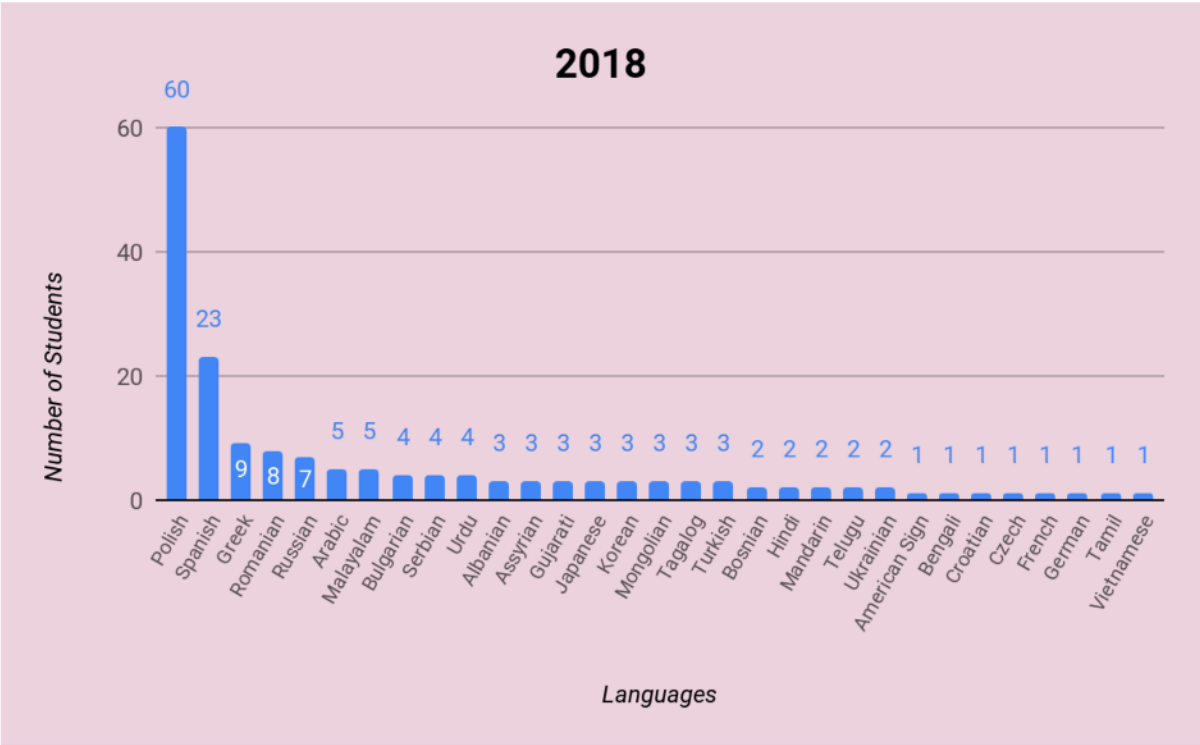
We are looking forward to a fantastic school year with our amazing English learners!

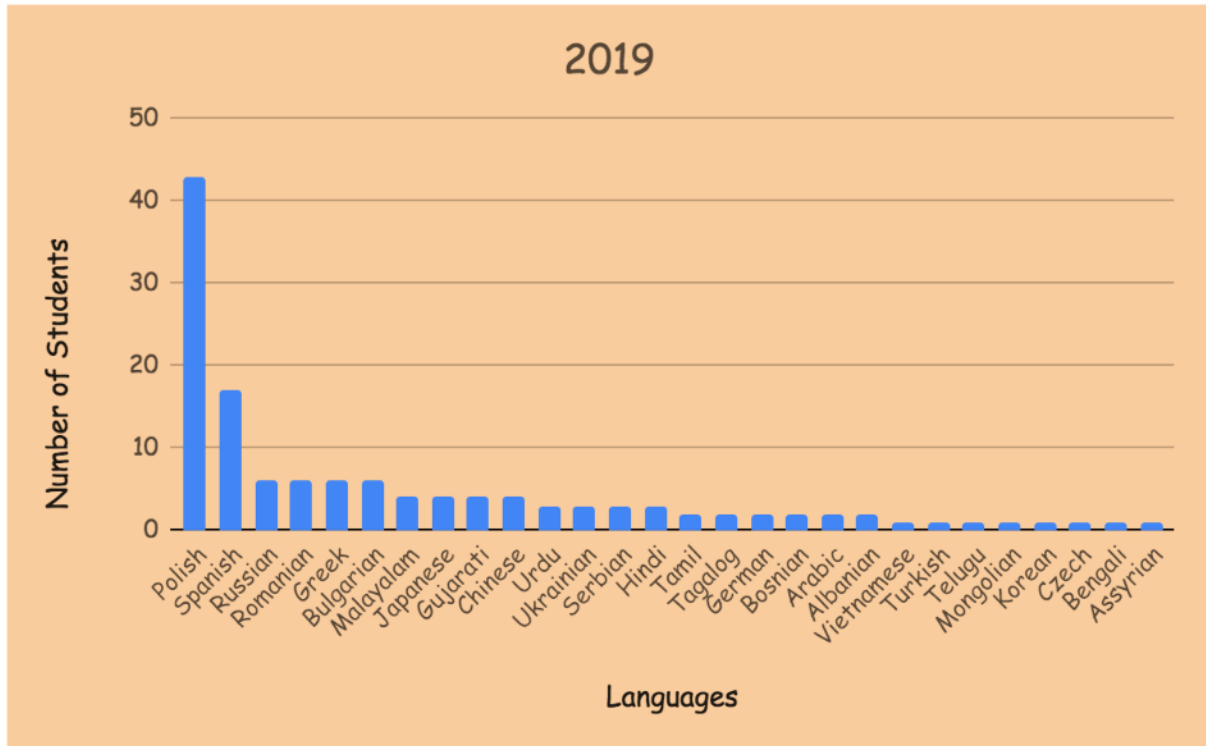
EL Support Services Team - Mrs. Olena Faktor, Mrs. Jenny DeAngelo and Mrs. Pia Chojdecki

*qualified for EL Support Services based on the English language proficiency screening

Language data for graphs retrieved from Home Language Surveys completed during registration

ENGLISH LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES *continued*





"Diversity is the one true thing we have in common. Celebrate it every day."

— Anonymous



Math Support Services (MSS)

I hope everyone is having a great start to the school year! For those of you that are not familiar with the Math Support Services (MSS) program, it is a program that allows students to receive additional math support in order to reinforce classroom concepts. Throughout the year we will be covering different topics found in the *Math in Focus* curriculum, which is the curriculum that is used in all of the classrooms.

Math in Focus is an authentic Singapore math curriculum that uses problem solving as the center of learning. Concepts are first introduced with real-world, hands-on experiences. Then they are visualized and represented through a picture. Finally, numbers and symbols are used to demonstrate understanding.



Students learn to solve complex mathematical problems by gaining the knowledge, content, and skills needed to succeed. The curriculum encourages positive student interaction with mathematics, which results in students developing a better ability to solve complex, real-world math problems. Singapore Math is elementary mathematics taught in a "powerful and potent way."

Here is some additional information to get better acquainted with Singapore Math and why it is beneficial to students:

- Singapore Math focuses on mastery, not just learning for a test
 - The curriculum generally focuses on fewer topics but in greater depth. Students don't just learn equations to reach an answer; they learn *how* the equation works.
- Visual and audible learners thrive
 - Learning math begins with the concrete: blocks, cards, buttons, etc. Then there are abstract equations $2 + 3 = 5$. But Singapore Math introduces the "pictorial" phase - a bridge between concrete and abstract.



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*tickets are \$35, after 10/10/19 \$40



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 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.

Mount Prospect Fire Department Poster Contest

Grades K-5 are encouraged to design a poster using the NFPA Theme: "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice your Escape!" Deadline is October 9.

Sign Up for Fall Art Classes at The Art Studio, 1326 W. Central Road

Registration is underway for our fall and holiday art classes for ages 3 years through adult. For more information, visit www.mppd.org or call 847-640-1000

Register for Fall Dance Classes at the Mt. Prospect Park District

Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary, Hip Hop and Modern classes for ages 2 through adult. For more information, visit www.mppd.org or call 847-640-1000

Cub Scout Pack 151 Is Looking for Boys & Girls from Westbrook or Fairview Schools!

We start in K but kids can join Cub Scouts up until 5th grade. Please contact: pack151mtprospect@gmail.com or visit our website at <http://pack151mtprospect.org/>

Hi-Five Sports Camp – September 30th from 9 AM to 3 PM

Treat your child to a day full of sports and FUN! For ages 4-13. Whiffle ball, kickball, football, dodgeball and more. For more information, go to <https://gal.re/e/iCHFjTFUY>

KIDS WORKSHOPS + CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY AT GATHERED!

D&D to Sewing, we got your kiddos covered! Visit us online for current workshops and/or to start planning your birthday! Go to <https://www.gatheredboutiqueandworkshop.com>

Prospect HS Youth Dance Clinic

Prospect HS Youth Dance Clinic is on Friday, October 11th. Please email Katina.Frericks@d214.org for the registration form

September 13, 2019