



From the Principal...

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Dear Westbrook Families,

I hope this message finds you all enjoying these beautiful September days we've been having!

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**. Please mark this date on your calendar, so that you can sign up with a time to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress at a time that would work with your family's schedule.

Data Days Along with teacher observations, parent feedback, students' daily classroom work, and benchmark assessments are used to inform teachers' instruction to meet students' individual learning needs. Next week, our kindergarten team and first grade team will meet to review the assessment data that we have about our students' early literacy and math skills. Teams will use the data to identify ways that instruction can be refined to support student growth in the areas of literacy and math. Teams will also identify students who would benefit from additional support from our Literacy Support Services (LSS) and Math Support Services (MSS) teams. Families whose children are identified as benefiting from additional support in one or both of these areas will receive letters indicating that they will receive math or literacy support. Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Walk for Westbrook Our PTO has worked hard to plan for the Walk for Westbrook this year. This event is the only fundraiser that our PTO sponsors to support all of the wonderful programs they plan and provide for our students throughout the school year. During LRC, students have been learning about different landmarks around the world, which fits with the theme of our Walk, *Walk Around the World*, for this year! During the Walk on October 3rd, students will walk around the school and interact with themed stations with landmarks from around the world.

Tasty Bites The Westbrook PTO will be sponsoring the Tasty Bites Program again this year! This is a special opportunity for kindergarten and 1st grade students to sample a fresh fruit and/or vegetable each month during one of their PE classes. The Tasty Bites program is always a huge hit among the students!

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the Tasty Bites Program and to provide permission for your child to participate. *Please complete this form by Friday, October 11, so that your child can participate. Without a form submitted, your child will not be permitted to try the sample fruit/vegetable/herb.*

Safety Drills This week, our kindergarteners and first graders learned 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. We also reviewed our Westbrook expectations of being safe, kind, and ready on the bus. Next week, we will practice our lockdown drills. For all of our drills, we work closely with the Mount Prospect Fire Department and Mount Prospect Police Department.

PTO We are so grateful for the support of our PTO! The PTO supports many outstanding programs for our students, including Tasty Bites, assemblies, t-shirts for new students, Leaping into Literature, community events, and so much more! If you haven't already joined the PTO, please consider doing so! Membership only costs \$6 for an individual membership or \$10 for a family membership. Please [click here](#) to join the PTO.

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

Enjoy your weekend! Thank you for your support!

Kind regards,
Kristin Vonder Haar

Note from Nurse...friendly reminders:

- Plain fruits and veggies only in the classroom for snack time. Your child may bring fruit cups (100% fruit) or dry fruit (raisins).
- No** dips, jello, yogurt covered fruit, fruit roll ups/leathers, in the classroom please.
- Students should always eat their own food brought from home.
- Please remind your child not to eat on the bus.
- Please wash hands after eating.

Thank you for keeping our students safe.
Julie Tworek, RN (Westbrook Building Nurse)



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.**

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.

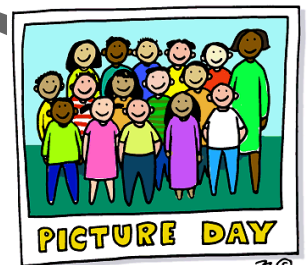


Bus Tags

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!



Picture Day is Tuesday Oct 1



- All Students will be photographed
- No money is needed on picture day
- Shortly after picture day, your child will bring home 2 proof images and an order form to order online

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



Calendar of Events at Westbrook School

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 24.....	D57 Parent Tech Info Session, Fairview, 6:30pm
October 25.....	PTO WALK Pancake Breakfast
November 4.....	No School - Staff Institute Day
November 6.....	1st Grade Special Lunch



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 :)**



Supporting Fine Motor Skills Development at Home

Parents often want to know if their children are progressing appropriately in terms of fine motor skills, and how they can help at home. Here are some developmental expectations and activities to have your children practice.

Age/grade	Visual Motor Skill
3-4/Preschool	-Can copy lines, circles, and a cross. -Can draw a person with head, face, torso, and limbs with demonstration -Can cut on or near a 5" bolded line
4-5/Preschool	-Can imitate a square (may need step-by-step demonstration) -Can cut on or near a curve, and simple shapes
Early Kindergarten	-Can imitate an X and a triangle after watching adult demonstrate -Can copy letters of first name (in upper case is acceptable)
Late Kindergarten/ Early 1st grade	-Can copy most of upper case and lower case alphabet -Can legibly copy a few words (and for some, a sentence**) -Reversals of letters and numbers in writing are common at this age, and often until late second grade

**It is important to remember that children's written legibility is dependent on their academic writing ability. Children who are just learning to spell and put thoughts down on paper will struggle with legibility at first.

Home activities to help prepare kids for fine motor activities include:

- Manipulating playdoh or clay is great for building the muscles of the hand and fingers
- Legos are great for finger strengthening
- Playing with Squigz--they suction to table top and glass surfaces, and require force to pull them off
- Coloring with crayons or colored pencils is a great way to build hand and finger strength, control of the hand, and visual perceptual skills by staying in the lines
- Using tweezers or other items that require squeezing with the fingers is a great activity to promote scissors usage
- Cutting playdoh--this is especially great for reluctant cutters because it's a fun, engaging activity
- Provide your child construction paper, scissors and glue. Kids love to just cut out pieces from different colored paper, and glue them together on another piece of paper to make abstract art!
- Sidewalk chalk (weather permitting, of course). Kids love drawing outside!

Christine Hulse (chulse@d57.org) and Amanda Micari (amicari@d57.org), Westbrook Occupational Therapists

Literacy Support Services

Welcome back returning families and welcome new Westbrook families! LSS, which stands for Literacy Support Services, provides students with an extra dose of literacy instruction in addition to classroom learning and is an extension of the skills and strategies students are working on in their kindergarten or 1st grade classroom. Throughout the year we will be covering topics such as phonemic awareness, phonics, reading strategies, comprehension, fluency and vocabulary. We will be sharing helpful tips, strategies and activities in the Friday newsletter that you can do at home to help your child grow as a reader. Thanks in advance for your support this school year. Your involvement in your child's education is extremely important. We look forward to working with you and your son/daughter this year!



Kara McCarthy- 1st Grade LSS
& Kelly Schneider- Kindergarten LSS

**Above are some interesting statistics about the benefit of children reading OR being read to each day!



Parent Academy

Mark your calendars!

Join the District 57 technology coaches for an informational session designed especially for parents/guardians.

Thursday, October 24

6:30-7:30pm

Fairview Multipurpose Room



Plugged-in Parents: Grades K-8

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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.**

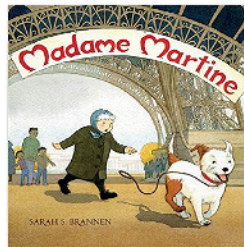
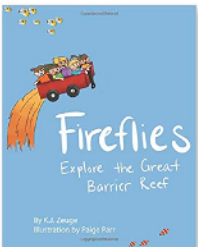


Additional Information

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 \$ _____



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- Meet Sparky**
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 6-12



2019 POSTER CONTEST

Fire Prevention Week takes place October 6 - 12 this year. In an effort to educate students about fire safety, the Mount Prospect Fire Department annually sponsors a poster contest. The theme this year is:

"Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice your Escape!"

Mount Prospect students are encouraged to design a poster using this year's theme. Students may enter the contest through their school or individually if their school elects not to participate. For more information on the theme, please visit the NFPA website, www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week

Entries are judged on originality, creativity and use of theme.

All entries will receive a participation ribbon; however, a first, second and third place winner will be chosen from each grade level. All of the first place winners will then proceed to the Village-wide contest, with the final winners receiving an award from the Mayor at an upcoming Village Board meeting.

CONTEST RULES:

Kindergarten through 5th grade students are invited to design a poster.

All submittals must contain the following information (on the back of their submittal):

1. Student's Full Name
2. Student's Home Phone Number
3. Name of School
4. Grade Level
5. Teacher's Name

- All posters must be completed on poster board (maximum size of 16" x 20").
- Individual entries can be dropped off at the Police/Fire Headquarters, 112 E. Northwest Hwy. (Fire Department — Second Floor), or at the main office of the student's school prior to the deadline.
- **The deadline for entries is October 9, 2019.**
- All entries will be returned to the students' schools after the contest ends.

Village of Mount Prospect

Human Services Department

Holiday Assistance Program 2019

The Village of Mount Prospect Human Services and Fire Departments will be assisting low-income residents this holiday season. A Thanksgiving meal basket will be provided by the Human Service Department in November and the Fire Department will host a holiday party and provide toys for the Children in December. An assessment is required.

MUST BRING

- Photo ID of self/spouse/significant other.
- Children's Birth certificates.
- Proof of address (Current lease, letter from landlord, or mortgage payment coupon).
- SNAP approval letter or school's letter certifying that child is on free or reduced-price Lunch program.



REGISTRATION IS LIMITED!

Call to make an appointment

Mount Prospect Human Services Department
50 S. Emerson Street
Mount Prospect, IL 60056
847-870-5680

Community Connections Center
1711 W. Algonquin Rd
Mount Prospect, IL 60056
847-506-4930



Off School Special – Monday, September 30

All children welcomed between Kindergarten – 5th Grade

Field Trip: Bison's Bluff Playground in Schaumburg

Activities: Blob Tag, Musical Chairs, Fall Dot Painting

****Please pack your child a lunch. Must wear socks & gym shoes!****

- Located in the RecPlex Kids Klub Room, 420 West Dempster, Mt. Prospect
- Hours of operation 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Drop off from 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM, pick up from 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM
- Departing for Field Trip at 1:30 PM
- There is a \$1.00 cash late fee for every minute after 6:00 PM that you are late.
- **Rates:** First Child \$38, Second Child \$33
- **Must Register by Thursday, September 26**

If you would like your child(ren) to participate in this program, please register at one of the MPPD facilities or online through the WEBSTORE.

OFF SCHOOL SPECIAL PROGRAM #37482



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.

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.

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

Run/Walk or Volunteer at the 5th Annual Lemons of Love 5K on Sunday, October 6

Join us at this fun, family event featuring a DJ, medals, raffles and a coloring table. Funds raised support programming at our Cancer Resource Center. More info / to register, go to: TinyURL.com/y4w3qxzz

D57 Education Foundation Dine&Share Event September 24 at Station 34 4-10 PM

Support the D57 Ed Foundation at their upcoming Dine & Share event at Station 34 downtown. \$5 every small and \$8 for every large pizza will go towards 2019 Educational Grants. www.57edfoundation.org

Studio Art Classes for Ages 7-14

We're a brick and mortar art studio offering fun, high quality, affordable classes. Just minutes from Fairview. More info, go to www.helloartstudio.com

No School? No Problem! YMCA After School and School Days Out

Our afternoons are filled with climbing, swim, the gym, homework & more. Snack and Bus included. K-5th grade. More info, <https://www.ymcachicago.org/lattof/programs/school-age>

September 20, 2019