

From the Principal... Issue 6 Volume 3 | September 27, 2019

Dear Westbrook Families,

It was a busy week at Westbrook! This week, we held our first lockdown drills, which was attended by the Mount Prospect Police Department. The students and staff did an excellent job!

Fall Conferences Westbrook will hold parent-teacher conferences on the following dates*:

- Tuesday, November 12 from 4:20-8:20pm
- Thursday, November 14 from 4:20-8:20pm
- Tuesday, November 19 from 4:20-8:20pm

*Please note that Kindergarten teachers have an additional sign-up time during the day to accommodate their AM and PM parents.

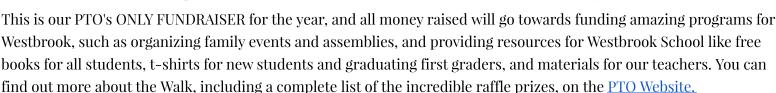
Conference sign-ups will open on Wednesday, October 2nd at 8pm.

At that time, you will be able to access the site and sign-up for conferences with your child's classroom teacher, specials (art, music, PE), special education teachers, as well as related services staff like English Language Teachers. The link will go live on <u>Westbrook School's homepage</u> starting Wednesday at 8 PM.

Step-by-step directions of how to sign-up for a conference follow this note.

Walk for Westbrook We are so excited for the Walk for Westbrook on Thursday, October 3! (*The Rain Date is on Friday!*) Our Walk for Westbrook Planning Team has been hard at work for months getting every last detail ready for an amazing event for all Westbrook children.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to donate to Walk for Westbrook online! —



10:50 AM: 1st Grade (Bruns, Nickels, Brooks, Roy, Domalick)
11:05 AM: Kindergarten and Circle of Friends
1:45 PM: 1st Grade (Gaseor, Brewer, Balk, Coughlin, Fergus)
2:00 PM Kindergarten and Circle of Friends

- Class that raises the most money will win a special craft project sponsored by the Studio.
- Class with highest participation will have a stuffed animal sleepover.
- Breakfast of Champions : Students who raise \$100 or more will be invited to a pancake breakfast
- Raffle Prizes : Every \$10 donated to the walk the donor and student are entered into our raffle drawings.

Thank you to all of the families who have already donated to this cause. We greatly appreciate your generosity!

Coffee & Sweets You are invited to come enjoy a cup of coffee and some sweets with Karl Anderson (assistant principal) and me on Friday, October 18th from 9:30-10:30am. We will be sharing information about the book <u>Conscious</u> <u>Discipline</u>, which is the focus of our staff book study this year. We will discuss and review the different strategies that the authors suggest to help children grow their emotional intelligence. <u>Please RSVP by Monday, October 14th</u>!

Upcoming Dates Throughout the 2019-20 school year, there will be five days of half day attendance for students

throughout the District. At Westbrook, <u>only 1_{st} grade students</u> will attend on those days from **9:20 AM to 12:20 PM**. <u>Circle of</u> <u>Friends and Kindergarten students will not attend school on these five dates</u>. Please make sure to inform your private daycare providers of this variance in schedule.

Non-Attendance Dates for Circle of Friends and Kindergarten:

Friday, October 11 Friday, January 17 Friday, February 14 Thursday, April 9 Friday, May 22

Tasty Bites The Westbrook PTO will be sponsoring the Tasty Bites Program again this year for our kindergarten and first grade students! Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to learn more about the Tasty Bites Program and to provide permission for your child to participate. Please complete this form by <u>Friday</u>. 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. Contact Allison Poulos and Joellen Fitzgerald at <u>westbrooktastybites@gmail.com</u> with any questions!

Volunteering in the LRC If you are interested in volunteering at Westbrook School, consider signing up to volunteer in the Library Resource Center (LRC)! The October sign-up form can be found <u>here</u>. If you would like to be added to the monthly schedule email list, please email Lynda Franco, from the PTO, at: <u>westbrooklrccochair@gmail.com</u>. Thanks!

Follow Us on Instagram and Twitter Please follow us on Instagram and Twitter! Our username is: westbrook_d57.

Enjoy your long weekend! Thank you for your support!

Kind regards, Kristin Vonder Haar

Parent-Teacher Conference Scheduling with SignUp Genius Instructions For Parents

- 1. Click on the link for Parent Conferences found on our <u>D57 Westbrook</u> main page.
- 2. Teachers are listed across the top. Each tab is a teacher's schedule. Please scroll down on your teacher's sign up page to view all days and times available.



3. <u>Conference Sign Up</u> - Please enter your child's first and last name and your email address. Please note:

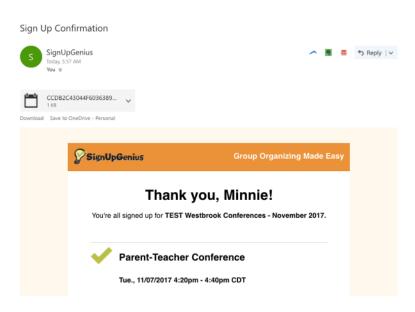
*Parents are able to sign up for a time slot on SignUp Genius without having to create an account.

**For privacy, your name will NOT will be displayed on the website. Once you sign up the spot will be reserved and say "Already Filled."

*** If you need to change your time slot you are able to go back and make a change.

Sign Me Up		quick note	You can leave a quick note for your child's teacher	
Available Slot	Date (mm/dd/yyyy - CDT)	Comment	Quantity	
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4. A confirmation email is automatically sent to you. You will also receive a conference reminder 2 days prior to your conference date.





Reminder from Nurse Tworek

Just a reminder on district policy when your child is allowed to return to school after being ill.

A child must be:

- Fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication)
- No vomiting for 24 hours
- No diarrhea for 24 hours

This is a **must** before sending your child back to school.

Any rash or skin eruption must have a doctor's note stating that your child is not contagious and can be at school.

Also, please notify the school of your child's illness when the absence is reported. A notification letter may need to be sent out to the rest of the class pending the illness.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Julie Tworek, RN Westbrook School Nurse Kim Finnerty, RN, District 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

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!

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

Parent Volunteers Needed in Library

Thank you to everyone that has donated his or her time to the LRC already...the help you give really makes a difference.

The October schedule is up so please be sure to check it out and sign up to volunteer: LRC October 2019

If you want to be added to the monthly schedule email list, please email Lynda Franco @ westbrooklrccochair@gmail.com

Thank YOU!

<u>Picture Day is</u> <u>Tuesday Oct 1</u>



- 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

shop.hrimaging.com

Calendar of Events at Westbrook School

September 30	No school - Buildings Closed			
October 1	Picture Day			
	1st Grade Special Lunch			
October 3				
October 3	Board Of Education Meeting, 7pm, Fairview			
October 4				
October 9	Ed Foundation Meeting, LRC, 7pm			
October 11	Half Day for 1st Grade Only			
October 11I	No school for Circle of Friends & Kindergarten			
October 14				
October 16	PTO Meeting, LRC, 7pm calendar for a more			
October 17Bo	pard of Education Meeting, Fairview complete list of upcoming Westbrook events, and			
October 24D57 Parent 7	ech Info Session, Fairview, 6:30pm other fabulous information			
October 25	PTO WAlk Pancake Breakfast on our webpage by clicking here.			
November 4	No School - Staff Institute Day			
November 6	1st Grade Special Lunch			

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 vour teacher so that she is informed and include the Westbrook office (WB-Office@d57.org).

Westbrook School 103 South Busse Road

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

Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Transportation Questions

Please call First Student directly at 847-635-9877 with any questions or concerns

pertaining to bus transportation.



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





We are off to a wonderful start this year in the music mobile! We have been singing, moving, playing instruments, and playing games.

We have spent quite a bit of time playing different percussion instruments. *Percussion instruments* are instruments that you shake, tap, or scrape. We have classified some of these instruments into groups: woods, metals, shakers, and skins. We used these groups to perform a repeated phrase in the story

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst to show how music can help dramatize a story. The children did a terrific job accompanying the story with instruments to show how upset and frustrated Alexander was in the story.

We have been working very hard at learning to play instruments, sing, and move with a steady beat. The ability to maintain a steady beat is an important skill in music class that we will continue to work on throughout the year. In this next month, we will start learning to read music notation, and then we will do some composing!

One of our students performed a piano piece for his class this week. If your child is taking piano lessons and would like to share one short piece with the class, he/she may bring their music to music class to perform when the piece is ready.



Thank you! Mrs. Rebecca Connelly Westbrook Music Teacher <u>rconnelly@d57.org</u> Please follow me on instagram: mrs._connellys_music_room



Physical Therapy Bite - Buying Children's Footwear



Too often during the school day, I see students whose shoes are not fitting properly. It is important to keep in mind that children's feet are still developing and that proper size and fit are crucial. Along with that, consider that the shoe fits the activity. Dress up shoes or Crocs might be fun and comfortable to wear, but they might not be the best choice when participating in activities within Gym class.

To help you on this journey, here are what the experts recommend, when shoe buying, to facilitate the healthy development of your child's feet.

- 1. <u>Take your child with you when shoe shopping</u>, if possible. Pick a time when you are not tired or rushed, so it is a pleasant experience for both of you.
- 2. <u>Have your child's feet measured</u> and always buy for the bigger foot (a lot of times, one foot is slightly bigger than the other).



- There should be about <u>½ inch</u> of room between the big toe and the front of the shoe in standing. When testing in sitting, the result will not be accurate, since there is no weight put through the feet.
- 4. Although tempting, <u>don't buy shoes too big</u>, since they do not offer the proper support and do not help your child have an appropriate walking pattern.
- 5. It should feel snug, when putting your finger in the back of your child's shoe, by his/her heel.
- 6. The back of the shoe should be sturdy and supportive to the heel.
- 7. The shoe should not be heavy, but rather lightweight.
- 8. <u>Make sure</u>, the <u>sole is not stiff</u>, but that it has a "break", right behind where you would push off with your toes.
- 9. <u>Try shoes on with the kind of socks</u>, your child would typically wear or that is intended for the type of shoe you are buying.
- 10. Shoes do not need to be "broken in". The shoes should be comfortable from the beginning.

There a lot of price ranges and appropriate shoes can be found in every range. Make sure to check the fit of your child's feet frequently, since typically <u>children require bigger shoes every 3-4 months</u>. Signs to watch for are excessive wear of shoes (often at heels or toes), curled toes when standing, difficulty putting them on, and blisters/marks on feet.



Regards, Suzana Jelenkovic PT



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



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Plugged-in Parents: Grades K-8

Keeping kids safe, happy, and healthy in the digital age.



- 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

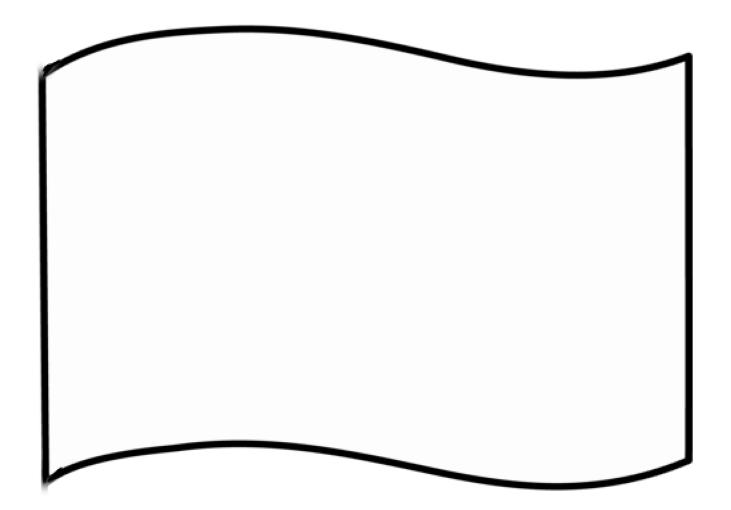
PTO Members receive access to our DirectorySpot App. PTO members will get an e-mail from DirectorySpot with login instructions. We hope the app will be ready for use by the end of September.





Please help us decorate our school for "Walk Around the World" on October 3th by creating/decorating a flag. You can create your own country's flag or decorate your favorite flag. Feel free to be as creative as you want.

Cut out your flag and return it to your teacher by October 1st. * Please note you will not get your flag returned back*





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 <u>tinyurl.com/</u> <u>walkforwestbrook2019</u>. 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. Vonder-Haar and Mr. Anderson for a pancake breakfast on Friday, October 25th.

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Payment Details

There are two ways to purchase raffle tickets:

- Credit Card purchases can be made at <u>tinyurl.com/</u> 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, <u>westbrookptod57.weebly.com</u>. 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



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!

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- For credit card payments, please visit our website <u>tinyurl.com/walkforwestbrook2019</u> 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 \$____

PEPS Mini Meeting

Developing an IEP Binder

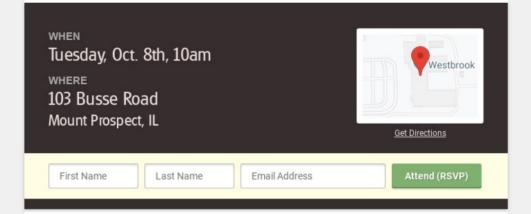
The IEP binder is an organizational system to help you prepare for IEP meetings and support communication with your child's school team. **Please bring a 3-ring binder, dividers, your child's IEP, report cards, work samples, outside evaluations, etc.** Additional resources and support in developing the binder will also be provided. Our PEPS Parent Ambassadors will be available to help you organize.



Coffee and light snacks will be provided.

Conversation with Mount Prospect Public Library

The library would like to learn more about your experiences in the community as a parent of a child with special education services. They want to know your thoughts about how to strengthen their programming or if there are any concerns. Please come with your insights!





Agenda

10:00-10:10 Learn how to create an IEP binder

10:10-10:45 Time to develop the IEP binder

10:45-11:15 Conversations with Mount Prospect Public Library

What is PEPS?

Facebook

PEPS (Partnering with Educators and Parents to Support student needs) is a networking group for parents of children with special needs in any of the District 57 schools. At our meetings we will support each other by sharing our experiences, discussing topics of interest and addressing questions and concerns. We will gather information from other parents and/or professionals so that we can better support our children in their education and community.

http://www.d57.org/StudentServices.aspx

D57 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

\$35 PER PERSON

OCTOBER 18, 2019 8-11 PM

FALL EVENT

STATION 34 PIZZA & PUB

*\$35 PER PERSON INCLUDES BEER, WINE & APPETIZERS

RAFFLE, MUSIC & FUN! proceeds benefit grants for all D57 schools

www.57edfoundation.org

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



Off School Special – Monday, October 14

All children welcomed between Kindergarten – 5th Grade

AM: AMC Randhurst Movie Abominable PM: Paper Plate Spider Webs, Pumpkin/Ghost (Army Navy), Word Search/Coloring Contest

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 9:15 AM
- 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 Wednesday, October 9 (if program spots are still available)

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 #37540



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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.

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.

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 <u>www.mppd.org</u> 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/iCHFjjTFUY

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: <u>TinyURL.com/y4w3qxzz</u>

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 <u>www.helloartstudio.com</u>

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, <u>https://www.ymcachicago.org/lattof/programs/school-age</u>

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