



From the Principal...

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Dear Westbrook Families,

We had a wonderful turnout at our Back to School Night on Wednesday evening! We look forward to partnering with you this year! The Westbrook Staff and I greatly appreciate you arranging your schedule and coordinating childcare in order to attend this important event. If you were unable to attend, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher to receive any informational handouts that were shared or to ask any questions regarding your child's school year.

Students have embraced the school year with enthusiasm! They are practicing ways to be Safe, Kind, and Ready (our school-wide expectations), with the support of their teachers and the staff at Westbrook. Each child responds to the challenges of a new school year and grade level in his or her own way. It may take some students longer to adjust to new schedules and routines in the same way that it takes some children longer to learn to read, write, or compute. We will support them along the way and partner with you to ensure that their school experience is positive and happy.

PTO If you haven't already joined the PTO, please consider doing so! Membership only costs \$6 for an individual membership and \$10 for a family membership. The PTO supports many outstanding programs for our students!

Only PTO members receive a Westbrook Student Directory, which is helpful when scheduling playdates and birthday parties. The student directory will be online this year! This will allow you to access the directory anywhere, any time, and on any device, including your cell phone! The PTO is finalizing their directory orders, so don't delay - [click here](#) to join the PTO.

*If you do not want your family's contact information to be included in the 2019-2020 Westbrook Directory, please complete [this opt-out from by Friday, September 13](#).

Our next PTO meeting is on Wednesday, September 18th at 7pm in the Westbrook LRC. We would love to see you there!

Safety Drills Today, all students participated in a school evacuation drill. In the coming weeks, we will hold bus evacuation, lockdown, and severe weather drills. We work closely with the Mount Prospect Police and Fire Departments to ensure our procedures are efficient and effective.

Parking Lot Please help us to keep our students and families safe by driving slowly in the parking lot and by using the crosswalks. When leaving your cars, please walk down the car lanes until you reach the crosswalk. Westbrook staff are present at both arrival and dismissal times to keep our families safe.

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

Have a lovely weekend!

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 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).

Transportation Questions

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



Westbrook School (847) 394-7340
 103 South Busse Road (847) 394-7349-fax
 Mount Prospect, IL 60056

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





Marti Meyers
Art Teacher for first grade
mmeyers@d57.org

See what's happening in the
art room on Instagram
[@westbrook_school_artists](#)

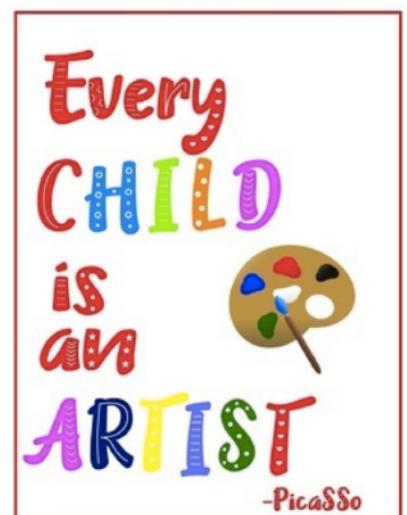
My goal is for your child to have joyful experience during their first time in art. It is my hope that each student sparks an interest and is inspired with a desire to create more. In art, students learn critical thinking, effective communication, and creative problem solving. They grow in self-confidence and self-direction through the art making process.

This year first graders will meet for one hour each week. We will explore a variety of artistic techniques and be able express their creativity. In class we will use paints, crayons, oil pastels, chalk and colored pencils. The students will also explore printmaking, and mixed media to create 2-D and 3-D projects. Throughout the year the students are introduced to the elements of art while learning about significant famous artists and genres.

Each student will create a portfolio of their artwork. Portfolios will hold artwork for display around the building throughout the year and for the Westbrook Music and Art Showcase night, during which all students will have artwork on display. Portfolios will be sent home after the showcase. Occasionally, smaller warm-up activities or, "free choice" drawings may be sent home prior to the portfolio.

During these past few weeks of school we have worked on a self-portraits, a project inspired by the book "It Looked Like Spilt Milk" by Charles Shaw. This week The students started a painting in the style of the artist Jackson Pollock

It has been great getting to meet the first graders!
I'm excited to create with them throughout the year!



Mrs. Stortz's Tech Tidbits

Hi, I am Kim Stortz and I am the Technology Coach at Westbrook. As a Technology Coach, I help the students learn about technology and how to incorporate technology with what they are learning in the classroom. Also, I work with the teachers to integrate technology into their classroom instruction in order to provide students with 21st-century learning experiences. With the various technology that is available to the students of District 57 students are able to create, collaborate, problem solve and communicate with each other as well as share their learning with their teachers and families.

Next week during LRC Skills Mrs. Larson and I will co-teach a Digital Citizenship lesson to the kindergarten and first grade classes. We will focus on what it means to be a digital citizen and the importance of staying safe while using the internet at school and at home. Cyber Sam, the sheriff of the internet, helps introduce these safety tips.



Digital Citizenship Website for Kids



<http://www.netsmartzkids.org/RoutersBirthdaySurprise/Adventure>



Common Sense Media is a website that helps families and educators make good media choices. This website offers age-based and educational reviews for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books, and music.



Follow Us on Twitter and Instagram! Our username is: westbrook_school_d57.



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.**

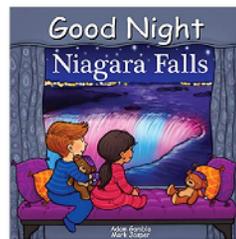
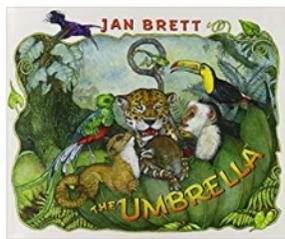
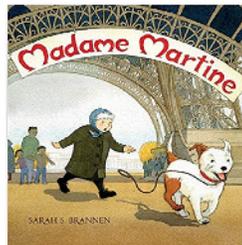
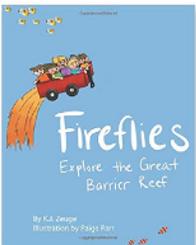


Additional Information

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



MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN HOUSE

**SATURDAY
SEPT. 28
10AM TO 2PM**

**Kids, Come Experience a
Firefighter Obstacle Course!**



- Fire Trucks, Ambulances & Special Rescue Vehicles
- Slide Down a Fire Pole
- Meet Sparky
- Firefighter Obstacle Course
- Special Teams Demonstrations
- Fire Safety and Emergency Preparedness Programs
- Home Utility Safety
- FREE Lunch Provided

FIRE STATION 13 • 112 E. NORTHWEST HIGHWAY

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.



**2nd Annual
Mount Prospect
Celebration of Cultures
September 14th
11:30 am to 6 pm
Kopp Park
420 W. Dempster (next to RecPlex)
Fun for the whole family.
Ethnic Foods, Entertainment, Kids
Activities, Informational Booths,
International Crafts**

**For more information go to
mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures**

Join Cub Scouts!

PACK 151 IS LOOKING FOR NEW SCOUTS!

If you are the parent of a boy or girl that attends Westbrook or Fairview Elementary School, then we are looking for you! Cub Scouts starts in Kindergarten but kids can join Cub Scouts up until 5th grade. It is never too late! We have a lot of fun events planned for this year. Pack 151 is a family centered Cub Scout Pack that focuses on helping kids develop belonging, self-confidence, problem solving, teamwork, a love for nature, and so much more.

We have several informational and recruiting events coming up:

- **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS**- We will have a table at both Fairview (8/28) and Westbrook Schools (9/4) Back to School Nights. You can get information and ask questions.
- **PUB SCOUTS**- September 10th from 6:30-9:00pm at Station 34 (34 S. Main St.)- Pub Scouts is a parent only event for parents who are interested in Pack 151 and current parents. As the craziness of the school year begins this is a chance to relax, enjoy a drink, have some appetizers, get to know each other and learn more about what is going on with Pack 151 this year!
- **BLAST INTO SCOUTING**- September 12th from 6:30-8:30pm at Fairview School (300 N. Fairview Ave.)- Blast into Scouting is yearly recruiting date for scouts. We will have stations set up for kids to come and check out some of the activities/events we do during the year. Parents can talk with leaders to get information and sign up for Pack 151 that night. If you cannot attend, don't worry. We can get information out to you and you can still sign up. Please email me for information.

Last year's events included:

-Hike at Starved Rock/Matthiessen State Park, Family Camping at Rock Cut State Park, Overnight at Prairie Rock Sports Complex, Pinewood Derby, Klondike Winter Event, Blue and Gold Celebration at Main Event, Chicago Dogs Game, Wolves Hockey Game, Monster Jam, Memorial Day and 4th of July Parade.

Come Blast into Scouting this year with us! Please contact for more information and questions:

Cameron Smith at 847-707-0682 or pack151mtprospect@gmail.com

Website: <http://pack151mtprospect.org/>

Facebook Page: Cub Scout Pack 151- Mt. Prospect



***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 or call Human Resources at 847-394-7300 x1010.



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

701 West Gregory Street - Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056
P (847) 394-7300 | F (847) 394-7311 | www.d57.org

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

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