



WESTBROOK SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LEARNERS

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September 7, 2018

From the (Assistant) Principal...

Dear Westbrook Families,

It has been so wonderful to see all of the bee tickets that our students have been earning! The pictures below show the bee tickets on our bee hives! Students earn bee tickets when they demonstrate one of our school rules: be kind, be safe, and be ready! On Fridays, one student who has earned at least one bee ticket for the week is chosen to proudly wear a bee sash! Bee sash winners are featured on our website each week.

Resources Westbrook kindergarteners and first graders have access to two excellent subscription services: IXL and RazKids. IXL supports mathematical skills, and Raz-Kids supports literacy skills. You should have received your child's login information. Both websites, as well as many other online resources, can be found on our school website under [Student Resources](#).

Supervision Westbrook staff are unable to supervise students before 9:10am or after 3:50pm. Parents and caregivers, thank you for your attentiveness to supervising your students and siblings during this time, especially near the parking lot and the playground.

Safety Drills This morning, the Westbrook students participated in their first evacuation drill of the school year. The students did an excellent job staying quiet and listening to their teachers. We will hold another evacuation drill this afternoon, so that our PM students will also be able to practice. Next week, we will hold bus evacuation drills and shelter in place drills. We are grateful for the support of Mount Prospect's Fire Department and Police Department for their partnership in helping us in reviewing our safety procedures and providing us with feedback for continuous improvement.

Coffee & Sweets You are invited to come enjoy a cup of coffee and some sweets with me on Friday, September 28 from 9:30-10:30am. I will be sharing information about the book [The Whole-Brain Child](#), which is the focus of our staff book study this year. We will discuss review the different strategies that the authors suggest to help children grow their emotional intelligence. [Please RSVP by Monday, September 24th!](#)

Fall Conferences Westbrook will hold parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, November 8, Tuesday, November 13, and Thursday, November 15 from 4:20-8:20pm. We will be using an online conference scheduling system. **Conference sign-ups will open on September 28th at 8pm and close on October 26th 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.

Preparing children to learn and succeed in a changing world

PTO If you haven't already joined the PTO, please consider doing so! Membership only costs \$6 for an individual membership or \$12 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. This year, the student directory will be online! 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 2018-2019 Westbrook Directory, please complete [this opt-out from by Friday, September 7](#). The due date to opt-out of the Westbrook Directory is TODAY!

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

Have a fabulous weekend! Thank you for your partnership!

Kind regards,
Kristin Vonder Haar





We are off to a wonderful start in the music mobile! We have been singing, playing instruments, studying melodic contour and form, and playing games. Most recently, we added instruments to 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. We had a great time

accompanying the story with woodblocks, tambourines, guiros, and tubanos!



This coming month we will be learning about the different voices: singing, speaking, whispering, and shouting, as well as learning about beat.

I encourage you to sign up for Remind to receive occasional pictures and summaries of what we are doing in music class. Flyers were sent home in August with your child's class code. If you need a new flyer, please email me with your child's name and teacher and I can send home a new flyer for you.

Thank you!
Mrs. Rebecca Connelly
Westbrook Music Teacher
rconnelly@d57.org



Mrs. Stortz's Tech Tidbits

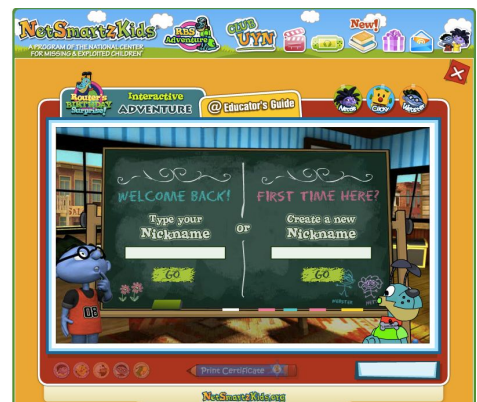


Hi, I am Kim Stortz and I am the Technology Coach at Westbrook. As a Technology Coach I help the students learn about technology and how to incorporate technology with what they are learning in the classroom. Also, I work with the teachers to integrate technology into their classroom instruction in order 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.

During LRC Skills this week Mrs. Larson and I co-taught a Digital Citizenship lesson to the kindergarten and first grade classes. We discussed what it means to be a digital citizen and the importance of staying safe while using the internet at school and home. Cyber Sam, the sheriff of the internet, helped 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.

*****Important Information about Student Attendance on
our 2018-19 half-day Institute Days*****

Throughout the 2018/19 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 different 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 9:20 a.m. There is no after school Kids Corner on half days. 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.**

Friday, October 5, 2018

Friday, January 18, 2018

Friday, February 15, 2018

Friday, March 8, 2018

Friday, May 10, 2018

Safety Concerns

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.

Building Access

All visitors and volunteers **must** enter the building through the office entrance (Door 1) during the school day. All visitors must sign in at the office and wear a visitor's 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 after AM dismissal, please stop by the office for a visitor tag so that our recess supervisors are aware of approved visitors.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



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!

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.

Absences/Notes 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 a note to your teacher so that she is informed. The note will then be forwarded to the office.

PTO Spirit Wear Orders – Deadline Extended.

If you have not ordered a new Westbrook shirt, you are in luck!

Log on to: www.cr-promotions.com, click on “online stores”

Login Code: WESTBROOK (ALL CAPS, no spaces).

Deadline to order online is midnight tonight, September 7th.

Questions? Email Karin Petrenko at kgyllstr@hotmail.com

PTO Classroom Room Reps Needed

We have a great opportunity for you to get to know your child’s teacher and classmates, other parents, and Westbrook School. As a room rep, you will be the liaison between the teacher and parent volunteers.

Your responsibilities primarily will include recruiting volunteers for class parties such as Halloween (both kindergarten and first grade), Winter (kindergarten only) and Spring (first grade only), helping plan the parties, helping with classroom assignments for teacher appreciate week and recruiting chaperones for class field trips (if requested by the teacher).

If you would like to be a room rep this school year, please submit 1 form FOR EACH CHILD by Monday, September 10th. Please complete the following form [Room Rep Form](#) to apply. Two room reps from each class will be chosen by lottery. If you are chosen you will be notified by an email or phone call.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at saviano.laura@gmail.com or cell phone 847-338-1020. Thank you and a wonderful school year!

Laura Hollis, Room Representative Chairperson, Westbrook PTO

Westbrook PTO News

September 7, 2018

Hello Westbrook families!

We know that our kiddos and families are so excited about this year's Walk for Westbrook- and so are we!

As a new feature this year, in addition to the paper raffle tickets sent home where donors can give cash or a check, donors can also donate online by following these steps:

- Visit our website, <http://westbrookptod57.weebly.com/> and click on the Walk for Westbrook tab
- Complete the google form located under the donation form button
- Indicate how many tickets you would like, click the yellow 'Pay Now' button, and that will take you to paypal. If you have an existing paypal account you can log in, or continue with 'pay with debit or credit card'

As the students take their walk, families are encouraged to come and cheer on their walker. Parents, grandparents, siblings are welcome! Please feel free to come a little early to write a message to your child in chalk on the sidewalk.

The times for the walk are as follows:

- AM Early Childhood and Kindergarten: 11:15
- 1st grade classes Bruns, Fergus, Roy, Moore, Balk: 11:25
- PM Early Childhood and Kindergarten: 1:45
- 1st grade classes Brooks, Gaseor, Brewer, Coughlin, Chi: 1:55

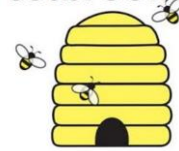


We are looking for parent volunteers for this year's walk! If you are one of the following and would like to volunteer please email Sara Christensen at walkforwestbrook@gmail.com

- Doctor, nurse, dentist
- Community service employees: fire fighter, police officer, mail carrier, teacher, librarian, truck or bus driver
- Military personnel, active duty or retired



Westbrook PTO



Helping Our Kids Grow

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Please visit our website for information on membership, volunteer opportunities, etc.

<http://westbrookptod57.weebly.com/>

Please join our Facebook page,
Westbrook D57 PTO

PTO Meetings

All meetings take place in the Westbrook LRC, at 7pm on the following dates:

10/17, 11/14, 12/19, 1/16, 2/20,
3/20, 4/17, 5/15



**Calling all Westbrook Kindergarten girls
interested in joining Daisies for the 2018-2019 school year!**

What: Girl Scout Troop 45947

When: First and Third Monday of the month
4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Where: Gathered Boutique & Workshop

117 S. Emerson St
Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Leaders: Laura Pettyjohn, Kourtney Arreguin, Brigid Course

**If you are interested in signing up your daughter, please complete the following steps by
September 14, 2018**



1. Register on the council website and pay \$25.00 for annual membership.
<https://girlscouts.secure.force.com/girl> (Sign up here)



2. Please sign up as soon as you can because we have limited space this year. **Please do not send any paperwork back to Westbrook. Bring form/ check to the parent meeting on 9/17!**



3. Email Laura Pettyjohn at Laura.Pettyjohn@gmail.com to confirm that you have completed registration for your daughter. Any questions, please let us know!



4. Mandatory parent meeting on September 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Gathered Boutique and Workshop to go over the yearly activities, fees, and events.



Uniform and Material Order Form Troop: # 45947

Name: _____

** Please bring a check to Troop 45947 for \$88.50 at the parent meeting on 9/17 for their uniform, badges, and troop dues.

Please DO NOT send this form to Westbrook. Please bring to the parent meeting.

Official Tunic: _____ Size 6/7 _____ 9/10	\$16.50	\$ _____
Troop Number (5 digits at \$1.75 each)	\$8.75	\$ _____
Daisy Insignia Tab	\$3.00	\$ _____
Council Patch	\$5.50	\$ _____
American Flag Patch	\$2.25	\$ _____
Girl Scout Daisy Membership Pin	\$2.00	\$ _____
Daisy Petals Pack	\$8.50	\$ _____
Daisy Leaves and Faith Badge	\$7.00	\$ _____
Troop Dues	\$35.00	\$ _____

- **Total: \$ 88.50**



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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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

Check Out Education Foundation's September 13 Dine & Share at MOD Pizza

Go to www.57edfoundation.org or the Facebook page for information on 9/13 Dine & Share. You will receive 50% off your order and the Ed Foundation will receive 100% of the sale!

Spartan Sports Travel Basketball - TRYOUTS

Tryouts begin September 8th. Season runs October 22 to February 3rd. Tryouts are free. More information at www.spartansports.club

Mount Prospect Fire Department Open House – Saturday, September 22

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:

"Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere." Deadline is October 10.

SLIME Workshop at Gathered Boutique & Workshop in Mount Prospect

Keep the slime making out of your kitchen, and in our workshop for an hour of Slime making fun!! Ages 6 and up. More info, go to <https://www.gatheredboutiqueandworkshop.com>

Please Join Prospect High School Girls Volleyball Thursday, September 27th

Prospect vs Wheeling at 6PM for Camper Reunion/Senior Knight in the Fieldhouse. Please wear your camp t-shirt.

Mount Prospect School of Classical Ballet & Studio Impulse at MPPD!

Excellence in dance education in a positive environment. Offering beginning through advanced classes for kids & adults. For details, log on to www.mppd.org or call 847.640.1000, ext. 207

Preschool and Kindergarten Dance Classes Now Forming at MPPD!

Nurture your child's natural love of movement in Pre-Ballet, Mini Medley and Kindergarten Combo classes with MPPD! For details, log on to www.mppd.org or call 847.640.1000, ext. 207

Girls in Aviation Day – Saturday, October 13, 8:30am – 3pm

Sky's the Limit: Interactive Aviation Camp for Middle and High School Girls – FREE but space limited! More info, go to <https://waiskysthelimit.eventbrite.com>

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