Here are your flyers for the week:

Newsletter 11.17.23.pdf

This week's newsletter consists of messages and resources from our ELA and Math Coaches:

A Message from the ELA Coaches

Dear Families,

We are often asked how parents can help with reading at home. The absolute best use of your time with your children is spent reading together. In this link, you will enjoy learning about all the benefits of reading together outside of school. If you would like any further information or have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Article entitled: Why Is It Important to Read to Your Child?

Sincerely,

Deryn Winthrop (dwinthrop@Waterfordschools.org)

Kim Podeszwa (Kpodeszwa@waterfordschools.org)

Math Coaches' Corner:

The progression videos below are a series of short clips that show how different math concepts build and grow through the grade levels. Please watch and see how your child(ren) are progressing.

Progression of Early Numbers and Counting

https://youtu.be/BX9RH8MLOp8

Progression of Addition and Subtraction

https://youtu.be/KdblInz3lXY

Have a nice weekend!



Oswegatchie Elementary School Newsletter

470 Boston Post Road, Waterford, CT 06385

Phone: 860-442-4331 Fax: 860-447-6261

osw.waterfordschools.org

November 17, 2023 School Hours 8:25 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.





SAVE THE DATE:

Nov. 18 Turkey Trot 9:30—WHS

Nov. 20 Second grade field trip 9am

Nov. 20 OSO Garden Clean-up 3:30pm

Nov. 22-24 School Holiday, no school

Dec. 5 First grade field trip 9am

Dec. 8 Second grade field trip 9:15am

Dec. 13 OSO Meeting 5:15pm

Dec. 15 OSO Movie Night 6:30pm

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Principal

jmacrino@waterfordschools.org

Kathy Kerwin

Secretary

kkerwin@waterfordschools.org

Wendy Doyon

School Nurse

wdoyon@waterfordschools.org

Dear OSW Parents,

ANNUAL PRE K INFLUENZA

VACCINATION is a REQUIREMENT for school attendance, and proof must be provided in writing prior to December 31, 2023 to allow your child to return from the Holiday break. Please schedule your PreK student for their vaccination early.

Thank you, Wendy Doyon RN School Nurse





Events and Meetings:

Our meeting on Tuesday was well attended! Minutes are posted on our OSO website: bit.ly/OSOwebsite

Budget was discussed, ideas for Garden & Scholastic Dollars!

NEW: Monday, November 20—Garden Cleanup 3:30pm! Email OSO to add your name to the email list for the Garden!

Wednesday, December 13, 5:15pm, OSO Meeting (hybrid) Link: bit.ly/osomeeting

Bring your ideas & hear updates from Mr. Macrino & OSO!

December 15, 6:30pm - Movie Night in the school gym!

Come with your family to watch a movie and have treats!

Find "Oswegatchie School Organization" on Facebook and "Like" the OSO page to see pictures, updates and announcements. Find other important info (calendar, forms, meeting minutes, etc.) about the OSO at our website:

Garden Committee is starting!





The Oswegatchie School Organization (aka "PTA") is open to any parent, guardian or other caregiver for a current student attending Oswegatchie School. Please contact us if you are interested and feel free to contact us with ideas, thoughts and questions!

Email: oswegatchieschoolorg@gmail.com

Waterford Schools Core Values:

Excellence Knowledge Integrity Responsibility

OSO Website QR Code





Calling All Parents/Guardians!!

Your child's teacher may be looking for parents to be:

"Oswegatchie Class Coordinators" (aka Class Parents)

Our teachers do an amazing job of leading our children to academic, social and intellectual success - Parent/Family involvement further enriches our students' lives!

Estimated time commitment—1 to 2 hours a week

Each Class Coordinator's role will be slightly different depending on the needs of the particular teacher/ class as the needs of each grade level are different. In essence, you will be a partner with your child's teacher and help enrich the children's experience at OSW School. Here are some ideas of the difference you could make as a CC for your child's classroom:

- Help your teacher in class on projects/needs/fun going on in classroom
- Let OSO know of needs for your child's classroom (be the connection that helps fulfill those needs!)
- Help your teacher create field trips to support your child's curriculum (help your child's class have fun, rewarding trips outside of school!)
- Reach out to new families at your grade level and answer questions (ease a new family's transition to the OSW Community)
- Find out what "Cool Things" parents/guardians in your child's class do and help create in-class experiences (be the Cool Parent!)
- Whatever you and your child's teacher come up with!

Teachers who still need a Classroom Coordinator: Ms. Zaccaro Ms. Missios-Bonadies Ms. Concascia Ms. Guarraia Ms. Trott Ms. Edwards Ms. Servideo Ms. Castelpoggi Ms. Pegram Ms. Swanson Mrs. DiMarco

Teachers who have a Classroom Coordinator:

Mrs. Mellon

Ms. Chaney

Ms. Bocian

Ms. Costa

Mrs. Hannaford

Ms. Hullivan

Mrs. Saucier

Jody's Wish

Jody's wish ornament was created as a memorial ornament to honor and remember Jody Nazarchyk. Jody dedicated her life to helping and serving others.

Jody's wish was that all children would have whatever they needed. The thought of a child being sad or disappointed because they did not get a special gift or could not afford the equipment to play a sport was heartbreaking to Jody. Jody always tried to find a way to make it happen for the children. The proceeds from these ornaments will help us continue making Jody's Wish come true. All of the proceeds will be donated to Waterford Youth and Family Services to help make children's dreams come true. Thank you!

To get your Jody's Wish ornaments please contact Ethel Reed at Ethel.d.Reed@gmail.com





Suggested minimum donation: \$10.00



PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CLASS OF 2024



S A T U R D A Y **NOV 18, 2023** START 09:30 AM GREAT NECK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 6 GOSHEN RD, WATERFORD, CT 06385





Sunday, November 19 5 to 7:30 p.m.

5 to 5:30 - Crafts for the kids in the lower level meeting room

5:30 to 6 - Dr. Leslie Brown will give her talk in the lower level meeting room

6 to 7:30 - Walk to Jordan Green and view the sky Registration is suggested. Free and open for all ages.

Join Dr. Leslie Brown of CT College, members of the Thames Amateur Astronomical Society!

Telescopes will be provided by the Society for viewing outdoors along with a moon talk, space themed activities and crafts indoors.

Please call the library to confirm at 860 444 5805, x2; Due to the weather forecast we are moving this event to Sunday, November 19







Waterford Little League

Register online now for Spring Little League Season!

We are currently updating our website so to register for the upcoming season please scan the QR code

or go to



2024 Spring Season Registration fees:

Majors/Minors - \$150 Coach Pitch - \$100 Co-ed Tee Ball - \$85

> Payment Plans available! Family discount for families with 3 or more players.

Important Registration Dates:

Majors/Minors \$25 late registration fee begins 1/1 Registration closes 1/15

Coach Pitch \$25 late registration fee begins 2/1 Registration closes 2/15



Please email Registration@wllct.org with any registration questions. CONNECT WITH US















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Teams / Costumes Welcome

DISCOUNTED RATES:

EARLY Registrants, Military, and Virtual Participants





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PROFITS SUPPORT THE CLASS OF 2025

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FAMILY PROGRAMS

Friday, November 10, 2:00PM - 3:00PM

Tellabration!

Come celebrate the Connecticut Storytelling Center's annual event, Tellabration! This year we welcome Marya Ursin of the Mystic Paper Beasts Theatre Company, who will be performing several stories from SkyTales, using masks, puppets, and movement." All ages are welcome, no registration required.

Friday, November 24, 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Family Movie Matinee

Join us during your school vacation for a family friendly movie. Bring your blankets, pillows, and snacks down to the meeting room for a cozy afternoon. We will be watching *The Little Mermaid* (2023), PG, 135 minutes).





Saturday, November 4, 10:00AM - 11:00AM AND Saturday, November 18, 2:00PM - 3:00PM Read To Scout

We are excited to welcome a new certified therapy dog to the library! Come practice your reading skills and give Scout a cuddle in the Children's Room. All ages are welcome, no registration required.

Monday, November 6, 4:00PM - 5:30PM

Read To Hodges

Stop by the Children's Room anytime between 4:00 and 5:30 pm to read to our favorite furry friend, Officer Hodges! No registration required, all ages welcome.



Saturday, November 18, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Sign and Sing

Join Ms. Janine for Sign and Sing! This fun storytime will include basic signs that both children and their caregivers will benefit from knowing. For ages birth to 5, no registration required. Thank you to CT Humanities for providing funding for this program.

Monday, November 20, 4:00PM - 5:00PM Fantasy Book Club

You choose the book! Bring your favorite fantasy book to life and make a craft with fellow adventurers. See you in the realm of fantasy! Recommended for ages 5 to 7 years old. Registration is required.





Mondays, November 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Family Storytime

Get ready to read and get your wiggles out! Join Ms. Jenna at the library for some fun stories, songs, and dancing. Recommended for ages birth to five years old with a caregiver. No registration is required.

Tuesday, November 21, 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Join us for a cozy bilingual pajama storytime! Ms Emy will read books and sing songs in English and Spanish. Feel free to dress comfy and bring your favorite stuffed animal and a blanket. No registration required, this program is aimed towards ages birth to five but all families are wel-



come to join. Thank you to the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut for providing funding for this program.

DROP IN CRAFTS

Monday, November 13, 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Drop in Craft: Paper Strip Pumpkin
Join us in the Children's room to create an
adorable fall decor pumpkin craft. Recommended for ages
5 and up, no registration required.

Monday, November 27, 4:00PM - 6:30PM
Drop In STEM Adventure: Spinning top
Join us in the Children's Room between 4:00 and
6:30 pm to create a colorful Spinning top. Recommended for ages 5 and up, no registration required.

Tuesday, November 14, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Drop In Creation Station

Stop by the Children's Room anytime between 4:00 and 6:00 pm for a fun craft and to get your

creativity flowing! Recommended for ages 5 and up. No registration required.

Tuesday, November 28, 4:30PM - 5:30PM LEGO Jam Session

Join the UConn 4-H STEM program for a LEGO Jam Session! Design and construct musical instruments using LEGO building

musical instruments using LEGO building blocks and household materials then learn about sound waves and amplification technology. For ages 7 and up, registration is required. Thank you to the Rotary Club of Waterford for helping to fund this program!

Thursday, November 9, 4:30PM - 5:30PM DIY Instruments: Strings

Ready to create, play, and dance? Join us for this DIY instrument program in which kids will learn how to make a string instrument from recycled materials! Registration

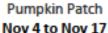


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required. Recommended for children ages 6-12 years.

GRAB & GO CRAFTS







Pumpkin Pie Slice Nov 18 to Dec 1

Pick up supplies in the Children's Room to make Grab & Go crafts at home, while supplies last.

Step-by-step video tutorial on our Facebook page

(@waterfordpubliclibrary).

TEEN CORNER

Thursday, November 2, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Craft Night

Join Miss Ashlee to make a fall themed masterpiece. Recommended for ages 11 and up. Registration is required.

Thursday, November 16, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Teen Drop In Craft

Drop in to the Teen Section of the library anytime between 5:30 and 7:00 pm to make an Autumn themed craft. Ages 12 and up. No registration required.

Friday, November 10, 11:00AM - 12:00PM Toddler Craft: Feather Letter Turkey Join us for a fun-filled story and crafting session where toddlers make a turkey and practice spelling their name. For ages 3 to 5 years old, no registration is required.



Friday, November 17, 11:00AM - 11:45AM
Thanksgiving Story and Sensory Play
Join Miss Ashlee for a Thanksgiving story
and then explore multiple sensory stations!
Recommended for ages 2 to 5 years old
with a caregiver. No registration required.



Wednesday, November 29, 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM Toddler Art

Time to get creative (and maybe a little messy)! This hands on art session is for young ones to explore through process art with the help of their adult. Miss Ashlee will start the session with a short story! For ages 3 to 5 years old, registration is required.

To keep up with all our activities follow us on Facebook and Instagram



@waterfordpubliclibrary

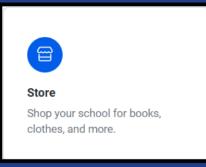


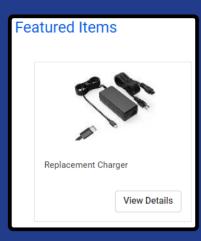
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UPDATED POLICY FOR PURCHASING A CHROMEBOOK CHARGER

Replacement Chromebook
chargers for school-issued
devices should now be
purchased from
MySchoolBucks. Once payment
has processed, the charger will
be delivered to the student's
school. Please allow for fee
processing and delivery time.









INTRODUCING TO FAMILIES OF 4TH - 12TH GRADERS...

The Waterford Public School district is excited to announce its partnership with Securly in safeguarding our students, your children. Securly Home was chosen because we shared a vision of a safer, more productive digital world for our students.

Now parents of students in grades 4-12 can get the same peace of mind when school devices come home. See your child's online activity during after-school hours, pause your child's device, and turn off online access.

Through this partnership, the students of Waterford will be protected everywhere, on any school-issued device. You should have received a welcome email that provided you with instructions on how to download the app and connect with your child's online activity, so please be sure to locate it if you missed it!

Further information about Securly Home can be found on our WPS district website (Technology > One-to-One Device Program Information). There are resources there to help you become more familiar with Securly Home and how to use it.



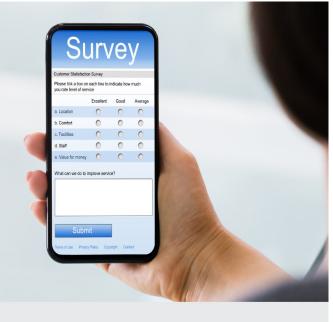






We want to hear from you!





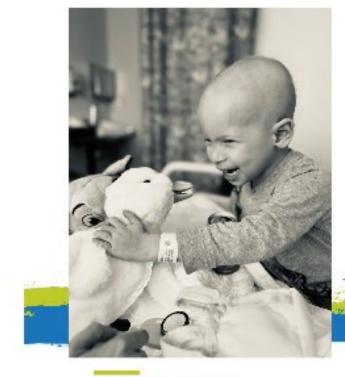
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Every year, 18,000 patients are diagnosed with life-threatening blood cancers or other blood disorders that could be cured or treated with a blood stem cell transplant. But 70% of them don't have a fully matched donor in their family. They depend on Be The Match® to find an unrelated donor. Adapted from //mv.BeTheMatch.org/strongestboy

The Waterford community, including families within our district (see below), have been impacted by these cancers and are looking to raise awareness regarding the Be The Match® program and the need for donors for bone marrow transplants.

Please visit //my.BeTheMatch.org/StrongestBoy for more information on this life saving program and for the process to become a donor.



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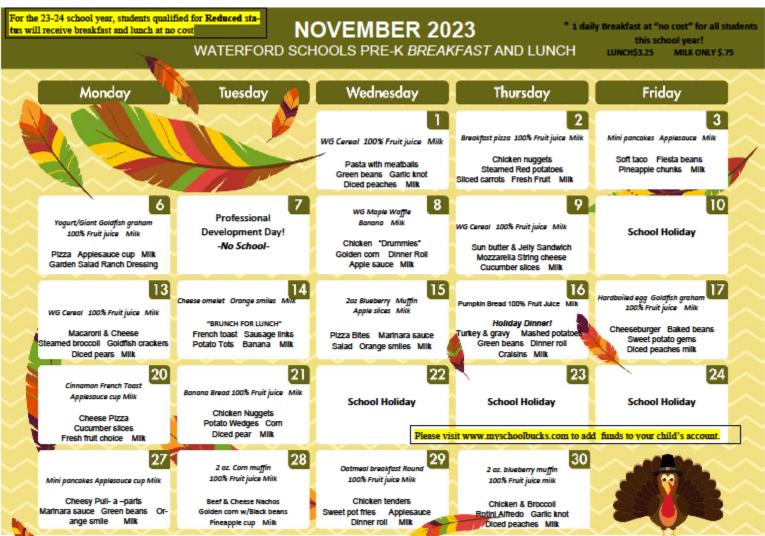
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Join the Be The Match Registry[®] on behalf of Tiago today!





Pre-K Breakfast and Lunch menus-November

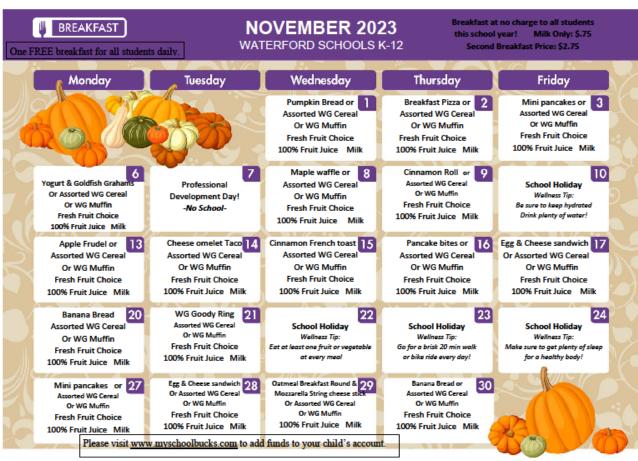


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A VARIETYOF FRESH FRUITS OFFERED DAILY "Thoroughly cooking meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs reduces the risk of foodborne illness"

Alternate Choice Yogurt Meal available daily = Yogurt, Mozzarella string cheese, baby carrots, craisins, goldfish crackers, dinner roll, milk

Milk choices: 1% White or Fat Free Flavored THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER *Menus are subject to change



ALL Grain-based items offered at breakfast are Whole Grain Rich which means that at least 50% of the grains in the items are whole grain and all other grains are enriched

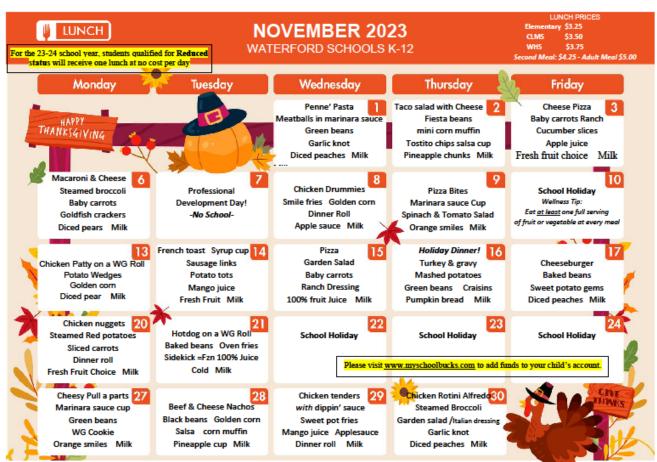
*Milk Choices: 1% white or Fat Free Flavored

*A variety of breakfast options offered daily

*All breakfast includes 1 cup of fruit & 8 oz. Milk

*Menu subject to change
This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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Waterford Public Schools

2023-2024

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- 8/29 * PD No School PK-12
- 8/30 First Day of School

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- 11/7 * PD No School for Students-PK-12
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- 11/22 11/24 School Holiday (Schools Closed)

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- 6/6 6/11 ** Final Exams: Early Dismissal 9-12
- 6/11 ** Early Dismissal PK-12
- 6/12 Last Day of School Early Dismissal PK-12



NOTE: Snow days will be added onto the school year as needed.

BOE Approved: December 8, 2022 Revised: June 22, 2023

- ± Staff Convocation is for all staff of the Waterford Public Schools
- Profossional Development is for Administrators, Teachers, Paraprofessionals 8 AM-3 PM
- ** Full day for Paraprofessionals

2023-24 Elementary Letter Rotation Schedule

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* Early Dismissal