

Thank you for a nice week! Your newsletter is coming to you a day early.

Here are your flyers:

[Newsletter 2.16.24.pdf](#)

This week, I would like to shine a spotlight on one of our 4th grade students and the kind initiative he has introduced to our school. Here is Chase Champion's write-up of his Soda Can Tab Collection effort:

Collecting soda tabs is a fun way to earn money for the Ronald McDonald House. Raising money for the Ronald McDonald house is important to me and my family because this summer my twin brothers Landon and Levi were born. Landon needed to stay at Yale New Haven Hospital for 11 days after he was diagnosed with congenital heart disease, Tetralogy of Fallot. He has had several hospital stays so far. When he stays at the hospital my parents have been able to stay at Ronald McDonald House for free.

This is a huge help to my family and other families with sick children. Please collect and bring in your soda tabs to help! Thank you!

Chase Champion (4th Grade Oswegatchie)

We have a container in our front lobby for this collection. Great job, Chase!

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

School Hours 8:25 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.



FEBRUARY 22, 2024

**Our apologies that the weekly newsletter did not go out last Friday. We had a district wide internet outage and were unable to send it. This week's newsletter will be a combination of last week's items and this current week. Have a great weekend!
~Mrs. Kerwin**

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jmacrino@waterfordschools.org
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Secretary
kkerwin@waterfordschools.org
Jayne Hill
School Nurse
jhill@waterfordschools.org

SAVE THE DATE:

**MAR. 1—OSO MOVIE NIGHT
6:30PM**

**MAR. 3—OSO POOL DAY 12:30-
2:30 (MUST HAVE ALREADY
SIGNED UP)**

**Please check the lost and found, it's
getting pretty full again!
Items will be donated at the end of
February.**





OSO Update—2/16/24

The OSO Needs Your Help!

- ~ Board Members for 2024-25 year ~
 - ~ Social Media helper ~
 - ~ Staff Appreciation Week (May 6-10) Committee ~
- Put your skills to work for the kids!**

Upcoming Events:

Wed., February 21, 5:15—OSO Meeting

(In Library and on Zoom at bit.ly/osomeeting)

Tues., February 27, 7:00pm—Garden Committee Meeting

(On Zoom at bit.ly/osomeeting—join in and give us your ideas!)

Friday, March 1, 6:30—Movie Night

(Muppet Madness! 3rd grade pics 3 from Muppet movies & school votes)

Sunday, March 3, 12:30-2:30—Pool Time

(SignupGenius is closed with 70 people signed up in 30 minutes! If you are interested in helping create another Pool Day and volunteering to sign people in that day, please email OSO)

Wed., March 20, 5:15—OSO Meeting

(Nominating Committee to identify possible OSO Board members—please consider being on the Board or on a Committee 2024-25!)

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



Waterford Public Schools Announces Open Registration For Incoming Kindergartners and Detailed Information on Kindergarten Waiver and Assessment Process for Early Admission Students.

Waterford Public Schools is announcing open registration for children entering Kindergarten in the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Based on Public Act 23-208, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, all students are required to have reached the age of five on or before September 1, 2024. This law has also been adopted into Board Policy 5015. Please see below for documentation required for Kindergarten registration:

- **Child's Birth Certificate** - Connecticut law requires public schools to be open to all children who reach the age of 5 on or before the first of September of any school year. Board of Education [Policy 5015](#).
- **Physical Examination Form** - completed and signed by the child's doctor, dated within 12 months of the date of entry into school (*please note that parents may drop off registration paperwork prior to having health assessment documentation. Health assessment documentation must be submitted prior to the start of school*)
- **Proof of Residency** - per Board of Education [Policy 5270](#); which includes a valid lease, mortgage, or residency affidavit.

Kindergarten Registration Packets are available on the Waterford Public Schools' website at https://www.waterfordschools.org/parents_family/information/registration_forms or by request via the elementary school offices (contact information listed below). To assist in projecting enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year, parents are asked to return registration paperwork to the school by March 8, 2024. Please note that incoming Kindergarten students can continue to register after the March 8th date at all of the elementary schools.

Great Neck Elementary School
Principal: Ms. Billie Shea
165 Great Neck Road
Waterford, CT 06385
860-442-2593

<https://gn.waterfordschools.org>
bshea@waterfordschools.org

Oswegatchie Elementary School
Principal: Mr. Joseph Macrino
470 Boston Post Road
Waterford, CT 06385
860-442-4331

<https://osw.waterfordschools.org>
jmacrino@waterfordschools.org

Quaker Hill Elementary School
Principal: Mr. Chris Discordia
285 Bloomingdale Road
Quaker Hill, CT 06375
860-442-1095

<https://qh.waterfordschools.org>
cdiscordia@waterfordschools.org

Kindergarten Waiver and Assessment Process

For families affected by the new Kindergarten eligible date, in accordance with state statute, the district will assess a child who does not meet the statutory age requirement if the child's parent/guardian has submitted a written request to the principal of the school seeking early admission to the District. Waiver requests must be received by the building principal to initiate the assessment process no later than May 1st for current residents and no later than August 1st for new residents (who move in to the district after May 1). For families who have submitted a waiver request prior to the above noted deadlines, an assessment screening will be scheduled in May/June for current residents and on an ongoing basis for new residents. Screenings will assess students based on the [Connecticut Early Learning and Developmental Standards](#). Families will be contacted as soon as possible with feedback from the assessment and the recommendation from the screening team. Please see the attached Kindergarten Waiver Process for an outline of key dates and requirements.

Please note that Kindergarten orientation (see dates below) will be open to all Kindergarten eligible students as well as the students in the waiver process. Information will be sent out to parents/guardians at a later date.

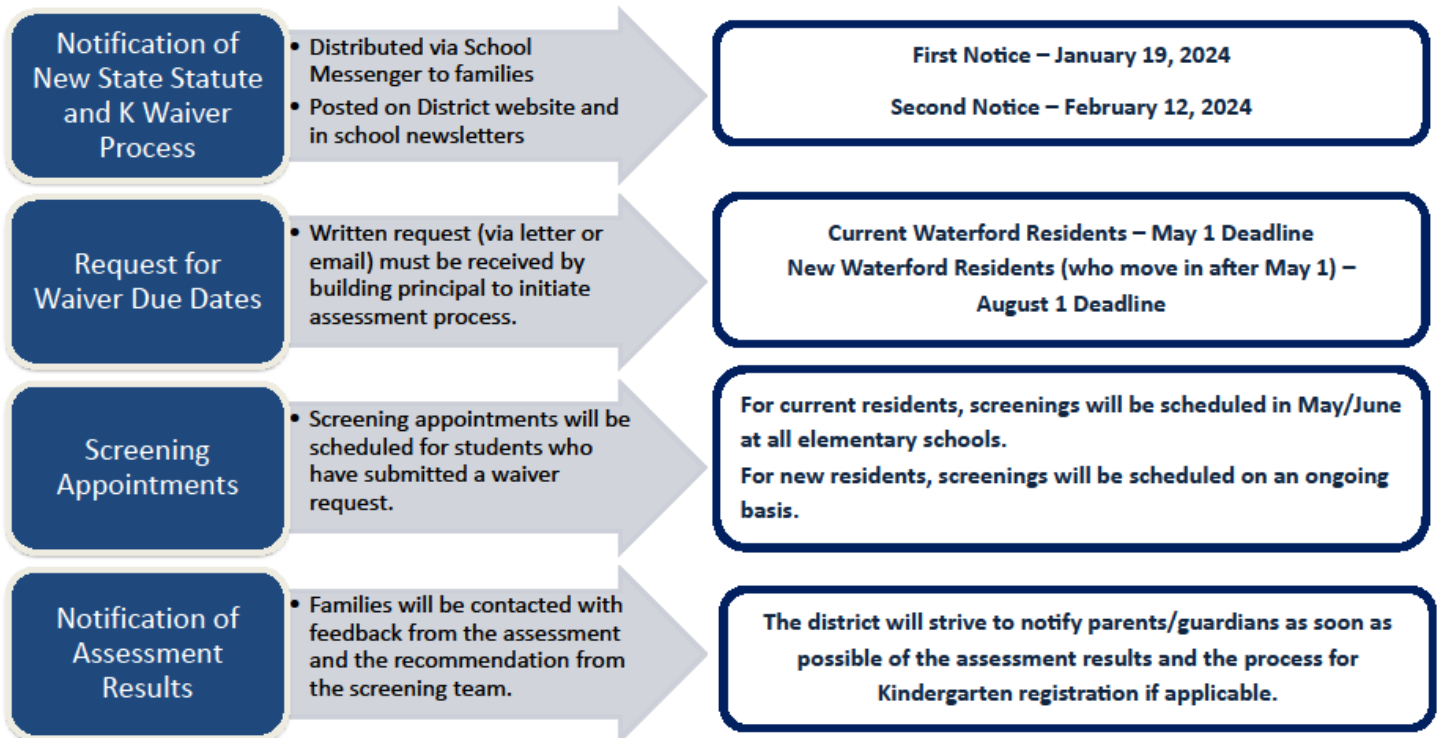
Great Neck Elementary School
K Orientation Date – May 24, 2024

Oswegatchie Elementary School
K Orientation Date – May 24, 2024

Quaker Hill Elementary School
K Orientation Date – May 20, 2024



WPS Kindergarten Waiver Process



Kindergarten registration for students who turn 5 on or before September 1, 2024, will be eligible to register starting February 12, 2024. Parents/guardians of age eligible Kindergarten students are asked to return registration paperwork by March 8th to assist in enrollment projections in the 2024-2025 school year. More information on registration can be found on the district website.



WATERFORD
Youth & Family
Services



WATERFORD
SENIOR SERVICES

RISE
WATERFORD

**FREE POP-UP
INTERGENERATIONAL SCREENING OF**



**REMEMBER THE
TITANS**

**Saturday, February 24th,
11:30am to 1:45pm
Waterford Community Center**

Come together to honor Black History Month with a catered lunch and a complimentary screening of the beloved modern classic, "Remember the Titans," hosted by Waterford Youth and Family Services, Waterford Senior Services, and our partners from Waterford RISE.

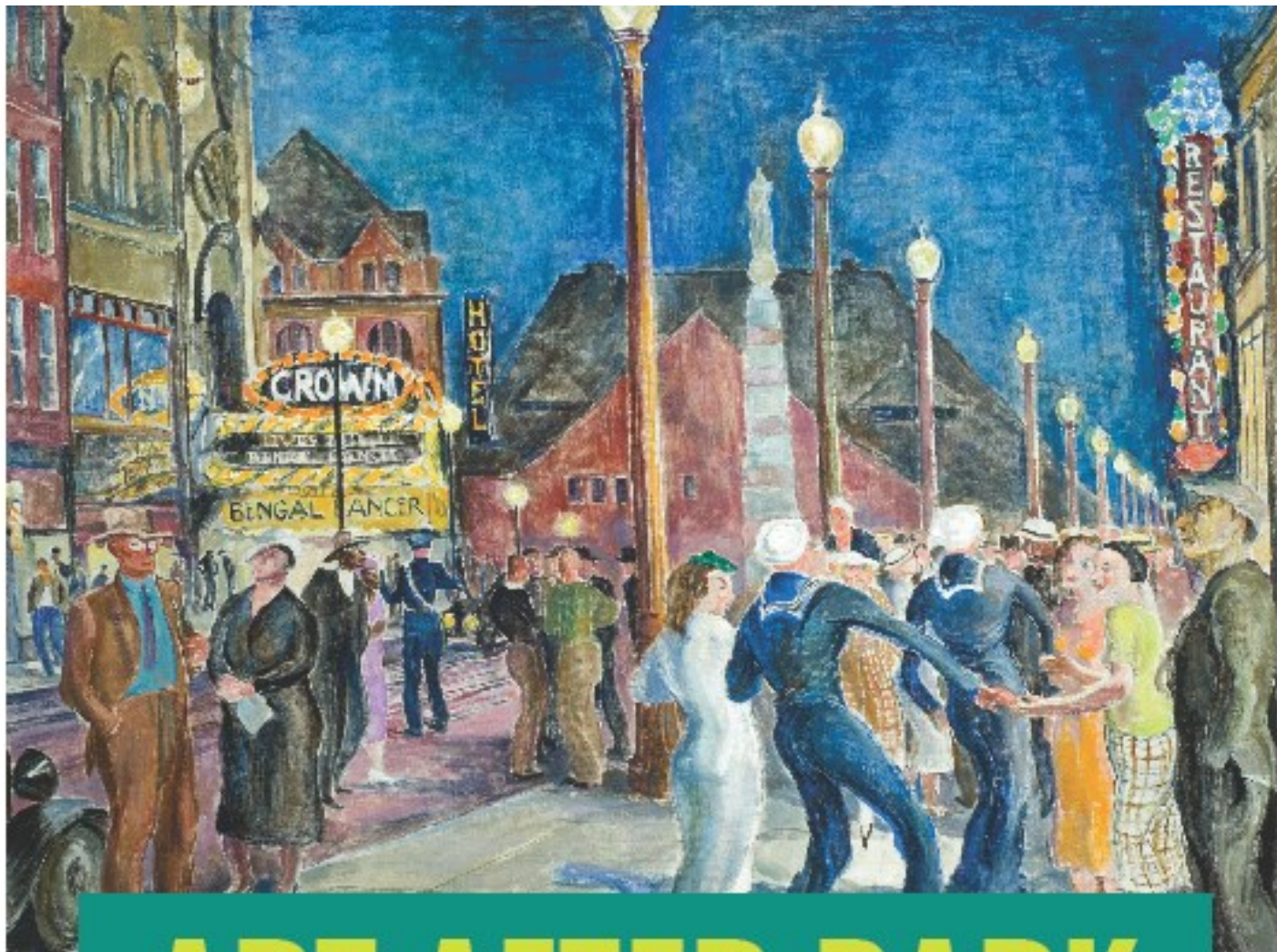


Menu:
Popcorn
Chicken Tenders
French Fries
Lemonade



Free to Waterford residents, but must pre-register with QR code or go to waterfordyouthfamily.recdesk.com/Community/Program
Limit of 4 tickets per household

Image: Beatrice Cuming, *Saturday Night: New London*, about 1935, oil on canvas, 1992.2



ART AFTER DARK

FRIDAY

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MARCH

Lyman Allyn's **Art After Dark** combines art and entertainment!

Time: 6 - 9 PM

Cost: \$20 members / \$25 non-members

- 21+ event
- Includes two drink tickets & art materials

RSVP to 860.443.2545 or lymanallyn.org/art-after-dark

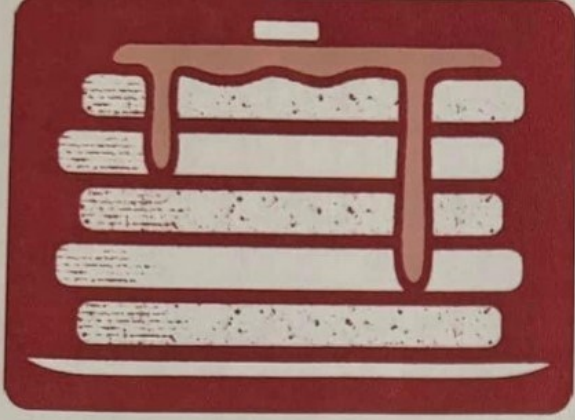
On this special evening, enjoy a fun blend of:

- Live DJ performance by DJ Ben Jammin
- Open studio with drop-in style art workshop
- Community art project
- Art trivia hunt with prizes
- Raffle drawing with gifts from local businesses
- Food for purchase from Woodfellas Wood Fired Pizza
- Plus, see the variety of exhibitions on view!

Questions? Email info@lymanallyn.org.

••• Lyman Allyn
ART MUSEUM
Celebrating the power of art since 1937

625 Williams Street • New London, CT
lymanallyn.org • Exit 83 off I-95



Flapjack FUNDRAISER

Short Stacks for a Tall Cause

You're Invited to an Applebee's® Flapjack Fundraiser Event to support

Waterford Football and Cheer League

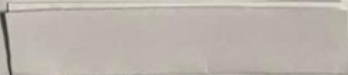
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Tickets: \$10 Date: 03/02/24 Time: 8am - 10am

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See organization for ticket purchase prior to event.

**For Ticket Purchases Contact
Kim Welcome**


welckim@aol.com

**Applebee's Location For Event
350 Long Hill Road
Groton, CT 06340-3829
(203) 284-9956**




Celebrate International Women's Day early by exploring the Museum's galleries, including two exhibitions featuring local female artists. While you're here, be sure to stop by the Adult Book Fair in Hendel Library, hosted by our friends at Bank Square Books. They will have a selection of books for both adults and children, with a focus on female authors and stories.

While you're here, get creative and stop by our First Thursday artmaking station! All attendees are welcome to make their own bookmark and/or poetry collage.

End your evening with your arms full of books and a soul fueled by art!

This event is FREE to all teachers!
 *Teachers must show their work ID to receive free admission.

Adult Book Fair

March 7  5 -8 pm

Lyman Allyn Art Museum
 625 Williams Street
 New London CT 06320

www.lymanallyn.org



Join Congregation Beth El

On Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 9:45 a.m.

for a special presentation:

**Stand Up to Antisemitism and Hate:
What It Is and What We Can Do
About It Together**

Guest Speaker:

Stacey Gladstone Sobel, Esq.

CT Regional Director ADL
(Anti-Defamation League)

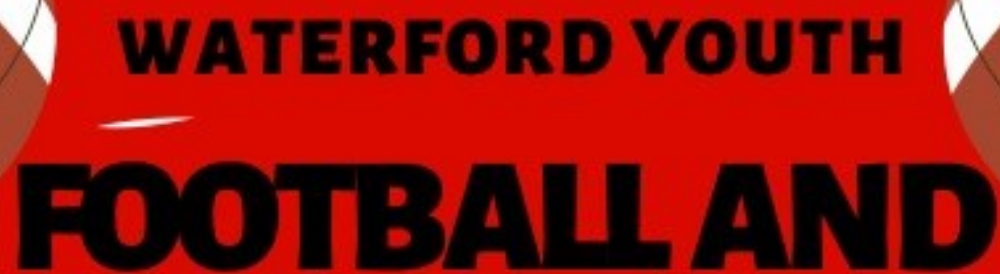


All are welcome!

RSVP for more information to

office@bethel-nl.org or 860-442-0418





WATERFORD YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!**

**EARLY BIRD \$125
APRIL 1ST/MAY \$150
JUNE 1ST LATE \$175**

**FLAG, PEEWEE, MICROS, JUNIORS, AND SENIOR FOOTBALL.
SIDELINE, MINIS, MICROS, JUNIORS AND SENIOR CHEER.
CREATING FUTURE ALLSTARS STARTS NOW. SCAN THE QR
CODE TO JOIN TODAY.**



Homework Club



Starting February 1

**Every Thursday from
4:00 - 6:00 pm**



**Open to all elementary and
middle school students,
no registration required**

**Tutoring provided by Waterford High School
Honor Society students on a first come, first
serve basis. Parents and caregivers must
remain at the library while their child is
participating.**



860-444-5805
49 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT

www.waterfordpubliclibrary.org

 **WATERFORD**
public library

Waterford Soccer Club

Spring Registration opens - January 1, 2024

Travel League \$100

Born 2010 - 2015

(2009 8th graders)

Rec League \$80

Born 2016 - 2018

Tykes \$60

Born 2019 - 2020

No Assessments for Spring

Travel open: 1/1/24 - 3/15/24

\$30 Late fees start: 3/1/24

Travel closes: 3/15/24

Rec open: 1/1/24 - 4/1/24

\$30 Late fees start: 3/15/24

Rec closes: 4/1/24

Tykes open: 1/1/24 (Never closes)




REGISTER ONLINE AT:

WWW.WATERFORDSOCCER.ORG

QUESTIONS EMAIL: WTFDSOCCERREGISTRAR@YAHOO.COM

MARCH PRE-K

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

LUNCH		MARCH 2024		* 1 daily Breakfast at "no cost" for all students this school year!		
BREAKFAST		WATERFORD SCHOOLS PRE-K BREAKFAST AND LUNCH				LUNCH \$3.25 MILK ONLY \$1.75 Milk choices: 1% White or skim
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
<p>National "Surf's Up" School Breakfast Week March 4th-8th</p> 	<p>Please visit www.myschoolbucks.com to check balance and/or add funds to your child's account.</p> <p>For the 23-24 school year, students qualified for Reduced status will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost</p>			<p>WG Cereal Berry Cup Milk 1</p> <p>Pizza square Garden salad Milk</p>		
<p>Early Riser Egg & Hash Brown 100% fruit juice Milk 2</p> <p>Cheeseburger Oven fries Orange smiles Milk</p>	<p>WG Muffin Applesauce Cup Milk 5</p> <p>Beef & Cheese Nacho Boat Mini corn muffin Fiesta beans Milk</p>	<p>Egg & Cheese breakfast Sandwich 100% fruit juice Milk 6</p> <p>Pasta with meat sauce Steamed Broccoli Diced peaches Milk</p>	<p>Confetti pancakes 100% fruit juice Milk 7</p> <p><i>PT Conferences Early Dismissal</i> Chicken nuggets Mashed potatoes Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>Warm Banana Bread Fresh banana Milk 8</p> <p>Cheese Quesadilla Golden steamed Corn Milk</p>		
<p>Mini Eggo Waffles 100% fruit juice Milk 11</p> <p>Cheese Quesadilla Golden steamed Corn Milk</p>	<p>WG Cereal Banana Milk 12</p> <p>French Toast sticks Potato puffs Sausage links Milk</p>	<p>Yogurt/ goldfish grahams Berry Cup Milk 13</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo pasta Broccoli Diced peaches Milk</p>	<p>Confetti pancakes 100% fruit juice Milk 14</p> <p>Soft Beef & cheese Tacos Brown rice Diced pears Milk</p>	<p>WG Muffin Banana Milk 15</p> <p>Pizza square Green beans Applesauce milk</p>		
<p>Breakfast pizza 100% fruit juice Milk 18</p> <p>Shamrock Mc Nuggets O'Smilely fries Green Broccoli Milk</p>	<p>WG Cereal Applesauce Cup Milk 19</p> <p>"Yang's" Orange Chicken Brown rice Orange smiles Milk</p>	<p>Mini French toast 100% fruit juice Milk 20</p> <p>Macaroni & Cheese Garden salad Diced peaches Milk</p>	<p>Early Riser Egg & Hash brown Banana Milk 21</p> <p>Chicken tenders Cucumber wheels Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>Mini Eggo waffles 100% fruit juice Milk 22</p> <p>Pizza Bites/sauce Cup Garden Salad/ Ranch Dressing Milk</p>		
<p>Warm Banana Bread 100% fruit juice Milk 25</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Sandwich Potato puffs Diced peaches Milk</p>	<p>WG Cereal Banana Milk 26</p> <p>Chicken "drummies" Mashed potatoes Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>Mini Eggo Waffles Berry Cup Milk 27</p> <p>Penne' Pasta & sauce Green beans Diced peaches Milk</p>	<p>Breakfast pizza 100% fruit juice Milk 28</p> <p>Sun butter & jelly Sandwich Cucumber smiles Orange slices Milk</p>	<p>29</p> <p>School Holiday No School</p>		

BREAKFAST Includes: 1/2 cup of fruit or 4 oz. 100% fruit juice and choice of Milk All grain-based items offered are whole-grain rich which means that at least 51% of the grains in the item are whole grain (WG), all other grains are enriched
A VARIETY OF FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES OFFERED DAILY "Thoroughly cooking meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs reduces the risk of foodborne illness"
Alternate LUNCH Choice Yogurt Meal available

Allergy Warning: Menu items may contain or come in contact with wheat, eggs, soy, nuts, and milk
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*Menus are subject to change

MARCH K-12 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

BREAKFAST MARCH 2024 WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12

One daily Breakfast at NO charge to all students this 2023-24 school year!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>Please visit www.myschoolbucks.com to add funds to your child's account.</p> <p>Surfs Up! Ride the wave in for a delicious school breakfast NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK March 4th-8th</p>				
Choice of: "Wipe Out" 4 Early Riser Egg & Hash Brown Patty Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: "Stoked" 5 Sweet potato Roll Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: "Hang Ten" 6 Egg & Cheese breakfast Sandwich Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: "Gnarly" 7 Confetti pancakes Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: 1 WG Goody Ring Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk
Choice of: 11 Mini Eggo Waffles Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: 12 Blueberry Donut holes Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: 13 Early Riser Egg & Hash brown patty Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: 14 Confetti pancakes Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: 15 Breakfast pizza Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk
Choice of: 18 Confetti Pancakes Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: 19 Blueberry muffin Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: 20 Mini French toast Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: 21 Early Riser Egg & Hash brown patty Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: 22 Mini Eggo waffles Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk
Choice of: 25 Warm Banana Bread Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: 26 Early Riser Egg & Hash Brown Patty Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: 27 Mini Eggo Waffles Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: 28 Breakfast Pizza Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Choice of: 29 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk

All grain-based items offered are whole-grain rich which means that at least 51% of the grains in the item are whole grain (WG), all other grains are enriched. **A VARIETY OF FRESH FRUITS OFFERED DAILY** "Thoroughly cooking meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs reduces the risk of foodborne illness"
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LUNCH MARCH 2024 WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12

LUNCH PRICES: Elementary \$3.25, CLMS \$3.50, WHS \$3.75. *Second Meal-\$4.25 - Adult Meal \$5.00

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>For the 23-24 school year, students qualified for Reduced status will receive one lunch at no cost per day</p>				
Hotdog on a WG Roll 4 Oven baked fries Steamed Golden Corn Baked beans Apple Milk	Beef & Cheese Nacho Boat 5 Lettuce & tomato Fiesta beans Salsa Mini corn muffin Pineapple chunks Milk	Penne' Pasta with meat sauce 6 Garlic knot Steamed Broccoli Diced Peaches Milk	PT Conferences/ Early Dismissal 7 Cheese Quesadilla Seasoned sidewinder fries Golden steamed Corn Milk 100% Fruit juice Sidekick	1 Pizza square Garden salad Baby carrots/ranch 100% Apple juice Milk
Cheeseburger 11 Sandwich salad cup Baked beans Oven fries Orange smiles Milk	"Brunch for Lunch" 12 French toast sticks Potato puffs Sausage links Maple syrup Craisins Mango juice Milk	Chicken Alfredo 13 On rotini pasta Broccoli Garlic bread Diced Peaches Milk	Soft Beef & Cheese Tacos 14 Fiesta beans Brown rice Lettuce & tomato salsa Diced Pears Milk	8 Chicken nuggets Mashed potatoes Sliced steamed carrots Dinner roll Applesauce Milk
Shamrock Mc Nuggets 18 O'Smile fries Green Broccoli Pot o' Gold fish Green Apples Milk	"Yangs" Orange Chicken 19 Brown rice Steamed sliced carrots Orange SMILES Milk	Macaroni & Cheese 20 Steamed peas Garden salad/ Italian Dressing Warm Dinner roll Diced Peaches Milk	Chicken tenders & 21 Waffle sticks syrup cup Sweet potato fries Cucumber wheels Applesauce Milk	15 Mozzarella sticks Marinara sauce cup Green beans Warm Bread stick Red seedless Grapes Milk
Meatless Monday! 25 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Potato puffs Baby carrots /ranch Milk 100% frozen fruit juice Sidekick	Chicken drummies 26 Mashed potatoes Steamed Broccoli Warm dinner roll Applesauce Milk	Penne' Pasta 27 With Meatballs & Sauce Bread stick Green beans Diced Peaches Milk	Turkey & Cheese Grinder 28 Cucumber wheels Baby Carrots Ranch cup WG Doritos Apple Milk	22 Pizza Bites Marinara sauce Cup Garden Salad/ Ranch Dressing Apple juice Milk WG Cookie
				29 School Holiday No School Wellness Tip: Start your day with a healthy breakfast!

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 Yogurt Meal -Yogurt, Mozzarella string cheese, baby carrots, craisins, goldfish crackers, dinner roll, milk. Salad Meal-Garden salad with egg, cheese stik garlic knot, fruit choice, milk
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Youth Winter Reading Challenge

Our Youth Winter Reading Challenge runs until February 26. Pick up a sheet for your age group in the Children's Room or print from our website. For ages birth to 18.

Saturday, February 3, 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day with us! Kick off the morning with a musical performance from local favorite Steve Elci at 10:30 am then at 2:30 pm we will have a Character Party where we celebrate some of our favorite picture book characters. There will be crafts and activities all day in the Children's Room. All ages are welcome, no registration required. In the event of inclement weather, Take Your Child to the Library Day will be moved to Saturday, February 10.

**Bilingual Storytimes: In English & Spanish**

Join Ms. Emy for two sessions where we will sing songs and read books in both English & Spanish.

Tuesday, February 6, 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Feel free to dress comfy and bring your favorite stuffed animal and a blanket!



Saturday, February 24, 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Bilingual Family Storytime

Recommended for ages birth - five but all families are welcome to join. No registration required.

Thank you to the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut for providing funding for these programs.

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Homework Club

Need some extra assistance completing your homework after school? Stop by the library between 4:00 and 6:00 pm for our weekly Homework Club, run by tutors from the Waterford High School Honor Society. Students in elementary and middle school are welcome, no registration required. Please note, tutors are available on a first come first serve basis. Parents and caregivers must remain at the library while their child is participating.

Monday, February 26, 4:30PM - 5:30PM

Junior Detectives Book Club

If you're a fan of solving cases, this book club is the perfect place to share your passion for the genre. Bring your favorite mystery book to life with fellow Investigators - you choose the book! We will also make a fun craft. Recommended for ages 9 to 12 years old, registration is required.



Mondays, February 5, 12 & 26, 10:30AM - 11:00AM

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.

Saturday, February 24, 2:30PM - 3:30PM

Harriet Tubman: A Woman with a Railroad

Join us for an interesting and interactive afternoon of learning with a live performance of Harriet Tubman: A Woman with a Railroad by New London's own Adwoa Bandele-Asante. This program is free and open to all. This program is generously funded by CT Humanities.



DROP IN CRAFTS

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

Drop In STEM Adventure: STEM Station

Join us in the Children's Room between 4:00 and 6:30 pm to explore various STEM kits, that were donated by the local Girl Scouts. Recommended for ages 5 and up, no registration required.

Monday, February 12, 4:00PM - 6:30PM

Drop in Craft: Bouquet of Hearts Card

Join us in the Children's Room anytime between 4:00 and 6:30 pm to make a heart bouquet card for your family or friends. Recommended for ages 5 and up, no registration required.



Tuesday February 27, 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Build Club



Stop by the Children's Room anytime between 4:00 and 6:00 pm to build with a variety of STEM sets that we have! Recommended for ages 4 and older, no registration required.

Tuesday, February 20, 2:00PM - 6:00PM

Boardgame Bonanza

Stop by the library meeting room anytime between 2:00 and 6:00 pm to play one of our many board games! All ages are welcome, no registration required.



Wednesday, February 28, 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Chess Club

Join us for our monthly Chess Club! Students from Waterford High School will be teaching basic chess skills as well as offering a space for more advanced students to practice against one another. Ages 6 and up, no registration required.

GRAB & GO CRAFTS



Heart Friend
Feb 3 to Feb 16



Dinosaur
Feb 17 to Mar 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](https://www.facebook.com/waterfordpubliclibrary)).

TEEN CORNER

Thursday, February 1, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Teen Craft Night

At this craft night participants will be learning how to knit an ear-warmer using only their fingers! Ages 11-18. Registration required.



Thursday, February 15, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Teen Drop In Craft: Scratch Art Cards



Stop into the Teen Area of the library between 5:30 and 7:00 pm to create a Scratch Art card! Ages 12 -18. No registration required.

READ TO A DOG

Tuesday, February 13, 4:30PM - 5:30PM

Read to Hodges

Saturday, February 10, 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Read to Scout

No registration required, all ages welcome.



Friday, February 2, 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Toddler Craft: Penguin

Join us for a fun crafting session where the little ones will create adorable penguins. For ages 3 to 5 years old, no registration is required.



Friday, February 9, 11:00AM - 11:45AM

Story and Sensory Play

Join Miss Ashlee for a story and then explore multiple sensory stations! Recommended for ages 2 to 5 years old with a caregiver. No registration required.



Wednesday, February 21, 11:00AM - 11:45AM

Toddler Art

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.



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Revised Waterford Public Schools Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year

Waterford Public Schools 2023-2024

August 2023				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28*	29*	FD	31	

- (2 day ~ 2 cumulative)
- 8/28 - ‡ Staff Convocation
 - 8/29 - * PD - No School - PK-12
 - 8/30 - First Day of School

September 2023				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
SH	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
SH	26	27	28	29

- (19 days ~ 21 cumulative)
- 9/4 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
 - 9/25 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

October 2023				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
SH	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

- (21 days ~ 42 cumulative)
- 10/9 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

November 2023				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	PD	8	9	SH
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	School Holiday		
27	28	29	30	

- (17 days ~ 59 cumulative)
- 11/7 - * PD No School for Students - PK-12
 - 11/10 - School Holiday (Schools Closed for Students), P/T Conferences
 - 11/22 - 11/24 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

December 2023				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
School Holiday				

- (16 days ~ 75 cumulative)
- 12/22 - Early Dismissal PK-12
 - 12/25 - 12/29 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

January 2024				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
SH	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
SH	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

- (21 days ~ 96 cumulative)
- 1/1 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
 - 1/15 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
 - 1/18-1/23 - ** Midterm Exams: Early Dismissal 9-12

February 2024				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
SH	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	

- (19 days ~ 115 cumulative)
- 2/19-2/20 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

March 2024				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5	6	PT	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	SH

- (20 days ~ 135 cumulative)
- ** 3/7 - P/T Conferences: Early Dismissal 9-12
 - 3/29 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

April 2024				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	PD	3	4	5
School Holiday				
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

- (16 days ~ 151 cumulative)
- 4/2 - * PD No School for Students - PK-12
 - 4/8 - 4/12 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

May 2024				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
SH	28	29	30	31

- (22 days ~ 173 cumulative)
- 5/27 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

June 2024				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	LD	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

- (8 days ~ 181 cumulative)
- 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
Revision Approved: December 19, 2023

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

Revised Elementary Letter Rotation Schedule for the 2023-2024 School Year

2023-24 Elementary Letter Rotation Schedule

August 2023					September 2023					October 2023				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
									1 C	2 B	3 C	4 D	5 A	6 B
						5 D	6 A	7 B	8 C		10 C	11 D	12 A	13 B
					11 D	12 A	13 B	14 C	15 D	16 C	17 D	18 A	19 B	20 C
					18 A	19 B	20 C	21 D	22 A	23 D	24 A	25 B	26 C	27 D
		30 A	31 B			26 B	27 C	28 D	29 A	30 A	31 B			

November 2023					December 2023					January 2024				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 C	2 D	3 A					1 D		2 D	3 A	4 B	5 C
6 B		8 C	9 D		4 A	5 B	6 C	7 D	8 A	8 D	9 A	10 B	11 C	12 D
13 A	14 B	15 C	16 D	17 A	11 B	12 C	13 D	14 A	15 B		16 A	17 B	18 C	19 D
20 B	21 C				18 C	19 D	20 A	21 B	22 C*	22 A	23 B	24 C	25 D	26 A
27 D	28 A	29 B	30 C							29 B	30 C	31 D		

February 2024					March 2024					April 2024					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
			1 A	2 B					1 D	1 D		3 A	4 B	5 C	
5 C	6 D	7 A	8 B	9 C	4 A	5 B	6 C	7 D*	8 A						
12 D	13 A	14 B	15 C	16 D	11 B	12 C	13 D	14 A	15 B	15 D	16 A	17 B	18 C	19 D	
			21 A	22 B	23 C	18 C	19 D	20 A	21 B	22 C	22 A	23 B	24 C	25 D	26 A
26 D	27 A	28 B	29 C		25 D	26 A	27 B	28 C		29 B	30 C				

May 2024					June 2024				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 D	2 A	3 B					
6 C	7 D	8 A	9 B	10 C	3 B	4 C	5 D	6 A	7 B
13 D	14 A	15 B	16 C	17 D	10 C	11 D*	12 A*		
20 A	21 B	22 C	23 D	24 A					
	28 B	29 C	30 D	31 A					



■ No School
 * Early Dismissal
 Updated 12/20/2023

FEBRUARY PRE-K

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

BREAKFAST		LUNCH		FEBRUARY 2024					* 1 daily Breakfast at "no cost" for all students this school year!	
				WATERFORD SCHOOLS PRE-K BREAKFAST AND LUNCH					LUNCH \$3.25 MILK ONLY \$.75 Milk choices: 1% White or skim	
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		
<p>For the 23-24 school year, students qualified for Reduced status will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost</p> <p>Please visit www.myschoolbucks.com to check balance and/or add funds to your child's account.</p>										
French Toast Sticks Fresh Fruit Milk	5	WG Cereal Milk 100% Fruit Juice	6	WG 2 oz. Muffin Milk 100% Fruit Juice	7	WG 2 oz. muffin Milk 100% Fruit Juice	1	Early Riser Egg hash brown Milk 100% Fruit Juice	2	
Crispy Chicken Sandwich Cucumber slices with Ranch Fresh Apple slices Milk		Soft Taco Golden Corn Orange Smiles Corn Muffin Milk		Sun butter sandwich Or flavored Yogurt Goldfish Crackers Apple slices Milk		Cheesy pull apart Steamed broccoli Diced pears Milk		Chicken Drumsticks Potato Tots Applesauce Milk		
WG 2 oz. muffin Milk 100% Fruit Juice	12	WG Cereal Milk 100% Fruit Juice	13	Flavored Yogurt Giant goldfish graham 100% Fruit Juice Milk	14	Warm Maple waffle 100% Fruit Juice Milk	8	Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich 100% Fruit Juice Milk	9	
Chinese New Year! Yang's Orange Chicken Vegetable Fried Rice Broccoli Orange smiles Milk		International Italian Food day! Penne Pasta with meat sauce Steamed Green Beans Diced Peaches Milk		Valentine's Day! Heart shaped chicken Milk Nuggets with dippin' sauce "Hug" Smile Fries garlic "love" knot		Chicken & gravy Brown Rice Steamed Broccoli Diced Peaches Milk		National Pizza Day! Cheese Pizza Slice Cucumber wheels/Ranch Apple slices Milk		
SCHOOL HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL		SCHOOL HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL		WG Cereal Milk 100% Fruit Juice	21	Soft Beef & Cheese Taco Fiesta Beans Apple sauce Milk	15	WG Cereal Milk 100% Fruit Juice	16	
				Crispy Chicken tenders Choice of Dippin' Sauce Potato Wedges Dinner Roll Milk		Cheeseburger on WG Roll Baked Beans Oven Fries Milk				
Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich 100% Fruit Juice Milk	26	National Strawberry Day! Mini bagels Milk with strawberry cream Cheese Strawberry Cup	27	Cinni- Oatmeal Breakfast Round Milk Applesauce	22	National Banana Bread Day! Warm Banana Bread Milk 100% Fruit Juice	23	WG Cereal Milk 100% Fruit Juice	29	
Meatless Monday! Pizza Bites with marinara sauce Cucumber Wheels /Ranch Orange smiles Milk		Beef & Cheese Taco Brown Rice Fiesta beans Milk		Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Oven Baked Fries Cucumber slices /Ranch cup Milk		Cheese Pizza square Spinach & Chic pea Salad with Italian Dressing Diced peaches Milk				
				Flavored Yogurt Giant goldfish graham 100% Fruit Juice Milk	28	Chicken Alfredo Twist Steamed Broccoli Dinner roll Milk	29			
				National Pancake Day! Pancakes Sausage Links Potato Puffs Milk						

BREAKFAST Includes: 1 cup of fruit, 4 oz. 100% fruit juice and choice of Milk All grain-based items offered are whole-grain rich which means that at least 51% of the grains in the item are whole grain (WG), all other grains are enriched
 A VARIETY OF FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES OFFERED DAILY "Thoroughly cooking meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs reduces the risk of foodborne illness"
 Alternate LUNCH Choice Yogurt Meal available or Alternate Salad meal offered- when available (See kitchen manager)
 Allergy Warning: Menu items may contain or come in contact with wheat, eggs, soy, nuts, and milk *Menus are subject to change
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FEBRUARY K-12 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

BREAKFAST					FEBRUARY 2024					One daily breakfast at no charge to all students this 2023-24 school year!														
Monday					Tuesday					Wednesday					Thursday					Friday				
Please visit www.myschoolbucks.com to add funds to your child's account.																								
Choice of: French Toast Sticks Or WG Muffin or Cereal Craisins Milk 100% Fruit Juice					Choice of: Cinni-Oatmeal Breakfast Round Or WG Muffin or Cereal Applesauce Milk 100% Fruit Juice					Choice of: Early Riser Egg hash brown Or WG Muffin or Cereal Fresh Fruit Milk 100% Fruit Juice					Choice of: WG Goody Ring Or WG Muffin or Cereal Fresh Fruit Milk 100% Fruit Juice					Choice of: Early Riser Egg hash brown Or WG Muffin or Cereal Fresh Fruit Milk 100% Fruit Juice				
Choice of: Early Riser Egg hash brown Or WG Muffin or Cereal Fresh Orange Milk 100% Fruit Juice					Choice of: Sweet Potato Roll Or WG Muffin or Cereal Banana Milk 100% Fruit Juice					Choice of: Mini WG bagels with strawberry cream cheese Or WG Muffin or Cereal Strawberry Cup Milk 100% Fruit Juice					Choice of: Warm Maple waffle Or WG Muffin or Cereal Banana Milk 100% Fruit Juice					Choice of: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Or WG Muffin or Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit Milk				
SCHOOL HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL					SCHOOL HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL					Choice of: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Or WG Muffin or Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit Milk					Choice of: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Or WG Muffin or Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Applesauce Milk					National Banana Bread Day! Choice of: Warm Banana Bread Or WG Muffin or Cereal Apple Milk 100% Fruit Juice				
Choice of: Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Or WG Muffin or Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit Milk					National Strawberry Day! Choice of: Mini bagels with strawberry cream cheese Or WG Muffin or Cereal Strawberry Cup Milk 100% Fruit Juice					National Pancake Day! Choice of: Confetti pancakes Or WG Muffin or Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Apple slices Milk					Choice of: Early Riser Egg hash brown Or WG Muffin or Cereal 100% Fruit Juice Fresh Fruit Milk									

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LUNCH					FEBRUARY 2024 LUNCH K-12					LUNCH PRICES														
										Elementary \$3.25 CLMS \$3.50 WHS \$3.75 *Second Meal-\$4.25 - Adult Meal \$5.00														
Monday					Tuesday					Wednesday					Thursday					Friday				
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Crispy Chicken Sandwich on a WG Roll Seasoned Potato Wedges Cucumber slices with Ranch Fresh Apple Milk					Beef Nachos With Cheddar Cheese sauce Black Beans Golden Corn Orange Smiles Corn Muffin Milk					Italian Combo Breaded Baked Ravioli Baked Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans Warm Italian Breadstick Diced pears Milk					Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Cup Warm Italian Bread stick Steamed Broccoli Diced pears Milk					National Tator Tot day! Chicken Drumsticks Dippin' Sauce Potato Tots Golden Corn Applesauce Milk				
Chinese New Year! Yang's Orange Chicken (K-5) General Taos's Chicken (6-12) Vegetable Fried Rice Broccoli & Carrots Orange smiles Fortune cookie Milk					International Italian Food day! Penne' Pasta with meat sauce Steamed Green Beans Warm Dinner Roll Diced Peaches Milk					Valentine's Day! Heart shaped chicken Nuggets with dippin' sauce "Hug" "Smile" Fries garlic "love" knot Steamed "sweet" peas Milk "Be Mine" 100% fruit juice sidekick					Soft Beef & Cheese Tacos Brown Rice Fiesta Beans Dragon Punch Mini Corn Muffin Milk					National Pizza Day! Cheese Pizza Slice Baby carrots Ranch Cup Cucumber wheels Apple slices Milk				
School Holiday No School					School Holiday No School					Crispy Chicken tenders Choice of Dippin' Sauce Potato Wedges Green Peas Dinner Roll Applesauce Milk					Turkey & Cheese Grinders Oven Baked Fries Cucumber slices /Ranch cup 100% fruit juice Sidekick Milk					Cheeseburger on WG Roll Sandwich Salad Cup Baked Beans Oven Fries Milk Frozen Mango "Froot" Juice				
Meatless Monday! Pizza Bites with marinara sauce Baby Carrots Cucumber Wheels Ranch Dressing Apple slices Milk					Beef & Cheese Tacos Brown Rice Salsa Fiesta Beans Mini Corn Muffin Dragon Punch Milk					National Pancake Day! Pancakes Syrup cup Sausage Links Potato Puffs Mango Juice Milk					Chicken Alfredo Twist Steamed Broccoli Diced Carrots Warm Bread Stick Orange Smiles Milk					Cheese Pizza square Spinach & Chic pea Salad with Italian Dressing WG Cookie Fresh Apple Milk				

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 Alternate Choice Yogurt Meal AVAILABLE Daily or Alternate Salad meal offered when available (See kitchen manager)
 Yogurt Meal -Yogurt, Mozzarella string cheese, baby carrots, craisins, goldfish crackers, dinner roll, milk Salad Meal-Garden salad with egg, cheese stick garlic knot, fruit choice, milk
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Emergency School Closings & DELAYED OPENINGS



Emergency school closings and/or delayed openings are announced through our automatic notification system School Messenger (phone, email and text), via social media on the Waterford Public Schools website www.waterfordschools.org and X @WPS_CT and on the following radio and television stations. Early dismissals are announced by 11:00 A.M.

TELEVISION

WFSB-TV Channel 3
WTNH-TV Channel 8
WVIT-TV Channel 30
FOX CT Channel 6

RADIO


WCTY 97.7 FM
WRCH 100.5 FM
WKNL 100.9 FM
WNLC 98.7 FM
WTIC 96.5 FM
WZMX 93.7 FM
WTIC 1080 AM
WICH 1310 AM






UPDATED POLICY FOR PURCHASING A CHROMEBOOK CHARGER

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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.

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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.



Securly Home



Mobile App



Monitor Your Child's Online
Activity During After School
Hours

