

November 6, 2015



# The Buzz at Westbrook...

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## *From the Principal...*

Dear Westbrook Families,

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences:**

As you know, our Parent-Teacher Conference Days are at the end of this month on Monday, November 23, and Tuesday, November 24, from 1-8 p.m. Due to the number of students, many teachers will also be holding parent conferences during the week of 11/16. If you don't have a conference scheduled with your child's teacher, please contact her to get this scheduled. The staff is eager to discuss your child's progress at school, answer any questions you may have, and get feedback from you. We value your partnership and look forward to seeing you soon!

### **Construction Update:**

As you may have noticed, construction has begun on the drive that is going to go out to Central Rd. Construction should be completed within the next couple of weeks (weather dependent). Please be aware of new traffic patterns when the project is complete. I will keep you updated on the progress and when new traffic patterns will begin. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we finish up this construction project.

### **Book Fair:**

The upcoming Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the LRC beginning Thursday, November 19. Students will preview the book fair with their classrooms on Thursday, November 19, or Friday, November 20. Parents are welcome to attend and shop during the school day. The book fair will also be open during Movie Night on Friday, November 20, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., so please stop by! Families can shop the fair during Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:45-8:00.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best,

Barb Golik

Interim Principal

Help us start the day in a positive way by having your student at Westbrook on time! We are out for arrival from 9:10 to 9:20 a.m. and 1:10 to 1:20 p.m.

In the event that your child is tardy, please make sure to walk he/she into the office and sign them in. This way if your child has been marked absent already, we will have a record so that we can change to tardy. Also, we will call the child's class to make sure the teacher is in the classroom.

Thanks for your cooperation!!



**YOU ARE INVITED**  
**TO A**  
**FIRST GRADE FALL ART WALK!**  
**DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 6PM-7PM**



**DISPLAYED in THE FIRST GRADE HALLS of  
WESTBROOK SCHOOL.**

**COME SEE ALL THE BEAUTIFUL WORK YOUR  
1<sup>ST</sup> GRADER HAS DONE SO FAR THIS YEAR**

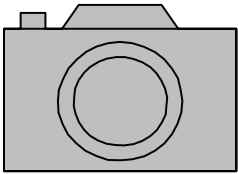
**Outdoor Recess**

Now that the colder weather is quickly approaching, please keep in mind that our students enjoy outdoor recess everyday unless the temperature falls below 15 degrees (including wind chill). Please dress them appropriately. Also, don't forget to label your jackets, hats, gloves, boots, etc. so if lost they can be easily returned. Thanks for your cooperation!



## Student Photos

If your child was absent or you are unhappy with the photos taken on October 6, a Retake Day is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18. Yearbooks will be ordered separately this year sometime after Winter Break. If you have any questions regarding student photos, please call HR Imaging's Parent Help Line at 815/433-1766.



## Notes from the Nurse

The cold and flu season is upon us. This time of year we see many different viruses. I thought it would be important to review our district policy on returning to school.

A child must be:

- Fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication)

- No vomiting for 24 hours

- No diarrhea for 24 hours

This is a must before sending you child back to school.

Any medications needed to be given at the health office for your child needs a medication request form filled out and signed by the doctor. (See Westbrook's website under Parents > Health Information > click Administration of Medication in Schools under Downloadable Forms)

Kindergarten Parents: Thank you to the parents who have already sent in your Dental Forms. Dental Forms for all Kindergarteners are due by May 15th, 2016. Dental exams after 11/15/2014 are acceptable, or if needed, please schedule an appointment. Please have your dentist complete, date, and sign the district's dental form (attached).

Please feel free to call the health office with any questions.

Enjoy your weekend.

Julie Tworek, RN

Kim Finnerty, RN (District Nurse)

## LRC News

### We are “Falling” in Love with Literature in the LRC



Last month was a wonderful month for getting students excited about books! We started the month by learning about the different features of a nonfiction book and how they differ from a fiction book. Throughout the year we will review these skills.

To prepare students for the PTA’s Walk For Westbrook, we read all of the books that were represented by stations during the walk. The students really enjoyed the books and the activities the PTA created for the walk. I was also honored to be voted on by the students, along with Ms. Miller, to hold a snake if students reached their goal and they did! (See photo below)

Another fun activity was our Character Pumpkin display. We had about 70 pumpkins brought in by students, decorated like book characters. Thank you to all who participated and to Mrs. Shah and the LRC volunteers who helped organize them.

Coming up later this month is our Scholastic Book Fair, November 19-24<sup>th</sup>. All of the proceeds from the book sale go to purchasing more books and materials for the library! If you can’t make it to the sale, you can find information at the following website for online purchasing starting November 13<sup>th</sup> through December 3rd.

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/westbrookschool>

We need many volunteers to make this event successful! If you are available to volunteer please sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44a4a62ca2fd0-westbrook>

Or contact Sara Pour at [spour03@yahoo.com](mailto:spour03@yahoo.com), if you have any questions.

I also wanted to take a moment to thank all our wonderful volunteers who help shelve books, make bulletin boards (like the one above), help students check out, coordinate volunteers to be at the book fair and so many other tasks that are too numerous to mention! You all truly make a difference!



## Gym Shorts



Dear Parents,

The month of October was a fun and busy time in P.E.! First off, the weather during the month was incredible so we were able to be outside much of the time!

The students worked on overhand throwing a ball by playing many fun games using the skill of throwing and catching. The first graders also learned how to overhand throw and catch a football by placing their hand correctly on the “laces” of a football.

“Steal the Treasure” was a large group game we played outside involving strategies to find a safe pathway to steal a football from the other team. The students had fun playing this game!

We ended the month by playing large group games associated with the Fall season and Halloween.

Currently we are working on basketball dribbling and will begin shooting into the basketball hoops next week. I encourage any extra practice at home! I also am hearing great news about the many students signed up for extra curricular basketball. I am hoping to attend a few games myself to watch our Westbrook students in action!!

Lastly, thank you to the many Kindergarten parents for attending Kindergarten Gym Night!! It was so fun to see you all, and I know your little one loved exercising with you!!

Exercise and Eat Healthy!

Mrs. Lori Many

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24. In order to keep schedules moving smoothly, please be on time for your conference and keep to your allotted time. When arriving for your conference, please enter through Door 1. Please proceed to your teacher’s classroom. If the teacher is not quite ready for you, please wait outside the classroom door. In order to optimize your conference, we encourage keeping students at home unless invited by your teacher. We are hoping that these conferences will prove beneficial to your family.

# 1st Grade Music Informances

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On **Tuesday, November 17th**, there will be a special Informance held during music classes at Westbrook!

What is an Informance? It's an informational performance of music classroom activities where students can show off what they have learned and share some of the fun things they like to do in music!

Family members will be welcome to join us for their child's regularly scheduled music class during the day. I realize there are families who may not have free hours during the day and won't be able to attend our Informance, but you can still look forward to our Spring Concert, which will be held later this academic year in the evening.

Here are the music times for each 1<sup>st</sup> Grade class. Please attend only the 30 minute class or classes that your child or children attend. Everyone must sign in at the office and there will be signs in the hallways to help you find the music room (Room 117).

9:20 - 9:50 Driver  
9:50 - 10:20 Brewer  
10:20 - 10:50 Munz  
10:50 - 11:20 Balk  
11:20 - 11:50 Miller  
LUNCH/RECESS  
12:50 - 1:20 Schneider  
1:20 - 1:50 Brooks  
PLANNING TIME  
2:45 - 3:15 Carlson  
3:15 - 3:45 Fergus

If you have any questions regarding the Informance, please feel free to contact me by e-mail. We hope to see you there!

Mrs. Clyne

<https://sites.google.com/a/d57.org/westbrook-music>

[nclyne@d57.org](mailto:nclyne@d57.org)





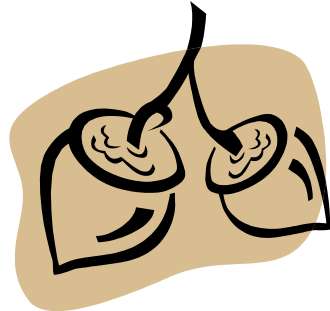
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[www.westbrook@d57.org](http://www.westbrook@d57.org)

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

***A Garden Where the Children Grow***

We're on the Web!  
<http://westbrook.d57.org>

*If your child will be absent for 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. (There is a "Note to Teacher" form on*

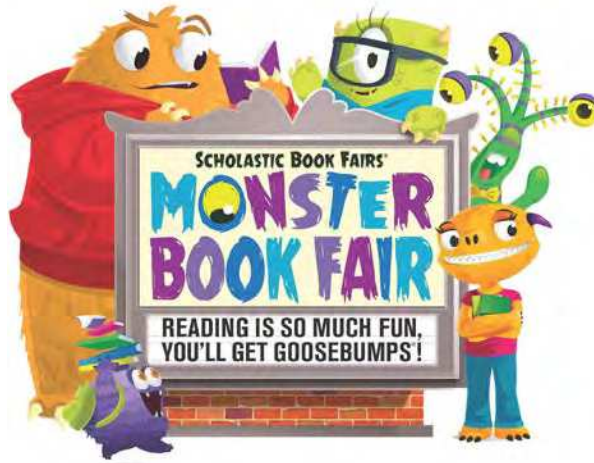


## Calendar of Events

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November 6.....Trimester Ends  
November 11.....Board of Education Community Forum, MPPL, 7-8 p.m.  
November 13.....Report Cards Distributed  
November 17.....1st Grade Music Informances  
November 18.....Picture Retakes  
PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
November 19.....Board of Education Meeting, Fairview, 7:00 p.m.  
November 19-24.....Book Fair  
November 20.....Westbrook PTA Movie Night, 6:00 p.m.  
November 25-27.....Thanksgiving Break  
December 2.....1st Grade Special Lunch  
Westbrook PTA Meeting/Holiday Party-Info to follow  
December 3.....1st/K Author Visit  
December 10.....1st Grade Art Walk, 6-7 p.m.  
December 17.....Board of Education Meeting, Fairview, 7:00 p.m.





## **The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Westbrook's Library!**

**All proceeds are used to purchase new library books and materials!**

**Shop on Thursday, November 19 & Friday, November 20  
9:20-4:30 p.m.**

**Open during Kindergarten Movie Night  
Friday, November 20  
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Shop during Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Monday, November 23 & Tuesday, November 24  
1:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Due to the overwhelming success of the Walk for Westbrook, the PTA will purchase a book for every Westbrook student at the Scholastic Book Fair! Preschool parents, please keep an eye out for ordering information from your child's teacher. Kindergarten and first-grade students will choose their books from a pre-selected assortment during the Book Fair Preview Days, November 20 and 21. Thank you, PTA!**

Cash, major credit cards, and checks (made payable to Westbrook School) will be accepted. Please be aware that a 9% sales tax will be added to purchases.





SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS®  
**MONSTER  
BOOK FAIR**

**READING IS SO MUCH FUN,  
YOU'LL GET GOOSEBUMPS!**

**WESTBROOK'S LIBRARY IS HOSTING  
The Scholastic Book Fair  
November 18 - 24**

Volunteers are needed to help with the book fair.

We need as many volunteers as possible to make this year's book fair a success. Please consider volunteering as this is one of the best ways to raise funds for our children's school and library.

If you are available to volunteer please sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C44A4A62CA2FD0-westbrook>

Please contact me at [spour03@yahoo.com](mailto:spour03@yahoo.com), if you have any questions.

Greatly Appreciative,  
Sara Pour  
LRC Co-Chair





## PROOF OF SCHOOL DENTAL EXAMINATION FORM

**To be completed by the parent (please print):**

Student's Name:	Last	First	Middle	Birth Date: (Month/Day/Year)
				/ /
Address:	Street	City	ZIP Code	Telephone:
Name of School:	Grade Level:		Gender:	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Parent or Guardian:	Address (of parent/guardian):			

**To be completed by dentist:**

**Oral Health Status (check all that apply)**

- Yes    No   **Dental Sealants Present**
  
- Yes    No   **Caries Experience / Restoration History** — A filling (temporary/permanent) OR a tooth that is missing because it was extracted as a result of caries OR missing permanent 1<sup>st</sup> molars.
  
- Yes    No   **Untreated Caries** — At least 1/2 mm of tooth structure loss at the enamel surface. Brown to dark-brown coloration of the walls of the lesion. These criteria apply to pit and fissure cavitated lesions as well as those on smooth tooth surfaces. If retained root, assume that the whole tooth was destroyed by caries. Broken or chipped teeth, plus teeth with temporary fillings, are considered sound unless a cavitated lesion is also present.
  
- Yes    No   **Soft Tissue Pathology**
  
- Yes    No   **Malocclusion**

**Treatment Needs (check all that apply)**

- Urgent Treatment** — abscess, nerve exposure, advanced disease state, signs or symptoms that include pain, infection, or swelling
  
- Restorative Care** — amalgams, composites, crowns, etc.
  
- Preventive Care** — sealants, fluoride treatment, prophylaxis
  
- Other** — periodontal, orthodontic

Please note \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Dentist \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Exam \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  

Street
City
ZIP Code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_






***SCHOOL BOARD TO HOST  
A COMMUNITY FORUM  
ABOUT COMMON CORE  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015  
7-8 P.M.  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ALL ARE WELCOME!***

Members of the community are invited to join the School Board for a conversation about Common Core. Board members and administration will share information about Common Core. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss this topic with Board members. Come learn about this important topic and share your feedback.


The School Board wants to hear from you!

This event is the fourth in a series of Community Forums about issues that are important to District 57. Contact School Board President Karen NejdI with any questions ([knejdl@d57.org](mailto:knejdl@d57.org)).


# Best Children's Books of 2015



**Thursday, November 12  
7-8 p.m.**



Looking for that next good book to read or gearing up for your holiday shopping? How about starting at the Library for an evening of snacks, prizes, and books? Join Youth Services staff as we rave about some of our favorite books published this year, which will help you select the best books to give this year or to add to your classroom library. We will share fabulous fiction and nonfiction titles for preschoolers through 6th graders.

 **Welcome teachers,  
parents, and families!**

Please sign up on the Internet at [www.mppl.org/events](http://www.mppl.org/events), at the Library, or by calling 847/253-5675 (TDD 847/590-3797). *The Library requires at least a one-week notice if special accommodations are needed.*

**Mount Prospect Public Library**  
explore the opportunities

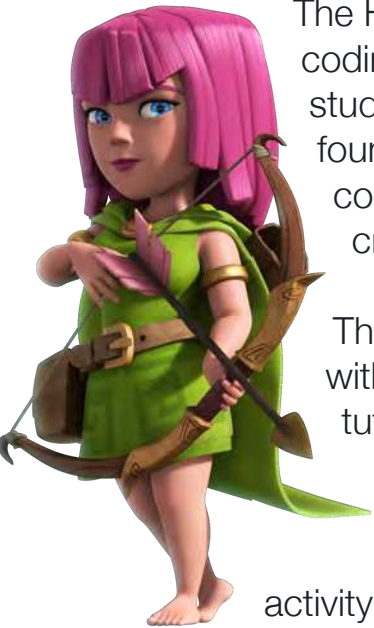
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# HOUR OF CODE

## The HOUR of CODE is coming to Prospect.

#HourOfCode

Prospect High School, in celebration of the globally recognized Computer Science Education Week, will be hosting a community "Hour of Code" event for students and parents (Kindergarten and up) on **Wednesday, December 8th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**



The Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to Computer Science designed to demystify coding and show that anybody can learn the basics. At Prospect, we believe that every student should have the opportunity to learn Computer Science as it is a foundational skill that all students need in today's world. In addition, computer coding helps to nurture problem-solving, critical-thinking skills, logic, and creativity.

The Hour of Code experience at Prospect High School will provide parents and children with an opportunity to sit side-by-side in our computer labs while working through fun tutorials. These fun activities will allow the participants to modify and/or create games and other programs.

No prior experience is necessary. This fun, globally recognized activity is truly designed for people of all ages and all ability levels. All participants need to do is show up, and we will take care of the rest.



There is no cost to attend, and people can register at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/PHS-Hour2015>

Follow this QR code or call Scott McDermott, Associate Principal, at 847-718-5214.



#PHSspark



NOVEMBER 7, 2015 ◦ [ENGAGETECHCONFERENCE.ORG](http://ENGAGETECHCONFERENCE.ORG) ◦ [#ENGAGETECH15](https://twitter.com/ENGAGETECH15)

## Discover how technology is transforming education.

Technology is changing how today's students learn. The creativity and innovation of teachers is advancing educational opportunities – allowing students to connect with and learn from teachers, the world and each other more than ever before.

On Saturday, November 7, High School District 214 and local elementary districts 21, 23, 25, 26, 57 and 59 will host the **ENGAGE 2015 Parent Tech Conference**, offering parents an opportunity to hear from teachers about the roles and implications of technology both in and out of the 21st century classroom.

Sessions include:

- Social Media in Education
- Safety with Social Media
- Google Apps for Education
- Kids Can Code – Programming for All Ages
- 21st Century Classroom Skills
- How Technology is Changing Teaching and Learning
- What is STEM/STEAM?
- Cyber Safety

**ENGAGE 2015 is a free event.** For parents who have pre-registered, supervision will be available for children age 3 and older with specific programming for students in grades K-8.

**Registration begins October 1** and continues through Friday, October 30. Please watch for future communications and opportunities to register.

Visit [www.EngageTechConference.org](http://www.EngageTechConference.org) for more information and to register.

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### **ENGAGE 2015** Parent Tech Conference

**Date:** Saturday, November 7th

**Location:** John Hersey High School (1900 East Thomas Street, Arlington Heights)

**Time:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

701 West Gregory Street - Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056  
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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.

**Prospect High School Show Choir Rocks 2015 – November 15<sup>th</sup>!**

Show off your singing and dancing skills! You will learn an entire song and perform at the end of the workshop! For more info, Jen Troiano at 847-718-5370 or go to [www.prospectchoir.com](http://www.prospectchoir.com)

**Free Volleyball Classes for Kids (Pre-K thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

Drop off the kids and have them learn the game of volleyball from a Certified Top Flight Coach. . .for FREE! For more information, go to <http://www.topflightvbc.com/registration/tfu/view.php?id=1>

**Arlington Stallions Rugby Club Spring Season for Boys Grades 5-12**

Sign-Up Day/Saturday, December 12, 9 AM-Noon, Camelot Park, 1005 E. Suffield, Arlington Heights.  
For more information, go to [www.arlingtonstallionsrugby.com](http://www.arlingtonstallionsrugby.com)

**Metropolis School of the Performing Arts presents “The Sound of Music”**

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm and Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm, featuring District 57 students.  
111 W. Campbell in Arlington Heights, 847-577-2121 or [www.metropolisarts.com](http://www.metropolisarts.com)

**Super Saturday: “Slightly” Fractured Fairy Tales – November 14**

Enjoy slightly fractured versions of favorite fairy tales as they come to life with the Melikin Puppets,  
11am-noon. Info/register at <http://mppl.org/calendar/calendar-details/?itemId=19545>

**Get a Jump on Your Holiday Shopping at Prospect High School Craft Fair**

Sunday, Nov. 22 10am-3pm at Prospect HS. 130+ crafters. Gifts for all. Crafts, madrigals choir, concessions. \$2 adults/\$1 kids. Email: [phscraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:phscraftshow@gmail.com) or fb: <http://tinyurl.com/pxhxors>

**Challenger Learning Center Family Space Mission – Friday, November 13**

Families will participate in a simulated space mission to discover a comet in our galaxy!  
For more info/register, <http://www.challengerillinois.org/programs/family-science-nights/>

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