



# BOBCAT bulletin

A monthly newsletter from the Westbrook PTA

WESTBROOK SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy February, Westbrook School Students and Families,

There are so many exciting school events at our school to share with you this month! We start the month off with the Third Annual Soup-r Bowl in which students donated canned goods while predicting the Super Bowl winner. The Seahawks won OUR Soup-r Bowl! Also in February, our students will continue to pay it forward for Westbrook Cares' Kindness Month; be sure to check the bulletin board for updates.

We celebrate the Westbrook Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Jennifer Casperson. Mrs. Casperson is a third grade teacher who challenges her students to be their very best while supporting them every step of the way! Westbrook Educational Services Professional of the Year is Mrs. Wendy Becker, our school Social Worker. Mrs. Becker is very involved in building positivity and understanding throughout our school. We are very proud of both of our nominated staff members!

We are also thrilled to share the news that a new Chrome Base computer lab is under construction at Westbrook School! With the support of many, 26 Chrome Base machines (they look like desktop computers) will be available for students to use throughout the day. With the adoption of Google Apps for Education, students will be able to work in a safe, technology-based, and interactive environment in the new lab, as well as in our current lab, **and** with our Chromebooks! Technology is being embraced, and both students and teachers are excited about all there is to learn and try! (The PTA has their own announcement about technology at Westbrook School!)

Congratulations to students nominated for a Bobcat Award for Outstanding Student! Students are nominated by building staff for any number of reasons. This month they include hard work and determination, setting a great example for others, and good effort!

*"A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination."*

*~ Nelson Mandela*

Deanne Somers, Principal

## BOBCAT AWARD

Below is the list of students who have been nominated for the month of **January**



- Marlena Tolnai
- Ava Kelshaw
- Nico Mussina
- Johan Sanchez
- Jeffrey Papienuk
- Travis Capanear
- Steven Gencarelli
- Zoey Brown
- Alexa Fritz
- Gretchen Ileczo
- Christian Morales
- Angel Campos
- Ian Wesler
- Matthew Evans
- Kiera Timpson
- Chelsea Struble
- Owen Kaleda
- Lauren Frey
- Aaron Reichert
- Jack Whitney
- Ciara Nuesi
- Michael Bagner
- Joseph Longo
- Kacper Szyller
- Sophie Burghoffer
- Christopher Albar
- Anthony Pepe
- Katie Scala
- Amy Kearney
- April Roccisano

**Congratulations!**

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## PTA PRESIDENT'S PRESS RELEASE

Happy Winter Westbrook!!

February is really showing its true colors. It is quite cold out there and lots of snow to kick off the month. We have some exciting news from the PTA. We have approved and purchased 15 Chrome Books for our students at Westbrook. These will be stored in a charging cart that we have also purchased for the school. This will enable our students to have more hands on instruction in the classroom, which is fantastic! Our goal will be to purchase another 15 by the end of the year through our fundraising efforts.

We have our TREP\$ Marketplace coming up on Wednesday, February 18. I know our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are very excited and have been working very hard on their items to present & sell. Please come out and support this great program and our students at Westbrook. It is a great night out with the family and it's always fun to see what these young entrepreneurs have to offer. Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped with this program from start to finish and to Ms. Donegan and Mrs. Baumgartner for running the workshops for the students.

I want to thank Patty McCormick for Family Movie Night. I know the kids always love coming to school in their PJ's and hanging out with their friends. These are memories that they will always have and what makes Westbrook so special.

Please keep your eye out for information to come home for our upcoming Bunny Breakfast in March and our Talent Show in April.

Thank you,

Jenn O'Neill

PTA President

## PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will be

**Thursday, February 19**

In the Media Center

*We hope you can join us as we will have a Special Guest. Kate Brennan will join us to talk about upcoming PARCC testing. She will also answer any questions you may have.*

**Kate Brennan will speak at 6:30 and the PTA Meeting will start after at 7:30 PM**

*We hope to see you there!!*

*"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."*

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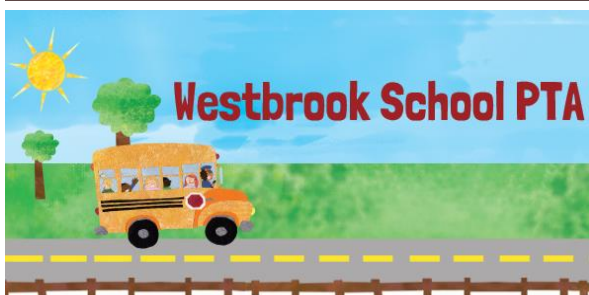
**22<sup>nd</sup> of February**

Please email all articles to the Bobcat Editor at

[BobcatEditor@westbrookschoollpta.com](mailto:BobcatEditor@westbrookschoollpta.com)

Thank you!

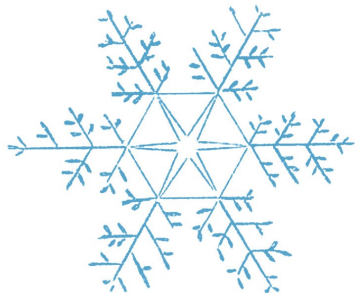
## PTA COMMITTEE REPORTS



Committee Reports are now on the [Homepage of the Westbrook PTA Website](#). Also, if you haven't done so already you can also sign up at our [Facebook Page](#) to get the latest information on what is happening at Westbrook.

***Feel free to reach out at any time if you have questions!***

*Thank you for your continued and support!*



# FEBRUARY 2015

## WESTBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b>	<b>2 CLUB(S) - WC</b> Ground Hog Day WB Sixth Grade Band Recruitment Presentation Macopin—10:45 – 11:30 AM (Instruments Needed)	<b>3 CLUB(S) - WO!</b>	<b>4 CLUB(S) - TREP\$</b> All District Beginner Band Rehearsal – High School Cafeteria 3:30 – 5:00 PM	<b>5 CLUB(S) - SKI, MC</b> Sixth Grade Chorus Recruitment 9:50 – 11:00 AM	<b>6</b> Family Movie Night 7:00 PM — End of Movie Media Center [SNOWDATE February 20]	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9 CLUB(S) - WBCares</b> All District Chorus Rehearsal Macopin Auditorium from 3:30 – 5:00 PM	<b>10 CLUB(S) - WO!</b>	<b>11 CLUB(S) - MC</b>	<b>12 CLUB(S) - SKI, YC</b> Lincoln's Birthday	<b>13</b> Wear Red and White	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day
<b>K I N D N E S S   W E E K</b>						
● <b>Dream of Kindness</b> ● Wear Pajamas		<b>Kindness Is My Super Power</b> Wear Super Hero Attire		<b>Tied Together by Kindness</b> Wear a tie/wear a bow		<b>Peace, Love, &amp; Kindness</b> Wear Peace Symbols/Tie Dye
● <b>School Spirit Day</b> ● Wear Red and White						
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> School Closed President's Day Observed	<b>17</b> School Closed Professional Day for Staff <b>Board of Education Meeting</b> @ 7:30 PM - Media Center Workshop/Special Action	<b>18 CLUB(S) - MC</b> TREP\$ Marketplace All Purpose Room 6:30 – 8:00 PM	<b>19 CLUB(S) - SKI, YC</b> PTA Meeting 6:30 PM PARCC Presentation with Mrs. Katherine Glorioso-Brennan 7:30 PM - PTA Meeting Begins— Media Center	<b>20</b> Family Movie Night [SNOWDATE] 7:00 PM — End of Movie	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Washington's Birthday	<b>23 CLUB(S) - WC</b>	<b>24 CLUB(S) - WO!</b> School Store During Lunch Periods <b>Board of Education Meeting</b> @ 7:30 PM - Media Center Regular	<b>25 CLUB(S) - TREP\$</b> School Store During Lunch Periods	<b>26 CLUB(S) - SKI, YC,</b> <i>WO-Makeup Date</i> Westbrook Math Night 7:00—8:00 PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

### CLUB CODES

WO!	Grade 4 Write On!
WC	Grade 5 Writer's Café
YC	Yoga Club
WBCares	Westbrook Cares
MC	Math Club Grades 5/6– 8:00 – 8:30 AM AND 2:50—3:50 PM
TREP\$	(Makeup date – February 11 / Marketplace on February 18)