



# BOBCAT bulletin

A monthly newsletter from the Westbrook PTA

WESTBROOK SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy New Year, Westbrook School Students and Families!

As hard as it is to believe it is 2015, it is even more amazing to turn to the calendar and see how much will be occurring in the next few months! Trep\$ begins the first week of January, as do many of our PTA and Title 1 clubs, second marking period ends, and our teachers and students further explore integrating technology and strategies into learning (Our Chromebooks are getting used OFTEN!).

A few important reminders as we begin the New Year:

- 🐾 On delayed openings, our schedule runs 90 minutes later; students should not be dropped off prior to 9:55 AM. On early dismissal days, school ends at 1:20 PM.
- 🐾 Please be sure your child(ren) are dressed for the weather. We will have outdoor recess when possible and are also required to hold emergency drills. We try for nice weather, but it does get tricky in the winter!
- 🐾 Safety during drop off in front of Westbrook is a concern. Please do not pass cars that are stopped with students exiting, all students should exit cars on the passenger side, and please drive carefully and patiently. If you need to assist your child out of the car or bring something into the building, please park your car to do so.
- 🐾 Photography and video at school events is something we do not want to discourage, but we do need your assistance in insuring all parent requests for privacy are respected. Posting children other than your own on social media compromises some of our parents' requests; we ask that you pay special attention if publicly sharing photos of your child(ren).

Congratulations to students nominated for a Bobcat Award for Outstanding Student! Students are nominated by building staff for a number of reasons. This month they include being a good reader, caring for others, improved effort, and a positive attitude ~ these sound like great New Year's Resolutions!

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."  
 – **Vern McLellan**

Deanne Somers, *Principal*

## BOBCAT AWARD

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



- Michael Ray
- John Huang
- Gavin Donaldson
- Jack Cash
- Jacob Miller
- Anna Youngren
- Kiana Mann
- Jacob Harmen
- Haley Dorney
- Faith Curto
- Dionna Bagner
- Armoni Mussina
- Alexa Bais
- Jordan Suchocki
- Hailey Rubenacker
- Madison Jaisli
- Aryan Zariwala
- Ilenia Cuffaro
- Cayleigh Heres
- Jacob Carver
- Angelina Roccisano
- Mateo Mussina
- Emma Shorter
- Sierra Dages
- Jose Veliz
- Travis Frommelt
- Michael Brasile
- Natalia Baba
- Chase Appell
- Hannah Elmini
- Kayleigh Smith
- Sarah Chandler
- Skylar Greenberg

**From the Office:**  
Nicolette Carpenter  
Nathan Tessman  
Sean O'Neill  
Evan O'Neill

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## PTA PRESIDENT'S PRESS RELEASE

Happy New Year Westbrook families and Welcome Back!

I hope everyone enjoyed their winter break and took some time to relax and spend time enjoying the holidays with family and friends. We have an exciting 2015 ahead of us. We will be kicking off January with Bingo Night, which will be held Friday, 1/16/15 from 7:00 – 8:30pm. This event is held in the APR and it is always a great night to get out and have some fun during the cold months.

Ski Club will begin on Thursday, January 8, 2015. This will begin our 8 week session at Mount Peter. Please go to the glass lodge to get your lift ticket badge and make sure if you are renting equipment, you report to the rental building to do so. If you have any problems at any time, please reach out to myself or Heidi Godau for assistance. We will be in the lodge early that first day to help out anyway that we can.

Our first PTA meeting of the year is on Thursday, January 22, 2015. There are many items that will be discussed as we did not have a meeting in December, so please join us. We have TREP\$, Family Movie Night, the Beefsteak, Field Day, and the 5K to discuss over the upcoming months.

As always, I want to thank our volunteers for their continued support. I would also like to thank our Holiday Shoppe and Book Nook committees for everything they did for the kids in December and thank you to Joanna Nolan for bringing Cello Fury to Westbrook. The assembly was a huge success and the kids and staff loved it!

Just a reminder, schools will be closed on January 19, 2015, in observance of Martin Luther King Day and the School Store will be open during lunch hours on Tuesday, January 27 and Wednesday, January 28.

Thank you,

Jennifer O'Neill  
PTA President

## PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will be

**Thursday, January 22**

In the Media Center

We hope you can join us as we will have a Special Guest.

Debra Gretina, the district Math Supervisor, will be attending to speak about our new Math Program. She will be giving a presentation on

**GO MATH!**

She will also answer any questions you may have.

**Debra Gretina will speak at 7:00 and the PTA Meeting will start after, at 7:30 PM**

*We hope to see you there!!*

## PARKING AT WESTBROOK



Be careful to pick a legal parking spot.

**Tickets have been issued to cars parked illegally.**



## BOBCAT BULLETIN

The deadline for the next edition of the Bobcat is the

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

Please email all articles to the Bobcat Editor at

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

Thank you!

## PTA COMMITTEE CORNER

### WESTBROOK BOBCAT CHASE

We are excited to announce our 1st Annual  
**Westbrook Bobcat Chase 5K and Fun Run**

**June 20, 2015**

Held by the Westbrook School PTA

This fundraising event consists of a team of educators and parents coming together to promote fitness for our children.

*Registration is open and you can click below to Sign Up*



More information to come as the date grows closer!

### THIS MONTH'S - THUMBS UP

Want to give a friend or family member a **Thumb's Up** for their kindness, hard work, etc.

*All Thumbs up can be submitted through our online form.*



**Thumbs Up Online Form**



## BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION



### GET READY TO RUMBLE CHALLENGE

Starting **11/1/14** through **2/13/15**



We will be competing against Paradise Knoll School in a Box Top Challenge!!  
The school with the most Box Tops collected at the end of the challenge will not only earn money for our school, but... *The Cool Part*

The principal of the opposing school will have to wear one of our WB Bobcat T-shirts for the day!

*Not only will you be supporting our school but...*



The student who submits the MOST Box Tops will win a Rockboard Scooter.

Runners-up will also be selected for other exciting prizes!

Final Deadline for Submission: **Friday, February 13, 2015**

Box Tops is an easy way to raise funds for our school. Simply cut the Box Top off of a participating product and drop them in the Box Tops for Education box outside of the main office.

**Click below for Boxtop Collection Sheets**

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/all-about-boxtops/boxtops-downloads>

For information on the Box Tops for Education program, Please refer to [www.boxtopsforeducation.com](http://www.boxtopsforeducation.com).

This informative website provides an overview of the program, coupons for participating products, listing of all of the participating products, recipes and much, much more! So be sure to check it out!

***If you have any questions please contact Kelly Pew at 201-248-4130 or kellypew@yahoo.com***

## PTA COMMITTEE CORNER CONTINUED...

## CAMPBELL'S - LABELS FOR EDUCATION



## WIN AN iPad FOR YOUR CLASSROOM!!!

**Deadline for submission: prior to Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Labels for Education (LFE) will be a classroom competition this year.

The classroom that submits the most LFE by the deadline, will receive an iPad for the classroom.

**Submission Guidelines:**

1. Collect Labels for Education
  - a. UPCs worth 1 point each
  - b. UPCs worth 5 points each
  - c. UPCs worth 10 points each
  - d. Beverage / Sauce Caps worth 1 point each
  - e. Bonus Certificates
2. Bring your collections to your classroom and place in the LFE collection box that will be provided in each classroom. UPCs, caps, and bonus certificates can be submitted to the classroom at any time prior to January 16, 2015.
3. Encourage your neighbors, family, and friends to help you collect!



***If you have any questions please contact Kelly Pew at 201-248-4130 or kellypew@yahoo.com***

## FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHTS

We are getting ready to start off the new year with a couple of great nights for you and your entire family.

*Siblings are welcome to attend*

**JANUARY 16 - BINGO NIGHT**

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Westbrook families are invited to join us for a fun night of bingo, prizes and an ice cream social during the event.

**[ SNOW DATE IS JANUARY 30 ]**

**FEBRUARY 6 - MOVIE NIGHT**

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM – WB Media Center

*Stay tuned for the movie announcement coming later in January.*

Westbrook families are invited to a pajama party movie night with refreshments available. The movie will be shown in the Media Center at Westbrook School. Students are welcome to bring a blanket and wear their pajamas.

**[ SNOW DATE IS FEBRUARY 20 ]**

**PTA COMMITTEE CORNER CONTINUED...****TREP\$**

We are coming upon one of the most exciting adventures for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Westbrook School, the TREP\$ Marketplace. TREP\$ is short for entrepreneurs, and is a six-week educational program for 5th and 6th graders which teaches children about creating a business and products to sell to consumers.

**WORKSHOP MEETINGS**

January 7 –14 –21 –28 and February 4 [Snow date]

Time: 2:50 to 3:50 PM

**TREP\$ MARKETPLACE**

February 18, 2015

**WESTBROOK SCHOOL BEEFSTEAK DINNER**

**Still time to purchase tickets for our Beefsteak Dinner**

**Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 6:00-11:30 PM**

**THE REGENCY HOUSE**

140 Route 23 North, Pompton Plains

\$45.00 per person

Price Includes:

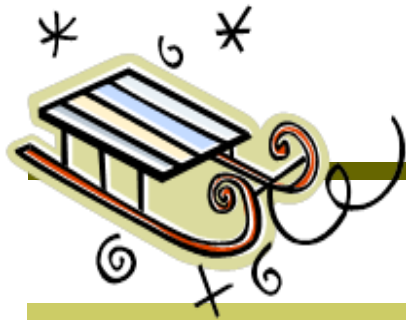
Salad, Beefsteak, Fries, Brownies,  
Cookies, Soda, Coffee & Tea

Cash Bar Available

***Registration forms were sent home before the winter break.***

***If you have any questions please feel free to contact:***

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# JANUARY 2015

## WESTBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 School Resumes	6 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:30 PM - Media Center [Reorganization]	7 CLUB(S) - TREP\$	8 CLUB(S) - SKI, YC	9	10
11	12	13 CLUB(S) - WO!	14 CLUB(S) - TREP\$	15 CLUB(S) - SKI	16 Family Bingo Night 7:00 PM — 8:30 PM [SNOWDATE January 30]	17
18	19 School Closed - Development Day - Martin Luther King Day Observed	20 [SNOWDATE] School Closed Development Day	21 CLUB(S) - TREP\$ Advanced Band Grade 6 Rehearsal - HS Café 2:30-5:00 PM	22 CLUB(S) - SKI, YC PTA Meeting 7:30 PM - Media Center	23	24
25	26	27 CLUB(S) - WO! School Store During Lunch Periods	28 CLUB(S) - TREP\$ School Store During Lunch Periods	29 CLUB(S) - SKI, YC	30 Family Bingo Night [SNOWDATE] 7:00 PM — 8:30 PM	31

### CLUB CODES

YC = Yoga Club—Grades 3 and 4 — 2:50 - 3:50 PM  
 WO! = Write On! Club—Grade 5 — 2:50 - 3:50 PM  
 TREP\$ = Grade 5 and 6 — 2:50 - 3:50 PM  
 SKI = Ski Club