



# BOBCAT bulletin

A monthly newsletter from the Westbrook PTA

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Westbrook School Students and Families,

Many thanks to ALL of you for such a successful opening to the 2014-15 school year and for your presence at our standing-room only Back to School Night! So much positive energy and excitement throughout our “new” building! Seeing so many of you later that week at the carnival was just as terrific; thank you for your support. I am thrilled to be working with you all and am enjoying getting to know the students and the greater school community.

What an AMAZING first month of school we have had! Students are so busy reading and writing throughout the day and are learning so many new approaches to develop their understanding of numbers, problem-solving, and operations in mathematics. In between academics, students are enjoying the beautiful weather, whether it be planting Pinwheels for Peace, game playing at the Westbrook PTA Carnival, or running the mile in Physical Education. The weather is getting cooler already, so please plan appropriately- we will be outside for recess as long as we can!

“Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.”

~ Bob Beauprez

Individual Student Report NJASK scores came home in backpacks on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The 2014 test administration of NJASK in grades 3-8 was the last year of the assessment. Beginning this spring, students will participate formally in the Common Core State Standard – aligned PARCC testing. You will definitely be hearing more as that draws near as we have TONS of resources for you.

Many events are on the calendar for October, so please continue to monitor our website, the PTA’s website, and virtual backpacks! Week of Respect occurs early in the month and is later followed by School Violence Awareness Week. School pictures, the Fire Department Smokehouse, and several assemblies, as well as a number of PTA events, are planned. Please be sure to let us know if you did not receive a Honeywell Alert on September 17<sup>th</sup> as it is the best way to stay informed in case of school delays and important events.

Congratulations to students nominated for a Bobcat Award for Outstanding Student. Students are nominated by building staff for a number of reasons including citizenship, responsibility, kindness, participation, and effort.

Enjoy your Fall!

Deanne Somers, Principal  
Westbrook Elementary School

## BOBCAT AWARD

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



- Peyton Greenberg
- Christian Suffy
- Madison Newirth
- Matthew Sutton
- John DelVecchio
- Hailey Geller
- TJ Nolan
- Sophie Grizzuti
- Matthew Montena
- Avery Baumgardt
- Ryleigh Drew
- Brianna Wundrack
- Lily Petronaci
- Nicholas Barbella
- Adelina Tuzzio
- Nicholas Carbone
- David Robinson
- Amelia Pilatowski
- Kaitlyn Campbell
- Jennifer Scala
- Joel Garzon
- Jacob Meyer
- Amelia Beltran
- Xavier Campos
- KristianaTardy
- Kaitlyn Pena
- Ethan Romero
- Katherin Garcia
- Dylan Principato
- Delaney Brown
- Oakley Vacca
- Amanda Gerold
- Derek Shorter
- Rebecca Vizzi
- Reem Youssef

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**Congratulations!**

## PTA PRESIDENT'S PRESS RELEASE

Hello Westbrook Families...

Wow, it is hard to believe that a month of school is already behind us. September was an exciting month with Back to School Night, our first PTA meeting, our mum sale, KidStuff book sale and our big Carnival Game Night!! I cannot thank everyone enough for all their efforts to make these events so successful. I would like to thank the teachers and Ms. Somers for donating the prizes to the carnival raffle, Shawn Rubenacker and Company #4 for the fire truck ride to school. Congrats to Tyler Barker on that awesome win!

October is a busy month as well. We had our Class Parent Tea on October 2nd at 7:30pm in the Media Center. We handed out important information and went over all the class parties for the year, etc.

The kids had their smiles ready!!! October 8th was School Picture Day, with retakes scheduled for November 19th. This is always a fun day for our students and our volunteers.

Our 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Friday, 10/17 in conjunction with our Clothing Drive. The clothing drive will run from Friday 10/17 to Saturday 10/18, ending at 2pm. We will have our class parties and Fall Fun Fitness Parade on October 31.

Please remember that you must be a PTA member to volunteer, be a class parent, and be on a committee. If you have not signed up to be a PTA member, you can print the form out at [www.westbrookschoollpta.com](http://www.westbrookschoollpta.com) and send it in along with the dues with your child.

I look forward to seeing everyone on October 16th for our 2nd PTA meeting. We will be having a 45 minute informative social prior to the meeting. We will go over what each committee does, how you fill out a reimbursement form, how to fill out a permit, and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Jennifer O'Neill  
Westbrook PTA President  
[President@westbrookschoollpta.com](mailto:President@westbrookschoollpta.com)

## PTA MEETING

The next PTA Meeting will be  
**Thursday, October 16 at  
7:30 PM**

In the Media Center  
*We hope to see you there!!*

## PARKING AT WESTBROOK



parking spot.  
**Tickets have been issued to cars that are parked illegally**, including the circle in front of the school.

## BOBCAT BULLETIN

The deadline for the next edition of the Bobcat is the

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

Please email all articles to the Bobcat Editor at

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

Thank you!

## HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE

The Westbrook School PTA will be collecting gently used Halloween costumes for an elementary school in Paterson.

**10/13 – 10/17**

If you have any costumes for kids ages 3 - 12 that you would like to donate, please bring them into school.



There will be a box for the costumes in front of the main office from 10/13 to 10/17

Thank You &  
**HAPPYHALLOWEEN!!**

**PTA COMMITTEE CORNER**

**GENEVIEVE FROZEN FOOD SALE**

*This year's Genevieve Sale is changing from previous years.*



On October 1, Westbrook will launch our Frozen Foods fundraiser.

**Sale Starts 10/1 and Orders are Due Friday, 10/17**  
**Pickup is Thursday, 11/13**  
*Just in time for the holidays*

**Prizes and Raffles include:**

- \*Top seller will receive a \$75 gift card
- \*Coco Key Passes and Overnight stay at hotel for selling 6 or more items

***Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions***

*Kris Arciniega at 973-953-1164 or Jodi Wundrack at 973-222-2820*

**CLOTHING DRIVE**

**Friday, October 17 from 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm**

**Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

*\* Drop off at the parking lot in front of playground\**

*Friday During the Trunk or Treat celebration!*



**PICTURE DAY - RETAKES**

Please watch for further details in your child's backpack.



**Tuesday, November 19**

Picture Day Chairpersons:

Bonny McGuire 973-769-1092  
 Monica Pych 973-208-2428

**HALLOWEEN FUN AT WESTBROOK**

**When:**  
 October 17 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM

**Where:**  
 Westbrook Parking Lot

**Cost**  
 Entrance Fee \$2.00 per child  
 or a Bag of Candy

**Activities Include:**

Kids Trunk or Treat Car to Car \* Pumpkin Carving Contest  
 Halloween Setting for Pictures \* Dance to Halloween Favorites  
 Costume Contest and Prizes

Click here for [information](#)

[Trunk or Treat Letter to F](#)



[r Treat Registration](#)

## PTA COMMITTEE CORNER CONTINUED...

## WESTBROOK SKI CLUB

Westbrook Ski Club is offering your child the chance to learn to ski and have fun on the slopes! Though you pay for only 7 weeks, Mt. Peter has offered to give us an eighth night free! We will go to Mt. Peter 8 consecutive Thursdays, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26.

We want to extend this opportunity for parents and their school age children to join us.

***Westbrook does not provide transportation or a chaperone.***

**Every skier must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There will be no exceptions.**



If you are interested in participating, you must request a packet. Do it today!

[Ski Club Form Request](#)

Due to the size of the packet, we will not send one home to each child. You may obtain the forms from the table outside the Westbrook Main Office beginning October 13th, by completing the "[Ski Club Form Request](#)" link on our PTA website, or use your smart phone to scan the QR code below. You must request packets by completing the on-line form by October 17th, and they will be delivered to your child during the week of October 20th.

- Program is for ages 5 and up
- Lift Tickets and Rentals are valid from 3:00 pm to Closing on the 8 Thursdays of the program.
- Lessons are 1 hour and all levels of ability are available



**Prices:**

Lift Ticket: \$91.00  
Ski Rental: \$83.26  
Snowboard Rental: \$98.40  
Helmet Rental: \$60.55  
Lessons: \$98.00

*If you have any questions, please contact your advisors.*

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## THUMBSUP

Want to give a friend or family member a thumbs up for their kindness, hardwork, etc. Submit through our online process to see in the next edition of the Bobcat.

## THIS MONTH'S - THUMBS UP

Thumbs Up to **Kaylee**, ever since you came to Westbrook you've been kind, funny and it feels like you've been with us since Kindergarten. Welcome to Westbrook! From, Reem and Rebecca

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

[Thumbs Up Online Form](#)



**KIDS CORNER****WESTBROOK CARES - JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

Westbrook Cares is Westbrook Elementary School's very own social action group that is committed to the mission of making a difference in our school, in our community, and in our world! Westbrook Cares is comprised of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade student volunteers and staff advisors, Mrs. Errichiello and Mrs. Becker. These students carefully select activities, disseminate information, and encourage all Westbrook students and staff to become involved in supporting our mission. We are excited to announce our first activity for the 2014-2015 school year!

During the week of Respect, October 6-10<sup>th</sup>, we will be partnering with Aidan McGuire, a current Westbrook 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, who is participating in a local fund-raiser walk to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Aidan has a personal connection with the JDRF, as he lives with Type 1 Diabetes himself. Aidan created his own team, The Lion's Pride, and has set a goal to raise \$8000. Students and staff making **ANY DONATION** will be given a "Paper Sneaker" to write their name on, which will be hung throughout the school. Donations can be sent into the school in an envelope with your child's name and marked JDRF.

Setting goals is an important part of our Project Adventure Full Value Contract. Please consider helping Aidan reach his personal goal while supporting the JDRF and their efforts toward finding a cure for Diabetes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Errichiello and Mrs. Becker on behalf of Westbrook Cares

**PTA COMMITTEE CORNER CONTINUED...****BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION****Box Top Bonanza is Back!!!**

**The student who submits the MOST Box Tops will win an E-READER**

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

**Final Deadline for Submission: Friday, October 17, 2014**



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](mailto:kellypew@yahoo.com)**

## 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***