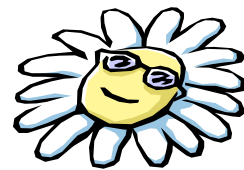


The Daisy Times



"FROM THE PTO PRESIDENTS"

January/February 2017

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our Daisy Families a Healthy and Happy New Year.

We had a very busy December for families and Daisy. Lots of excited students and celebrations. We would like to thank all the parents and room moms who helped organize classroom celebrations.

Also, a big thanks to Kristen Schilling and all our Daisy bakers who helped make our Staff Holiday Luncheon successful. It is always an honor to give back to our wonderful and dedicated staff at Daisy.



We would also like to give a big shout out to Shannon Byrne and Nicole Tarantino for an amazing job taking over the Holiday Fair. It was Shannon and Nicole's first year with the Holiday fair and wow - were they busy. They began working over the summer and have been shopping and wrapping ever since. It is one of our more elaborate committees to chair and it was a huge success, well done ladies! We would also like to thank all the parents that help with the wrapping, setting-up, and selling. This is such a cheerful and important event for our students, the children come home proud and excited for the holidays. Thank you for participating.

Coming up next week, we are looking forward to Mrs. Lewis' Literacy Night and Pizza with friends and families. We can't wait for all the games and reading to begin! The PTO is happy to sponsor this amazing event and would like to thank Mrs. Lewis and the Staff for putting this together for our children. Speaking of literacy, the PTO has booked our next Cultural Arts Event, "The Seussical." This performance will be on January 13th. The show is put on by Theatre Works and they have visited our school several times over the past few years and are always superb.

Finally, if you recall from previous newsletters, we are planning a BINGO Night. More information forthcoming on this fun event including date, time, and opportunities for volunteers.

Looking forward to sharing more fun and excitement with you all in 2017!
Lorie Pill and Sylvia Guinan





A Giving, Grateful Community of Learners

I am so impressed with how our students comported themselves throughout the holidays, while working seriously in school and also taking care of each other and showing gratitude towards others in the community. We enjoyed a series of festive events throughout the month of December that demonstrated what a caring community of learners we are at Daisy. Highlights of these activities included bountiful donations to our "Mitten Tree;" a cookie decorating activity with our senior citizens with the finished products being delivered to shut-ins in Westbrook as well as to veterans; and our Holiday Sing-A-Long. We had record numbers of families and community members come to Daisy for this traditional event, which featured a school-wide Pajama Day on the day before holiday break. The week before our holiday break featured a Spirit Week, with special events each day, including a school-wide Door Decorating Activity. Our students and staff members enjoyed creating themed doors to classrooms and also relished in visiting the decorations throughout the school.

I am so proud of how our students came back to Daisy after the holiday break, ready to reconnect with friends and teachers and ready to work industriously in reading, writing and mathematics. The month of January holds much in store for our students and families, including our Second Annual Literacy Night on Thursday, January 12, from 5-7 pm. Families can now register on our Daisy Website for this exciting evening, which features the opportunity to solve a school-wide crossword puzzle to unlock prizes of books for participants. Our students and staff will also enjoy a cultural arts presentation of "Seussical" on January 13, which is sponsored by our PTO.

As we start the new calendar year, there are many opportunities for our students to grow academically, socially, emotionally and physically. We look forward to opening new doors for our children and we so appreciate the support of our families at home. While students may not have assigned written homework each evening, the best thing that families can do is to read with your children; practice math facts in game-like settings; play board games and share stories. Please continue to communicate with your children's teachers and read the weekly notices, newsletters and classroom website updates, as well as our Daisy web page and Facebook site. We love to have you come into school to volunteer in the classroom, lunch room and for special events.

As always, I welcome your feedback, comments and concerns. Stay warm and enjoy the winter and all the activities that are available to you and your children!

Warmly,
Ruth W. Rose, Principal





Dear Daisy Families,

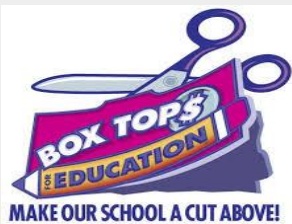
Happy 2017!

Thank you for your Box Top submissions. We have raised **over \$300** in the last few months of this school year!

Please continue to collect those Box Tops to earn free cash for our school. Please print out the flier attached to this newsletter to attach your Box Tops to for some winter fun.

Ask friends and family members to save their Box Tops for you to send into school. Remember, the class that collects the most box tops will be awarded with a pizza party at the end of the school year!!

Melody Baker
Box Top Coordinator



thank you!

HALLOWEEN CANDY CHALLENGE

Thank you to all of the students, staff, and families of Daisy Ingraham who helped make this year's Halloween Candy Challenge a tremendous success! Without all of your generosity and support we would not have been able to send 23 boxes of candy to our soldiers. Together, we are a truly amazing school!

A huge THANK YOU to the Norton family for their generous donation of covering the shipping cost for all 23 boxes!

With Appreciation,
Laurie Kukta

Join us for the 2nd Annual Literacy Night
Thursday, January 12, 2017
5:00-7:00 P.M.

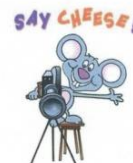


Join us at Daisy Ingraham School for an informative and fun evening with pizza, a new puzzle to play and wonderful take-a-ways for students and parents.

Check out the Literacy Night video on the Daisy website (<http://dis.westbrookctschools.org>) and click on the 'Literacy Night' icon to sign up for this popular event.

Important Information - Please Read: This year, the puzzles that students are asked to solve will be grouped into levels. There will be a Kindergarten- Grade 1 puzzle, a Grade 2 puzzle and a Grade 3-4 puzzle. For safety purposes, all students must be accompanied by an adult as they walk around the school solving their puzzle. If you have multiple children that fall into different levels, be sure each child is escorted by an adult (parent, grandparent or high school-aged sibling). If two children are in the same level, one adult is sufficient. If you have children that fall into different levels, but are unable to supply the necessary supervision, we ask that you select one puzzle to complete as a family. If you have any questions, please call the Daisy Ingraham office at 860-399-7925.

Yearbook Fun Pic



The Yearbook Committee needs a **Candid Picture** of **EACH 4TH GRADER** for the 2017 yearbook!

This year the Yearbook Committee has voted not to include baby pictures next to the 4th grader's portraits, but instead to have a **Candid Picture**.

Ideas for these photos include, playing a favorite sport, playing an instrument, with a pet, in a favorite location, doing a favorite activity etc...

To Submit Photos:

- Go to: <https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 406953614
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

Or email your picture to jenn.bache@comcast.net

Or if you are unable to email a picture, send one into school to the attention of Jenn Bache or Lori Blair. Your picture will be returned to you once we scan it in. Please include the student's name and teacher with each picture and/or email.

This is a fun part of the yearbook, and we hope to have **100% participation this year!**

*******PICTURES DUE 1/31/2017*******



**Save
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Date**



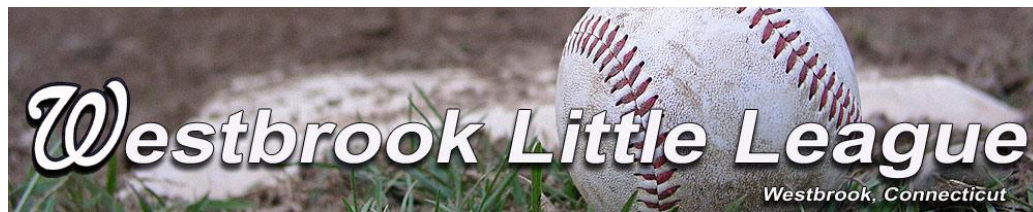
Daisy PTO Meeting
Wednesday, February 15th
7pm

2017

January/February



Thursday	1/12	Family Literacy Night 5-7
Friday	1/13	1pm Dismissal – Teacher Development
Monday	1/16	MLK Day – No School
Wednesday	2/1	Early Childhood Forum
Tuesday	2/7	1PM Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday	2/9	1PM Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Wednesday	2/15	PTO Meeting
Mon-Fri	2/20-2/24	February Recess – No School
Mon-Thurs	2/27-3/2	Book Fair



Registration for the 2017 Westbrook Little League Spring season is now open!

All boys and girls who are six years of age or older as of September 1, 2016 are eligible to play little league in the instructional (AA), coach-assisted pitch division of baseball.

Head over to <http://www.westbrooklittleleague.org> for more information on how to register!

An Early Bird discount is ongoing through Feb. 1 (we've also worked to lower registration fees all together) and all registered players will have the opportunity to participate in winter practices for several weeks until teams are made and we can go outside for practices.

Time and place of the clinics TBD.

Registration is also open for new and returning players in the Minors (AAA) and Majors divisions for ages 9-12.

Discounts will apply to families with more than one child who will play, family cost not to exceed \$175.

For those interested in softball, that information will be coming soon, once again we will most likely partner with Old Saybrook to field a team.



BUNDLE UP WITH BOX TOPS

