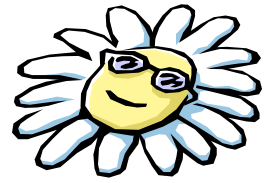


The Daisy Times



FROM THE PTO PRESIDENTS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

It's hard to believe it's already November, and our students have been in school for 2 months. We had a great turnout for our first PTO meeting of the year, lots of new faces, it's so nice to have new members and ideas joining us. We hope to see everyone Wednesday, November 16th for our next meeting. At that meeting, we will be discussing the Trick or Trot results, wrapping paper fundraiser, and other upcoming fundraisers and a family event. We would love to have new ideas and input from you.

We would like to send out a huge thank you to our Trick or Trot Committee, Allison Pluck, Jodi Ouellette, and Adrienne Bransfield. The Trick or Trot requires a significant amount of coordination and effort on behalf of the committee and other volunteers. We would like to thank all the sponsors and volunteers that made this event a success. It was a beautiful day for our runners and spectators participating in the race, we were so happy to see so many of you there. Our 5K training group did an amazing job; they all finished the race with pride and a smile. It was such a joy to watch them reach the finish line.

Our Book Fair was ARRRright! Our pirates, aka students, were all able to visit the transformed library to browse and purchase books. There's no better way to celebrate reading than at Mrs. Sweet's annual Book Fair. We would like to thank all the volunteers that made the Book Fair possible, from classroom helpers, cashiers, set up crew and breakdown crew, bakers, and all our Family Night volunteers. We would especially like to thank Mrs. Sweet for always making the Book Fair special and amazing for our children. She is a one-of-a-kind mate!!

Our Charleston Wrap Fundraiser was due November 1st. If you haven't sent your orders in, please get them in as soon as possible. This is a new company for Daisy this year that offered a wide variety of items, chocolate, and wrapping paper. Orders may be placed on-line, just visit their website: www.charlestonwrapstore.com, our school ID is z-10817. A huge thank you to Lori Blair for chairing this fundraiser, and bringing Charleston Wrap to Daisy. We appreciate all of Lori's efforts and work on this.

We look forward to the PTO's next venture.....The Holiday Fair, which will take place in December. Look for more information about this event. Thank you to Shannon Byrne and Nicole Tarantino for hosting this very special event for our students. They have been busy elves shopping for presents. . Please consider volunteering your time to help out during the Fair and/or wrapping.

We are looking for a committee to help organize the BINGO Fundraiser in January. We hope to be able to get a group of volunteers together at our November meeting. If you are interested please email Lorie Pill @ mwpill@aol.com.

If you have comments, questions, or concerns, the PTO would love to hear from you! We hope to see you at our next PTO meeting, Wednesday, November 16th at 7pm.

Sincerely,
Lorie Pill and Sylvia Guinan





FALL FUN AT DAISY

Thanks so much to our Daisy Families, PTO and Staff for everything you've contributed to make this fall so full of worthwhile learning and fun!

- Our Daisy "Trick or Trot" and our "Bookaneer" Book Fair were both successful events due to your participation and support.
- Thanks so much to our volunteers from the Westbrook Fire Department who brought fire safety topics to all grade levels this past month, including rides in a fire truck; practice in how to exit a smoky house; fire prevention topics; and visits to the firehouse. Our children are safer because of our wonderful volunteers!
- Our Fourth-Graders spent a day visiting the Connecticut Capitol to add to their study of the branches of government.
- The weather enabled us to enjoy a wonderful costume parade in the circle in the front of school on October 31st. This was a culminating event to our multitude of Fun Fall Events, including a collection of food items for our local food pantry.

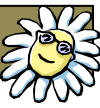
Please watch for upcoming events:

- Professional Day for Staff/No School for Students on Election Day, November 8.
- Veterans Day Assembly---November 11 at 9:15 am. If you have family members or friends who are Veterans who you would like to have recognized on that day, please contact our office.
- "Coffee And Conversation" for families of English Language Learners---November 15 at 7:45 am.

Wishing everyone a wonderful month of November! As always, please let me know your concerns.

Ruth W. Rose, Principal





THANK YOU TO OUR DAISY COMMUNITY

Dear Families and Staff,

Our 4th annual Trick-or-Trot 5K Road Race was once again a successful fundraiser for our Daisy community. All proceeds will help provide learning opportunities for children and support teachers in/out of the classroom.

On behalf of the PTO, thank you to everyone who participated in making our event another spectacular accomplishment! I express my sincere gratitude to our many volunteers for your dedication of time and responsibilities. Also, thank you to Ruth Rose for your continual support for our PTO. I acknowledge our Race Committee, Adrienne Bransfield, Jodi Ouellette, and Allison Pluck for your passion, energy, and positive spirit in taking on this enormous commitment. Lastly, thank you all for recognizing our sponsors who have generously supported our school and our donors who have contributed special services. Our sponsors and donors are listed below.

Finally, it has been an honor to have chaired sponsorship/fundraising over the last four years! The sponsorship dollars have enabled our PTO to make some important contributions to greatly enhance many aspects of our Daisy learning environment and school community. Next year my son, Karl, will be moving into middle school and therefore, our PTO will be in need of someone who would be interested in chairing sponsorship!! Please let the Race Committee or me know if you are interested in taking on this important responsibility next year.

With warmest appreciation,

Kristen Schilling

Trick-or-Trot Sponsorship Chair/2016



Thank you to our **TRICK-OR-TROT** **SPONSORS & DONORS**

Spirit Sponsor (\$850: \$450 1st year/\$400 2nd year):

Kia Mazda: Kia of Old Saybrook & Mazda of Old Saybrook

Skeleton Sponsors (\$500+):

Gordon ADR
Lenny & Joe's Fish Tale
Underwater Construction
Westbrook Concrete Block
Westbrook Honda & Westbrook Toyota

Mummy (\$350-\$499)/Ghost (\$200-\$349)/Scarecrow (\$100-\$199) Sponsors & Special Service Donors:

Angelini Wine
Beach Babies Learning Center, LLC
Brewer Pilots Point Marina
Clean In Between, LLC
Clean Paws Mobile Spa
Cloutier and Casella, Attorneys at Law
Coast 2 Coast Auto Parts
Cohen's Bagel Company
Custom Navigation Systems
Daniel Brown Electric
Denali
Essex Savings Bank
GDS Contracting Corporation
Gemini Health Care
Jennifer Josephson, (Page Taft-Christie's)
Jet Laundrette
Just Clean Fuel, LLC
Lighthouse Signs
Lyman Real Estate
Madison Chrysler Jeep
Oxford Academy

Pampered Pets Grooming Salon & Boutique
The Pill Family
POP Weight Loss
Pucuda Inc. Leading Edge
The Rana Family
Ruth Rose
Shore Television and Appliance, Inc.
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Snap Fitness of Essex
Sound Runner
Taylor Rental
Tidelawn Manor
Town Pride of Clinton
Turtle Cafe
Valley Shore YMCA
Walgreens
Westbrook Dance Academy
Westbrook H.S. Field Hockey
Westbrook Youth and Family Services
Wilcox Energy
Xenelis Construction Co., Inc.

Finally, a HUGE thank you to Resident State Trooper, Wayne Buck, as well as Donald Izzo of Westbrook Emergency Management, for all their time and efforts dedicated to ensuring the safety of our runners & walkers, volunteers, school staff, families, and all those from our Daisy community who attended our Trick -or -Trot. Additionally, I extend our appreciation to Pat Ciccone and several of our Board of Ed members, for cheering on our runners, with signs, at the bottom of Daisy's hill!



Stop and Shop Rewards Program 2016-2017

Don't forget to register your Stop & Shop card and start
earning rewards for our school!

Daisy Ingraham Elementary School – (ID#: 06082)

Visit: www.stopandshop.com/aplus

and register your card today!



Daisy Ingraham's 3rd Annual Halloween Candy Challenge

Bring your candy in between **November 1st**
and November 4th. There will be a drop off
box outside of Mrs. Kukta's classroom (Room
15) as well as in front of the main office. All
candy will be sent to the soldiers to show
them our appreciation!

Happy Fall!

The Daisy Ingraham PTO is again offering their **Scrip Card Fundraiser**. Scrip Fundraising is just another way to pay for everyday purchases in-store or online, using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. It is simple to do, and is at no extra cost to you. Earn money for the Daisy PTO while you shop!

You purchase gift cards at face value, and the Daisy Program Coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The Great Lakes Scrip Center offers many of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. These are the same gift cards you purchase from the retailer! The donation percentage each retailer offers varies, and is noted on the attached order form next to each gift card. The difference earns money for the Daisy Ingraham PTO. **Order forms are due November 4, 2016, and checks or money orders can be made payable to "Westbrook PTO".**

Please consider purchasing gift cards in support of the Daisy Ingraham PTO. These are great gift ideas during the holiday season! Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Kristen Ford
kford02@gmail.com
Scrip Cards Program Coordinator





Daisy's 7th Annual **New Family Ambassador Program** is once again in progress and on behalf of the PTO, thank you to all 13 of our New Family Parent Ambassadors who have graciously welcomed our 30 new families (35 new students) who joined Daisy Ingraham for the 2016-2017 schoolyear. We are appreciative for your ongoing efforts in easing new family transitions by meeting with and/or calling families, sharing valuable information, and resourcefully answering questions. Thank you for your dedication to fostering a caring and supportive school community.

New Family Ambassadors:

Rachael Magnani-Bailow

Lori Blair

Lisa Carlo

Laura Furcolo

Kate Gilstad-Hayden

Zack Hayden

Barb Leandri

Kristen Schilling

Mary Solis

Lori Susi

Elizabeth Xenelis

Melinda Xenelis

Loretta Zanzalari



THANK YOU TO
ALL OF THE LUNCH
DUTY VOLUNTEERS!

-LORETTA ZANZALARI






November

Tuesday	11/8	Professional Development Day- No School
Friday	11/11	Veteran's Day 
Wednesday	11/16	PTO Meeting 7pm
Wednesday	11/23	Early Dismissal – 1pm
Thursday-Friday	11/24-11/25	No School –  Thanksgiving Holiday
Wednesday	11/30	Early Dismissal – 1pm

DECEMBER

Thursday	12/1	Early Dismissal – 1pm 
Thursday	12/22	Early Dismissal – 1pm
Friday	12/23-1/2	Holiday Recess – No School