

Dear Stony Brook Families,

We had a wonderful cookout today at each grade level lunch! Students enjoyed lunch outdoors and there were many smiles and much laughter as students enjoyed the sunny weather and change of scenery.

It's been a busy week at Stony Brook. In addition to our many different types of learning activities and sports competitions, we had the beginning of many of our clubs. It is great to see so many students involved in areas that interest them and for the school to be alive with such activity both during and after school.

Next week we will not have school on Wednesday, in observance of Yom Kippur. On Thursday morning we will have a long block advisory period when we go through safety slides with students as an annual reminder of ways that we keep Stony Brook a safe school. We have had two very successful fire drills and students are demonstrating excellent safety practices as we exit the building and line up with our advisory groups for attendance.

Thank you to all of the families who have already contributed to the PTO's fundraising efforts to support the educational opportunities for our students at Stony Brook. If you have not had a chance to do so, you can click [HERE](#) to donate. We have extended the deadline to Friday, October 14.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Allison and Rick

Here is some important information for families:

8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Information

Our first meeting to discuss the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip will be on October 18th at 6:00 in the Stony Brook auditorium. The students will meet in the auditorium earlier in the day to get information about the trip as well. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Miss Ryle, Mrs. Craig or Mrs. Sweet. The dates of the trip are Wednesday, May 24, through Friday, May 26, 2023.

Calendar Clarification

On the district calendar October 6 is listed as an early release day, but that is only for Westford Academy. Stony Brook has a full day of school that day.

Nashoba Valley Technical High School Visits for 8th Graders

On Friday, October 7, we will have an assembly for all 8th graders about the opportunities that Nashoba Valley Technical High School has to offer for grades 9-12. Later in the month there will be an opportunity for 8th graders who are seriously considering attending Nashoba to take a tour of the school. More information about this will be shared in the near future.

Field Trip Forms

As field trips begin we want to be sure that all students are able to attend. If the cost of any field trip is prohibitive please reach out to your child's guidance counselor about financial assistance.

Grades 6 and 8 Health Classes

If your child is in grade 6 or grade 8, please read the linked letters regarding units of study in Health class and about opting out of certain aspects of the curriculum.

**Click here for the [Grade 6 Letter](#).

**Click here for the [Grade 8 Letter](#).

Health Office News

Here are some important updates from Shannon O'Donnell, our School Nurse:

****Emergency cards** - If you have not turned them in yet, please do as soon as possible!

****7th graders**- An updated physical with immunizations is mandated by the state. Please email or send in a copy of your child's physical. If you're unsure if your child's physical is up to date, please email sodonnell@westfordk12.us so we can check.

****Students with life threatening allergies and asthma**- We are required to have new updated doctors orders and forms every year. Even if your child is carrying their epipen or inhaler, please renew the paperwork and let me know they are carrying it on them.

**Please submit the [FORM FOR LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES](#). This needs to be signed by a doctor or sent in with a doctor's note.

**Please submit the [FORM FOR ASTHMA](#). This needs to be signed by a doctor or sent in with a doctor's note.

Thank you for your help in keeping your children safe and healthy while in school this year.

No Fuss Fundraiser

We have extended the fundraising deadline until Friday, October 14. Click on this link for more information about the [ANNUAL "NO-FUSS" FUNDRAISER](#).

The goal for this year's fundraiser is \$12000. At this point, participation is less than 25% of families. We are very grateful to the parents who have already donated & humbly request those who haven't to kindly consider contributing.

To donate, click [HERE](#) (No PayPal account needed).

The suggested donation is \$50 per student or \$80 per family, but any amount is greatly appreciated.

If you prefer to donate by check you can send it to the Main Office. Checks should be made payable to 'WEPTO-Stony Brook School'. Kindly put it in an envelope addressed to SBSPTO and include your name and email address.

PLEASE HELP the PTO reach its goal in order to fulfill its annual commitments to the school which include [Academic Enrichment Programs](#) for the students, [Mini Grants](#) for teachers, a fun-filled Gr.8 Celebration Event for our outgoing students, etc.

After School Programs at Good Pickin' Farm

The Fascination for Farming for Middle Schoolers at Good Pickin' Farm is an after school opportunity available Monday through Friday until 5:30. Click [HERE](#) for more information and registration details.

Library Building Project

Please click [HERE](#) for information about the importance of the upcoming Special Town Meeting and Town Election for the Library Building Project.

Ceremony to honor Captain Joseph Read, participant in the Boston Tea Party

Where: Fairview Cemetery at Main Street & Tadmuck Rd, Westford

When: Saturday, OCTOBER 15, 1:00 PM

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Are you interested in being licensed to drive a school bus?

On October 8 the Registry of Motor Vehicles is holding an event for those interested in being licensed to drive a school bus. Please click [HERE](#) for information.