

Dear Stony Brook Families,

We have had a very busy week at Stony Brook. In addition to all of our regular classes and activities, we had school-wide 'Real Kids Wear Pink' activities, competition, and fun, as well as creative projects and activities in which students are developing and using critical thinking skills. It is clear that our students and staff are fully engaged in our learning community!

We were visited on Monday by Jack Gantos, who shared his methods for going through the process of creating, writing, and editing his stories to create his books. He is a very entertaining speaker and had our 6th graders' attention! Thank you to the PTO and all of you for funding this enrichment opportunity for our students.

We do not have school on Monday in observance of Diwali and wish all who celebrate a Happy Diwali! Enjoy the long weekend!

Allison and Rick

Here is some important information for families:

Progress Reports will be posted November 4

Progress reports will be posted on Friday, November 4, in PowerSchool. We are following a trimester schedule, which is different from the high school's quarter schedule. First trimester ends on December 2 and report cards will be posted on December 16.

Parent - Teacher Conferences - November 21 and 22

Conferences will be held on Monday, November 21, from 12:00-6:00 pm and on Tuesday, November 22, from 7:40-9:00 am. Monday, 11/21, is an early release at 11:00 am, and Tuesday, 11/22, is a 2 hour delay with school starting at 9:35 am. *We will be using SignUp Genius and information about when and how to sign up will be shared with all families on Friday, 10/28.*

Morning Drop Off Safety Reminder

If you drop your child off in the morning, please be mindful that there are school bus vans entering the back parking lot from the road that cars who drop off are exiting. Please be sure to stop at that stop sign and check for the van before turning left to exit. There have been quite a few 'near misses' and we don't want anyone to get hurt. Thank you.

8th Grade Baby Pictures for Yearbook AND an Extended Discount

The 10% discount for a Stony Brook Yearbook has been extended through the end of October! Click [HERE](#) to reserve your copy today!

If you have an 8th grader, use the same link to upload an adorable baby photo of your child for the yearbook! Email any questions to jtwitchell@westfordk12.us

Halloween Dress Up on October 31

There have been some questions about whether students can dress up in costume on Monday, October 31 for Halloween. The answer is YES! If a student wants to dress up in costume for Halloween that day, they are welcome to do so. Some students may choose not to dress up and that is perfectly fine, as well. There are some guidelines for costumes at school:

**No masks.

**No weapons, sharp objects, chains, or anything that could be perceived as a weapon, damage property, or cause injury.

**No costumes that could be offensive or pose a risk to safety.

**Hats are permitted if part of a costume and not covering the face.

PTO Update

Thanks to the generosity of the 217 SBS families who donated to our annual “[No-Fuss’ Fundraiser](#) we were able to reach our **goal of \$12000**. We are truly grateful for your contribution and are thrilled to see that over 35% of families participated.

Ask your 6th grader about the PTO-sponsored presentation by renowned author [Jack Gantos](#) they attended on Monday. Enrichment programs such as this are directly funded by parent donations. Learn more about other PTO-sponsored Academic Enrichment Programs [HERE](#)

We are also pleased to let you know that on Oct 4 the PTO rolled out Cycle 1 of the 2022-23 **Mini-Grant** program for all Stony Brook staff with the aim of providing an opportunity to purchase [items](#) that help enhance the educational, social & physical experience of students. Once again these grants are entirely funded by your donations.

Get more PTO information [HERE](#) & if you have questions or comments please email us at stonybrookschooldpto@gmail.com

October Book Sale at Fletcher Library this weekend

The October Book Sale will take place in the Library Meeting Room:

Friday night 6:30-9:00 pm - **Members Only Preview Sale. Purchase memberships at the door or [online](#) before-hand. (*Membership has its perks!*)

**Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm - Sale open to the public.

**Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 pm - Sale open to the public - purchase a bag to fill for just \$5.00!

Please visit the [FOL web page](#) for more information.

Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 28, at Westford Academy

The WA Student Council is hosting a Trunk or Treat at the Senior Lot on Friday, October 28, from 4:30-5:30. Please click [HERE](#) for more information about this event that is open to all PreK-12 Westford students.

Diwali and Garba Celebration - Monday, November 7, at Westford Academy

The South Asian Student Association at WA is hosting a party to celebrate Diwali and Garba on Monday, November 7, from 6-9 pm. Please click [HERE](#) for information about this event.

Westford Youth Basketball

It may be Fall  but it's time to think BASKETBALL!

Westford Youth Basketball registration is open!

We have programs and leagues for all Westford students/residents... grades 1 thru 12.

For more information and to register now, go to www.westfordhoops.com