

Dear Stony Brook Families,

We hope that the first week of May has been a good one for all of you! Our students did a fantastic job with the math MCAS this week and for many of our students that is the end of MCAS for the year. Our 8th graders will take the science and technology MCAS on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Please be sure to remind your 8th graders to charge their Chromebooks on Monday and Tuesday evening so they are ready to go.

Our Environmental Club began an increased recycling effort in 8th grade lunches this week with great success. We will be expanding this to our 6th and 7th grade lunches as soon as we have the kinks worked out of the plans.

On Wednesday, May 10, our PTO is having an information session about what it means to get more involved with the PTO as part of the board. This is a great way to get involved in school at the middle school level. They are holding this at Evviva Trattoria at 6 pm on Wednesday. Please click [HERE](#) to RSVP. There is more information below. Thank you for considering joining this important group to support Stony Brook.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Allison and Rick

Here is some important information for families:

A Note From the Nurse's Office

I hope everyone is enjoying spring! The end of the school year feels like it's coming very quickly.

Just a reminder for sixth grade parents:

Please continue to send in your child's physical and immunization records. We require up to date physicals and immunization records **PRIOR** to 7th grade, not during 7th grade. A physical dated September 1, 2022 or after is what I'm looking for. I will be sending letters out within the month letting you know if your child is missing immunizations or an updated physical. You can take a picture of the physical/immunizations and email it to me at sodonnell@westfordk12.us or send a paper copy in with your child.

Thank you!

Shannon O'Donnell, RN

Panorama Survey Information and Opt Out Details

We thank you and your family for being our valued partners as we work together to educate the children in our district. Westford Public Schools values input from our community – and we need to hear from your child or children! Students are important partners as we work to improve our communication, academic program and overall experience for everyone.

To learn more about our students' experiences at school, we will be asking for your child to reflect on their own mindsets and approaches to learning via an online survey they will be completing at school. The survey administration window is scheduled to take place between the week of May 29, 2023 to the end of the week of June 5, 2023. Students at Stony Brook will be taking the survey on Wednesday, May 31. The survey shouldn't take more than 20-30 minutes to complete. The survey is available to view in the main office. Please complete the Google Form by May 12, 2023 ONLY if you would like to OPT OUT your child out of taking the survey.

Click the link below for more information and the opt out form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfx9Ar6gES7jO1n_DT1qHvJqjfiJ5yZVoqQ2rwMiiyD_2wdKQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

ELPAC Meet and Greet–In Person and Virtual Sessions

The English Learner Parent Advisory Council (ELPAC) is having a May Meet and Greet.

Drop-in to say hello, ask any questions, and meet some staff of the ELL/Multilingual Learner Program.

There are two options for attendance.

1. Online: Wednesday, May 10th, 6:30-7:00 pm
2. In-person: Thursday, May 11th, 10:00-10:30 am at the Stony Brook School

[Click here for the flier.](#)

Contact Amy Bailey (abailey@westfordk12.us) to arrange for an interpreter.

K-12 Art Show - May 11 at Westford Academy from 5-7 pm

The Westford Schools K-12 District Art Show will be held on May 11th from 5-7 PM at Westford Academy.

Please click [HERE](#) for the flyer about this event. We hope you can attend to see our students' amazing art from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

DC Parent Information Meeting–May 15, 6-7 pm

There will be a meeting for parents of students attending the DC trip on Monday, May 15, from 6-7 pm in the Stony Brook auditorium.

Yearbooks are on Sale–Order by 5/12

June will be here before you know it, and for our eighth graders, that means the end of middle school. It's not too late to order your 2022-2023 Stony Brook Yearbook, to capture these precious memories! If you order now, you can customize TWO free pages by May 10! Click on this link for purchase information:

<https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1015224146213733>

If you place your order by May 12, students can be assured to receive their yearbook before the end of the year so they can get it signed by their friends at school. Orders can still be placed past the deadline, even into the summer, but you will have to pay a shipping fee and it will be sent to your home.

Updates from the PTO

PTO INFORMATION EVENING–MAY 10

The Stony Brook School PTO is **urgently** looking for 2 PTO Co-Presidents and several Board Members for the 2023-2024 school year. See [FLYER](#) for details. If you are considering joining the PTO next year and/or are interested in getting more information & meeting the current PTO members please consider attending an Informal Information Session at **6:00 pm on Wed, May 10 at Evviva Trattoria. RSVP [HERE](#).**

Teacher Appreciation Week

We want to thank everyone who has already donated to help the PTO plan a special week for the teachers & staff during the National Teacher Appreciation Week and request those who haven't to please consider donating to help us show our gratitude and appreciation for the dedicated and hardworking staff and teachers at Stony Brook.

Donate items here: <https://tinyurl.com/TA23DonateFB>

Donate Cash here: <https://tinyurl.com/TA23Donation>

Grade 8 CELEBRATION - !! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !! SIGN-UP [HERE](#)

The Roudenbush Community Centre in partnership with the Stony Brook and Blanchard School PTOs is planning a fun-filled evening celebration/dance for all Grade 8 students in Westford on FRIDAY, JUNE 16 at 65 Main St, Westford. **This event is possible ONLY if we have enough volunteers so please consider signing up.** A flyer with details will be sent out closer to the event.

Please email stonybrookschoolpto@gmail.com if you need more information about any of the above. Learn about the SBSPTO by visiting our [website](#).

WA Sweatshirt Fundraiser for Class of '25

Looking for the perfect gift for your INCOMING FRESHMAN (or their parents!)? The class of '25 is selling WA Crewneck sweatshirts! To view the sweatshirt being sold and/or make a reservation for purchase, please complete [this google form](#). They may be picked up at designated times through May 22nd. Thank you for your support.

Virtual Program for Families and Caregivers of Adolescents - May 18, 6-7:30

Just Talk About It: Adolescent Mental Health featuring Jon Mattleman, MS and Carolyn, Mental Health Speaker will be held on **May 18, 6:00 pm -7:30 pm**. This is a VIRTUAL EVENT. Please click the link to access the flyer and zoom link: [Adolescent Mental Health Flyer](#) Please email Nicole Laviolette, nlaviolette@westfordma.gov to register.

Westford Education Foundation 2023 Graduation Fundraiser!

Celebrate our Westford Academy 2023 grads with balloons, yard signs and banners. A great gift to your child, friend, babysitter or student! The fundraiser runs until May 19th so get your orders in! Thank you for your support. Follow WEF on Facebook for the most up to date information.

<https://www.westford.org/wef/2023-wa-graduation-fundraiser/>

WEF – Teacher Appreciation! National Teacher Appreciation Week is Next Week

Give The Gift That Keeps On Giving! Can't find just the right gift to show your appreciation for the wonderful job your child's teacher or special staff member has done? Consider sending a WEF note to your favorite teacher, counselor, teacher's aide, school nurse, office staff member, or principal. It's the perfect way to say thank you and support innovation at the Westford Public Schools!

Proceeds from these notes will be used to fund grants for innovative educational programs in Westford. This is also a great idea for class gifts! Just make a tax-deductible donation (minimum of \$10 per honoree) to the Westford Education Foundation and we will send your honoree an email from WEF with a personalized note. The email will state your name and your message, but will not disclose the amount of your gift.

Donations made to WEF in honor of WPS staff members comply with the state ethical regulations for gift-giving and acceptance. The Westford Education Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that promotes excellence in education. We fund grants to teachers, staff, and the community for innovative educational initiatives, professional development, and life-long learning ventures.

Visit our website at <https://www.westford.org/wef> for more information on the programs we have funded in your school. All of this would not be possible without the support of our community and people like you.

Please visit <https://www.westford.org/wef/teacher/> to complete your donation. You can complete your donation using your PayPal account or credit card. You will receive a confirmation email when your note is delivered. Questions? Contact WEF at wef@westford.org. Thank you!

Please check to see if your company has a matching gift program. Your gift may be doubled, or even tripled! Check with your human resources office for a matching gift form to submit with your donation.

Upcoming SEPAC Virtual Event–May 9, 7 pm

In partnership with the Federation for Children with Special Needs, the Westford Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) will be offering a virtual event on May 9, 2023, at 7:00pm - **Turning Three Essentials**. To find out more about this event, see this flyer: [Turning Three Essentials Flyer](#) . To register for this event, please follow this link: [Register here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to the SEPAC at sepacwestford@gmail.com.

ARPA After School and Camp Assistance Applications 2023

Through ARPA funding we are proud to announce that we will be reviewing/accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for one free week of Kids Club Summer (starts June 26th, 2023) per child OR \$400 per child for the Recreation Department After School Program (starts August 30th, 2023). Eligibility for this program is income and Westford residency based.

The information on the application will be used to determine your family's eligibility for assistance based on your present gross household income that falls at or below 300% of the federal poverty level (the following income eligibility chart is located on page 3 of the application). The application can be found here: <https://westfordma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12733/FINAL-ARPA-Afterschool-and-Camp-Assistance-Application-2023>

Applications should be emailed to Regional Community Health and Wellness Coordinator, Brittany Nash at bnash@westfordma.gov or hand-delivered to the Westford Town Hall, Health Department Attn: Brittany Nash. Applications are funded on a first-come, first basis. For any questions, please email bnash@westfordma.gov or call Brittany Nash at (978) 399-2564.

Information about a Football Clinic for Westford Youth

- No experience needed/ flag and tackle players welcome
- Athletes will be taught by WA coaches and players
- \$60 - all proceeds goes to WA football
- June 20-22/ 5:30-8pm/ At Westford Academy Turf
- Equipment: Cleats and water
- Registration link- <https://tinyurl.com/yvhb69nf>