



PTA PATTERN

From the Principal

Rebecca Jones

Dear Westbrook Families,

It is hard to believe that it is already June and an entire school year has passed. Over the course of the year the staff at Westbrook has had the distinct pleasure of working with your children, helping them grow and learn not only about math, reading, science, etc., but also about themselves. At the end of each year, we feel an overwhelming sense of pride and accomplishment for each student and all he/she has achieved. It always amazes me how much they change in just ten months!

The year always ends with many events—from our school Carnival in May, to musical performances by our fourth graders, the instrumental music students, our fifth grade musical, to field days, field trips and class celebrations. All of these are a success due to your involvement and the dedication of the staff. These are all special events cherished by all—it is what makes us such a strong and connected community.

This time of year we not only reflect on the year that has passed, but also begin planning for the year to come. Next year will bring some changes to Westbrook ES, not only with our staffing, but also with the relocation of our portables and anticipated construction beginning in January 2012. I strongly encourage you to attend the PTA meeting on June 7, 2011 at 7:00pm in the Media Center. I will announce the grade level teams for next year, grade level locations within the building and portables and give other information relevant to the 2011-2012 school year. My last newsletter will also share this information and include such items as the supply lists for each grade level and information on summer reading and math packets that will be available. But, your presence is valued so please join us. I look forward to seeing everyone at this important meeting

In closing, I want to thank all of the staff, students and parents for welcoming me into this incredible community of learners. Your willingness to work with me and remain involved are much appreciated. I feel very fortunate that I was selected as the principal for Westbrook and look forward to many more years together. This is truly a special place because of the people who are here!

Have a wonderful summer. Be sure to send postcards to Westbrook ES of all the wonderful places you visit this summer both far and near. All student postcards received will be displayed on a bulletin board in the front hall when you return in August.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Jones

Reminder

Race to Nowhere, Monday, June 6th
7:00 pm Suburban Hospital's Auditorium
Sponsored by Westbrook PTA



Third Graders Cheering on Field Day, May 2011.

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FROM THE CO PRESIDENTS

VALERIE BARUCH & JACQUIE MOEN

What a year this has been! Taking on the role of PTA Presidents this year, we knew that it would be busy with the expansion and all of the activities planned, but things got off to an unexpectedly rapid start with Mr. Ewald's resignation in July 2010, and they haven't slowed down much since then! A few observations from this past year:

First, we have a truly outstanding and vibrant community at Westbrook. Westbrook parents and families are extremely generous with their time and devote thousands of hours to our school community. Parents are engaged, enthusiastic, and have amazing amounts of expertise. We have consistently been awed by the amount of time and effort expended by the almost seventy committee chairs leading about fifty PTA committees on our children's behalf. The volunteer commitment, coupled with Westbrook's outstanding teachers and staff, put Westbrook in a class by itself.

Second, Westbrook is very fortunate to have Ms. Jones as our school principal. As PTA Presidents, we have had the privilege of working closely with Ms. Jones this year. We have met with her regularly throughout the school year, and have communicated with her on an almost daily basis. Ms. Jones is engaged, enthusiastic, responsive, knowledgeable, and an excellent leader. Most importantly, she cares a lot about our school community and our children.

Third, thanks to all of the hard work and fundraising efforts at the Winter Social and Carnival this year, the PTA is in excellent financial condition. Please take a close look at the enclosed budget, which will be voted on at the June meeting, as well as the explanatory notes. We are proposing that the PTA fund the Artists-in-Residence programs for all grade levels, two whole school cultural arts assemblies, the extra musical program, several ELMO projectors, and much, much more!

Thank you, Westbrook, for giving us the opportunity to serve as PTA Presidents this year.

PTA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS 2011-2012

The PTA announces the new slate of officers who were elected at the May PTA meeting, and will be sworn into office at the June 7 PTA meeting:

- Cathy Stocker and Karen Thornton, Co-Presidents
- Julie Crain and Beth Marans, Co-Vice Presidents
- Karen Lambert – Treasurer
- Li Ives – Treasurer-Elect
- Diana Sherbacow – Secretary

Congratulations, and thank you to nominating committee members Erin Harcourt, Davida Kales, and Maggie Farley!

OUR COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR CARNIVAL

All by themselves, the hundreds of cakes families made for Cake Walk made a truly heartening showing of spirit, dedication and enjoyment. Perhaps it was the miraculous weather? The 7PM thunderstorm did make for "lightning quick" clean up! Certainly there was generosity aplenty. The \$16, 626 (and counting) that Carnival will contribute to PTA programs like Artist in Residence, cultural assemblies and science programs at our school, exceeded budget expectations. And we had even lowered many ticket prices this year.

If we had a brick for every person who put their time and heart into making our Carnival a success, we would have built the new school building already. Cheers and thanks to Ms. Jones and Mr. Blanchard for getting into the Dunk Tank. Likewise, we can never thank the teachers and staff enough for what they do each day for our kids, let alone the afterschool hours as part of Carnival and our community. Months of volunteers' planning and preparing and covering all the details were certainly the foundation for the Carnival our community built this year. And Nancy LaVigne, Claire Slabaugh, and Cathy Stocker put their whole Friday towards a beautifully assembled event.

A special thanks to George Brown Construction. George is the builder of many of our neighborhood's homes and a very generous contributor to our community.

And last, but never least, a "Hurrah!" to the Bollman family who for many years have especially contributed to the fun and success of Westbrook Carnivals.

by *Greg Wang, Carnival Chair*

Thank you Westbrook!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who did such an "O"utstanding job at Carnival. The vast majority of people signed up independently or with limited prompting. I did not even have to send out my final volunteer plea, "The 5 Stages of Volunteer Chairing" based on the work of Elisabeth Kubler-Ross. (I'll put that one on the shelf for next time).

People showed up on time and in the right spot for their shifts. People jumped in when we had spots to fill. Our clean up crew did not desert us when the lightening storm started. And no one did anything inappropriate in front of the health inspector or the police officers.

Happy volunteers are repeat customers so another big thank you to the entire carnival committee for being so organized and for making the jobs so easy and fun.

Last, but definitely not least, a big thank you to our "Volunteer-in-Chief" Greg Wang. Throughout Carnival and afterwards, eight different people commented to me on how fun, organized, calm and just beautifully pleasant the day was--all words that could describe our fearless Carnival chair. Greg set the tone for a perfectly orchestrated day. And as I told him,

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From The Office

Student Lunches

- Please note that during the last two weeks of school the menu choice is *often* "Manager's Choice". This is because cafeteria managers are required to use up all surpluses.
- The lunch money accounts for 5th graders articulating to an MCPS middle school automatically transfer to the middle school.
- Parents of students leaving the MCPS system should contact our cafeteria manager, Mrs. Akinsade.

Leaving School before the last day?

- Please notify your child's teacher and Mrs. Dailey
- Please arrange to pick up all belongings including projects, medicines, etc.
- Please provide your child(ren)'s teacher with a self-addressed envelope for Report Card Comments or other reports
- FYI: Report Cards are mailed from the central office in late June.

Next Year Assembly Schedules: Please remember that assemblies must be carefully cleared through the master calendar and special classes and rehearsals which often use the All Purpose Room.

Extracurricular Student Programs & Room Use

Reservations: Please remember that all activities and programs for students **must** be approved through the PTA and Ms. Jones. Room use can only be reserved via ICB. The school office is no longer able to reserve rooms for extracurricular activities. You will receive instructions through the PTA.

Important Dates:

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| Early August | - | <i>Welcome Back To School</i> letter/packet is mailed to parents |
| August 26 | - | Open House from 8:30 - 9:30 AM |
| August 29 | - | First day of school for all students (<i>late</i> bell at 8:50) |

ATTENDANCE REPORTING The Maryland State Department of Education mandates the following for student attendance reporting:

- Students will be recorded as Absent AM if they arrive at school more than two hours late.
- Students will be recorded as Absent PM if they leave school more than two hours early.
- Students will be recorded as EITHER absent AM or Absent PM if they are absent from school for more than two hours during the school.
- Students will be recorded as Absent Full Day if a student is present for one hour or less of the school day.
- Reminder: the "*late* bell" rings at 8:50 am. *Students should arrive by 8:45 am.*

From Claudine, Health Room Tech:

It has been a very busy year in the health room and I appreciate all of you who have supported our efforts to keep our children safe and healthy.

Additional thanks to all of the parents of incoming kindergarteners who have already sent in their health forms! Friendly reminder: **All medication MUST BE PICKED UP by 11:00 am June 16th.** Have a healthy summer!

WESTBROOK PLANS 2011/12 ARTIST-IN- RESIDENCIES

The Westbrook PTA, through their support of the Arts Integration program and monumental fundraising efforts, are excited to announce that we have planned for residencies for all grades again next year.

A huge thank you to everyone that helped volunteer in the classrooms and coordinate volunteers for the residencies this past year. To recap, Westbrook experienced six varied and engaging residencies: Jazz musician Rob Levit's caterpillar/metamorphosis unit residency with the 2nd grade, a mask-making residency with artist Caryl Henry-Alexander for the 3rd grade, during their fairy tale unit, and Gayle Danley's slam poetry workshops with the 4th grade. Residencies this Spring include a 1st grade book-making residency with artist Maria Barbosa, a return of the Kindergarten Odyssey Opera with Mary Gresock, and a dance/movement residency with returning arts integration specialist/dancer Karen Bernstein for the 5th grade.

For 2011-2012, Principal Jones and the teachers have chosen teaching artists from a broad array of visual and performing artists who will visit our classrooms and provide in-depth creative experiences.

2011/12 Artist-in-Residencies:

- 2nd Grade, October: *Carolyn Koerber/Puppeteer, Storyteller*
- 4th Grade, November: *Gayle Danley/Slam Poet*
- 5th Grade, January: *Sue Trainor/Performing Songwriter*
- 1st Grade, March: *Maria Barbosa/Book Artist*
- 3rd Grade, April: *Alden Phelps/Songwriter/Musician*
- Kindergarten, May: *Mark Jaster/Mime*

[Note: as final schedules and costs are still being confirmed with the artists, this could be subject to change; final slate will be announced in September]

We will be recruiting again for Parent Volunteer Coordinators for each residency. Please consider giving your time; parent volunteers help the residencies run more smoothly, and allow the kids to engage more fully. As one parent expressed during the Danley poetry residency, "It was a moving experience and incredible to see what this artist unearthed in our children." Please contact Karen Baratz at Karen@baratzpr.com if you are interested.

How wonderful that Westbrook parents have been able to rally the resources to ensure not only that our children get meaningful exposure to the arts, but also the implementation of the arts into their daily classroom and curriculum. Your continued support will ensure that these residencies continue.



GIRLS ON THE RUN TAKES OFF AT WESTBROOK

BY JANET GAFFNEY

You may have seen them after school stretching on the blacktop or on the front lawn playing silly games or maybe you saw them over in the Green Acres neighborhood building up their mileage.

Fifteen amazing and energetic Westbrook girls from grades three, four and five spent 10 weeks this Spring as part of Westbrook's first-ever Girls on the Run (GOTR) team. When they began their season some were old friends, others were meeting for the first time. A few were experienced athletes while some had never tried sports before. Clever, funny, shy and thoughtful, fast and fearless they are Westbrook's "Girls on the Run."

"Girls on the Run" is an after school program for 3rd through 8th grade girls "designed to promote healthy habits and an active lifestyle." The program "combines training for a 5-kilometer running race with education and interactive discussions about critical issues that will affect pre-teen girls." More than anything else, Girls on the Run is fun! Now in it's 15th year, GOTR is present in 44 states and The District of Columbia.

The Westbrook team was led by parent volunteers Wendy Bailey, Gloria Trattles and Ryan McNavage, who completed GOTR training prior to the Spring season. The team met twice a week, often joined by "Mystery Runners" from the Westbrook staff. As a group, the girls racked up an astounding 343 miles during their training. During each practice, the girls set goals for themselves. As they made their way through the neighborhood, they kept track of their distance by accumulating lap counters -- popsicle sticks inscribed with inspirational messages such as "YOU'RE AWESOME!", "GIRLS RULE!", and "RUN LIKE YOUR PANTS ARE ON FIRE!"

But for this group, running was only half the story. During each meeting, the girls held discussions and role-played on topics such as "Standing Up for Myself," "Celebrating Gratitude," and "Avoiding the Gossip Web." According to the Girls on the Run organization, "The goal is that girls completing the program are physically, mentally, and emotionally stronger and better prepared to overcome the challenges and pressures of adolescence and beyond."

The season culminated with the New Balance Girls on the Run 5K, held May 22, at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, in Gaithersburg,

Md. The race was -- in a word -- awesome! With the D.J. blaring their favorite tunes, 2,500 young girls from Montgomery County, along with their "buddy runners" (parents, siblings, or other running partners), took to the course in matching shirts, spray-painted hair and other spirited attire. They ran or walked or jogged or skipped, encouraged by the support of their teammates and cheers from the hundreds of spectators lining the course. They had fun, and they finished. They were proud of themselves, and they were proud of each other.

Reaction from the girls, coaches, and parents has been positive throughout the season. According to one parent, "Girls on the Run has been the highlight of our daughter's experience at Westbrook, and we are tremendously grateful... "It is truly a joy to watch these girls fly, both literally and figuratively."

Another parent commented that her daughter, "...learned about fitness and exercise, but also [gained] the confidence to know that she could do it...and she did it!"

Coach Gloria told parents that she was, "...grateful for having had the chance to work with, get to know, and be so inspired by your smart, funny, tenacious, generous and lovable daughters."

Girls on the Run will be back at Westbrook this Fall. If you're interested in leaning more about GOTR, getting your daughter involved, or volunteering as a coach, please contact Westbrook parent Janet Gaffney, janet.gaffney@gmail.com

More information about Girls on the Run of Montgomery County is available from the GOTR web site, <http://www.girlsontherunofmoco.com>



Westbrook students celebrate a great finish at the "Girls on the Run" 5K, held May 22 in Gaithersburg, Md.

For more photos of Westbrook's GOTR, please go to page 7.



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he must have done a lot of good in his life because that was some amazing weather karma that was visited upon him.

Thank you, Greg. And thank you: Westbrook teachers, staff, parents, grandparents, former students and neighbors. We could not have done it without you.

Cathy Stocker, Carnival Volunteer Chair

"FOR THE MOMS" RAFFLE

Many of you may have noticed my gorgeous mom selling raffle tickets at Carnival. Many of you may have even tried to run the other way but she is persistent, that mother of mine! She sold \$400 worth of raffle tickets for the beautiful and sparkly Judith Ripka earrings. Many dads secretly bought tickets, hoping to win the earrings for their lovely wives so if you did *not* receive a lovely pair of earrings on Mothers Day, you should just go ahead and assume that your nice husband did try his best. While I wanted everyone to win, we only had one pair of earrings and the winner of the raffle was *Mikel Moore*. She reacted with an Oprah-episode worthy response which included jumping, waving of the hands and just a few tears.

Congratulations to Mikel and thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle! - *Cathy Stocker*

Westbrook Volunteers

Log Over 5,500 Hours!

By Erin Harcourt, Westbrook Volunteer Coordinator

Wow! What an amazing year for volunteering we have had. Westbrook parents sure know how to show their commitment to the school and have provided an astounding number of resources for faculty and staff throughout the year. From the hundreds of hours of classroom help, organizing the Book Fair, chaperoning field trips, coordinating arts and sciences programming, running Westbrook Carnival, and counting all of those Trash-Free lunches, you all have once again outdone yourselves. And I know I am reporting out only a fraction of the hours actually logged in the 2010 – 2011 school year. Please continue to keep track of your time so that the County sees how devoted our parents are to Westbrook.

I would like to acknowledge those volunteers who have devoted over 100 hours to Westbrook this year. This is a tremendous commitment and they will each be receiving a Bronze-level Award Certificate from the Presidential Volunteer Service Organization. These folks have truly rolled up their sleeves and dug deep this year – including orchestrating a fabulous Winter fundraiser, coordinating earth week activities, welcoming new families, working on the school expansion project, room parenting and raising awareness of our special needs programs.

Thanks to each of you for putting so much time and energy into Westbrook this year:

Amy Houser
Amy Kim
Michelle LaRue
Jennifer McCollum

Mikel Moore
Julie Reily
Claire Slabaugh

Of course, we can't acknowledge our volunteers without praising our outgoing PTA Presidents who went above and beyond their call of duty. They jumped in full force to a year of change which began in July with an unexpected new Principal search. Valerie and Jacquie worked through the summer, participating on the Search Team and they have not downshifted since the school year began – participating in MCPTA budget discussions, Principal Coffees, Westbrook fundraising efforts and crucial PTA budget decisions. They have both devoted over 400 hours to Westbrook this year (when did they find all that time!) and will earn a Silver-level Award Certificate from the Presidential Volunteer Service Organization.

Our other Silver-level Award winner is Dana Rice who logged close to 300 hours for Westbrook this year. No one who knows Dana will be surprised to see her name on that list. Dana was the force behind the Westbrook Auction going online, spending hundreds of hours working with the new software for Superbowl registration and online donations. In addition, Dana manages the Westbrook website, updating it regularly and always looking for new and better formats to deliver crucial information to Westbrook parents.

A heartfelt thank you to all who have donated time at Westbrook this year. Whether it was just one hour or hundreds, every minute helps to make our school a better place for our children, the teachers and the staff. Westbrook is a special community and would not be the same without you, its volunteers! We look forward to exceeding our hours again next year, but that can't happen by pulling more hours from those that already give. We are always in need of additional volunteers. Keep your eyes open for volunteer information early next fall, and please get involved.

PHOTO OF CARNIVAL



HONORING SANDI GEDDES

Sandi Geddes, Westbrook's treasured fourth grade teacher, is retiring after 38 years of service for MCPS, and 20 years at Westbrook. Mrs. Geddes has made invaluable contributions to our school, including:

- Creating the **Science Committee** to ensure that the school maintained a strong commitment to integrating science in the classrooms
- Developing the **4th grade 'Stream Team' science program** to learn about our regional aquatic ecosystems. Among other projects, this program raises horseshoe crabs and shad that the students return to their habitats as part of restoration efforts.
- Leading the fifth grade service organization, **Aqua Eagles**, to practice stewardship of the Bay through initiatives such as growing rain gardens, raising trout, and hosting our own native seed collection program.

In carrying out many of these programs, Mrs. Geddes has raised money through partnerships & grants from environmental organizations. Mrs. Geddes' legacy will be the continuation of these programs and relationships at Westbrook for many years to come. Here are a few samples of the notes and message being left in honor of Mrs. Geddes:

... the love of science that you instilled in (my child) has continued through high school and culminated with her acceptance to Georgetown University's biology program and full-time internships with the Natural History Museum and NIH.

My experiences with you were the first influences in my decision to study and work in environmental protection.

You were the one to introduce (our students) to environmentalism through real, practical applications. Rather than just learning from a textbook, they were able to do something for the environment and they continue to practice what they preach.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Please join us to honor Ms. Sandi Geddes

Thursday, June 9th

3:15-5:15 PM

Media Center, Westbrook Elementary School

(Your) legacy, the one that lives on in the hearts of children who care about our environment, will continue for decades.

Please join us in honoring Sandi Geddes' years of service and [making a donation](#) to the Friends of Westbrook School to help us build a science and environmental learning garden in Westbrook's Outdoor Educational Courtyard. This garden, in Mrs. Geddes' name, will be the continuation of her legacy at Westbrook for many years to come.

You may [donate online](#) or via check by visiting: <http://fows.wordpress.com/2011/05/16/sandra-geddes-retires/>. At this site you may also [leave a note or tribute to Mrs. Geddes](#) that will be presented to her on June 9th.

If you would like to be included in the Honor Roll of families contributing to Mrs. Geddes' legacy, please submit your donation and tribute by JUNE 7th. [Sandra Geddes Retires](#)



Fourth Grade Team 2010/11 at Shad Release (from l to r) Sandi Geddes, Nancy Wong and Kate Finn.



From Montgomery County Public Schools Bulletin, May 23, 2005. Sandi Geddes with then fifth grade Aqua Eagles Jeremy Steinberg, Phillip Kettler and Justin Sturm.



SNAP SHOTS FROM OUR COMMUNITY



In honor of Autism Awareness Month the students at Westbrook Elementary School staged their own Westbrook Walks for Autism on Friday morning, April 15th.



Coach Wendy Bailey congratulates Westbrook 4th Grader Nicole Jackson on a great race!

LITTLE FEET MAKE A BIG IMPRESSION

(FROM AUTISM SPEAKS

OFFICIAL BLOG APRIL 20, 2011) **AUTISM SPEAKS™**
It's time to listen.



Westbrook Elementary School in Bethesda, Maryland staged their own Westbrook Walks for Autism on Friday morning, April 15th. Principal Rebecca Jones and counselor Randi Vogel worked with Autism Speaks chapter volunteer Julie Reiley to educate and inspire the elementary school children to understand autism and to think a little bit differently about children with differences. Building on our Autism Speaks National Capital Area "Celebrating Differences" program, the teachers and students worked together to encourage empathy. In addition, the students raised \$2,000 for Autism Speaks.

"RACE TO NOWHERE" AT WESTBROOK JUNE 6

The Westbrook PTA is sponsoring a showing of *Race to Nowhere* on Monday, June 6th at 7:00 pm at Suburban Hospital's Auditorium. After the film, we will be offering light refreshments and time to discuss the film. In lieu of a final parent seminar this year, the PTA is supporting this presentation and discussion. This film, about the high pressure culture our children face today, is not recommended for elementary school children. For more information about the film, and for a direct link to buy tickets (they are \$11.54 a piece), please visit the website at: <http://rtnowestbrookelementary.eventbrite.com>

Tickets will be available at the door but buy your tickets ahead of time because this showing is publicized city-wide and we don't want Westbrook families to miss out. Feel free to pass along the invite to friends and family. If you would like to sponsor a ticket (s) for Westbrook teachers/staff, please contact Maureen McNamara at maureen.mcnamara@verizon.net or Cathy Stocker at hoyadoc@aol.com.

Thanks for the Field Trips!

Dear PTA,

I would like to thank you for all you do for the school and for the students. I am crossing my fingers that you do the same things next year. Overall, my favorite activities have been French class, Chess club, and the assemblies. My favorite assemblies have been the Chinese acrobatics, Dance assembly, recycling assembly and the science assembly. Next year, I hope you have assemblies as fun and informative as the ones you did this year. It has been great fun.

I love field trips! Some students might say that school has no fun in it. However, I think that school has a little bit of fun in it because you get to see your friends and you get to go on FIELD TRIPS!

The *funnest* field trip so far has been Echo Hill in Maryland, on the Chesapeake. My classmates and I walked to our boat called Twilight. On the boat, we met Captain Tim. He told us to sit around his "silver stool" which was an old chair in the middle of the boat. Then he told us that the biggest problem in the bay was runoff nutrients. He also told us when a man named John Smith looked down 400 years ago and he could see twenty feet below. We looked down and could only see two feet. That is sad. But the trip was great, and that was my favorite part of it.

Another favorite trip was to St. Mary's City. St. Mary's city is a wonderful place to have a fourth grade field trip. It is a place where Native Americans lived and where settlers came. People greeted us in settlers' costumes.

I hope that all the grades below me look forward to these awesome field trips.

Sincerely, Kalena Blake, 4th Grade



LEDO'S NIGHTS RAISE \$1,500

Thank you to all of the Westbrook families that participated in one or both of the Ledo's Nights that Barbara Bollman coordinated on behalf of the PTA. The fundraisers raised just over \$1,500, which will be used to fund PTA activities and programs.

TRASH FREE LUNCH

Congratulations to Miss Buss' kindergarten class for having the highest (63%) trash free lunch participation for the year! As promised Miss Buss' class will have a trash free cupcake party to celebrate their commitment of bringing lunches that are in recyclable, reusable containers.

Thanks to all who participate in the trash free lunch program. We have had a lot of success. The kindergarten classes had the highest participation (62%), followed very closely by the 4th graders (56%). Overall the kids saved a huge amount of waste from going into our land fills and we as a community can be proud of that.

Over the year we saw an increase in the commitment to be trash free from many of our students. We are looking ahead to next year and hoping to encourage even more families to participate.

A special thanks to our volunteers who helped us run the program this year; Karen Baratz, Monica Mederic, Sherida Parkins and Erica Wileman.

Lee Anne Graeub & Anne Brooks Rudzki, *Trash Free Lunch co-chairs*

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AT WESTBROOK

Westbrook just joined the eScrip Electronics Recycling Program! Drop off your spent printer cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras, GPS devices, iPods and laptops in the large, green cardboard collection bins at the drop off table outside of the main office. We'll submit the items to eScrip in bulk. In return, eScrip will pay Westbrook a small amount for each recycled item. Not only is this an easy way to raise funds for Westbrook, it also teaches our students valuable lessons about the variety of materials that can be recycled and hopefully will create lifelong recycling habits. If you have any questions, email Maureen Kramer at mwalshkramer@yahoo.com.

EASY FUNDRAISING AT TARGET RIGHT THROUGH THE SUMMER!

It's time to hit Target for the summer essentials: sunscreen, bug spray, and beach toys. Before you do, please go to Target.com and register your Target REDcard (search "Take Charge of Education," enter the Westbrook ID of 58212, then click "Enroll Now"). Target automatically kicks back 1% of your purchases to Westbrook. Enroll TODAY and support Westbrook all summer long. If you have any questions, email Maureen Kramer at mwalshkramer@yahoo.com.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Don't forget to clip your Box Tops to earn cash for Westbrook. Box Tops can be found on regularly used products such as General Mills cereals, Kleenex tissues, Ziploc baggies, Yoplait yogurt, and Hefty trash bags. Simply clip the Box Tops, put them in an envelope or plastic bag, and either send them to school in your child's backpack or leave them in the Box Tops collection box on the drop-off table.

Calendar

Thursday, June 09

Retirement Tea for Ms. Geddes

Friday, June 10

End of Year Picnic

Monday, June 13

5th grade pool party

4th Grade Fossil Assembly

Tuesday, June 14

Fifth Grade Farewell

Thursday, June 16

Last day of school for students

Friday, June 17

Professional day for teachers

Thursday, June 23

Report cards mailed

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