



# GREAT NECK NEWSLETTER

October 13, 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

October 22	Trunk or Treat	GN parking lot	11am-1pm
October 31	Happy Halloween		
November 6	Veterans Day Assembly		9:30-10:15am
November 7	No School– Staff Professional Development		
November 8	GN PTA Meeting	GN Library	5:30-6:30pm
November 11	No School– Veterans Day		

Get a glimpse of what's going on inside the school by clicking [here](#)

### *Note from The Nurse*

#### **Attention all preschool parents!**

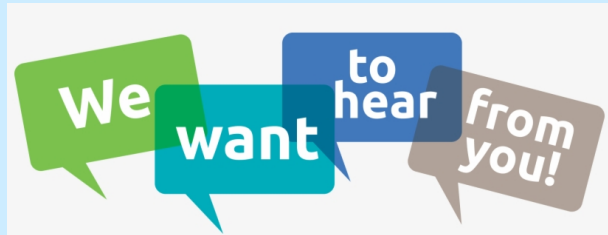
As per State regulation, your pre-school child will need to obtain an influenza vaccination by the end of this year. Proof of vaccination must be handed in to the nurse no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

Thank you,  
Margaret Goldschneider RN  
Great Neck Elementary School Nurse  
860-442-2593 ext. 3104  
Fax: 860-437-3326



*www.danyschneidernurse.com*

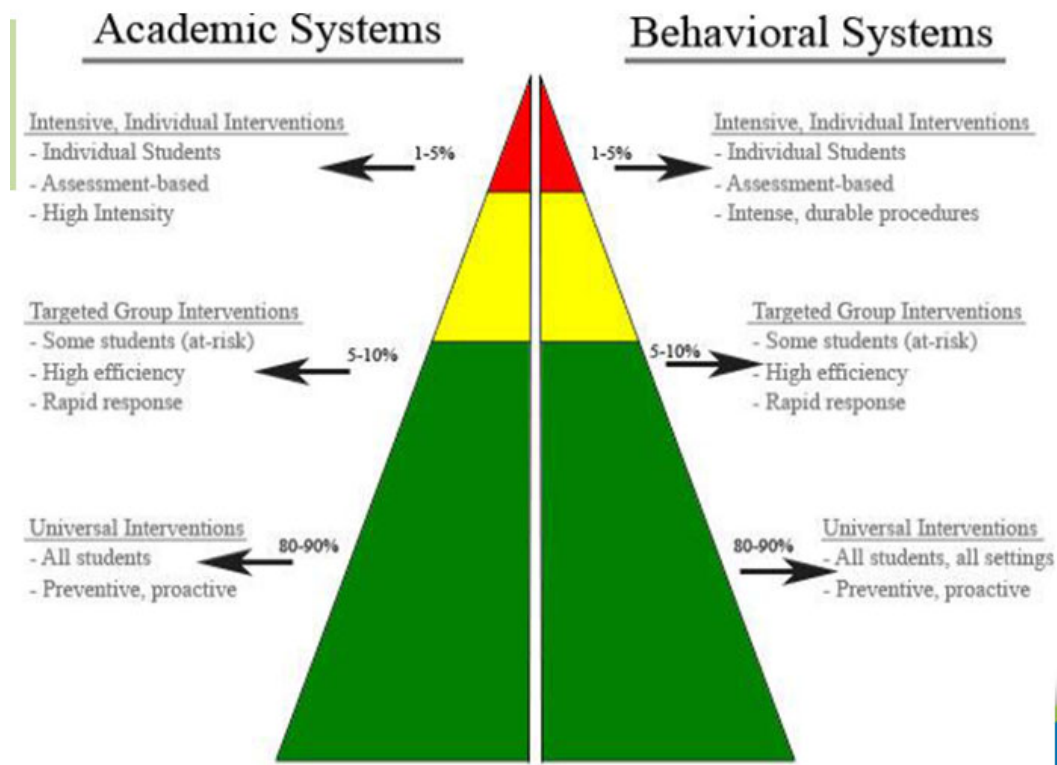
### **Dear Parents/Guardians:**



**If there is an educational topic that you would like more information about, please let us know! We're happy to include more information about educational topics in our newsletters.**

## SRBI-What is it and how does it look at Great Neck?

SRBI (Scientific Research Based Interventions) is a framework that schools use to meet the needs of all children in Connecticut. If your child has been enrolled in a school system outside the state of Connecticut, you may have heard the term RTI, which stands for response to intervention. Essentially, RTI and SRBI are the same. The SRBI framework is based on a continuum of support, including effective core instruction and interventions for students struggling to learn. Most commonly, SRBI addresses students' needs in the areas of reading, writing, math, behavior, and social emotional needs. At Great Neck, we discuss student progress at our STAT (Student Teacher Assistance Team) meetings. The school based teams meet several times a year and are composed of teachers, interventionists and specialists as appropriate. During these meetings the team brainstorms strategies, sets specific goals and determines how the progress towards meeting those goals is measured to best support students' needs. If it is determined that a student will benefit from Tier 2 or 3 interventions, a "STAT" plan will be developed where student needs and progress will be closely monitored, documented and reviewed.



- Tier 1 is the high-quality instruction that all students receive. The core curriculum and system of instruction are based in research, differentiated according to student need, and culturally relevant. Tier 1 instruction should meet the needs of most students, and educators continually review practices to improve teaching and learning outcomes. Differentiated instruction is common practice within the Tier 1 environment. At this tier, teachers are collecting data to determine whether current differentiation strategies are working or whether additional strategies need to be put into place.

- Tier 2 instruction is targeted instruction for students who are in need of additional support. Instruction is in addition to core instruction and is typically delivered in a small group of no more than 6 students. Typically, Tier 2 interventions are delivered to students for 30 minutes, four to five times per week. Intervention will target a specific skill or area of weakness and is designed to accelerate learning in both academic and behavioral realms; creating the need for educators to monitor student progress more frequently.
- Tier 3 is more individualized instruction for students needing more intensive support. Students receiving Tier 3 intervention receive up to 45 minutes of targeted support daily. The instruction occurs in small groups of no more than 3 students or individually and includes frequent and systematic progress monitoring.

Many students may move up or down the tiers throughout their schooling and our goal is always to move students back to the Tier 1 environment. The SRBI process is required by the state of Connecticut prior to an identification for special education services. When referring a child for further testing to determine eligibility for special education services, data collected over time on student progress must support the need for a referral and demonstrate that additional support in a general education program have been provided first before moving to a referral.

Partnering with families is essential for the success of our SRBI model. Student progress will be communicated frequently to families and our team is always willing to share strategies that parents/guardians can work on with their child at home to help them achieve success in the school environment. Families are encouraged to reach out to the classroom teacher if they grow concerned or want to be updated about their student's progress. Our team is always available to provide updates and the support needed to all families.

## **A Promising Future...Great Neck Fifth Graders Begin the Youth Promise Program**

During the first week in October, the 5th graders participated in the first of eight classes of the Youth Promise Program presented by the Waterford Police Department and Waterford Youth and Family Services. This initiative, led by Joseph Trelli, Officer Lane, and Officer Fredericks, is tailored specifically for the Waterford fifth-grade students, aiming to empower young minds with the tools and knowledge needed to make good decisions, nurture a sense of citizenship, embrace diversity, and steer clear of the pitfalls of drug involvement.

Throughout the program, students will delve into important topics such as handling peer pressure, navigating the complexities of social media, preventing bullying, and mastering conflict resolution through peaceful means, all while forging bonds between the local police force and Youth and Family Services. Each of the 5th grade classes will have an exciting opportunity to put their newfound knowledge to the test through Youth Promise Jeopardy, with the winning class from each of the three elementary schools participating in a final Jeopardy competition at the end of the school year. What a great way to reinforce their learning, showcase their understanding of the program's key principles, and celebrate their achievements!

## August 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	FD	31	

(2 day - 2 cumulative)

- 8/28 - ± Staff Convocation
- 8/29 - \* PD - No School - PK-12
- 8/30 - First Day of School

## September 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
SH	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
SH	26	27	28	29

(19 days - 21 cumulative)

- 9/4 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 9/25 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

## October 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
SH	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

(21 days - 42 cumulative)

- 10/9 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

## November 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	PD	8	9	SH
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	School Holiday		
27	28	29	30	

(17 days - 59 cumulative)

- 11/7 - \* PD No School for Students- PK-12
- 11/10 - School Holiday (Schools Closed for Students), P/T Conferences
- 11/22 - 11/24 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

## December 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
School Holiday				

(16 days - 75 cumulative)

- 12/22 - Early Dismissal PK-12
- 12/25 - 12/29 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

## January 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
SH	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
SH	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

(21 days - 96 cumulative)

- 1/1 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 1/15 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 1/18-1/23 - \*\* Midterm Exams: Early Dismissal 9-12

## February 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
SH	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	

(19 days - 115 cumulative)

- 2/19-2/20 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

## March 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5	6	PT	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	SH

(20 days - 135 cumulative)

- \*\* 3/7 - P/T Conferences: Early Dismissal PK-12
- 3/29 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

## April 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
School Holiday				
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	PD			

(16 days - 151 cumulative)

- 4/8 - 4/12 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 4/30 - \* PD No School for Students - PK-12

## May 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
SH	28	29	30	31

(22 days - 173 cumulative)

- 5/27 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

## June 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	LD	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

(8 days - 181 cumulative)

- 6/6 - 6/11 - \*\* Final Exams: Early Dismissal 9-12
- 6/11 - \*\* Early Dismissal PK-12
- 6/12 - Last Day of School Early Dismissal PK-12



**NOTE:** Snow days will be added onto the school year as needed.

BOE Approved: December 8, 2022  
Revised: June 22, 2023



## **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

**Drop-off times** at Great Neck Elementary School for **all students** in grades PK-5 are between **8:25 and 8:35 a.m.** Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes early and please DO NOT drop your students off and leave them outside the door without adult supervision. Great Neck Staff come out for arrival to greet and assist students at 8:25 a.m. **Please remain in your vehicle with your child/children** until Great Neck Staff come outside to begin the arrival process. Student safety is important and we want to ensure all students are always supervised.

**Dismissal time for Walkers is 3:05 p.m.** Students do not come outside to be unified with their parent/guardian/family member until 3:05 p.m. Please do not arrive too early. Recently we have noticed multiple cars arriving before 2:30 p.m. This results in traffic back-ups on Goshen Road. Please do your best to arrive at dismissal time, which is 3:05 p.m. If you need to arrive early, please park in the overflow lot until it is time to pull into the lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lastly, **DO NOT under any circumstances** pull into the bus lane during arrival and/or dismissal times. There should not be any vehicles other than school transportation vehicles in the bus lane between 8:15 a.m. and 8:40 a.m. AND between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

We appreciate everyone's willingness to work together to make our arrival and dismissal processes as safe and smooth as possible. For those of you that have other adults picking up your children, please share this important information with them. Thank you.





## BREAKFAST

# OCTOBER 2023

Milk only: \$.75

## WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12

Second Breakfast Price: \$2.75

"Thoroughly cooking meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs reduces the risk of foodborne illness"

### Monday

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **2**  
Or  
Egg & Cheese on a WG Roll  
Fresh fruit Choice  
100% Juice Milk

School Holiday **9**

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **16**  
Or  
Hardboiled Egg  
Giant goldfish grahams  
Banana 100% juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **23**  
Or  
"Early Riser"  
Egg-hash brown Patty  
Apple slices  
100% Fruit Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **30**  
Or  
Egg & Cheese on a WG Roll  
Fruit 100% Juice Milk

### Tuesday

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal or Pancakes **3**  
Syrup cup  
Diced peaches  
100% Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **10**  
Or  
Sausage Biscuit  
Applesauce  
100% Fruit juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **17**  
Or  
Banana Bread  
Fresh Fruit Choice  
100% Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **24**  
Or  
Hardboiled Egg  
Giant goldfish grahams  
Banana 100% juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **31**  
Or  
Pumpkin Bread  
Fresh Fruit Choice  
100% Juice Milk

### Wednesday

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **4**  
Or  
"Early Riser"  
Egg-hash brown Patty  
Apple slices  
100% Fruit Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **11**  
Or  
Assorted Yogurt  
Giant Goldfish Apple slices  
100% Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **18**  
Or  
"Early Riser"  
Egg-hash brown Patty  
Apple slices  
100% Fruit Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **25**  
Or  
Cheese Omelet Wrap  
Fresh fruit Choice  
100% Juice Milk

### Thursday

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **5**  
Or  
Sweet potato Roll  
Fruit Cup  
100% Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **12**  
Or  
Cinnamon French Toast  
Fresh Fruit Choice  
100% Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **19**  
Or  
Scrambled Eggs  
Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **26**  
Or  
Assorted Yogurt  
Giant Goldfish Apple slices  
100% Juice Milk

### Friday

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **6**  
Or  
Breakfast Pizza  
Fresh fruit Choice  
100% Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **13**  
Or  
WG Maple Waffle  
Diced peaches  
100% Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **20**  
Or  
Oatmeal breakfast Round  
Mozzarella string cheese  
Fruit 100% Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal **27**  
Or  
Egg & Cheese on a Roll  
Fresh Fruit Choice  
100% Juice Milk

One FREE breakfast for all students daily.

Please visit [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to add funds to your child's account.



## LUNCH

# OCTOBER 2023

## WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12

LUNCH PRICES

Elementary \$3.25

CLMS \$3.50

WHS \$3.75

Second Meal: \$4.25 - Adult Meal \$5.00

For the 23-24 school year, students qualified for Reduced status will receive one lunch at no cost per day

### Monday

**Meatless Monday!** **2**  
Cheesy Italian pull-a-parts  
Marinara sauce cup  
Broccoli w/ranch cup  
Connecticut Cucumber slices  
Diced peaches  
Milk

School Holiday! **9**

**NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK!**  
Warning/excessive gaming  
can lead to extreme hunger!  
**LEVEL-UP W/LUNCH!**

**Meatless Monday!** **16**  
Mac & Cheese  
Baby Carrots  
Peas Goldfish crackers  
Assorted fresh fruit  
Milk

**Meatless Monday!** **23**  
Pizza bites  
Marinara sauce cup  
Spinach Salad  
Diced peaches Milk

**Meatless Monday!** **30**  
Baked Italian Combo  
Mozzarella stick & Breaded Ravioli  
Caesar Salad  
Bread stick  
Diced pears Milk

### Tuesday

CT Grown for Kids Week! **3**  
Popcorn Chicken/ dipping sauce  
Smile fries  
Locally grown squash  
Dinner roll Applesauce  
Milk

**Level One Pasta & Fire Balls** **10**  
"Penne" with meatballs  
Game Zone Garden salad  
Joy sticks (bread stick)  
Princess peach(es)-diced  
Mario Milk

**Hotdog on a WG Roll** **17**  
Baked beans  
Sweet potato fries  
Orange smiles  
Milk

**Orange chicken** **24**  
Brown Rice  
Steamed Broccoli  
Diced carrots  
Mandarin oranges Milk

**Bat Shaped Chicken nuggets** **31**  
Sweet & sour sauce Cup  
Ghostly Mashed potatoes  
Ghoulish Golden Corn  
Jack o' lantern Roll  
EEK! Sidekick /100% Egg Juice  
Mummy Milk

### Wednesday

**National Taco day!** **4**  
Soft Tacos with Cheese  
Garden Fresh Lettuce & Tomato  
Brown Rice Salsa Cup  
Fiesta Beans  
Farm fresh Pears Milk

**National Smile day!** **11**  
"Angry Birds"  
Chicken Drumsticks  
Game on emoji fries  
Power pellets (corn) Shields (dinner roll)  
Yoshi eggs (grapes)  
Mario Milk

**Chicken tenders** **18**  
Mashed potatoes & gravy  
Dinner roll green beans  
Peaches or raisins  
Milk

**Nachos with Cheese** **25**  
Lettuce & Tomato  
Salsa Cup Fiesta Beans  
Pineapple cup  
Corn Bread Milk

### Thursday

Put local on your Tray! **5**  
Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo Pasta  
Ct grown Romaine Salad  
Garlic Knot  
Locally Grown Fresh Fruit Choices  
Milk

**Power Up Pizza Slice** **12**  
Hardcore Baby carrots/ranch  
Saved Game Spinach Salad  
Golden Apple  
Mario Milk

**Pancakes** **19**  
Syrup cup  
Potato puffs  
Sausage patty  
Cinnamon apple slices  
Mango wango Juice Milk

**Chicken & Waffles** **26**  
Syrup cup  
Potato puffs  
Cinnamon carrots  
Diced pears Milk

### Friday

CT Grown for Kids Week! **6**  
Pizza square  
Ct Grown Kale Caesar Salad  
Baby carrots/Ranch cup  
Farm Fresh Apple Milk

**Pacman Chicken patty** **13**  
Bonus Baked beans  
Sweet Potato Gems  
Good Game Side kick  
Mario Milk

**Cheeseburger** **20**  
Oven baked Fries  
Lettuce & tomato  
Cucumber slices  
Fresh Fruit Milk

**Turkey & Cheese Grinder** **27**  
Cucumber slices/ranch  
WG Doritos Chips  
Dragon Punch/ 100% juice  
Fruit Choice Milk

Please visit [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to add funds to your child's account.

All grain-based items offered at lunch are whole-grain rich which means that at least 50% of the grains in the item are whole grain (WG), all other grains are enriched  
A VARIETY OF FRESH FRUITS OFFERED DAILY "Thoroughly cooking meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs reduces the risk of foodborne illness"



**Reminder!**



**Parents and Guardians:**

**Please remember to send students in with proper footwear for PE class AND recess, i.e. sneakers. As a reminder, crocs are not considered safe footwear.**

**Mr. Kinder and Mrs. Valentine have a bin of donated sneakers that students can wear if they do not have sneakers for PE. If you have any gently used children's shoes that you would like to donate please bring them to Mrs. Tuneski in the main office.**

**Thank you!**



# 3RD GRADE DICTIONARY PRESENTATION

On Thursday, September 28th, members of the Waterford Rotary Club distributed dictionaries to all third grade students at Great Neck. Thank you Waterford Rotary!



*Mrs. Dempsey's 3rd grade class.*

*Mrs. Degiacomo's 3rd grade class.*



*Ms. Craddock's 3rd grade class.*







## To All Great Neck Parents and Guardians:

One of our favorite traditions at Great Neck School is our Veterans' Day ceremony. At this event we honor all Great Neck School family members who have served in the Armed Forces, and those currently serving. This year's assembly will be held on **Monday, November 6th from 9:30-10a.m.** for any veterans/families able to attend.

If you or a member of your family—grandparent, aunt, uncle etc.—have served, or are currently serving, please complete the Google form at the link below. We are asking families to send in a headshot **photograph of their veteran**. It can be a recent photo or one of them back in the day! These photos will be used in our Veterans' Day video which serves as a centerpiece of our Veterans' Day Assembly here at Great Neck on Monday, November 6th. We will upload the video for all GNS families to watch after the assembly.

Please fill out the Google form and upload your veteran's photo by Friday, October 27th. If you have any trouble filling out the Google form please email Pam Tuneski at [ptuneski@waterfallschools.org](mailto:ptuneski@waterfallschools.org).

If you have questions, please call the school office at 860-442-2593 then press '0'.

*Thank you for helping us make this Veterans' Day special!*

# Thank You!

Thank you for your participation in our annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Challenge. We were able to raise 410.00 for the James Greenleaf Scholarship Fund. This means so very much to James's family, that we continue to remember and honor him every year. We were also able to provide beautiful baskets of snacks to our Police and Fire Departments. This is a little thank you for all they do to help and protect us every day. Thank you for always supporting our kindness projects, your kindness, generosity and support is so greatly appreciated!





# Addy's Run

## 5k



Join us for the 6th annual Addy's Run to help raise awareness for CLOVES. Adalynn "Addy" is a local Waterford resident born with CLOVES in 2017. Our mission is to educate the community about this rare disease and help those who are affected by it through donation, support and awareness.

Proceeds from this race will be donated to the CLOVES community towards research to help find treatment options for this incurable disease

Contact info: Karen Mackinnel  
[kmack100811@gmail.com](mailto:kmack100811@gmail.com)

**OCTOBER 15**  
**10:00am**

**Wee Run @**  
**9:30am**

**Great Neck**  
**Elementary**  
**School**  
**Waterford, CT**

**REGISTER AT**  
**RUNSIGNUP.COM**  
**OR WITH QR**  
**BELOW**



## FAMILY PROGRAMS

Saturday, October 21, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**It's International Observe the Moon Night!**

Join us in the rear parking lot of the library as we welcome Dr. Leslie Brown, from Connecticut College, together with the Thames Amateur Astronomical Society of Southeast CT. Telescopes will be provided by the Society for viewing. Rain date and/or cloud cover will be Sunday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m.



Friday, October 27, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Outdoor Halloween Family Movie**

Join us in the library parking lot for an outdoor Halloween Family Movie Night! Bring snacks, blankets, and drinks as you enjoy the movie from the comfort of your car or sit outside with a radio. Movie start time is dependent on the sun setting but approximate start time is 6:00 pm. This year, we will be showing *the Addams Family* (2019), rated PG, run time 86 minutes.



Thursday, October 19

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ages 6-11) and 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ages 12 - 18)

**Haunted Gingerbread Houses**

Get ready to be spooky! We will be making haunted gingerbread houses with a large variety of Halloween candies. All materials will be provided - just bring your creativity! Registration is required for this event.



Monday, October 23 & 30, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

**Pumpkin Painting**

Paint your very own pumpkin just in time for Halloween! Registration is required and will open October 2. Please only register for one session. For ages 5 and older.



## MONDAY IS FAMILY STORYTIME

Monday, October 2, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

**Fire Safety Storytime**

Join Ms. Kathy for a special fire safety storytime! We will hear a story, sing some songs, and learn about how we can be safe in an emergency. Recommended for ages birth to five, no registration required.



Mondays, October 16, 23, 30, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

**Family Storytime**

Get ready to read and get your wiggles out! Join Ms. Jenna at the library for some fun stories, songs, and dancing. Recommended for ages birth to five years old with a caregiver. No registration is required.



Monday, October 30, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

**Special Halloween Storytime**

Join us for an extra special, extra spooky storytime! Sing, dance, and listen to a story to get into the Halloween spirit. Costumes are encouraged. No registration required, ages birth to five with a caregiver.



All programs are free and open to the public



## DROP IN CRAFTS

Monday, October 2, 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Drop in Craft: Fall Leaf Chalk Art

Join us in the Children's room to create a fun and beautiful fall leaf artwork using chalk and leaf templates. Recommended for ages 5 and up. No registration required.



Saturday, October 7, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Drop In Craft: Picture Frame Craft Kit

This DIY picture frame is a perfect fall craft to create a personalized keepsake. All you need to bring is your favorite photo! Photo size: 2 1/2" x 3" Recommended for ages 5 and up, no registration required. While supplies last.



Tuesday, October 10, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Drop In Creation Station

Stop by the Children's Room anytime between 4:00 and 6:00 pm for a fun craft and to get your creativity flowing! Recommended for ages 5 and up. No registration required.



Tuesday, October 24, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

LEGO Club

Drop in anytime between 4:00 and 6:00 pm to build with some LEGO sets! No registration required, recommended for ages 5 and up.



Thursday, October 12, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Read To Hodges

Stop by the Children's Room anytime between 4:00 and 5:30 pm to read to our favorite furry friend, Officer Hodges! No registration required, all ages welcome.



## GRAB & GO CRAFTS



Candy Corn  
Oct 7 to Oct 20



Witch's Cauldron  
Oct 21 to Nov 3

Pick up supplies in the Children's Room to make Grab & Go crafts at home, while supplies last.

Step-by-step video tutorial on our Facebook page ([@waterfordpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/waterfordpubliclibrary)).

## TEEN CORNER

Thursday, October 5, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Craft Night: Witch Hat Workshop

Join Miss Ashlee for craft night during her favorite time of the year to make your very own witch or warlock hat! All materials will be provided. Recommended for ages 11 and up. Registration is required.



Thursday, October 26, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Teen Drop In Craft

Drop in to the Teen Section of the library anytime between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. to make a hanging paper pumpkin! Ages 12 and up. No registration required.

Friday, October 6, 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Fall Story and Sensory Play

Join Miss Ashlee for an Autumn story and then explore multiple sensory stations! Recommended for ages 2-5. No registration required.



Wednesday, October 18 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Toddler Art

Time to get creative (and maybe a little messy)! This hands on art session is for young ones to explore through process art with the help of their adult. For ages 3 to 5 years old, registration is required.



Saturday, October 21, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Sign and Sing

Join Ms. Janine for Sign and Sing! This fun storytime will include basic signs that both children and their caregivers will benefit from knowing. For ages birth to 5, no registration required. Thank you to CT Humanities for providing funding for this program.



To keep up with all our activities follow us on Facebook and Instagram



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@waterfordlibraryct

Either call the library to register or go to our Calendar of Events page on our website.  
[www.waterfordpubliclibrary.org](http://www.waterfordpubliclibrary.org) 860-444-5805, Adult Ext 2, Youth Services Ext. 3

**IMPORTANT**



MY  
SCHOOL  
BUCKS

**LAST CALL TO  
PURCHASE WPS DEVICE PROTECTION BY  
OCT. 15TH!**

**THIS WILL NOT BE OFFERED AGAIN THIS SCHOOL YEAR**

**Grades 4-12 Only**

Using MySchoolBucks you can:

- Purchase Device Protection for your child's school-issued device to cover any accidental damage
- Pay invoices (new charger, etc.)







Get started in 4 easy steps:

1. Download the MySchoolBucksmobile app or visit [myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com)
2. Create your free account
3. Add your student
4. Browse the WPS online store to locate WPS Device Protection



Store

The district is only offering this until Oct. 15th, so don't miss out on this opportunity. After that date, families will not be able to purchase this protection for the 23-24 school year and will be responsible for the full cost of repair on your child's school issued device.

Repair Cost <u>With</u> Device Protection	Repair Cost <u>Without</u> Device Protection
 = \$0	 = \$75
 = \$0	 = \$40
 = \$0	 = \$350







GN PTA Presents

# Trunk or Treat

**Sunday, October 22nd 11-1**  
**Great Neck School Parking Lot**

Please sign up to decorate a trunk or  
RSVP to attend the event

<https://tinyurl.com/GNTrunkOrTreat2023>

**Candy donations needed!**  
**Please drop candy donations**  
**in the office by 10/18**

# UCFS Healthcare's School-Based Health Centers and Your School!

The UCFS school-based health centers (SBHC) are a doctor's office inside of your school. The services are provided by an APRN (advanced practice registered nurse)/PA (Physician Assistant) and licensed behavioral health clinician who are experts in adolescent health and are employed by UCFS. The intention of the UCFS SBHC is to supplement the care your child receives at their pediatrician's office.



## Services Provided



- Yearly well-child examinations
- Vaccinations
- Sports physicals
- Acute care visits (e.g. sick visits, lacerations, injuries, etc.)
- Chronic care visits (e.g. asthma, ADHD, etc.)
- Mental Health Assessments
- Substance Abuse Screenings
- Counseling (individual, group, and family)

## Top 5 Reasons to use the School-Based Health Center

- Convenient same day appointment.
- Removes barriers to care such as lack of transportation.
- Decreases time away from the classroom which improves academic success.
- Improves student's achievement by taking care of behavioral health needs that can make learning difficult.
- Connects students and their families with insurance coverage.

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## Referrals are easy...



- Behavioral Health Referrals can come from students, teachers, counselors, administrators as well as parents/guardians of students.
- Medical visits can be coordinated through the school nurse or directly with our family engagement/medical assistant.
- Working collaboratively with school personnel, families, and local youth services has helped to maximize student support.

## To learn More...

School-Based Health Centers are located at Waterford High School and Clark Lane Middle School and are open to all Waterford Public School students.

Scan here to learn about the School-Based Health Center at your school! SBHC line - 860-822-2803



SCAN ME



# Your child can get a flu shot at the Waterford Public Schools School-Based Health Center



**Protect your child from the flu this season!**

*Your child can receive their flu vaccine with a signed enrollment and flu consent form.*

## Did you know?

The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease.

## How do I sign my child up for the flu shot?

In order for your child to receive a flu shot, you must fill out an enrollment form and flu vaccine consent form. Enrollment forms can be found on the UCFS Healthcare's website -

<https://www.ucfs.org/services/school-based-health-centers/>  
or by scanning the QR code

**Please call the SBHC Line at 860-822-2803 to schedule an appointment.**





**Safe Futures**  
Stopping Abuse. Restoring Hope. Saving Lives.



**Mike Buscetto, Honorary Chair**

**Sponsored by Waterford High School Athletic Department**

# **4K SAFE WALK**

**Sunday, October 22nd @ 9:00am  
at Waterford High School**

**In support of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, walk with Safe Futures to end violence on Sunday, October 22nd.**

- ★ Raffle baskets for all ages
- ★ Food truck with breakfast available for purchase
- ★ Adult Registration: \$25
- ★ Free admission for youth and children

**Get together your family, friends and teams!**

**Learn more: [safefuturesct.org](http://safefuturesct.org)**



**Register here**



Bring the whole family out!



# WATERFORD'S WICKED WONDERLAND

October 29, 2023, 1-4pm

Waterford High School  
Circular Parking Lot

Contact Joe Trelli for questions  
or donations at: 860-444-5848

Sponsored by:



- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times
- Bring your own bag to collect candy

**Sign up to be a trunker!**

Decorate your trunk and  
have fun passing out candy

**CONCESSIONS:**



Hot  
Chocolate



Hot Cider



Dessert



Costume Contest



Trunk Contest



Fun Activities



Music by  
DJ A-Bomb



Neurodivergent  
friendly 1-1:30p



Officer Hodges

**\*Event is FREE to the public!**

# HALLOW—GENE 2023

October 28th, 1–11pm

**JOIN US FOR A DAY FULL OF FREE  
SPOOKTACULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE  
EUGENE O'NEILL THEATER CENTER!**



**1pm—4pm**

**Ghouls  
& Goodies!**

- TRICK-OR-TREAT
- ARTS N' CRAFTS
- FAMILY FRIENDLY!



**O<sup>'</sup><sub>the</sub>Neill**  
eugene o'neill  
theater center

305 Great Neck Road • Waterford

**COSTUMES ARE STRONGLY  
ENCOURAGED FOR ALL!  
SEE YOU THERE!**





# 2023-2024

# WATERFORD RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL SEASON

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW!**  
**WATERFORDRECBASKETBALL.COM**



## LEAGUE BREAKDOWN

### INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE

**BOYS & GIRLS GRADE 1-3**

**INSTRUCTIONAL REGISTRATION FEE - \$50**

### RECREATIONAL LEAGUES

**BOYS GRADE 3/4/5 - GIRLS GRADE 3/4/5**

**BOYS GRADE 6/7/8 - GIRLS GRADE 6/7/8**

**BOYS SENIOR LEAGUE GRADE 9-12**

### TRAVEL LEAGUES

**BOYS & GIRLS 4-8**

*\* TRYOUT & EVALUATION TIMES WILL BE RELEASED SHORTLY*

## RECREATIONAL REGISTRATION FEES

**1ST CHILD: \$100**

**2ND CHILD: \$80**

**EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD: \$65**

**FAMILY MAXIMUM: \$245**

**\*\*REGISTER EARLY TO  
AVOID LATE FEES**

## REGISTRATION DEADLINES

**TRAVEL REGISTRATION CLOSES OCT  
16TH**

**RECREATIONAL CLOSES NOV 12TH  
\$20 LATE FEE AFTER OCT 16TH**

**\*TRAVEL MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE  
REC PROGRAM BY 10/16/23**

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE  
REACH OUT TO:**

**WATERFORDBBALLBOARD  
@GMAIL.COM**



**WATERFORD**  
RECREATIONAL  
BASKETBALL

*CONNECT WITH US*





# **2023 Annual Oswegatchie School Holiday Craft & Vendor Show**

Saturday, November 4th 10 am - 3 pm

**OSWEGATCHIE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

470 Boston Post Rd  
Waterford, CT 06385

**COME AND ENJOY OVER 40 ARTISANS & VENDORS  
BAKE SALE, RAFFLES, & SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Christina Knutson  
860.961.6456

[ckcraftcreations@yahoo.com](mailto:ckcraftcreations@yahoo.com)

*Sponsored by the Oswegatchie School Organization*



VENDORS NEEDED

# ARTISAN & VENDOR FAIR

WATERFORD HIGH SCHOOL  
WATERFORD, CT

PROFITS SUPPORT THE CLASS OF 2025

DEC  
3rd

APPLY  
HERE



10-3pm

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/  
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# Waterford Public Schools/ Waterford Police Department School Safety Forum



**November 15, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**WHS Auditorium ~ 20 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford**

*Please join us for an informational night surrounding school safety, the roles of School Resource Officers, definitions of emergency situations and the partnership between the WPD, WPS and home. Event details to follow.*