



GREAT NECK NEWSLETTER

November 17, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

November 22-24	No School– School Holiday	
December 8	PJ Day to benefit CT Children's Hospital	
December 9-15	Five Below Fundraiser	
December 13	PTA Meeting– GN Library	5:30pm
December 18-22	GN Spirit Week	
December 22	Early Dismissal	12:25pm
Dec. 25– Jan. 1	No School– School Holiday	

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



**TAKE
NOTE...**

Please remind your child (ren) that cell phones are not permitted out of backpacks during school hours or on the bus. The recording or photographing of other students is prohibited.



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.

Five Key Elements of Instruction Aligned to the Science of Reading

The National Reading Panel (NRP) report in 2000 identified these five elements that are key to reading success:

- Comprehension
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Phonics
- Phonemic Awareness

How does the Alphabetic Principle relate to the Science of Reading?

The **alphabetic principle** is the idea that words are made of sounds, and that our letters represent those sounds. The **alphabetic principle** is a key concept for developing reading **skills**. We believe in moving from speech to sound, from **phonemes** to **graphemes**. Students may not have knowledge of the alphabetic principle coming into K-1 and learning the alphabetic principle by moving from speech to print, prevents errors, guessing, and other issues with decoding. Through explicit, structured activities, students develop their ability to use the alphabetic principle to match phonemes to graphemes.

<https://www.reallygreatreading.com/what-is-the-science-of-reading-and-phonics>

In Waterford, PreK - 2 teachers use *Wilson Foundations*, *The Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum*, and the research of *David A. Kilpatrick, Ph.D (Equipped for Reading Success)*. as tools to provide explicit, systematic, and targeted instruction to develop **phonological awareness** and **phonics skills**. Waterford teachers in Gr. 3 & 4 utilize Foundations as a tool to continue teaching decoding skills, but also to strengthen encoding - or spelling skills.



A Message from the ELA Coaches to GN Families:

Dear Families,

We are often asked how parents can help with reading at home. The absolute best use of your time with your children is spent reading together. In this link, you will enjoy learning about all the benefits of reading together outside of school. If you would like any further information or have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Article entitled: [**Why Is It Important to Read to Your Child?**](#)

Sincerely,

Deryn Winthrop (dwinthrop@Waterfordschools.org)

Kim Podeszwa (Kpodeszwa@waterfordschools.org)



WATERFORD WONDERS

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What is a Waterford Wonder?

Wonders are students in the Waterford Public Schools deserving of special recognition; be it for academics, accomplishments, exemplary character, going above and beyond and sometimes, for just being a “good kid”. Wonders can also be for a significant achievement, his/her leadership, having overcome a significant challenge or obstacle, and positively impacting the life of others. In short, the Board wishes to recognize those students who embody our district’s mission.

Congratulations to Elise Cavalieri and Giavanna Cavalieri for being selected as this month’s Waterford Wonders!



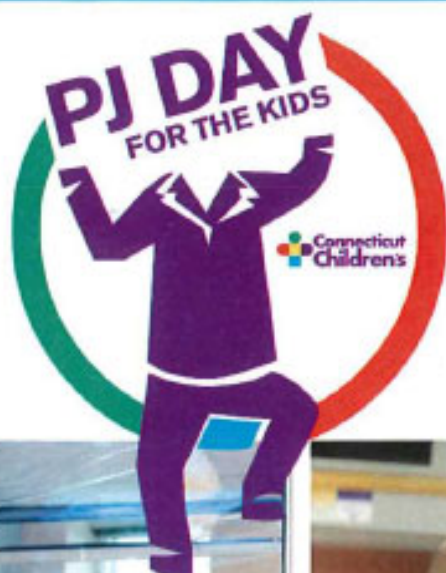
“Elise consistently demonstrates exemplary character. She always comes to school with a smile on her face and greets teachers in the hallway with a warm hello. She always takes the time to inquire how others are doing and shows genuine interest and caring for everyone. “

(Elise is pictured left)

“Giavanna exudes positivity and is always open to trying new things. She is a hard-working, excellent student who puts 100% into all that she does. Her teacher shares that she is always doing what is right and honest. “

(Giavanna is pictured right)

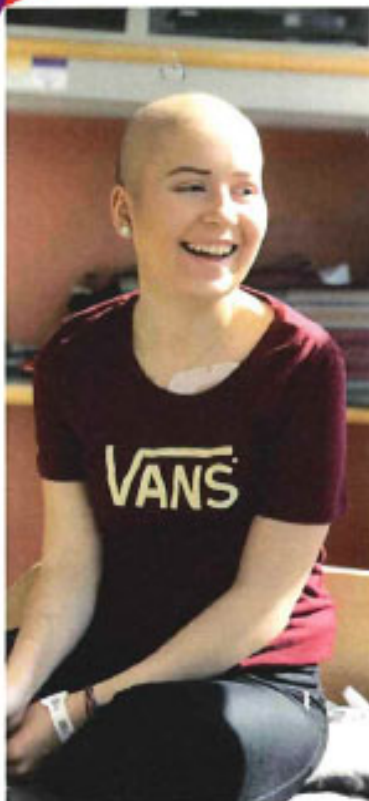




A statewide initiative raising funds, spirits
and awareness for kids battling cancer.

Great Neck Elementary School

Friday, December 8, 2023



Supporting Connecticut Children's Since 2011

Donate \$1, or more, to wear PJs in support of kids at Connecticut Children's who wear their PJs for long periods of time while enduring treatment.

Scan to Donate, or visit **www.pjdayforthekids.org**

<https://give.connecticutchildrens.org/greatneckschool23>



PJ Day for the Kids has raised nearly \$3 million dollars, funding vital childhood cancer research, clinical trials and care at Connecticut Children's.

**Connecticut
Children's**
FOUNDATION

Great Neck's Holiday Spirit Week

<p>Monday, Dec. 18th</p>	<p>Red & Green or Blue & White Explosion <i>Wear as much red and green as possible or blue and white in honor of friends who celebrate Hanukkah</i></p> <div data-bbox="459 583 673 800" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1166 646 1523 751" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>Tuesday, Dec. 19th</p>	<p>Candy Cane Day <i>Dress all out in stripes or anything else to resemble a candy cane</i></p> <div data-bbox="1344 800 1523 1041" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>Wednesday, Dec. 20th</p>	<p>Ugly Sweater Day <i>Wear a funny, ugly, or festive holiday sweater/shirt</i></p> <div data-bbox="1149 1083 1507 1241" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>Thursday, Dec. 21st</p>	<p>Holiday Headwear <i>Wear a holiday hat, headband, earrings, scarf, or anything else to show your festive spirit</i></p> <div data-bbox="1101 1430 1507 1608" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>Friday, Dec. 22nd</p>	<p>'Twas the Day Before Break <i>Prepare for a perfect winter break in your comfiest pajamas</i></p> <div data-bbox="1073 1738 1446 1902" data-label="Image"> </div>

Jody's Wish

Jody's wish ornament was created as a memorial ornament to honor and remember Jody Nazarchyk. Jody dedicated her life to helping and serving others.

Jody's wish was that all children would have whatever they needed. The thought of a child being sad or disappointed because they did not get a special gift or could not afford the equipment to play a sport was heartbreaking to Jody. Jody always tried to find a way to make it happen for the children. The proceeds from these ornaments will help us continue making Jody's Wish come true. All of the proceeds will be donated to Waterford Youth and Family Services to help make children's dreams come true. Thank you!

To get your Jody's Wish ornaments please contact Ethel Reed at
Ethel.d.Reed@gmail.com



Suggested minimum donation: \$10.00

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

± Staff Convocation is for all staff of the Waterford Public Schools

* Professional Development is for Administrators, Teachers, Paraprofessionals 8 AM-3 PM

** Full day for Paraprofessionals



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

NOVEMBER 2023

WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12

Breakfast at no charge to all students
this school year! **Milk Only: \$.75**
Second Breakfast Price: \$2.75

One FREE breakfast for all students daily.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Pumpkin Bread or Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 1	Breakfast Pizza or Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 2	Mini pancakes or Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 3
Yogurt & Goldfish Grahams Or Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 6	Professional Development Day! -No School- 7	Maple waffle or Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 8	Cinnamon Roll or Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 9	School Holiday Wellness Tip: Be sure to keep hydrated Drink plenty of water! 10
Apple Frudel or Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 13	Cheese omelet Taco Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 14	Cinnamon French toast Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 15	Pancake bites or Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 16	Egg & Cheese sandwich Or Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 17
Banana Bread Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 20	WG Goody Ring Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 21	School Holiday Wellness Tip: Eat at least one fruit or vegetable at every meal 22	School Holiday Wellness Tip: Go for a brisk 20 min walk or bike ride every day! 23	School Holiday Wellness Tip: Make sure to get plenty of sleep for a healthy body! 24
Mini pancakes or Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 27	Egg & Cheese sandwich Or Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 28	Oatmeal Breakfast Round & Mozzarella String cheese stick Or Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 29	Banana Bread or Assorted WG Cereal Or WG Muffin Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Fruit Juice Milk 30	

Please visit www.myschoolbucks.com to add funds to your child's account.



LUNCH



NOVEMBER 2023

WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12

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

LUNCH PRICES

Elementary \$3.25
CLMS \$3.50
WHS \$3.75
Second Meal: \$4.25 - Adult Meal \$5.00

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
Macaroni & Cheese Steamed broccoli Baby carrots Goldfish crackers Diced pears Milk 6	Professional Development Day! -No School- 7	Penne' Pasta Meatballs in marinara sauce Green beans Garlic knot Diced peaches Milk 1	Taco salad with Cheese Fiesta beans mini corn muffin Tostito chips salsa cup Pineapple chunks Milk 2	Cheese Pizza Baby carrots Ranch Cucumber slices Apple juice Fresh fruit choice Milk 3
Chicken Patty on a WG Roll Potato Wedges Golden corn Diced pear Milk 13	French toast Syrup cup Sausage links Potato tots Mango juice Fresh Fruit Milk 14	Chicken Drummies Smile fries Golden corn Dinner Roll Apple sauce Milk 8	Pizza Bites Marinara sauce Cup Spinach & Tomato Salad Orange smiles Milk 9	School Holiday Wellness Tip: Eat at least one full serving of fruit or vegetable at every meal 10
Chicken nuggets Steamed Red potatoes Sliced carrots Dinner roll Fresh Fruit Choice Milk 20	Hotdog on a WG Roll Baked beans Oven fries Sidekick = Fzn 100% Juice Cold Milk 21	Pizza Garden Salad Baby carrots Ranch Dressing 100% fruit Juice Milk 15	Holiday Dinner! Turkey & gravy Mashed potatoes Green beans Craisins Pumpkin bread Milk 16	Cheeseburger Baked beans Sweet potato gems Diced peaches Milk 17
Cheesy Pull a parts Marinara sauce cup Green beans WG Cookie Orange smiles Milk 27	Beef & Cheese Nachos Black beans Golden corn Salsa corn muffin Pineapple cup Milk 28	School Holiday 22	School Holiday 23	School Holiday 24
		Chicken tenders with dippin' sauce Sweet pot fries Mango juice Applesauce Dinner roll Milk 29	Chicken Rotini Alfredo Steamed Broccoli Garden salad /Italian dressing Garlic knot Diced peaches Milk 30	

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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"

Alternate Choice Yogurt Meal available daily = Yogurt, Mozzarella string cheese, baby carrots, raisins, goldfish crackers, dinner roll, milk

Milk choices: 1% White or Fat Free Flavored Additional Fruit & Vegetables offered daily THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER *Menus are subject to change



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!

Waterford Little League

Register online now for Spring Little League Season!

We are currently updating our website so to
register for the upcoming season please scan the
QR code



or go to

<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/waterfordct>

2024 Spring Season Registration fees:

Majors/Minors - \$150

Coach Pitch - \$100

Co-ed Tee Ball - \$85

Payment Plans available!
Family discount for families
with 3 or more players.

Important Registration Dates:

Majors/Minors

\$25 late registration fee begins 1/1
Registration closes 1/15

Coach Pitch

\$25 late registration fee begins 2/1
Registration closes 2/15



Please email
Registration@wllct.org with any
registration questions.

CONNECT WITH US





OBSERVE

The Moon & Planets
Night

Sunday, November 19
5 to 7:30 p.m.

5 to 5:30 - Crafts for the kids in the lower level meeting room

5:30 to 6 - Dr. Leslie Brown will give her talk in the lower level meeting room

6 to 7:30 - Walk to Jordan Green and view the sky

Registration is suggested.
Free and open for all ages.

Join Dr. Leslie Brown of CT College, members of the Thames Amateur Astronomical Society!

Telescopes will be provided by the Society for viewing outdoors along with a moon talk, space themed activities and crafts indoors.

Please call the library to confirm at 860-444-5805, x2; **Due to the weather forecast we are moving this event to Sunday, November 19**



Mary Smith from Pearl Drum Company in Nashville Tennessee visited the Great Neck Music Department to bring a donation of 7 Djembe drums for our students. Mrs. Milukas gathered one student from each grade level to pose with Mary in front of our Kindness Tree and snap a picture for a Thank You card to Pearl Drum. How Kind of Mary and Pearl Drum Co. to think of us with a donation that can be used in Music class for all students!!!



A little Djembe history: The djembe drum is said to have been invented in the 12th Century by the Mandinke tribe in what is now Mali, in West Africa. It has been played by West Africans for generations forming an integral part of ritualistic life in Mali, Guinea, Senegal and other neighbouring West African countries. Traditionally, the djembe was used as a form of communication between tribes as its resonance could reach long distances.

Yummy

Brought to you by
Scouts BSA Troop 36

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Fundraiser

Waterford
Community
Center

SUNDAY
11/19
8-11 AM

Help us plan - RSVP
by QR code (optional)



Suggested donation \$10 adult/\$7 child
12 and under

**To Benefit WYFS
Adopt-a-Family**



Parents and Guardians,

The Waterford Public School district is excited to announce its partnership with Securly in safeguarding our students, your children. Securly was chosen because we shared a vision of a safer, more productive digital world for our students. From web filtering to device management to self-harm detection, Securly is dedicated to keeping young minds healthy, engaged, and inspired. Additionally, we chose Securly for its strong adherence to data privacy and management laws.

Securly protects more than 10 million students across the US at school and at home, plus has over 2 million parents engaging in their child's activity on school devices. Now parents of students in grades 4-12 can get the same peace of mind when school devices come home. See your child's online activity during after-school hours, pause your child's device, and turn off online access.

Through this partnership, the students of Waterford will be protected everywhere, on any school-issued device. You will be receiving a welcome email in the coming weeks that will provide you with instructions on how to download the app and connect with your child's online activity, so be on the lookout! Further information about **Securly Home** can be found on our WPS district website (Technology > One-to-One Device Program Information). There are resources there to help you become more familiar with Securly Home and how to use it.

<https://sites.google.com/waterfordschools.org/wps-one-to-one-device-program/securly-home-parent-portal>





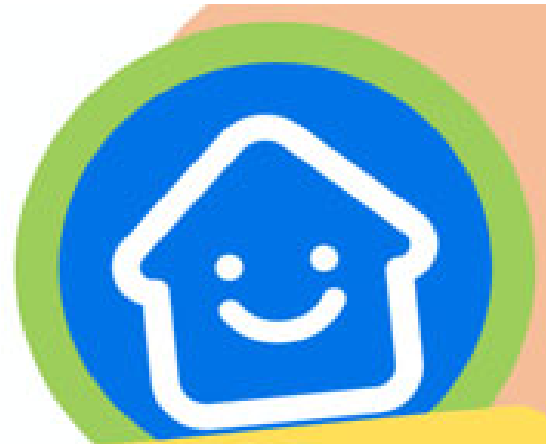
INTRODUCING TO FAMILIES OF 4TH - 12TH GRADERS...

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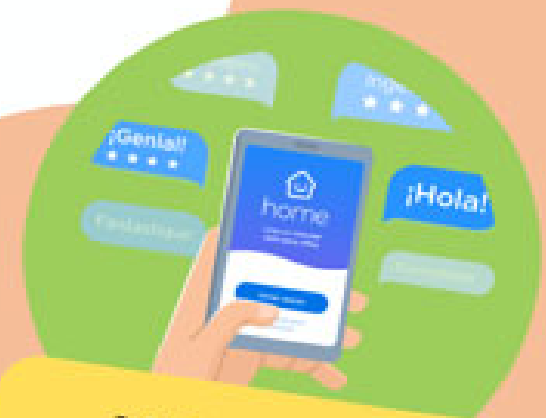
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Securly Home



Mobile App



Monitor Your Child's Online
Activity During After School
Hours





MY
SCHOOL
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UPDATED POLICY FOR PURCHASING A CHROMEBOOK CHARGER

Replacement Chromebook
chargers for school-issued
devices should now be
purchased from
MySchoolBucks. Once payment
has processed, the charger will
be delivered to the student's
school. Please allow for fee
processing and delivery time.



Store

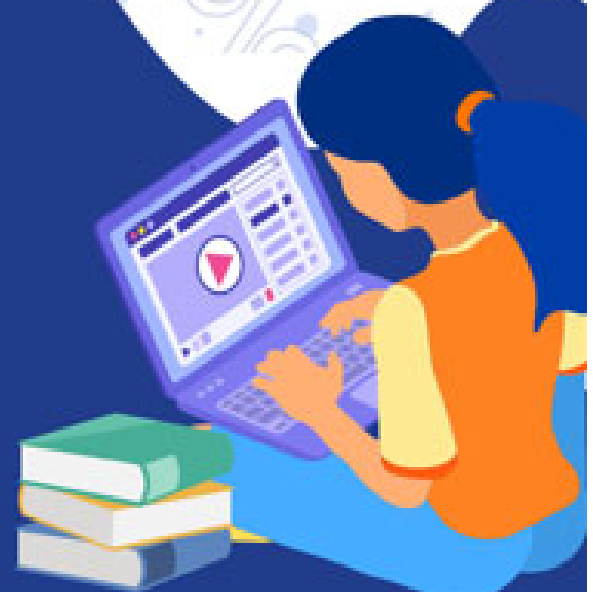
Shop your school for books,
clothes, and more.

Featured Items



Replacement Charger

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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 31st 2023.

Thank you,

Margaret Goldschneider RN

Great Neck Elementary School Nurse

860-442-2593 ext. 3104

Fax: 860-437-3326



www.danyelachernurse.com



FAMILY PROGRAMS

Friday, November 10, 2:00PM - 3:00PM

Tellabration!

Come celebrate the Connecticut Storytelling Center's annual event, Tellabration! This year we welcome Marya Ursin of the Mystic Paper Beasts Theatre Company, who will be performing several stories from SkyTales, using masks, puppets, and movement." All ages are welcome, no registration required.



Friday, November 24, 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Family Movie Matinee

Join us during your school vacation for a family friendly movie. Bring your blankets, pillows, and snacks down to the meeting room for a cozy afternoon. We will be watching *The Little Mermaid* (2023), PG, 135 minutes).



Saturday, November 4, 10:00AM - 11:00AM AND Saturday, November 18, 2:00PM - 3:00PM
 Read To Scout

We are excited to welcome a new certified therapy dog to the library! Come practice your reading skills and give Scout a cuddle in the Children's Room. All ages are welcome, no registration required.

Monday, November 6, 4:00PM - 5:30PM

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.



SIGN AND SING WITH MS. JANINE



Saturday, November 18, 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.

Monday, November 20, 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Fantasy Book Club

You choose the book! Bring your favorite fantasy book to life and make a craft with fellow adventurers. See you in the realm of fantasy! Recommended for ages 5 to 7 years old. Registration is required.



Mondays, November 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.

Tuesday, November 21, 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Join us for a cozy bilingual pajama storytime! Ms Emy will read books and sing songs in English and Spanish. Feel free to dress comfy and bring your favorite stuffed animal and a blanket. No registration required, this program is aimed towards ages birth to five but all families are welcome to join. Thank you to the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut for providing funding for this program.



All programs are free and open to the public

DROP IN CRAFTS

Monday, November 13, 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Drop in Craft: Paper Strip Pumpkin

Join us in the Children's room to create an adorable fall decor pumpkin craft. Recommended for ages 5 and up, no registration required.



Monday, November 27, 4:00PM - 6:30PM

Drop In STEM Adventure: Spinning top

Join us in the Children's Room between 4:00 and 6:30 pm to create a colorful Spinning top. Recommended for ages 5 and up, no registration required.



Tuesday, November 14, 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, November 28, 4:30PM - 5:30PM
LEGO Jam Session

Join the UConn 4-H STEM program for a LEGO Jam Session! Design and construct musical instruments using LEGO building blocks and household materials then learn about sound waves and amplification technology. For ages 7 and up, registration is required. Thank you to the Rotary Club of Waterford for helping to fund this program!



Thursday, November 9, 4:30PM - 5:30PM

DIY Instruments: Strings

Ready to create, play, and dance? Join us for this DIY instrument program in which kids will learn how to make a string instrument from recycled materials! Registration required. Recommended for children ages 6-12 years.



GRAB & GO CRAFTS



Pumpkin Patch
Nov 4 to Nov 17



Pumpkin Pie Slice
Nov 18 to Dec 1

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, November 2, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Craft Night

Join Miss Ashlee to make a fall themed masterpiece. Recommended for ages 11 and up. Registration is required.

Thursday, November 16, 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 pm to make an Autumn themed craft. Ages 12 and up. No registration required.

Friday, November 10, 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Toddler Craft: Feather Letter Turkey

Join us for a fun-filled story and crafting session where toddlers make a turkey and practice spelling their name. For ages 3 to 5 years old, no registration is required.



Friday, November 17, 11:00AM - 11:45AM

Thanksgiving Story and Sensory Play

Join Miss Ashlee for a Thanksgiving story and then explore multiple sensory stations! Recommended for ages 2 to 5 years old with a caregiver. No registration required.



Wednesday, November 29, 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. Miss Ashlee will start the session with a short story! For ages 3 to 5 years old, registration is required.



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

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.**



We want to hear from you!



Please complete our online survey

