

West Woods News

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What's new in the Woods!

Welcome to our weekly WWS Newsletter!

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Please review this **NEW [Daily Health Assessment](#)** with your child every day. This Daily Health Assessment is a very important first line of defense in both ensuring the health and wellness of your children and also protecting our entire school community from the risk of infection.

Daily Schedule:

8:30 AM—3:34 PM

Upcoming Events

September 5: No school—Labor Day

September 7: WWS PTA Welcome picnic, 5:30-7:00 PM (rain date, September 8th).

September 14: WWS Open House, 5:30-7:30 PM, in person.

September 21: WWS PTA meeting via Zoom 7:00 PM (link to be sent).

September 26: No school—Rosh Hashanah

October 5: No school—Yom Kippur

Our staff thanks the WWS PTA, our WWS families, and our student chalk artists for making us feel welcome on returning to school!



Scenes from the first days of school!



Students returned very quickly to the routines of life in the Woods! So many new things to learn, and both new and old friends to see.



During this first week of school, students are building community and sharing responsibilities. Carter and Katie are working together to bring down the breakfast cooler. Great teamwork!

Bus news!

We received student ID numbers and security codes for First Student's First View Bus app yesterday and have formatted them into individual letters which have started to go home with students. Please look for the letters in your child's school folder over the next several days. These codes will enable you to log into the First View app to see where your child's bus is. I am happy to report that all buses arrived and departed on time this Friday afternoon!

Media Center Notes

Has your child lost their Chromebook charger? HPS provides each student one Chromebook or laptop and charger free of charge to use as an educational tool. Students are responsible for keeping their individually assigned device in working condition.

As with all Hamden Public School-owned property (textbooks, instruments, etc.), students are responsible for any damage that requires a repair or replacement of the property. For more information about the Board of Education policy on District Assigned Devices, please see policy [#6141.3291 on the Hamden Public School's web site](#). **The replacement fee for Chromebook chargers is \$25.** Payments should be made payable to Hamden Public Schools and brought to Ms. Sendroff who will issue a replacement charger.

Please remind your child to charge the Chromebook at home every night.

Nurse Deer's Notes:

- Emergency medications (orders and plans) must be sent to school for any child who has a diagnosis of asthma, a food allergy, seizures, or diabetes listed on their Physical Exam or if shared by a parent.
- Medication policies and forms are available for printing from [Nurse Deer's webpage](#).
- All medications must be brought to school by a responsible adult. It is illegal for kids to transport medications.
- All medical orders and plans must be signed and dated by a parent or guardian.
- Children who require medical plans or orders will not be able to participate in off site field trips unless those orders and plans are present in school.
- If your child no longer has a diagnosis requiring medication, please provide a doctor's letter to update your child's health record.
- For students in grade 6, it is a good idea to retest for allergies prior to going to middle school as kids become more independent and are potentially more at risk.
- Please notify Nurse Deer by email if your child is on any medication for any reason throughout the year as the school nurses can monitor side effects.
- Please send any questions, medical orders or plans to ddeer@hamden.

These apps are FREE and hold a wealth of great info and activities for families on how to prepare for any emergency.

<https://www.ready.gov/fema-app-toolkit>

<http://www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/mobile-apps>

Lunch and recess aides needed!

Please contact me at (203) 407-2054 or dlevy@hamden.org if you have an interest in serving as a lunch and recess aide!



Fourth graders participated in a problem solving activity to “save Fred” (ask them about it!) and worked on a whole-grade charter. So many fantastic ideas!

Please sign up for the “WWS Parent class” on Remind. I use this as another vehicle for sharing emergent information with families. To sign up for WWS Parent notifications, please visit <https://www.remind.com/join/wwspar> (you may have to copy this link to your browser to join). You can also text 81010 to @wwspar if you already have Remind.

As always, check out the **West Woods PTA website** www.westwoodspta.org for updates, forms, and our calendar of events.

Please enjoy the holiday weekend!



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