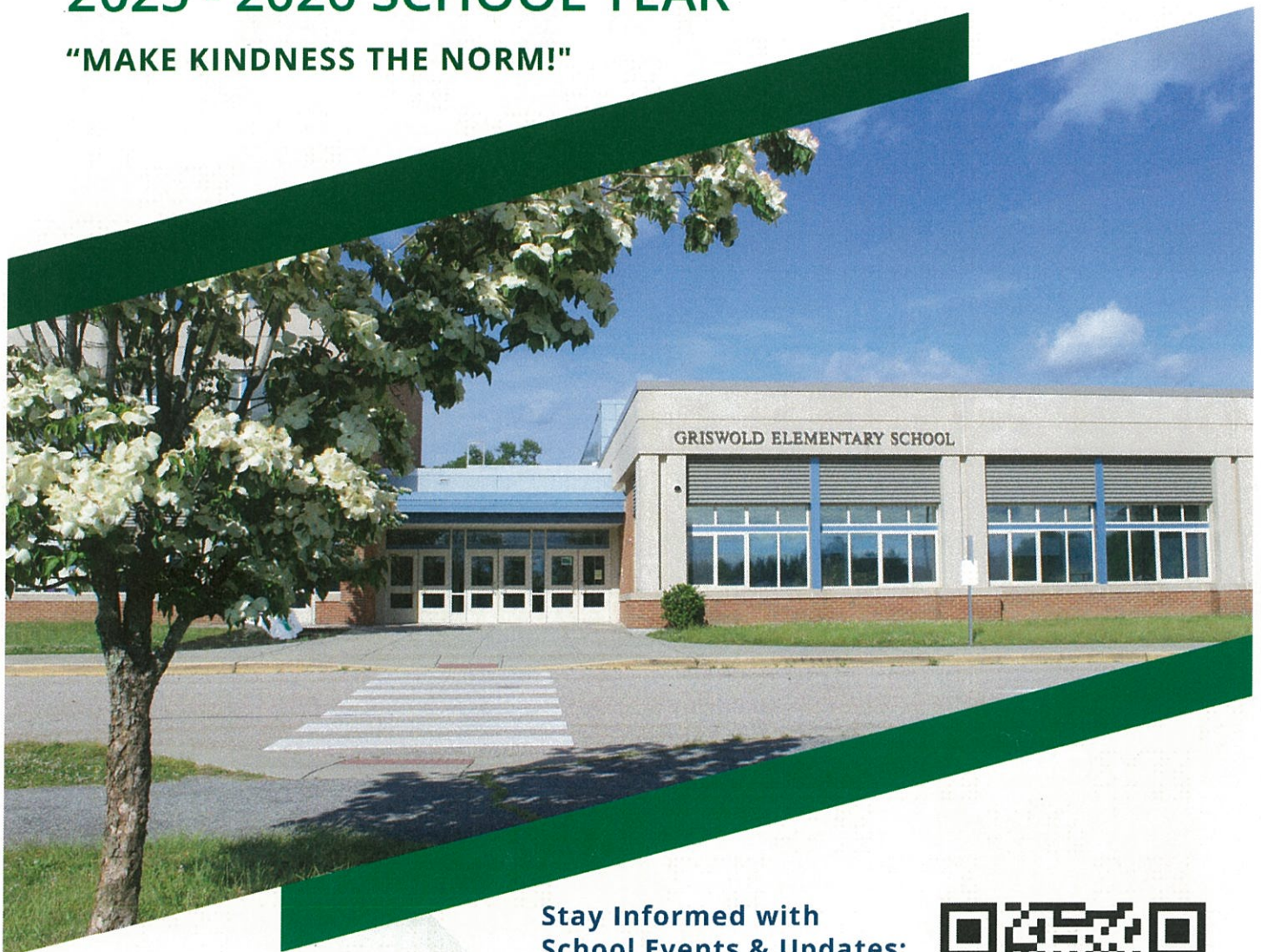


GRISWOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY FOLDER

2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

"MAKE KINDNESS THE NORM!"



**Stay Informed with
School Events & Updates:**

- School Flyers
- Community Flyers
- Youth Center Flyers

Contact the GES Main Office at 860-376-7610

<https://ges.griswoldpublicschools.org/about/wednesday-folders>



Attendance *Matters!*

**Consistent attendance
in elementary school
supports life long
academic success,
social skills, and self
confidence**



We encourage students to be

- ☒ **At School**
- ☒ **On Time**
- ☒ **Every Day**

**Please reach out to the Support Team
with any concerns about your student's
attendance**

- Too many absences in preschool and elementary school can cause children to struggle socially and academically.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Missing 10% of school (2 days each month) can make it harder to learn to read and do basic math.

Start building this habit in preschool and through elementary school so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day, is important.



- Set a **regular** bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks **the night before**.
- **Keep** your child **healthy** and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Develop **backup plans** for getting to school if something comes up.
- **Monitor** your child's **absences**.
- Try to schedule **nonurgent medical appointments** and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- **If** your child seems **anxious** about going to school, **talk to teachers**, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- **If** you are **concerned** that your child may have a contagious illness, **call** your school nurse or health-care provider **for advice**. Ask the teacher for ideas to support missed learning time.

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LUNCH

JANUARY 2026

GRISWOLD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Monday

BREAD OFFERINGS ARE WHOLE GRAIN. MILK OFFERINGS ARE 1% WHITE OR FATFREE FLAVORED. MILK IS OFFERED AT EVERY MEAL.

CHICKEN NUGGETS
MASHED POTATO
ROLL, CORN
APPLESAUCE, MILK

CHICKEN PATTY
FRENCH FRIES
BROCCOLI
APPLESAUCE, MILK

NO
SCHOOL

CHICKEN NUGGETS
FRENCH FRIES
ROLL, CORN
APPLESAUCE, MILK

Tuesday

ADDITIONAL CHOICES AVAILABLE DAILY. CHOICES ARE PB&J, TURKEY SANDWICH, CHEF SALAD OR CHEF'S SPECIAL.

BEEF NACHOS
BEANS & CORN
PEARS
MILK

GRILLED CHEESE
TOMATO SOUP
CARROTS
APPLE, MILK

CHICKEN TACO
BEANS & CORN
PEARS
MILK

GRILLED CHEESE
TOMATO SOUP
CARROTS
APPLE, MILK

Wednesday

THE USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER

PASTA W/ MEATSAUCE
GARLIC KNOT
GREENBEANS
MIXED FRUIT, MILK

PASTA W/ MEATSAUCE
GARLIC KNOT
GREENBEANS
MIXED FRUIT, MILK

PASTA W/ MEATSAUCE
GARLIC KNOT
GREENBEANS
MIXED FRUIT, MILK

PASTA W/ MEATSAUCE
GARLIC KNOT
GREENBEANS
MIXED FRUIT, MILK

Thursday

NO
SCHOOL

PANCAKES
SAUSAGE, HASH BROWN
CARROTS
PEACHES, MILK

MOZZERELLA STICKS
CARROTS
BREADSTICK
APPLE, MILK

FRENCH TOAST STICKS
SAUSAGE, HASH BROWN
CARROTS
PEACHES, MILK

MOZZERELLA STICKS
CARROTS
BREADSTICK
APPLE, MILK

Friday

NO
SCHOOL

PIZZA CHOICE
TOSSED SALAD
STRAWBERRIES
MILK

PIZZA CHOICE
TOSSED SALAD
STRAWBERRIES
MILK

PIZZA CHOICE
TOSSED SALAD
STRAWBERRIES
MILK

PIZZA CHOICE
TOSSED SALAD
STRAWBERRIES
MILK



**BE SURE TO WEAR the color RED Friday February 6th!
NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY for American Heart Health Month**

You may already know that **February is National Heart Health Month!** What better time to engage students in heart healthy happenings while supporting the American Heart Association.

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE has been part of The American Heart Association for 45 years. This is Griswold Elementary School's **17th year** participating in this event to help children who suffer from heart conditions, while at the same time keeping our own heart healthy. We will kick off our campaign February 18-24th during **BOTH** Health and Physical Education classes.

Note: ANYONE WHO REGISTERS ONLINE will receive a KHC Heart Heroes wristband. **We are encouraging all children to gather donations online or by mobile app.** However, if you make a donation by check or cash, please place it in the provided envelope and return it to Mrs. O-P or Mr. Lovell by WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25th. Checks are endorsed: **The American Heart Association.**

PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE from THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION with QR code and registration link. Thank you!

If you have any questions please email:

rotten-paggioli@griswoldpublicschools.org / ILovell@griswoldpublicschools.org

Thank you for your support! Rose Otten- Paggioli, Isiah Lovell
GES Health & Physical Education K-4

Kids Heart Challenge is coming - Join Today!



Kids Heart Challenge is coming to our school! Join today to make a difference in the fight against heart disease and stroke.

Register online and complete Finn's Mission to learn Hands-Only CPR.



1. Click here to register your student: [Griswold Kids Heart Challenge](#)
2. Start Finn's Mission to complete your challenges and change lives!

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

Check to see if your employer has a matching gift program—it could double your donation:
[Matching Gift Participating Employers](#)

Thank you so much for supporting our school and the American Heart Association!



The first Friday in February (February 6th) is National Wear Red Day. On this day in February, which is considered American Heart Month, everyone across the country is encouraged to wear the color red in order to raise and spread awareness of heart disease and stroke in millions of women all over the nation. So put on your reddest red — and let's paint Griswold Elementary RED.

Remember the KIDS HEART CHALLENGE takes place during **BOTH HEALTH AND PE CLASSES FEB. 18-24th!** All Health classes will report to the gym during those days. There is still time to earn the Kids Heart Challenge thank you gifts and complete Finns Mission! All donations are due Wednesday February 25, 2026.

Thank you for your continued support!

Rose



Griswold
Elementary
School

PTO Updates

PTO Student Shout Outs!

TWO WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Monthly Grade-Level Shout-Out Board

Each month, two grade levels are featured on our special shout-out bulletin board!

Send a message of encouragement, congratulations, or just plain love to your student!

Month	Grade
October	Pre-K + Kindergarten
November/December	1 st + 2 nd
January	3 rd + 4 th
February	Pre-K + Kindergarten
March	1 st + 2 nd
April	3 rd + 4 th
May	Teachers!

-OR-

Monthly Birthday Shout-Out Board

Open to ALL students and staff!

Make their special day extra sweet by featuring their name and a message on our Birthday Board during their birthday month!

Scan here to sign up!



Pricing:

\$5.00

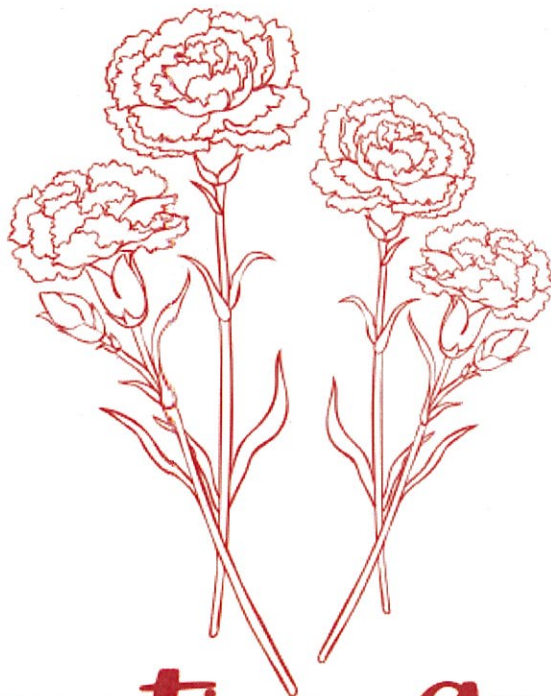
(funding PTO efforts!)

Deadline for February 2026 Boards:

Friday, January 30th!

Questions? Contact GESPTO@griswoldpublicschools.org

GES PTO PRESENTS



Carnation-Grams

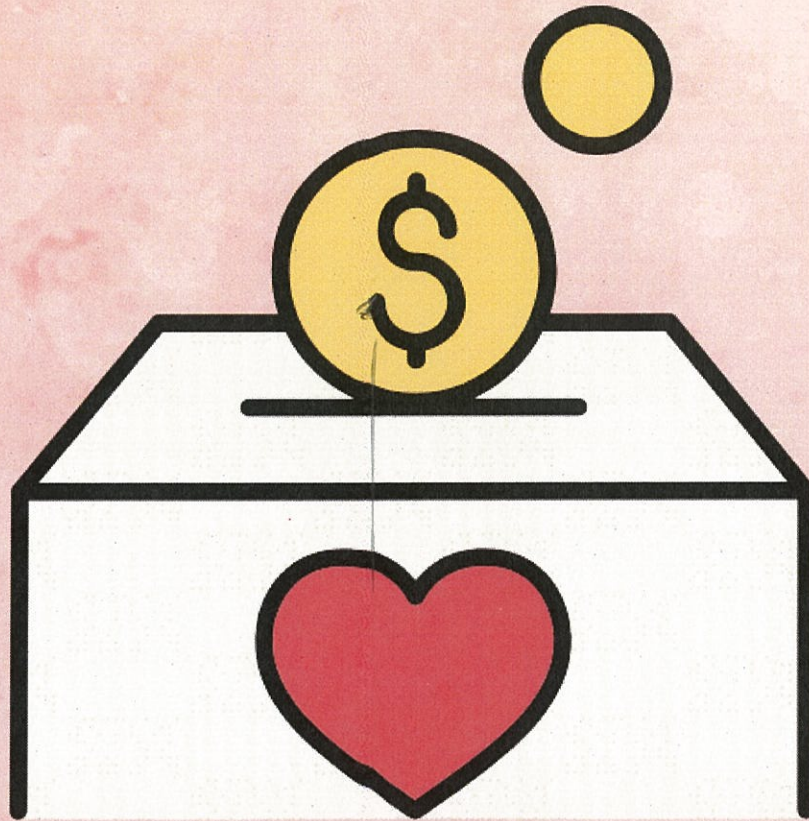
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DELIVERED ON FEB 12TH

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ORDER HERE

ORDERS AND
PAYMENT DUE
BY FEB 5TH





WE CARE WEDNESDAYS!

SPIRIT DAYS FOR CHARITY

FEBRUARY 11TH

**This months theme- Pajama Day
This months Charity- The Childrens Heart
Foundation**

**Donate via
Venmo or Cash
GES PTO Venmo: GES-PTO-2**



BOX TOPICS

Jump-start your 2026 earnings with January bonus offers and more!

**JANUARY
2026 EDITION**

BONUS OFFER BONANZA



Buy 1, Earn 5
on select :ratio*†
(excludes dairy products)



Buy 2, Earn 5
on all Cascadian
Farm products*†



Buy 2, Earn 5
on all Chex, Chex Mix
& Bugles products*†



Buy 2, Earn 5
on all Fiber One &
Protein One products*†



Buy 2, Earn 5
on all Muir Glen
products*†



Buy 2, Earn 5
on all Old El Paso
products*†



RETURN-TO-SCHOOL BONUS OFFER

Buy 4 participating products, **earn 20 Bonus Box Tops**. Offers are valid on a single transaction from 1/1/2026–1/11/2026.‡

**LIMITED
TIME
ONLY!**

3 EASY WAYS TO EARN FOR OUR SCHOOL



SCAN

Qualifying receipts
in the app



SUBMIT

Qualifying digital
receipts in the app



CONNECT

Your Walmart and
Box Tops accounts

*Offers are valid in a single transaction between 1/1/2026–1/31/2026.

†Must submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase. Limit 5 claims per receipt.

‡Earn 20 Bonus Box Tops when you buy any 4 participating Box Tops products in a single transaction through 01/11/2026. Excludes single serve cups of :ratio dairy snacks and yogurt, Old El Paso Single Seasoning Packets and Lysol products. Scan by 1/25/2026.

**DON'T HAVE THE
BOX TOPS APP YET?
DOWNLOAD IT NOW:**



Join In-Person
or Virtually!

GES PTO

Free childcare
available!

MEETING REMINDER FEBRUARY 3RD AT 6PM

MEETING INFO

WHO: All are welcome to attend the
PTO meetings - no commitment necessary!

WHERE: GES Library

WHEN: 2nd Tuesday of each month

2026 Dates:

- February 3rd @ 6PM
- March 10th @ 4PM
- April 7th @ 6PM
- May 12th @ 4PM

Free childcare at meetings!

*Virtual meeting is an option

MEETING AGENDA

- Continued discussion on
2026 fundraisers
- Continued discussion on
book fair, conferences,
yearbooks, and end of
year events
- Create subcommittee
for Glow Dance

CONTACT US

 gespto@griswoldpublicschools.org

 Check us out on Facebook

VIRTUAL OPTION

<https://meet.google.com/mmt-wzrd-fbi>

NOTE: The Google Meet link changes each month, so please only use the link
in the updated meeting reminder and/or agenda.

PIZZA

TIME

**COMING
SOON!**



FEBRUARY 1ST- MARCH 3RD

Little Cesears Pizza Fundraiser!

Deliciousness is on its way! Need an easy weeknight dinner or maybe superbowl snacks! Get delicious pizza and support the GES PTO at the same time! Stay tuned on how you can join in on the fun!

GESPTO@GRISWOLDPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG

REGIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD COLLABORATIVE



Building a Brighter Future with our Children and Families

NORWICH~LEDYARD~GRISWOLD~LISBON~VOLUNTOWN~PRESTON

The RECC is looking for a trusted, energetic and motivated Parent Ambassador!!

If you are interested in serving your community to:

- **Amplify Family Voice**
- **Build Relationships with Families**
- **Strengthen & Improve Access to Local Resources**

Then this part time position is for you!!

The 10-12 hours a month are flexible with some evening and weekend work. The pay is \$25.00/hour

General Description: The Parent Ambassador is a **trusted** community member who helps connect families of young children (Birth - age 5 years) with local Early Childhood Programs and Services. The Parent Ambassador **builds** relationships with families, **shares** important information and resources and **ensures** that family voice is reflected in the planning and implementation of the RECC work throughout the communities.

For information and to apply: Contact Linda Allen, RECC Liaison, lallen@learn.k12.ct.us

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PARENT AMBASSADOR JOB DESCRIPTION

An Early Start **Parent Ambassador** is a parent/guardian leader and trusted messenger who spreads the word about the programs and services provided within each community and engages parents and caregivers in designing and implementing the work of the Regional Early Childhood Collaborative (**RECC**). The RECC serves as the Local Governance Partner (LGP) for Early Start CT, a new state-funded early care and education program.

REPRESENTATION AND WORK NEEDED FOR MEMBER COMMUNITIES:

THREE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

One Ambassador from the **Ledyard/Preston** area.

One Ambassador from the **Norwich/Lisbon** area.

One Ambassador from the **Griswold/Voluntown** area.

COMPENSATION/HOURS: \$25/Hour; An average of 10-12 Hours/Month (not to exceed 120 hours per year)

TRAINING: No experience required; training and support will be provided

SUPERVISION: Parent Ambassador works under the general direction and guidance of the RECC Liaison and contracts with LEARN (the LGP Fiduciary) for this position.

ROLES OF THE PARENT AMBASSADOR:

- **Trusted Messenger:** Share accurate, timely, and culturally respectful information with parents, family members and caregivers.
- Ensure family voice is represented from the RECC member communities in all aspects of the Community Table.
- Build relationships with families and share relevant information.
- Connect families with local early childhood programs and services.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARENT AMBASSADOR:

- Collaborate with RECC Community Partners: To promote family-centered strategies, equitable service delivery, and local/state resources.
- Parent Voice and Advocacy: Gather feedback through formal and informal surveys to inform local planning and decision-making.
- Community Outreach & Engagement: Build connections with families to raise awareness about Early Start CT programs and other local resources and services.
- Support Events & Meetings: Attend and assist with family-focused events, focus groups, and meetings hosted by the RECC and/or partner organizations. Attend regional and state early childhood parent meetings (no more than quarterly).
- Resource Navigation: Help parents understand and access childcare, health, education, and other supports in the community.
- Communication Support: Assist with creating/sharing family-friendly flyers, social media updates, or other outreach materials.
- Monthly Reporting: Attend at least 80% of the RECC monthly meetings and provide updates on outreach activities, family needs, and success stories.

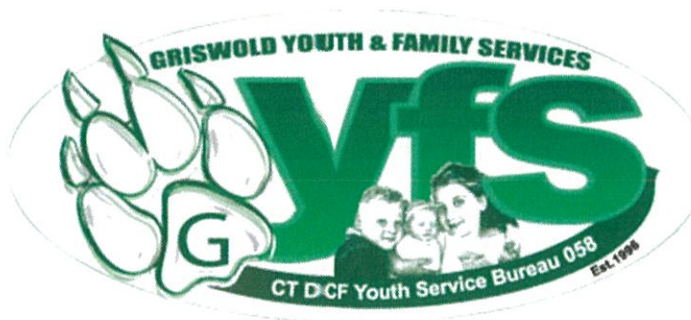
REQUIREMENTS:

- Guardian/Family member of a young child(ren) (Birth – 5 years) (e.g., mother, father, grandparent, foster parent, etc.)
- Flexibility to work occasional nights and weekends (with advanced notice)
- Have reliable transportation
- Have strong communication and relationship-building skills
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively with diverse population

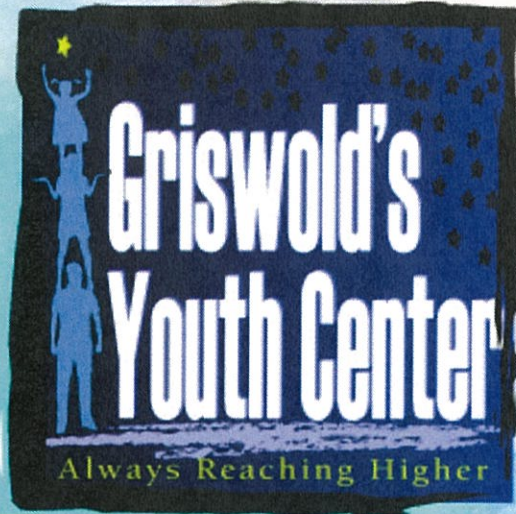
Town Of Griswold

Youth & Family Services

Updates



TOWN OF GRISWOLD, CT
Youth & Family Services
Park & Recreation Department
Griswold Youth Service Bureau 58
28 Main Street
Jewett City, CT 06351
(p) 860 376-7026 (w) griswoldyfs.com
(e) director@griswoldyfs.com



FALL / WINTER PROGRAMS

GRISWOLDREC.ORG

ENROLLING: GRISWOLDREC.ORG



IMPORTANT!

Parents of kids grade 3/4 must stay at practice the whole time.

We need your help if you child is not listening. This is be a huge support to the Wrestler's experience.

Wrestlers who are not listening will be told to do an exercise as diversion to help improve their behavior & reduce risk to others.

If risky behavior continues, then Wrestler will be told to leave the practice.

DECEMBER - MARCH

**GRADES 3/4
MONDAY / TUESDAYS**

**GRADES 5-8
THURSDAYS / FRIDAYS**

**@ GHS AUX GYM
5:30 - 7:00 PM**

**Fee: \$50
(+\$5 FOR NON-GRISWOLD)**

**COACHES &
SPONSORS
needed!**

FYI:

AT-SHIRT & SHORTS ARE TO BE WORN. BRING A WATER BOTTLE.

WRESTLING SHOES ARE REQUIRED

BRING IN WRESTLING SHOES TO CHANGE INTO TO HELP KEEP MATS CLEAN.