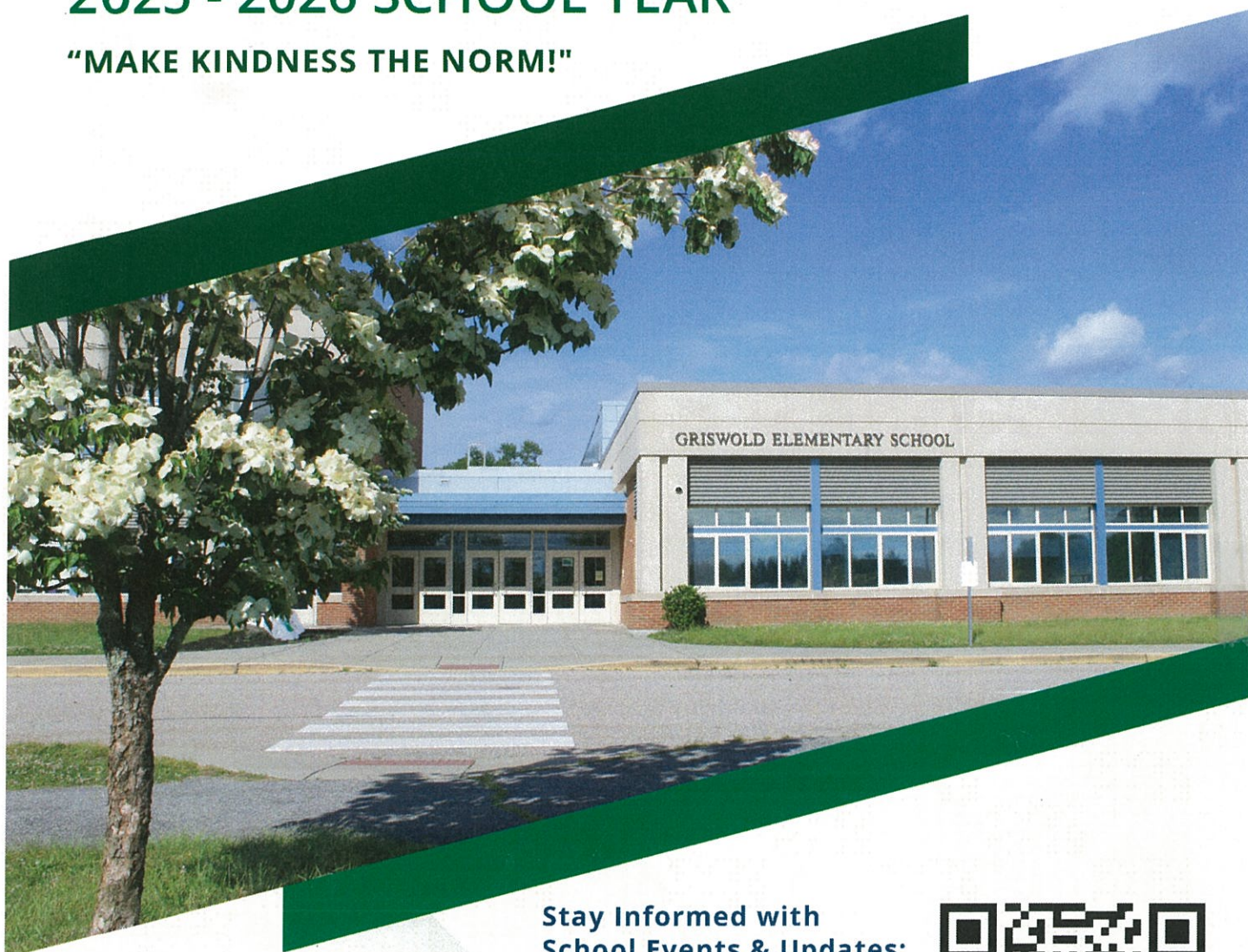


GRISWOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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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**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



LUNCH

FEBRUARY 2026

GRISWOLD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monday

2
CHICKEN NUGGETS
MASHED POTATO
ROLL, CORN
APPLESAUCE, MILK

9
CHICKEN PATTY
FRENCH FRIES
BROCCOLI
APPLESAUCE, MILK

16
NO
SCHOOL

23
CHICKEN NUGGETS
FRENCH FRIES
ROLL, CORN
APPLESAUCE, MILK

Tuesday

3
BEEF NACHOS
BEANS & CORN
PEARS
MILK

10
GRILLED CHEESE
TOMATO SOUP
CARROTS
APPLE, MILK

17
NO
SCHOOL

24
CHEESEBURGER ON
A ROLL
BEANS & CORN
PEARS
MILK

Wednesday

4
PASTA W/ MEATSAUCE
GARLIC KNOT
GREENBEANS
MIXED FRUIT, MILK

11
PASTA W/ MEATSAUCE
GARLIC KNOT
GREENBEANS
MIXED FRUIT, MILK

18
PASTA W/ MEATSAUCE
GARLIC KNOT
GREENBEANS
MIXED FRUIT, MILK

25
PASTA W/ MEATSAUCE
GARLIC KNOT
GREENBEANS
MIXED FRUIT, MILK

Thursday

5
FRENCH TOAST STICKS
SAUSAGE, HASH BROWN
CARROTS
PEACHES, MILK

12
MOZZERELLA STICKS
CARROTS
BREADSTICK
APPLE, MILK

19
PANCAKES
SAUSAGE, HASH BROWN
CARROTS
PEACHES, MILK

26
MOZZERELLA STICKS
CARROTS
BREADSTICK
APPLE, MILK

Friday

6
PIZZA CHOICE
TOSSED SALAD
STRAWBERRIES
MILK

13
NO
SCHOOL

20
PIZZA CHOICE
TOSSED SALAD
STRAWBERRIES
MILK

27
PIZZA CHOICE
TOSSED SALAD
STRAWBERRIES
MILK

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

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

THE USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER

Jewett City Troop 20/Pack 20

Present

Turkey Supper

\$17* a ticket

*Bring a canned good to receive \$2 off a ticket.

Non Perishables will be donated to St. Mary Food Bank



Come out and support our local Jewett City BSA Troop and Pack! Dine in or take out available! Get your ticket in advance. We will be selling 300 tickets!

28th March 2026: 5PM-7PM

St. Mary Church Hall

34 North Main St. Jewett City, CT 06351

Any questions? Reach out to: Pete Dameron at 860-234-8371, Sharon Pendleton at 860-712-1700, or Amanda Hunter at 860-367-3125

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NORWICH YOUTH LACROSSE

REGISTER TODAY FOR SPRING SEASON

- BOYS AND GIRLS
- GRADES 1ST - 8TH
- NORWICH AND
SURROUNDING AREAS
- SPRING SEASON APRIL- JUNE
- ALL LEVELS OF PLAY IN A REC
SETTING
- AGE APPROPRIATE LOCAL
GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS
- LEARN THE BASICS AND
MORE
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR
THOSE WHO QUALIFY



SHARE THE EXCITING NEWS

An illustration of two children, a boy and a girl, running joyfully through a sunlit grassy field. The boy on the left is wearing a white t-shirt with 'NORWICH N LACROSSE' and blue shorts, holding a lacrosse stick high. The girl on the right is wearing a similar white t-shirt and blue shorts, with a red cap. Both are smiling broadly. The background is a lush green field with trees and a bright sky.

SIGN YOUR FUTURE LACROSSE STAR UP FOR LIL LAXERS TODAY!

**for ages 4 to 7 with weekly sessions of
Fundamentals and FUN!**

www.norwichyouthlacrosse.org

Time for Preschool? Start here!



March 20th or April 4th

Attend Screening

At the screening, you will be able to meet and ask questions to the Griswold Early Education Program, Little Log Schoolhouse, and TVCCA Little Learners programs available to Griswold and Jewett City children.

1

Now

Sign up for a Developmental Screening

Sign up to attend our preschool screenings on March 20th or April 10th. Once you have an appointment you will be sent a screening packet to complete and bring to screening.

[Sign Up Here](#)

2

May 1st Notification of Acceptance

Families who are given slots for GEEP will be notified of their program placement or waitlist status.

3

May 1st - May 15th Register!

Were you given a GEEP slot?
Time to get registered!
Children with incomplete registrations by May 15th will be moved to the waitlist.

[Registration Link](#)

4

Still have Questions?

GEEP: (860) 376-7610
[Click here for more GEEP](#)

TVCCA: (860) 425-6586
[Click here for more TVCCA](#)

LLSH: (860) 376-4975
LittleLogSchoolhouse@yahoo.com

5

We look forward to
meeting you!



Scan here to access
this page digitally



GRISWOLD EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

303 Slater Avenue, Griswold, CT 06351
(860) 376-7610



GRISWOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children who are 5 before
September 1, 2026 are eligible*

Register for the
2026-2027 School Year



SCAN
ME



Scan the QR code and complete the form to start the
registration process.

Families can find the Registration Packet
and more information about Kindergarten
on our district's website.

****Please note ALL registration materials are needed
before your child can be fully enrolled.****

*Children already enrolled in Griswold Early Education Program who are
eligible for Kindergarten are automatically registered in Kindergarten
and do not need to attend the screening.*

*Kindergarten
Screening will be
held on May 22nd.
Staff will be in touch
to schedule your
child's appointment
time.*

**CONTACT
US TODAY!**

**Children born between September 1 - December 31, 2021,
must submit the waiver application for early entry to
kindergarten. Waivers are due by May 1st!*

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Griswold
Elementary
School

PTO Updates



MUFFIN MORNINGS

SECOND GRADE | FEBRUARY 19, 2026

EVENT INFO

Calling all 2nd Grade students! Invite someone special in your life to eat a light breakfast of muffins and fruit and meet new friends and families!

DATE: Thursday, Feb 19th, 2026

TIME: 7:45 - 8:30 am

PLACE: GES Cafeteria

SPIRIT STICKS WILL BE
ON SALE- \$1 EACH!

CONTACT US

 gespto@griswoldpublicschools.org

 Scan here to follow us on Facebook

LOGISTICS

DONATIONS:

If you are donating items for Muffin Mornings, please drop off at the GES office by Wednesday, February 18th.

ARRIVAL:

- Park in the lot by GHS + use the crosswalks
- Grab a visitor sticker located in the entrance way
- Go directly to the GES Cafeteria and stay with your student at all times
- If you need to use the restroom, please use the ones next to the main office.

DEPARTURE:

Please exit the building at 8:30 am, when the event has ended, to allow time to clean up.
Doors will open back up at 8:40 am for school arrival.



*Please RSVP by completing the linked form by Thursday, February 12th, 2026



SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP!

PIZZA

TIME

**NOW-
MARCH
3RD**



LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA FUNDRAISER!

Here's how it works:

- 🍕 Pizza Kits are shipped directly via FedEx — perfect for friends and family anywhere in the country.
- 🍕 Meal Deal Codes are emailed immediately after purchase and can be used for in-store purchases.
- 💰 Every item sold earns \$6 profit for our school and makes a real impact!

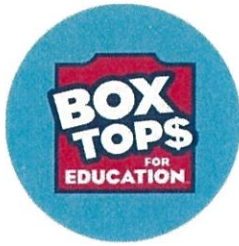
Want to sell? Create your account and personal seller page by scanning here



Just want to support? Purchase a Pizza Kit or Meal Deal Code by scanning here



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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:**





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

REGIONAL EARLY CHILDHOOD COLLABORATIVE



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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.

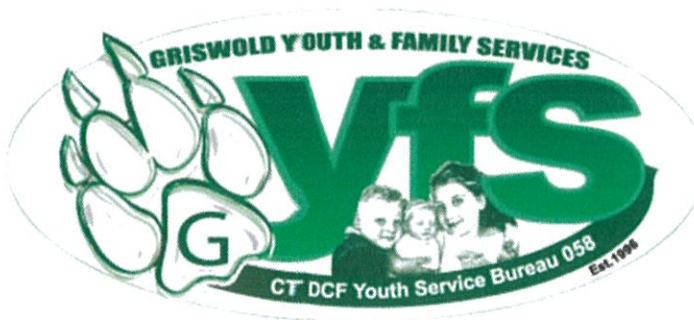
REQUIREMENTS:

- 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

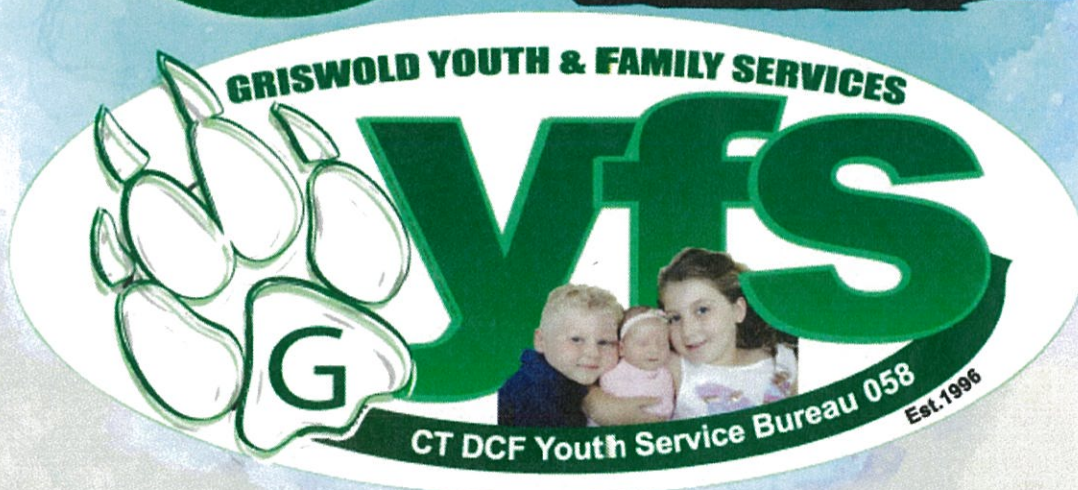
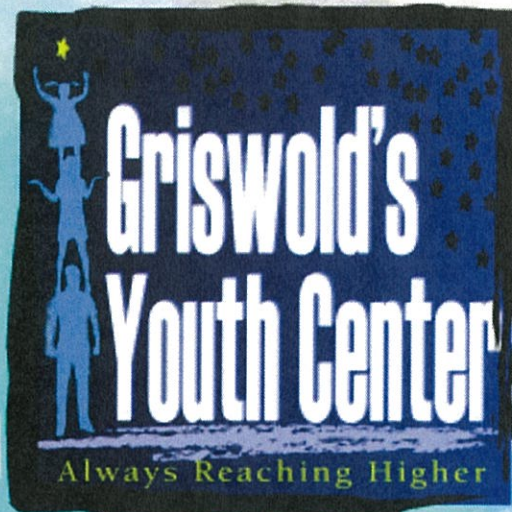
Youth & Family Services

Updates



TOWN OF GRISWOLD, CT
Youth & Family Services
Park & Recreation Department
Griswold Youth Service Bureau 58

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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.

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.

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!**