

Weston Wrap-Up January 2012

100 Cans for 100 days

Please help us raise 100 cans for our 100th day of school! We will be collecting canned food items for the Hancock County Food Pantry from now until our 100th Day, January 24th. We will begin by trying to raise 100 cans as a school. When that is accomplished, we will try for 100 per grade level and then 100 per classroom. Thank you for your donations!

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

Next year the Greenfield-Central School Corporation is planning to continue to offer a Full Day Kindergarten model in addition to the traditional half-day model. There are two informational meetings scheduled the week of January 23, 2012. Parents may attend a meeting at any location. Each meeting will be from 7:00 - 7:45 PM. The schedule is as follows:

- **Tues., Jan. 24 – Weston**
- Thurs., Jan. 26 – Eden

There is a poster with additional information such as fee amounts and payment schedule inside the front door of school.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Kindergarten times and locations are listed below. You may attend a Round-Up at another building if the time for Weston does not work for you. Each elementary

will have an 8:00 A.M. -1:00 P.M. time at their building. Those days are listed below:

- April 9 – Eden Elementary
- April 10 – Harris Elementary
- April 12 – J. B. Stephens Elementary
- **April 13 – Weston Elementary**

In addition to the dates and times listed above there will be an evening session at J. B. Stephens on April 12, from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

- ❖ State law requires that each child entering kindergarten in the fall of 2012 be five years old by August 1, 2012. Please bring the child's official birth certificate for age verification, as well as a current immunization record.
- ❖ Families may attend Kindergarten Round-Up at a school other than their home school, if necessary.

WESTON PTO

Meeting - The next PTO Meeting will be on **Monday, February 6** instead of the originally scheduled date of Tuesday, February 14.

Weston Night at Jim Dandy is **Thursday, January 26th**. No flyer necessary and the PTO will receive a percentage of all purchases after 4 pm.

MOVIE NIGHT

Movie night flyers for **January 20th** went out last week and additional ones will be available at the office. [The movie Dolphin Tale](#) is rated PG. [The reasons for the PG rating can be seen at the following link <http://parentpreviews.com/movie-reviews/dolphin-tale>](#)

Kindergarten

During the month of January, Kindergarten students will be learning about Martin Luther King Jr. and Groundhog Day in Social Studies, penguins and snowmen in Science, being part of a community and family in Reading, and addition and subtraction symbols in Math. We will also be doing many exciting activities to celebrate our 100th Day of School. Be sure to ask your Kindergartener about all of our 100th day activities!

A Friendship Adventure

Ronald McDonald will be @ Weston Elementary on **Friday, January 27th**, at 12:30pm. The program will focus on friendship, cooperation, and active play, as well as delivering the message of anti-bullying. Ronald will take us on this adventure through music, magic, games, and improvisation. Morning Kindergarten students are welcome to return to school for this program accompanied by an adult.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Good character is something to celebrate in our children. It makes us proud when children do the right things for the right reasons. It is important that good character be role modeled, taught, and praised. During the month of January, we will be focusing on the trait of **“Availability”**, which means **“Being ready to help.”** Some examples of

availability that children can be praised for include:

running errands, cleaning up after a meal or play time, helping others as asked by a teacher or parent, having a good attitude when asked to do something, responding quickly when asked to help, encouraging others to serve with them, and asking permission before making a commitment.

As you go through the month, use the concepts in these five “I Will” statements to praise availability:

I will:

- Put others ahead of myself
- Check with the right person before I make commitments
- Be ready when I am called
- Be glad for the chance to serve
- Find a way to help, not a way to hide

HCPL WINTER READING CLUB

New Year's Day to Valentine's Day
See the Guidelines

Join the Hancock County Public Library's winter reading club today. Every time you log a book you've read, your name is automatically entered in prize drawings. It's that simple.

Beginning January 1, join online from home or with a smart phone.

You may also use a computer at the library information desk.

Two grand prizes will be awarded to people in each group.

Sign up now by clicking your category:

Children (birth through grade 5)

Families (one account and password for the whole family)

Teens (grade 6 to age 19)

Adults (ages 18 and up)

Children may also pick up a prize each week at the children's desk if they've read and logged

Please go to the Parent Portal to check the accuracy of the information we have there.

another book since their last visit: 6 weeks, 6 prizes (limit 1 per week). Children too young to read may have a title entered under their name when a book is read aloud to them.

For each book teens log online, their names are automatically entered in weekly prize drawings for free food coupons from area restaurants AND entered in a final drawing for a **Kindle Fire** or a \$100 Visa gift card. Teen prizes are sponsored by the **Friends of the Hancock County Public Library**.

Adults are also entered in prize drawings when they log books. Just for fun, teens and adults have the option of writing reviews and posting them on Facebook.

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1564349/parentalguide>

LOOKING FOR A PRESCHOOL?

The preschool program located in J.B. Stephens Elementary will be screening for the 2012-2013 Typical Peer Program on **Friday, February 24, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** If there is a **2 hour delay**, we will hold the screening. If school is cancelled, **the make up day will be Friday, March 9 from 8:00-10:00 am.**

This program is for pre-kindergarten aged children whose birth-date is between August 2, 2007 and August 1, 2008. Typical peers possess age appropriate skills and serve as good speech and social models for our special needs children. The children will be required to pass a speech screener.

Applicants are chosen based on the speech screener performance and teacher observation. You will be notified on or before February 25 as to whether your child was selected or not. Should more applicants qualify than space allows, a drawing will be held to fill positions.

Our teachers are licensed teachers. There is a minimum of one teacher's assistant in each of the classes with two being the norm.

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While our classes usually start small, we typically have about twelve children per session.

Classes meet Monday through Thursday with a morning (7:20-10:20) and afternoon session (11:00-2:00) each day. Our monthly tuition is comparable to community preschools.

PAYMENTS

Registration:

If your child is chosen to participate as a typical peer, a **\$75.00 registration fee** will be charged at the time of enrollment. **The registration fee is a separate charge. It does NOT apply to any tuition payments, and it will not be refunded if your child withdraws.**

Tuition:

1st installment due August 1st-\$253.34
2nd installment due November 1-\$253.33
3rd installment due February 1-\$253.33

If you would like to have your child screened for our Typical Peer program, please plan to attend Friday, February 24, 2012 between the hours of 8:00 am-10:00 am. For questions call 462-4491 Julie Rogers, ext. 116 Trish Winn, ext. 114, or Allison Frakes ext. 113.

*Your home school does **NOT** need to be in the J.B. Stephens Elementary boundary; however, your home **MUST** be located within the Greenfield-Central school district or the Eastern Hancock district.

*Acceptance into this program is not based on income level

*Bus transportation is **NOT** available to typical peers.

January 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 PTO Mozzi Pizza Night	4	5	6	7
8	9 School Resumes	10 PTO Meeting 7:00	11	12	13	14
15	16 MLK Day No School	17	18	19	20 Movie Night 6-8	21
22	23	24 FDK parent info meeting @ Weston 7-7:45 PM	25	26 Jim Dandy Night FDK parent info meeting @ Eden 7-7:45 PM	27 Ronald McDonald Program	28
29	30	31				

Announcing a Jim Dandy®

“Fundraiser Night”

*“Havin’ a
Dandy Time”*



*Supporting OUR
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The following group will get a donation of 10%
of total net sales from 3 pm to close on the
date listed at the Jim Dandy location named.

Group: Weston PTO

Project: _____

Date and Time: 1/26/12 3 - Close

Jim Dandy Location: Greenfield
