

West Vine Street School

Where Every Child is Known, Challenged and Treasured

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October 8, 2009



NO SCHOOL
FRIDAY, October 9, 2008 - Staff Development Day
MONDAY, October 12, 2008 - Columbus Day

Parent Teachers Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 27th and Thursday, November 5th. Both of these days will be a 1/2 day sessions with dismissal at 1:10 p.m. for Grades 1 & 2. The Kindergarten schedule will be as follows:
AM Kindergarten - 8:55 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
PM Kindergarten - 11:10 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.

Please complete the form coming home today with your child and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank You.



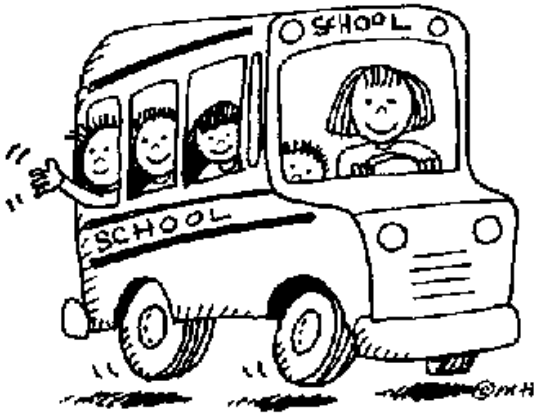
Crazy Hair Day

On Friday, October 30st our West Vine students are going to show their school spirit by wearing crazy hair. This is our first spirit day of the school year. Each month will be a different theme. We hope your child will enjoy our fun days of "School Spirit"!

Lost 'n' Found

Our Lost 'n' Found box is growing already. Please be sure to ask your child to check it when items go missing. Thanks!





Every year at this time, the principals have been in close contact with the First Student bus drivers. The purpose of our conversation is to review bus policies, address issues and concerns, and brainstorm ideas to ensure that each child has an enjoyable and most importantly a safe ride on the bus. As always, we ask for your help and support with this. In order for each person to keep informed about bus policy, I have included for your reference the portion of West Vine Street School handbook that discuss transportation and the district policy for riding the school bus.

Student Behavior while Riding a School Bus

The Stonington School System has specific rules and regulations regarding student behavior while riding a school bus. The safety of all passengers is our primary concern. Children are expected to be courteous and respectful and **remain seated** at all times while riding the bus. It is important that students respect the authority of the bus driver. Students may not eat on the bus, adjust the windows, throw objects, or extend their bodies out of the windows or into the aisles. **All personal items must be kept in a backpack at all times when riding on the bus.** Bus transportation is a privilege and may be denied for just cause by the school principal. The following procedures are followed when a student misbehaves on the bus:

- If a student makes a bad choice, the bus driver will remind and redirect the student.
- If the inappropriate behavior continues, the student will be given an assigned seat in the front of the bus for no longer than three days, time for the student to think about whether or not he/she wants the freedom to pick their own seat. Once the three days are over the student will again have the freedom to sit where he/she wishes.
- If the behavior continues, the driver will write a "bus conduct" report. The student (or students) will meet with the principal or assistant principal. A letter with a copy of the conduct report will be sent home. If there are no additional write-ups in the next three months, the first write-up will be removed showing that good behavior is rewarded.
- If the student receives a second write-up within a three-month period, the student will be off the bus for three days to again think about their behavior. Parents will be contacted immediately, and someone will then be required to transport the student to-and-from school for three days (a total of six times). Following the three-day suspension the entire procedure starts over again.

Please remember under no circumstances should anyone drive through the bus lane and/or drop children off in the bus lane. Please use the parking lot along West Vine Street or the lot across the street to park and walk your child to the building. **Driving through the bus lanes is a \$450 fine.** Thank you as always for your help and understanding.

Mrs. Brown

Coming Events

10/9 - **NO SCHOOL** - Staff
Development Day

10/12 - **NO SCHOOL** - Columbus Day

10/30 - Grade 2 Field Trip -

Pequotsepos Nature Center

10/14 - SBIT Mtg - 11:30 p.m. - Library

10/23-30 - Scholastic Book Fair

10/27 - $\frac{1}{2}$ Day - Parent Teacher

Conferences - Dismissal 1:10 pm

10/30 - Spirit Day - Crazy Hair Day

10/31 - Kindergarten Field Trip - Terra
Firma Farm



Please note:

**There has been a change to
our lunch menu:**

October 27 - Grinders

October 29 - Nachos





PTO NEWS

The Book Fair is coming to our school Oct 23rd-30th!!

Our theme this fall is Read around the World!

The PTO needs your help to decorate our book fair. We are looking for students to create flags or pictures of a different country or culture. Please no bigger than 8x12! These flags and pictures will be displayed for all to see for the entire week of Book Fair. Please bring the pictures by Oct 21st with your child's name and teacher's name on the back.

The PTO also needs volunteers to cover many shifts during book fair, a volunteer sign up sheet will be going home soon. Any questions please contact Julie Holland at julieaholland@sbcglobal.net

Trash to Cash Program

Please send in all your box tops and other labels by Thu Oct 15th to help win your class a ice cream party and extra recess time! Any questions please contact Cindy Nadeau at momthe2nd@aol.com

Sensory Garden Update

The Sensory Garden committee will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast at Applebees Restaurant in Westerly on Sunday November 8th from 8-10:30am. Tickets for the Breakfast will be \$6.00 each. Teachers and Parents will be staffing this event. There will also be some fun raffle items to take a chance on winning. Proceeds from the breakfast will go towards the ongoing construction of our new outdoor class room. If you would like to pay for your tickets in advance please make checks payable to WVSS. Donations are always welcomed and appreciated. Thank you for your support!