May 8th, 2014

Dear Duffy Families,

I wish our mothers a very Happy Mother’s Day. I hope everyone will be able to enjoy the spectacular weekend the weather persons have promised us. To the mothers of Duffy School thank you for what you do behind the scenes to make our school community the happy and exciting place it is to learn and grow.

We had a busy month in April and it will continue in May. There have been many field study trips to support the curriculum concepts. Author, Bill Thomson came to our school Monday and Wednesday of this week. Yesterday he helped your children to create a chalk drawing which they will write about. They will be inferring from their drawings.

Many of you may have noticed Mrs. Shapiro smiling with tears in her eyes. Mrs. Shapiro has announced that she is retiring at the end of the year. She has been an icon at Duffy and there is no replacing her. I hope you will join us as we show our appreciation for Mrs. Shapiro’s many years of unwavering dedication to our kindergarten children and our community. Another kindergarten staff member will be retiring. Mrs. Nancy Frobel will be leaving Duffy after many years. She will be missed.

As we begin our closing procedures, it is important to hear from you about how we are progressing. The annual survey helps us to access our progress over time, and all schools in the district are participating. Some of you (16%) responded right away. Thank you! I hope we receive more responses to let us know how we are performing.

It should take you about 10-15 minutes to share your thoughts. The survey will be open until the end of tomorrow, May 9th. Please copy and paste it to your browser if you are unable to click it opened. Here is the link: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YJHKCLF

I look forward to seeing my first Duffy Fair and observing the festivities. Did you have a chance to volunteer? It’s never too late! I will spend some time in the dunkin’ tank this year. Let’s hope the weather shines on us Friday, June 6th. See you at the Fair!
A special message:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children. At the end of this school year I will be retiring. It has been my pleasure to work with you. I am only sorry that it was so short of a time. I am not sure what I will do. But I do know I will spend more time with my family, especially my two beautiful grandsons. I love greeting your children as they come through the doors each morning and saying good-bye to them at the end of the day. The hugs melt my heart. I have enjoyed each of my meetings with every parent/guardian. It is obvious how much you love your children and only want the best for them.

As I told Dr. Karen List, it warms my heart to see all the wonderful things happening at Duffy School and, I am sure, at all the schools. The teachers are providing a rigorous academic curriculum for your children, and the arts programs are amazing at Duffy! The discussions I have heard at the Board of Education meetings were insightful into how much the West Hartford community cares for the children/young adults, as I know you care deeply for your children. I wish you and your children the best!

Sincerely and Fondly,

Dr. Karen Fitzsimmons
Principal

Under Mrs. Michele Hadlock’s guidance the Duffy students SHINED at the evening Quest Investigation Celebration!

Children in third grade enjoyed drawing with chalk to add onto Duffy’s chalk drawing. Author Bill Thomson started the Duffy Dragon scene.
May and June is always a busy time in schools, as one year comes to a close and planning for the next year becomes a reality. I am excited to say that this May and June is shaping up to be the best ever! This week, we welcomed our 2014 Author-In-Residence, Bill Thomson, to Duffy. On Monday, students enjoyed a 45 minute presentation to learn about his work as an author and an illustrator. This prepared them for participation in a collaborative art project using chalk during recess on Wednesday. We will share pictures of the mural created in our final Dateline of the year.

In addition to Mr. Thomson's visit, the Enrichment Committee has also secured funding (thank you, PTO!) to provide an end-of-the-year science experience for all Duffy students. Grades K-2 will participate in StarLab. StarLab is a planetarium that will be set up in the gym the week of June 2nd. Students will enter the dome and a nocturnal friend will introduce them to the night sky. Our young astronomers will learn about what causes day and night as well as how the constellations are formed. Grades 3-5 will participate in a second Children’s Museum offering called Crime Lab the week of June 9th. Students will become super sleuths as they decode fingerprints and analyze ink composition. They will be challenged to solve a crime using their new skills. Both programs come highly recommended, and we are thrilled to be bringing them to Duffy to support our curriculum and end the year strong!

As if this is not enough, we also have lunar samples from NASA here this week. All Duffy students will get a chance to see and touch these rare specimens from outer space. Classroom presentations will be led by 5th graders Talia F., Luke S., Emre B., Ethan H., Charlie K., and Eric S. I love the idea of our older students teaching our younger students.

We would like to invite all of you to come see the samples on Monday, May 12th after school in the library. Our 5th grade volunteers will make a presentation and share the samples beginning promptly at 3:30. We hope to see you there!

I very much appreciate the collaboration that has taken place to bring each of these experiences to our students. Duffy is certainly a special school.

Kristi
May 2014

08  9:15am-12:00pm  Bus Evacuation
      Walk-A-Thon (Rain date 5/09/2014)
      Crazy Hair Day
  3:20-4:20pm  Grades 3-4-5 After School Sports, Gym

09  7:20am  Sedgwick Visits Grade 5 for Transition Meeting (Teachers)
          Walk-A-Thon rain date

12  9:00-9:45am  Grade 2 Japan Presentation (Burton/Griffin)
   10:00-10:45am  Grade 2 Japan Presentation (Haven/Shreiner)
   3:20-4:20pm  Grade K After School Sports, Gym
   3:30pm  Lunar Samples, LMC
         Safe School Committee Meeting

13  1:30 and 7:00pm  Spring Concert
   3:20-4:20pm  Grades 1&2 After School Sports, Gym
           Art Show Opening

15  7:30am  Student Council Rep. Meeting
   9:00am-1:00pm  Grade 2 Field Trip to Smith Museum (Griffin/Havens)
   3:20-4:20pm  Grades 3-4-5 After School Sports, Gym

16  8:30-11:30am  Grade 3 Quest Nomination
   9:00am-1:00pm  Grade 2 Field Trip to Smith Museum (Shreiner/Burton)
           Inter-El Tour Day, Duffy Performance

19  3:20-4:20pm  Grade K After School Sports, Gym

20  12:45-2:00pm  Middle School Librarians Visit Grade 5 (Bates/Scutari)
   3:20-4:20pm  Grades 1&2 After School Sports, Gym
   3:30pm  Principal’s Advisory Meeting, LMC

21  Egg Drop Contest (Recess)
    Officer Moffo Visits Duffy

22  7:20am  Bristow visits Grade 5 for Transition Meeting
   8:45am-1:45pm  Grade 3 to Westmoor Park
   9:30-10:30am  Grade 5 Visits Sedgwick (Bates/Scutari)
   12:45-2:00pm  Grade 5 Library Visit (Taylor/Coursey)
   3:20-4:20pm  Grades 3-4-5 After School Sports, Gym

23  9:00-11:00am  Grade 1 Field Trip to Westmoor Park
   9:30-10:30am  Grade 5 Visits Sedgwick (Taylor/Coursey)
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Submissions are due the Monday before publication dates and can be sent to Karen Fitzsimmons at Karen_Fitzsimmons@whps.org and Ernestine Nobou at Ernestine_Nobou@whps.org

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Duffy Book Drive

For the past couple of years, we have collected gently-used books as part of the Duffy Book Drive. Last year, we donated books to classrooms, our Duffy library and HANOC. Because of everyone’s generosity, we were also able to send bags of books home with students who do not have home libraries or the means to get to a library over the summer.

Beginning May 19, we will be collecting gently-used children’s books. We would love to have books that children in kindergarten through sixth grade would enjoy reading. If you have any books that you would like to donate, there will be a book collection box in the front lobby. The book drive will end on Friday, June 6.

Last Day of School

At this point, June 19th is the last day of school. Please mark your calendar. The last day of school will be 2:00pm dismissal.
Dear Duffy Parents and Staff,

Our spring Mixed Bag fundraiser closed at the end of April and we are very excited to share our total profit with you all. We earned a profit of $5,685 which will be used towards the purchase of a C.O.W. (Computers on Wheels) & laptops for our Duffy Students. We are thrilled to have had such a positive response to this fundraiser. In order to earn the profit we did our Duffy students sold $10,927.04 worth of Mixed Bag products! We could not be prouder of the amazing effort put forth by our outstanding Duffy students.

We also have even more good news on the fundraising front at Duffy. This year Duffy earned $4,662.33 from the Stop & Shop A+ Rewards program. Simply by providing us with your Stop & Shop reward card numbers at the beginning of the school year & allowing us to register them as part of the Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program for Duffy we earned close to $5,000! This is the most Duffy has ever raised with this simple & free program from Stop & Shop. This year we registered 249 cards, many of which were those of friends & neighbors of some of our Duffy families. Next year if we get the card number of every Duffy family that ever shops at ANY Stop & Shop we would at least double the amount of money we earn from the program. What could be easier? The program runs from the beginning of October through the middle of March each year. We need to provide a new list of card numbers to Stop & Shop each year, so we will be collecting card numbers from Duffy families and friends again in the fall with the goal of doubling our return from the program next year.

This week we celebrate our wonderful teachers & staff at Duffy. We are so grateful to have such dedicated, hardworking individuals guiding our children. We showed our gratitude to our teachers & staff by providing a delicious breakfast in the Staff Lounge Tuesday morning; having our children give our teachers a "hand" by making and bringing in their traced "hands" decorated for their teachers and staff on Wednesday; and finishing off the week with a decadent chocolate fountain complete with delicious treats to cover in chocolate. We are also providing coffee each morning, just to brighten the teachers' and staff members' day. Many, many thanks to everyone who is contributing to make all of these wonderful events happen this week!

This year is quickly coming to a close. It's hard to believe that summer vacation is almost here. With the close of each school year, we look forward to celebrating with all Duffy families at the annual Duffy Fair. The Fair will be held on Friday, June 6th at 5pm. In order to make this wonderful evening happen, we need your help! We will be circulating a link to our Duffy Fair Volunteer Spot page that lists all of the various volunteer needs for the Fair this year. Please ensure you sign up to donate some time to help supervise a station at the Fair. Just 30 minutes from each parent makes a huge difference & helps to lighten the load. If you have any questions, please contact Mandy Drain, Amy Boulbbee MacKinnon or Amy Sarzen. Our contact info can be found on the PTO website or at the front of the Duffy Directory.

We hope you are all enjoying the Spring weather that has finally arrived.

Sincerely,

Amy Boulbbee MacKinnon- PTO President
Amy Sarzen- PTO First Vice President
Duffy 2014 Spring Art Show
May 13th - 30th

Please come join all the Duffy artists in sharing their amazing creations!

Opening Night
Tuesday May 13th, 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.
(Followed immediately by the Duffy concert)

INFORMATIONAL FLYERS
1- Duffy PTO volunteers form
2- May lunch Menu (is available on Duffy Website)
3- Mad Science Registration Form
4- After School Sport Registration form
The Duffy Spring Concert is Tuesday, May 13, at 1:30pm for students and 7:00pm for parents in the Duffy Auditorium. The students are working incredibly hard to memorize their music. They were given lyrics of the songs to help in this task.

**Concert Dress for the Afternoon and Evening Performances:**
- **Boys**—white or light colored shirt, a tie, black or dark pants and dark shoes
- **Girls**—white or light colored blouse, black or dark skirt or pants, dark shoes with a low heel

**PLEASE NO SNEAKERS**

**For the evening concert:**
- Orchestra students report to the Music Room at 6:30pm
- Band students report to the Café at 6:45pm
- Choir students report to Gym at 6:50pm

**Arrival times for the evening concert:**
- 6:30pm, 4th and 5th grade Strings - Music Room
- 6:45pm, 4th and 4th grade Band - Cafeteria
- 6:50pm, Choir - Gym

After the concert on May 13, there will be no more before school rehearsals.

**Please email or call me if you have questions**
- Marilyn_Holcomb@whps.org or 521-7211 ext. 141.

Mrs. Holcomb & Mr. Dave Thomas
Music Teachers

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**End of Lending $$$**

The office will suspend the loaning of lunch money on June 6, 2014, in order to collect any outstanding accounts. Please make sure your child/children have enough money on their lunch cards. Remember any remaining money on lunch cards will be carried over to the next year. It will also move to any school in West Hartford that your child attends. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.
I want to give a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the families who helped, participated, and donated to the Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser. We were able to raise **$2554.36** as a school and had **272** individual students and families making a pledge for the American Heart Association. In return each classroom will receive 2 new kick balls for their use during recess. Your generosity is overwhelming and **THANKS** for your continued support and efforts.

**Field Day**

Field Days are quickly approaching! During your child’s Physical Education class, they are working on a variety of activities to prepare them to perform and showcase their skills on their particular Field Day. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and each grade will enjoy a fun filled day of excitement. I hope that you can make time to stop by on your child’s Field Day to watch them perform in a fun and active environment. Below is the schedule of grade level Field Days and an approximate time of events for students in grades 3, 4, and 5.

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Thanks for your continued support!

Physical Education Teacher

[Rob_DeVeau@whps.org / 860-521-0110](mailto:Rob_DeVeau@whps.org)
After the long winter everyone is ready to get outside and enjoy some beautiful spring days. Hope some nicer weather will help the plants begin to sprout in the Duffy garden. Thanks to an amazing community hero, local contractor Shawn Kruse, the garden now has six raised beds – one for each grade. Shawn donated his time to build these beds and will also be building a bench in the garden that can accommodate an entire class. We are so grateful to Shawn. If anyone is interested in working with him he can be reached at (860) 877-0775 or www.krusehomeimprovement.com

The kindergarten and 2nd grade students planted lettuce, spinach and green beans in the beds at the end of April. Last weekend a number of families pitched in and spent the morning planting the butterfly, herb and shade gardens. There were lots of little hands digging in the dirt, planting herbs and catching worms. If you haven’t been behind the school lately, definitely take some time to go around back and see how far our Duffy Garden has come this year. Many thanks to Rachel Stein for her continued hard work to create a beautiful outdoor classroom for the students and teacher.

We will be looking for summer help in caring for our garden. If any family is interested in taking a week or part of a week to care for the garden please contact Alanna Heaney (alannaheaney@sbcglobal.net) or Kim Price-Glynn (kimpriceglynn@gmail.com).

Mark your calendar for the Spring Farmers’ Market on Thursday, June 12th at dismissal. We will be looking for student volunteers to participate in planning meetings on Thursdays, May 29th and June 5th from 7:45-8:30 am. Information will come home in backpacks next week. If your child would like to participate please return the forms by Thursday, May 22nd. Any parent interested in helping please contact Susan Kamin at kamin.susan@gmail.com.

Please note that the Health and Wellness committee is looking for a new chair or co-chairs for next year. Please contact Susan Kamin or Denise Torla (dتورلا66@yahoo.com) if you would like to learn more about helping out.
Kids R.A.M Race

June 1, 2014
Wolcott Elementary School

What's a Kids R.A.M Race? It's an exciting 1.2 mile race that allows your kids to "Run A Muck" through The Wolcott Children's Forest. They will be challenged by 11 obstacles over the course that includes scaling walls, crawling through the mud, sliding down hills and much more!!!! This race, for kids grades 3-5, is no gym class or walk in the park. They will get down and dirty while challenging their physical agility.

The race runs in 30 minute slots from 10 am to 2 pm. Choose what time you want to come have fun!!! 25 racers per time slot.

Call your friends and make a plan to com "Run a Muck" at Wolcott Elementary School!

Proceeds to benefit indoor recess and school fitness programs at Wolcott Elementary School.

Sign up today!!!  Space is limited!

Online Registration is open@  http://rascal-run.myshopify.com/
registration closes May 24th
Volunteers welcome

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AAAF2DA02-kids

Questions? contact Jennifer Trent, Event Coordinator @ jennetrent@hotmail.com
**Dress Code Reminder**

Following are the school dress guidelines as they appear in the Duffy handbook (page 19). Please talk with your children about the guidelines and help them to understand the difference between appropriate school dress and play clothes or beachwear.

**School Dress Guidelines**

*Students should come to school ready to learn. Appropriate dress should be considered so that our school is a safe, comfortable environment for all children. Students are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing.*

- **Shorts should be at least fingertip length.**
- **Shorts and pants should not sag.**
- **Shorts and tops should cover both stomach and back.**
- **Shoes should be comfortable, safe and appropriate for school activities.** (Flip-flops, clogs and sandals are not safe or appropriate for most outdoor recess activities. Students wearing these types of footwear may be restricted from participating in some activities. **Please also note that sneakers with wheels are not allowed in school**).
- **Outwear should be appropriate for the weather.** (It is recommended that students dress in layers so that each is prepared for the changes in temperature that may occur during any spring day).
- **Clothes should not contain offensive pictures or words.**
- **Hats and bandanas should not be worn in the building.**

In choosing clothing that meets these guidelines, please remember that neither pants nor tops should allow for undergarments to be revealed. Your assistance in helping your children make the right choices is appreciated.

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA**

**We need your help!**

West Hartford SEPTA (Special Education Parent Teacher Association) is seeking volunteers to work in two-hour shifts to help sell water and soda at SEPTA’s booth at Celebrate! West Hartford, a two day fair held Saturday, June 7 (10am -6pm) or Sunday, June 8 (12-6pm).

If you can’t give your time please consider a donation of money to purchase or buy cases of soda or water yourself. Please contact Randi Leopold at (860) 874-3533 or via email at Randileopold@comcast.net to help.

You can mail or drop off your donations to Randi Leopold, 54 Bainton Rd. West Hartford, CT 06117.

SEPTA thanks you in advance for your participation.

We need donations of cases of water, iced tea, lemonade or coca cola products (coke, diet coke or sprite) for our biggest fundraiser of the year.  We will have a booth at Celebrate! West Hartford selling soda, water and lemonade. The event is **Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, 2014.** Please either donate money for us to buy the items or you can purchase the items directly.  We will pick them up from you or you can drop them off.  If you can help please contact Randi Leopold at (860)874-3533 or by email at RandiLeopold@comcast.net.  SEPTA thanks you in advance for your generosity.
The 2014 Summer School Program welcomes students to a wide selection of enriching courses and great activities. The offerings range from four-week preschool & kindergarten activities at Aiken School, to classes for both middle school and high school students held this year at Sedgwick Middle School while the high school buildings undergo repairs and updates. For very young students, we have three programs. Summer Fun for Preschoolers provides many activities for 3 to 5 year olds in small group settings. G.R.A.S.P., or Get Ready at Summer Pre-School, emphasizes early learning skills for children entering kindergarten this fall. And Moving on Up offers more formal educational skill development for children “moving up” to first grade this fall. All three of these programs will be held at Aiken School and are scheduled from 8:30 to 11:30 each morning for four weeks, beginning on Monday, June 30 and ending on Friday, July 25 (No class on July 4).

For students entering grades 7 and 8, we are adding Technology classes in photography/graphic design and animation/web design (which are also open to high school students), as well as our popular Introduction to Algebra and Study Skills for Middle School courses.

In addition to more than 30 credit classes that can be taken for get-ahead or remedial high school credit at Sedgwick this summer, such as Modern World History for incoming ninth graders, or Health and American Government for sophomores, we have added some exciting elective classes in Introductory Chinese and, for students entering grades 11 and 12, Anatomy & Physiology, which isn’t offered during the school year. Course descriptions and registration procedures can be found now online at whlifelearn.org, or by phone at 860-561-6900, or in person at the Continuing Education office at Town Hall. The high school Program of Studies has our summer information at the back of that guidebook, and our own summer course catalog will be mailed to all homes in early May. Catalogs will also be available at our schools and libraries.
The Duffy Health and Wellness Committee will be working with local farmers to bring the best of the early summer harvest to Duffy for an after school farmers’ market. This fun event is designed to help teach students about local farms, the variety of local produce that is available and the benefits to the entire community when we rely on locally grown foods.

**When:** Thursday, June 12th at 3:20 pm  
**Where:** The lawn in front of Duffy  
**What:** Seasonal produce from local farms will be for sale. Chef Torla will be sampling special treats using available produce.

**We Need Student Volunteers**

We are recruiting student volunteers to help us prepare. All grades are welcome. If your child/children is/are interested in volunteering they will need to attend two before school planning sessions scheduled for Thursdays, May 29th and June 5th from 7:45 -8:30 am in the Media Center. To become a volunteer please fill out the attached form and return it to the front office by May 22nd.

____________________________________________________________
Farmers’ Market Student Volunteer Form

Child’s name ___________________________________________________________

Grade ___________  Teacher____________________________________________

Please return to the Duffy front office by Thursday, May 22nd.
Yoga Day on the Miracle League Field

Saturday, May 17th
10-10:45 a.m. Children with Special Needs
11 -11:45 a.m. Yoga for Everyone
Free of Charge

Email: lawr888@comcast.net
Corner of Asylum and Trout Brook
West Hartford, CT

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE MIRACLE FIELD
With Lucy Rosenblatt and Sarah Billings

Supported By
Duffy Field Day T-shirts

$5 each
(Adult XX-Large + $1.50 ea.)

Submit Orders to:
Rob Deveau

Contact Rob with Questions:
rob_deveau@whps.org

Make Checks Payable to:
Duffy Elementary School

DEADLINE: MONDAY MAY 12, 2014

Student’s Name: _____________________________

Teacher’s Name: ____________________ Grade: __________________

Youth Sizes                     Adult Sizes
Small ___               Small ___                        X-large ___
Med ___                           Med ___                        XX-large ___
Large ___                        Large ___

Amount Enclosed: _______________
Come Learn about Advocacy with the Global Problem Solving Class at Hall High School on May 17th from 12pm to 4pm for a Day of Spring Games and Festivities!

There Will Be Food, Music, and Carnival Fun for All Ages

All Proceeds will go to the Coalition to End Homelessness

Admission:
Individuals: $5
Families: $10
A Great Thank You Gift for Your Child’s Teacher

Searching for just the right gift for your child’s teacher at the end of the school year? The Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools’ Teacher Thank You Gift program is a great way to acknowledge a wonderful and talented teacher.

Here’s how it works: A family makes a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation of $10 or more per teacher. The Foundation then sends the family/or the teacher a special certificate that says a gift has been made in the teacher’s honor. The funds raised from these Teacher Thank You Gifts go to our Teacher Grant program. Every donation will go back to helping teachers teach our students! The Foundation is dedicated to raising money from the community to give back to the public schools. We are non-political and town-wide. For more information on the Foundation, please call us at 561-8755 or email us at fwhps@westhartford.org

Teacher Thank You Gift Order Form

I would like to acknowledge the great work of my teacher(s) this year through a donation to The Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools.

Enclosed is my gift of $___________.

Parent’s Name ____________________________
Student’s Name ___________________________
Address __________________________________
City/Zip________________ Phone____________
Teacher’s Name (s)________________________
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School____________________________________

☐ Send certificate to me OR ☐ Send to my teacher

Please make checks ($10 minimum per teacher) payable to Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools and send to 50 S. Main St., Room 420, W. Hartford, CT 06107. Contributions are tax-deductible.

DEADLINE: Wednesday, June 11, 2014