



FEBRUARY 4TH EDITION

HOOKER HAPPENINGS



IMPORTANT DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL @ 12:50

Fri., Feb. 15, 2019

No After School Program

NO SCHOOL

Mon-Fri

Feb 18–22, 2019

Winter Break

BLACK HISTORY

K-2 Informance took place on Jan. 23, students shared their research about notable African-Americans, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through original writing and poetry. All students sang traditional songs from the African-American experience.

3-5 Informance will take place on Feb. 7, at 1:30 PM. It is inspired by the story of the Fisk University Jubilee Singers, who saved their school from closing and introduced Spiritual music to a larger audience. Students will share creative writing, research and music.

6-8 Informance will take place on March 1st. It is inspired by the song "Young, Gifted and Black" by Nina Simone. Students will share research, readings, art and poetry.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have had a wonderful month at WHS! Students have been busy working on History Day projects, Science Fair Projects and many non-fiction projects across the grades. It was wonderful to see many parents at author celebrations.

On February 1st we celebrated World Read Aloud Day with a variety of visitors, local authors such as; Catherine Egan (parent/young adult author), James Forman (parent/author), Nicholas Davidoff (Hooker alumni), Jack Hitt (former Hooker parent/author) Jake Halpern (parent/author) and Annie Murphy Paul (New York Times contribute). **Thank you to Jake Halpern for helping to coordinate!** The men's soccer team and women's tennis team from Quinnipiac University came to visit and read to our classes in grades K-4. We also had The Yale Children's Theatre come to act out the stories *Harold and the Purple Crayon* and *Ferdinand the Bull* for grades K-2.

Our school has been busy working with our cross-grade buddies. Our 8th graders have shared their planet books with 3rd graders and our 7th and 2nd graders did a magnificent group poetry writing exercise. These cross-grade activities are very empowering for all!

I would like to thank our PTA for sponsoring a very informative presentation from Trooper Kate Cummings on internet safety a few weeks ago. Her message was very valuable. Our Lunar New Year Celebration was a beautiful blend of art, games, performance and food. This event had great attendance!

For our Whitney Ave. Upper School we are trying to improve options for activities outside for recess. If you would like to donate equipment for outdoor play please do so. I am also looking for a parent or organization to help explore building a ga ga ball pit. If you would like to be on the outdoor committee please email Mrs. Gethings margaret-m.gethings@nhboe.net

GET CAUGHT READING

CALLING ALL PARENTS: For the whole month of Feb. please snap a picture of your children reading. Take a picture of your reader(s) then send it to your child's homeroom teacher. We would like to display all the places where our students enjoy reading. It could be in a fun spot or somewhere cozy. The classroom with the most pictures will win a prize!



World Read Aloud Day 2019

8th GRADE PARENTS: HIGH SCHOOL Q & A

WORTHINGTON HOOKER MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT Q&A NIGHT

WHMS will be sponsoring a Q&A event for the parents of our 8th grade students

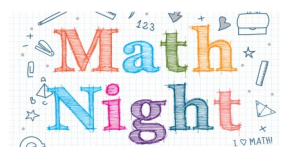
WHEN: Thursday, February 7th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM

WHERE: Worthington Hooker Middle School Library

WHO & WHAT: Central office staff from the Choice and Enrollment Dept. will provide information while also answering questions concerning all aspects of the School Choice Process and Program.

WHY: This is a great opportunity to have any questions you have answered directly by the professionals who know.

Mr. Thomas Burns at thomas.burns@new-haven.k12.ct.us



Friday, Feb. 8th from 6–8 PM @ Whitney Ave!

Giveaways and games for the whole family!

Please RSVP:

<http://goo.gl/forms/okufYT9Xtblx28mil>

Any questions email pres.rhonda@whspta.org

Check out HH online @ <http://worthingtonhookerschool.weebly.com/>



PTA MEETINGS — Each meeting will be held on the *first Wednesday of every month* from 6—7:30 PM.
 Next meeting on Feb. 6th @ Whitney Ave Library. Mar. 6th—Whitney Ave. Apr. 3rd—Canner ST.
 May 1st—Canner ST. Jun. 5th—Canner ST.

SPMT MEETINGS — Feb. 28th @ 3:15 PM Whitney Ave. conference room. Mar. 21st Apr. 25th May 16th



WHS—Whitney Ave

After School Social for Grades 3-5
 Friday Feb. 15th 1:00-3:00 PM
 small games, crafts and lots of fun! Don't miss it! Permission slips to follow!

8th GRADE SPONSORING
Yoga Classes

On **Saturday, February 16th** the 8th grade class will be sponsoring YOGA classes with our own parent, Andrea Ascah at the mActivity Fitness Center.
 Save the date for a family or individual **YOGA CLASS!**
 2-3 pm session Family/All Ages
 \$15 for two people;
 \$20 for three 4-5 pm Adults \$10 per person
 Tickets will be available at both schools and the mActivity Fitness Center. Proceeds benefit the 8th grade trip scholarship fund. Please come and support our students!

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION



As winter is in full swing, we want to reach out to you with information about school closings and delays due to snow or bad weather. The decision if school will be in session or a delay is usually made by 6 AM and can be found on TV stations, radio and www.nhsp.net.

The following stations will provide closing information:

TV: WTNH-TV-Ch. 8, WVIT-TV Ch. 30, WFSB-TV Ch. 3, and FOX CT Ch. 61.

RADIO: WEBE (108 FM), WTIC (1080 AM), WYBC (94.3 FM), and WELI (960 AM)

When there is a 2 hour delay please. **DO NOT** drop your child off **BEFORE** 10:15 AM as there is no supervision.

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR SUPPORTING OUR *Lunar New Year event!*
 (in alphabetical order):

- Blessings II Go
- Boiling SoHo
- Connecticut Chinese Dance
- Connecticut Korean School
- Hong Kong Grocery
- Ju Long Wushu Center
- Mr. Shundong Zhang
- Mdm. Sunny Wang, Spring Glen Day Care
- Mr. Xuetang Zhang
- Mulan Fitness & Art School
- Phoenix Press
- So. Connecticut Chinese School
- Wah Chun Chinese Restaurant
- WHS Afterschool Chinese Program
- World Champion Taekwondo
- Worthington Hooker PTA
- Yale Caidie Dance Troupe
- Yale Chinese Painting
- Calligraphy Group
- Yale Council on East Asian Studies

AND ALL WHS PARENTS & STUDENTS who contributed their time for this event!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Wed., February 20th. More info to follow soon!

GREAT NEWS

We raised \$337.33 at the Chipotle fundraiser. Thanks so much to all of you who supported it!

QUOTES FOR GOOD

Another exciting fundraiser we are participating in for the month of February. Simply by following the link below and completing an auto, fire, life or health quote **State Farm** will contribute \$10 to our fundraising.

bit.ly/whs-19

BRAIN TEASER

What words are pronounced differently by merely capitalizing the first letter?
 (There are three correct answers... for this riddle only one is needed) Send your answer to Jamesa.Berry@nhboe.net

Brain Teaser Winners

Mrs. Hart & Mrs. Green

Mary and Laura Chen, Ela Karatenkin, Evelyn Liu, Matilda Queenborough

Last week's answer:
 She is a blind and reading braille!