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The Wolcott High varsity boys' basketball team, took on Naugatuck High at the John Morris Gym recently and defeated Naugatuck 56 to 44. The win enables Wolcott to move on to the state tournaments. In this photo, Wolcott Eagle, Karol Tawiah (5), goes up for a shot while surrounded by Naugatuck defenders. *Photography by Picard*



This image of Lyman's Pond was taken on February 4th, which shows the pond to be completely frozen for the first time this winter season. Mild temperatures and the lack of snow prevented the pond from freezing entirely. The subzero temperatures and wind chills well below zero during that weekend, helped the freezing process to be complete. *Photography by Picard*



Students from T's Karate who attended the Ed Vargas Challenge



During a recent cold snap that we experienced in February, our photographer was able to capture the record cold indicated on a weather device with his camera. The cold snap only lasted two days but caused several communities to implement their cold weather protocols, and set up warming centers for those who needed a warm environment. *Photography by Picard*



The Exchange Club of Wolcott recently hosted a Valentine's Day Luncheon for 100 Wolcott Senior Citizens at the Senior Center. A chicken marsala dinner with all the fixings was served to each senior who attended, free of charge. Wolcott High Excel Club members assisted at the luncheon alongside of regular Exchange Club members by setting up place settings and serving dinners. *Photography by Picard*



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Date: Every Saturday Night

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313 Boundline Rd, Wolcott

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Cost: Free

Info: Learning and discussing the Bible. Open format, discussion and questions allowed during the teaching. Current study is on the book of Revelation. We are a training center. If you have a gift we encourage you to use it!

March 11th - Saturday

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sponsored by Junior Women's Club

Location: St. Pius X Church Hall

525 Woodtick Rd., Wolcott, CT

Time: 7:30 am - 12:30 pm

Info: Appointments are needed. Schedule online at redcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

March 25th - March 26th

PRAYZ The Musical

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Sunday, March 26th - 2:00pm

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April 13th - Thursday

Jane Doe No More - Meet Donna Palomba

Sponsored by Farmingbury Women's Club

Location: Charles Rietdyke Senior Center

211 Nichols Rd., Wolcott, CT.

Time: 6:00pm-9:30pm

Cost: Event is free and open to the public

Info: Donna Palomba will share her personal journey to justice following a harrowing home invasion and rape as well as the mishandling of her case by authorities.

April 17th - Monday

The Exchange Cluf of Wolcott

Public Service Awards

Location: High Point Gardens

15 Grilley Rd., Wolcott, CT (formerly Mahan's)

Time: 6:00pm-9:30pm

Cost: \$45 per person

Info: Honoring our Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT and Teacher of the Year. The event includes a cash bar, cocktail hour, dinner and awards presentation. For tickets: Contact Roger Picard at 203-879-3356 or email; r.picard911@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS

Pisces, Feb 19th - March 20th "The Fish"

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March 7th - AJ Mastrofrancesco
March 7th - Joe Macary

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Wolcott Grange #173

by Karen Mowad



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Members: Please note that our meeting time has changed. The new time for 2023 will be 6pm-7pm on the following dates: 3/23, 4/27, 5/25, 6/22, 7/20, 8/10, 9/14, 10/19, 11/9, 12/14

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MAYOR'S CORNER

Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 2023



After an unusually mild winter, we are hoping spring is right around the corner. Looking forward to getting our parks and fields ready for the warm weather activities.



We are asking our residents to consider signing up for the "Town of Wolcott Text Notification System," signing up will allow you to receive important messages from the Town, town events, and other important notifications. To sign up text the keyword "Wolcott" to 91896. You will receive a confirmation message, reply YES and you will be opted-in to the system.

We are currently in the process of putting together the Town's budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. It is my goal to maintain the current level of services to our residents and continue to move Wolcott forward.

Please check our website at www.wolcottct.org for upcoming events and activities as always, know that you can contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. Stop by my office or give me a call at 203-879-8100 Ext. 102

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A Minute with the Clerk

by Karen Mowad, MCTC, MMC



A Message from the Fisheries Division, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection:

Thank you all for responding to the request for information regarding the Fishing Rule Books. We have posted the most up to date version as a PDF on our web page. We WILL be printing copies but are not able to until we have final changes (from our Federal Partners) to the saltwater species. We are usually notified of those changes by the end of February. Printing and shipping the guides should happen by Mid-March.

Until then, please refer folks to the online PDF and the web-page based version. Both are available at:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/General-Information/Fishing-Guide>

Congratulations to Assistant Town Clerk, Jennifer Schmalz. She has been named the 2023 Mother of the Year for Connecticut from American Mothers. She will represent Connecticut in April in Omaha, Nebraska.

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The Bad and Ugly Bills Proposed



State Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco
Representing Wolcott & Southington

At the Capitol, there are days when I just have to shake my head. Hundreds of bills are introduced during the legislative session and when I read some of them, it's hard to believe that someone

dreamt them up. And if you think these types of laws can only pass in California, I have news for you, it's happening in Hartford right now.

Allowing children to get vaccinated without letting their parents know? Giving illegal immigrants the ability to vote even though it's unconstitutional? Forcing motorcyclists who don't wear a helmet to donate their organs if they die in a crash? Issuing fines to people if they don't vote?

These aren't just ideas; they're the bad and the ugly bills that have actually been introduced by members of the Democrat majority. They are proposed by far-left legislators that, as drafted, are illegal in some cases. In other cases, these bills are aimed at pushing an extreme progressive agenda that benefits special interest groups at the detriment of average taxpayers, parents, and property owners and infringe on our constitutionally protected rights and liberties.

These are just a few of the actual bills proposed this session (and there are more):

HB 6396 – Excludes parents from providing input when they disagree with the teaching of certain subjects on gender, race, racism, and climate change.

HB 6491 – Targets gas stoves in peoples' homes based on their emissions and proposes their replacement.

HB 5702 – Weakens election integrity by allowing people who are in prison to become electors and vote in municipal and state elections.

SB 229 – Allows striking employees to collect unemployment benefits, even though they chose to go on strike.

HB 5520 – Much like the federal government did with the hiring of 87,000 IRS agents, the bill calls for the hiring of new Connecticut tax agents, which will likely lead to more audits of average taxpayers.

HB 6109 – Prevents property owners from using a background check or credit check in determining the rental to a potential tenant.

HB 5323 – Provides taxpayer-funded FREE healthcare to undocumented immigrants (which will carry a massive cost to taxpayers).

HJ 19 – Resolution proposing a state constitutional amendment to lower the voting age to sixteen years old.

HB 5480 – Strips parental rights by allowing children 12 years and older to obtain vaccines without parental consent.

And while there are the bad and the ugly, at the same time, my fellow House Republicans and I have proposed our own bills focused on increased public safety, restoring parental rights and making our state more affordable.

So far this session, I've introduced HB 6264, which would expand the statute of limitations for crimes against the elderly. SB 280, which I co-introduced with Rep. Anne Dauphinais and Sen. Rob Sampson, would keep political bias out of the classroom and SB 779 would prevent the early release of felons convicted of sex crimes or those offenses involving firearms. Additional bills that we have introduced would require parental notification when children undergo medical procedures.

As ranking member of the Government Administration and Elections Commission, I have voted against the terrible election-related bills that have come before our committee and will continue to do so. My colleagues in the House are also continuing to fight against the outlandish proposals championed by the far left, but the lawmakers who created these bad bills need to hear from the public.

If you feel strongly about any of this proposed legislation, you can call and write letters to the lawmakers who introduced them to let them know how you feel. Information about the legislation can be found at www.cga.ct.gov by entering the bill numbers in the tab at the bottom of the website. Also, please check my website and Facebook page for updates about when public hearings on these bills will be held.

I can be reached by email at Gale.Mastrofrancesco@housegop.ct.gov or by phone at (800) 842-1423. You can also follow my legislative activity by visiting my website at www.repmastrofrancesco.com or my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/repgale.



Wolcott Youth Service Bureau News

The Wolcott Youth Service Bureau has a new email! Please contact us at youthservices@wolcottct.org with any questions regarding services and events for the WYSB. You can also contact this email if you are looking to book the Youth Center for a youth-related event, and we can connect you with town hall for contracts/payments.

Be sure to follow us on IG and FB at Wolcott Youth Service Bureau for the latest news and alerts.

We want to congratulate our Program Coordinator, Serena Charbonneau, on recently being crowned the VERY FIRST Miss Wolcott Volunteer 2023 with the Miss Connecticut Volunteer Organization. It is a "service-oriented scholarship program that seeks to empower young women through educational scholarships and extraordinary opportunities". Serena's priorities as Miss Wolcott include mental health awareness, youth services and giving back to her hometown.

She will be making an appearance as Miss Wolcott as she hosts our March Social...entitled the "Princess/Prince Workshop". This will be a FREE event on Sunday March 26th from 1030am-1pm for children in pre-k through 5th grade (at the Wolcott Youth Center). Themed activities will be centered around self-esteem and goal-setting. Children will leave the workshop with a crown and certificate for their workshop completion. Please email us at youthservices@wolcottct.org to fill out the registration form.

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More Government Will Never Be the Answer



by Rob Sampson
State Senator, 16th District

Proposed bills being raised in Hartford by Majority lawmakers continue to undermine the very underpinnings and essence of America's greatness. There are several clear themes this session that hold the hallmarks of both Marxist and socialist ideologies.

Your individual property rights and your ability to voluntarily enter into private contracts with other adult free citizens are on the chopping block. As the ranking member of both the legislature's Housing Committee and Labor and Public Employees Committee, I am working daily to prevent a flood of these measures from reaching the Senate floor and becoming law.

Nearly all of us have entered into a rental agreement at some point in our lives. Such agreements are entered into voluntarily and can be negotiated by the parties. The free market sets the value of property, and everyone works to get the best deal they can from their perspective. This how our country has always worked. Far left ideas like price controls have been tried in the past and repeatedly failed and America has thankfully, all but abandoned price controls – until now. The concept of "rent control" is now daily conversation in committee discussions.

Economists across the political spectrum agree that rent control—creating government-imposed caps on what a property owner may charge—will result in fewer housing opportunities for Connecticut families. Housing providers will look for ways to avoid or navigate around artificial market restrictions and will ultimately navigate themselves right out of the state, or simply allow existing units to deteriorate instead of investing in them. Fewer people will invest in providing housing, demand will rise and without the ability to raise prices, the only housing left will be government housing – which may in fact be the ultimate goal. There are other bills too – to ignore local zoning and empower big city housing authorities to expand into small towns. The future of quality, affordable housing is in grave danger as long as big-government central planners are in charge.

It has now become common for our state government to step into a private contracts to unlevel the playing field in favor of one party over another. While this is often depicted as the government 'sticking up for the little guy' - by favoring a renter or an employee or other "group", it is ultimately the renter or employee who suffers most. Providers and job creators are disincentivized to invest in their existing property or businesses that would create new opportunities, ultimately hurting our economy and limiting outcomes.

The engine that drives America and has resulted in our unsurpassed quality of life is the individual freedom to pursue a better future. As the government grows and interferes in our choices, so does our chance for success.

Consider the following measures. Government mandates on employers to: preventing on-call shift scheduling – even in businesses that operate that way naturally, requiring employers to pay for the benefits of striking employees, providing unemployment to striking workers, preventing exclusivity and non-compete agreements in contracts that benefit both parties, even preventing employers from offering job training and education in exchange for requiring the employee to stay on the job for a period of time.

Here again, these concepts have the appearance of the government 'standing up' for the employee against the unfair employer. Appearances can be deceiving. Measures such as these undermine our freedom to make our own way, negotiate our own terms and they ultimately destroy opportunity.

It's clear that these types of laws nurture division and strife between classes and even neighbors. It also doesn't take much hard thinking to realize that any potential short term benefit to one party will ultimately hurt everyone far more in the long run.

So why does it happen? Why are politicians so committed to these bad ideas?

The simple answer is political expedience. Dividing people into groups by race, gender, social class, etc. and choosing sides can generate lots and lots of votes and all it takes is simple math to choose which side represents more voters.

Of course, this means sacrificing everything required to build a strong nation – cooperation, principles, borders, thoughtful policymaking – even peace!

The modern Democrat party has recognized faction building as their business model and clearly it works for them in winning elections.

Of course, factions have always existed. That is natural and even key to recognizing the benefits of freedom. However, a key part of our system is that it was designed to prevent our government from interfering and empowering any specific groups through limiting the scope of government and building protections into our constitution. Sadly, those limitations are now casually and commonly ignored.

Our system works best when employers and employees are partners and not adversaries. When the government gets in the position of being the decider of who wins and who loses, our freedoms are reduced, ambition is limited, and outcomes are diminished.

Worse, the far left has now graduated from exploiting existing divisions to creating new ones, all again for political gain. It's distasteful, it's dangerous, and it's tearing at the fabric of our country.

Someone recently said, "this is not your father's Democratic party." It's true. JFK would hardly recognize the modern Democratic party on economic views, let alone social issues. The last few moderate Democrat lawmakers in our state government were already on their way out just as I was first elected in 2010. Nowadays, elected Democrats at the state and federal level are more radical and progressive than ever.

This path of division and exploitation of "groups" is destroying our country. We must all work together to restore our political system so it honors our values, our history, and the many that have sacrificed so much for us so we may live free.

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Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance News



Daylight Saving Time

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Springtime

The season of spring is rapidly approaching! It will begin on March 20, 2023, and last until the start of summer on June 21st. As the days get longer and warmer, expect to see more activity outdoors. Watch for people running, bicycling, and walking as you are driving. Remember also to stay well hydrated as you are increasing your outdoor activity.

Ambulance Facility Update

First and foremost, a great big THANK-YOU to Wolcott’s Dept. of Public Work’s Superintendent Mr. McCarthy and the entire DPW crew! They have been very hard at work trimming and removing trees, branches and excavating so we can prep the property to go out to bid soon.

We have been working hard to get the classrooms and existing offices cleaned and ready to move in! With a fresh coat of wax on the floors and new paint on the walls, we are ready to host our first EMT class at 1300 Woodtick Road!

Our internet provider has completed construction and we now have access to the World Wide Web! Our team members are working together to set up the I.T. infrastructure and internal network for the existing offices and classrooms.

We will be excited to welcome all of you to our new home later this year, but please remember to use the 48 Todd Road location for all unscheduled or emergent visits until further notice.

Emergency Medical Technician Class

As noted above, we are ready to welcome students to our new location at 1300 Woodtick Road in Wolcott. Beginning March 6, 2023, we will be holding an EMT class on Mondays & Wednesdays from 6pm-9pm and select Saturdays from 9am-5pm. This course will run over five months and is scheduled to wrap up at the end of July.

Upon completion, you will be eligible to take the National Registry Examination and become certified in the State of Connecticut.

Once certified, you can volunteer or work for an ambulance service and help those in need of medical assistance. Many EMTs eventually become Paramedics, Nurses or even Doctors!

For more information visit us at wolcottambulance.com (EMT courses tab), call us at (203) 879-4122 or email us at training@wolcottambulance.com.

Membership

Are you currently an Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic in the State of Connecticut? We are looking for volunteers! We have EMTs and Paramedics with experience ranging from a few months to over forty years! Please contact us or download an application located on the “Volunteer Opportunities” tab on our website.

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Exchange Club of Wolcott News

The Exchange Club of Wolcott welcomes the new year that will bring another round of events, fundraising and giving back to the community. The very first event took place on February 11, 2023, when the Exchange Club hosted their annual Valentine's Day Luncheon at the Wolcott Senior Center. One hundred seniors got to enjoy a chicken marsala dinner with all the fixings at no cost to them. Wolcott High student members of the Wolcott High Excel Club assisted at the event by setting up place settings, serving food and cleaning up afterwards. A great time was had by all and seniors are looking forward to next year.

Our next event coming up is our Believe In The Blue event on the Wolcott town green on April 3, 2023 at 6:00pm. This event brings awareness to the national and local crisis of child abuse. The National Exchange Club's pet project is the Prevention of Child Abuse. The entire month of April is designated Child Abuse prevention month. A white tree with blue lights will be installed and lit inside the Town green gazebo for the entire month of April. A child abuse prevention flag will also be raised at the Town Hall Flag Courtyard. The event is open to the public and free to attend. Miss CT 2022, Sylvana Gonzalez, will be one of our featured speakers.

The next event scheduled will be the Public Service Awards on April 17, 2023. This event honors our local Police Officer, Firefighters, EMT and Teacher of the Year. Our police officer of the year is Det. Richard Hamel of the Wolcott Police Department. Our firefighters this year are Chief Kyle Dunn and Past Deputy Chief Charlie Johnson of the Wolcott Vol. Fire Dept. Paramedic of the year is Lt. John O'Dea of the Wolcott Vol. Ambulance Association. A Book of Golden Deeds Award will also be given out at this event, with the winner's name soon to be announced. This year our Public Service Awards will be held at the newly remodeled and reopened High Point Gardens, formerly Mahan's Lakeview Fine Catering on Grilley Road. Tickets are available by contacting Roger Picard at 203-879-3356 or email, r.picard911@gmail.com.

The next major event we will be hosting is our annual Kelly Possidento Memorial Golf Tournament in June. Official date and location to be announced soon and further advertisement for this event will be coming out soon. This has always been one of our largest fundraisers and helps us support the Greater Waterbury Family Life Foundation.

Additional future scheduled events will be highlighted in future articles as the times approach. The Exchange Club is always seeking new members and welcome guests to our monthly meetings, which take place the first and third Monday's of each month, except July and August. Check out our website and Facebook pages for more information or reach out to any Exchange Club member.

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Boy Scout Troop 230

BSA Troop 230 continues to work hard and play hard. Scouts have been diligently working on BSA's newest merit badge, Citizenship in Society. The boys are learning the value of inclusion and acceptance while discussing intolerance, discrimination and disabilities. Scouts also participated in the Klondike Derby at Camp Mattatuck. The patrols each prepared their own sleds with supplies and spent the day traveling camp and surviving a slew of winter scenarios. Some patrols were even nominated for an award for their prowess. Further, the boys were invited by Troop 140 in Watertown to participate in a new sport, curling. The boys traveled to Norfolk, CT, to spend the day at Norfolk Curling Center. They learned the rules and tricks to proper curling techniques. Additionally, Troop 230 participated as Color Guard in a Vietnam Remembrance Ceremony on February 6. Veterans were honored for their service. Finally, the month ended with the Troop's annual Winter Cabin campout at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth. The Troop, along with the Cub Scout Arrow of Light den, spent the weekend honing winter scout skills like ice rescue and fire building and cooking.

On Saturday, March 4 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM at the American Legion on Wolcott Road, the Troop held a Can and Bottle Drive. Funds from this event will be used to help the boys attend summer camp and other scouting events. Thank you to all who donated bottles and cans

As always, BSA Troop 230 continues to collect bottles and cans at 2 locations year round. Drop off anytime at 83 Allentown Road (by the garage) in Wolcott OR at 200 Chase River Road in Waterbury. Hours for Waterbury are Wednesdays/Thursdays 1-4PM and Saturdays 11-2PM. Just tell them the returns are for the Wolcott Boy Scout Troop 230.

To have the Troop help out, attend a function, or for more information, email boyscouttroop230ct@aol.com



Farmingbury Women's Club News



Hello and welcome to March, 2023. As our year progresses, we have so many exciting events that are going to take place. We invite you to attend a very different and informative event during April.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 13, 2023. Our special speaker will be Donna Palomba, Author of Jane Doe No More; Sexual Assault Survivors fighting for change will join us at the Wolcott Senior Center. This event will be open to the Public. We encourage you, your family and friends to join us. There is no charge for this event.

On March 9, at our regular meeting, our guest will be Flo Goodman, Historical Society. We look forward to her sharing knowledge on gardening with us.

March 20, our famous "Busy Bees" will be meeting downstairs at the library. Busy Bees is part of our organi-

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March 25, we are excited to support the "Special Needs Bowling Event" at the Wolcott Youth Center. Our club members will be volunteering to "help out" and serve the pizza and treats. Good Luck to all the Bowlers.

Our club continues to reach out and support Community needs. If you would like more information on membership, please contact Karen Mowad at 203-233-1216.

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Going to the dentist can be a stressful experience for many people, with the sounds and even the smells of the office often associated with discomfort. However, it's important to remember that regular dental check-ups are crucial for maintaining good oral health. Fortunately, there are several ways to make your dental appointments less anxiety-inducing and more relaxing. Here are some tips that can help you feel at ease during your next visit to the dentist.

Find the right dentist - The first step to reducing dental anxiety is to find a dentist who you feel comfortable with. Look for a dentist who is friendly, knowledgeable, and explains procedures and treatments in a way that makes sense to you. If you have any specific concerns or phobias, be sure to discuss these with your dentist so that they can help put you at ease.

Prepare for the appointment - Make a list of any questions you have for your dentist, and bring it with you to the appointment. This will help you feel more in control and less overwhelmed during the appointment. It's also a good idea to have a clear understanding of what will be done during the appointment so that you can mentally prepare yourself.

Practice deep breathing - Taking deep breaths can help you relax and slow down your heart rate. Try to take a few deep breaths before your appointment to calm your nerves and reduce anxiety.

Distract yourself - Bring along headphones and listen to music or a podcast during the appointment. Focusing on something else can help take your mind off the procedure and make the time go by faster.

Use a stress ball - If you tend to clench your fists or grip tightly when you're nervous, try using a stress ball to help release tension. Squeezing a stress ball can also help you relax and take your mind off of the procedure.

Request sedation dentistry - If you have a particularly high level of dental anxiety, consider asking your dentist about sedation dentistry options. Sedation dentistry involves the use of medication to help you relax during the procedure. There are different levels of sedation available, so be sure to discuss your options with your dentist.

Visualize a relaxing scene - Imagine yourself in a peaceful place, such as a beach or a forest. Visualizing a relaxing scene can help you focus on something positive and reduce stress and anxiety.

In conclusion, going to the dentist doesn't have to be a stressful experience. By finding the right dentist, and appropriately preparing for your visit, you can make your next dental appointment more relaxing and anxiety-free. Remember, regular dental check-ups are important for maintaining good oral health, so don't let fear or anxiety keep you from getting the care you need.

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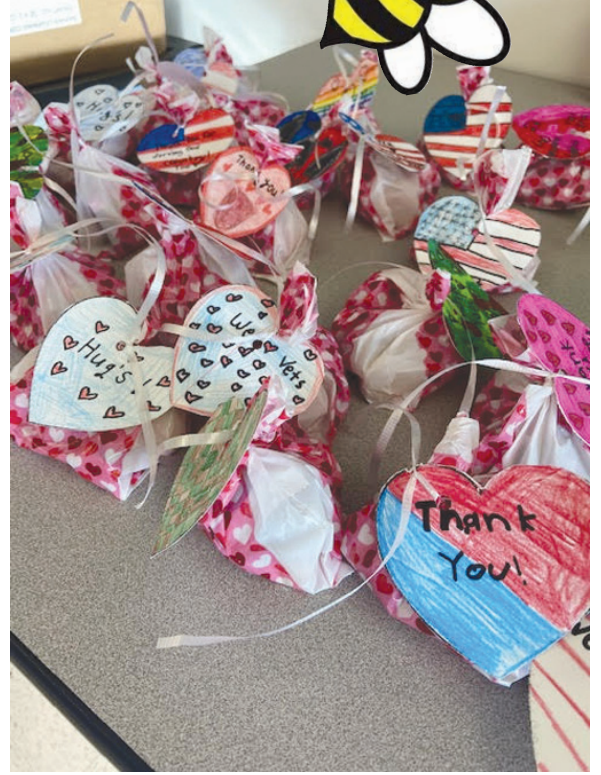
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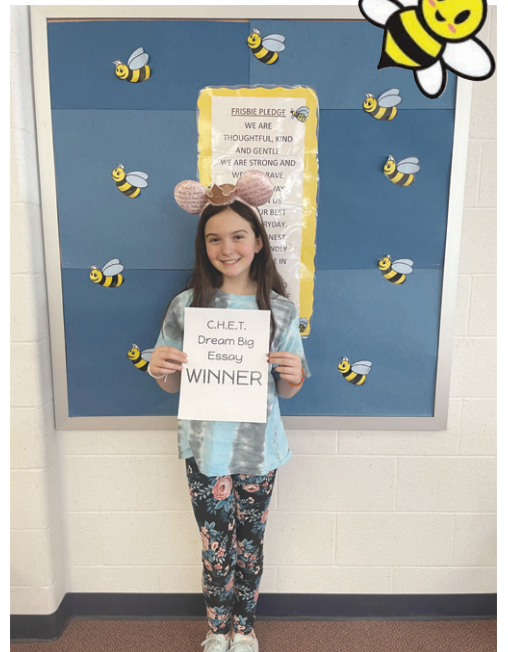
Our 4th Grade, with the support of our 4th grade families, completed our Community Service Project, "VALENTINES FOR VETERANS".



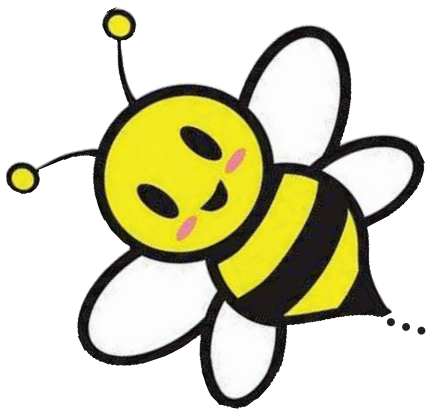
Frisbie had their monthly drawing for students who turned in their reading logs. Winners receive a free personal size pizza compliments of Five Guys Flippin' Pies.



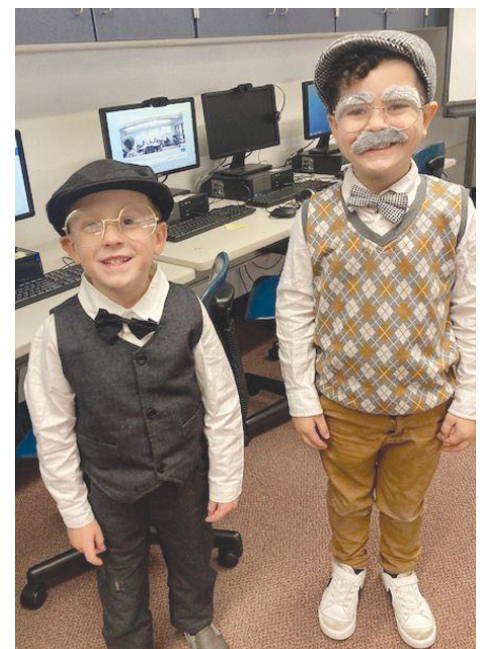
Fifth grade students, Abigail Kearney (music) and Ava Gulick (art) were honored by the CT Association of Schools for excellence in the arts.



PEX student, Jillian Silva, is one of the 2nd place winners in the CHET Dream Big Essay on how she can improve her community. Jillian won \$500 towards her education!



First Grade students raised money for the PTO Helping Hands, "Frisbie Families in Need Fund".



Frisbie's 100th Day Celebration was sprinkled with tons of fun!

Junior Women's Club News



Are you eligible for a blood donation? You can find the facts on line www.redcross.org. This is a reminder to call the Red Cross or go online at www.redcross.org to

reserve your spot to donate blood for our annual Blood Drive; the location is the St. Pius X Church Hall, March 11th, 7:30 AM through 12:30 PM. Come down and donate, remember that the American Red Cross needs your help to stop winter weather from giving hospital patients the cold shoulder. Those who are eligible to donate are urged to cozy up to giving blood, platelets or plasma to help hospital patients during their time of need. Go RED! Our members are wearing red on Fridays! Wearing red brings awareness to cardiovascular disease. The number one killer of women. Help us raise awareness by wearing red on Fridays!

The Education committee will be busy voting on one essay from each elementary school (Alcott, Frisbie and Wakelee) for the Creative Writing Contest, "What's Best about Wolcott". Taking into consideration from past years, we know the judges will have a difficult time selecting the top essay from each school. The winners from the 2023 Creative Writing Contest will have their articles printed in an upcoming issue of the Wolcott Community News.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is sponsoring three \$1000.00 scholarship opportunities for Wolcott residents who will be graduating from High Schools in June 2023. The applications are in the Wolcott High School's Guidance Department and the Wolcott High school web site. The Arts Scholarship is for any student who is furthering his or her education (major or minor) in some field of the ARTS or has a genuine interest in the ARTS through participation and or education. The Lucille Jablonski Community Service Scholarship is for any student who is furthering his or her education and has played an active role in community service and/or volunteerism. It is important that volunteer activities are listed in the student's application. The Patricia Najarian Scholarship is for an average student who is achieving his or her full scholastic potential and needs financial assistance. Deadline for all applications is March 24th. Applications must be mailed to our P.O. Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716.

The town wide Easter Egg hunt is April 1st, 11 AM at the high school. We will be donating a child's bicycle and helmet to this event. This is one of our favorite events. Every year our Little Miss & Little Mr. Wolcott assist the Easter Bunny during the Easter Egg Hunt. If you are attending, please stop by and ask Little Miss & Mr. Wolcott how they have enjoyed their year being ambassadors for Wolcott. A few highlights of their year so far are: on stage at the Miss Wolcott Scholarship Pageant, lighting the Wolcott Christmas Tree and greeting Santa, attending the Mayor's Christmas Party, and more to come as well as riding in the Wolcott Memorial Day Parade.

The Junior Women's Club of Wolcott is a nonprofit organization dedicated to volunteering in our community, promoting the Arts, Conservation, Current Affairs, Education, Health and Homelife. Opportunities for friendships, personal growth and leadership abound. Meetings are held 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday from September to June. Females 18+ may apply for membership - P.O. Box 6116, Wolcott, CT 06716. We are a small but active club!

Please check out our website www.juniorwomensclubofwolcott.org for more information on all of these projects or email us at wolcottjuniors@gmail.com.

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Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott Scholarships



The Farmingbury Women's Club of Wolcott will be offering two (2) \$500 scholarships to the Class of 2023 graduating high school seniors. Graduating senior must be a U.S. Citizen, resident of

Wolcott and planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning. Graduating students who do not attend Wolcott High School (WHS) are eligible for a scholarship and should contact their schools Guidance Office. WHS students will find the scholarship application on the WHS Naviance database. Any questions please contact Carleen VanBlarcom at cvanbl@yahoo.com.

Application deadline is on or before April 21, 2023, on or before 2 PM

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APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE OF WOLCOTT HIGH SCHOOL AND MUST BE RETURNED TO THEM NO LATER THAN NOON ON MARCH 10, 2023.

The Directors would like to thank the following individuals for their donations this month. At the Gold plus level is Tom Jokubaitis, former superintendent of schools and the person who began the process of establishing this Foundation. An additional gold sponsorship was received from Mancini Pool Decks, Inc. Bronze sponsorships were received from Advanced Dermatology Center, PC as well as Bob Gerace. His donation was in memory of his wife, Marilyn and Denise Mezzanotte. Silver sponsors are Tom and Angela Buzzelli, Dr. Joseph Macary, Bill and Janet Tynan, Maggie and Tony Gugliotti, Arline and Steve Tansley and Judith Ball. Additional donations were received from Linda Diagle, Flo Goodman and National Die Company.. Bill Ackerman generously contributed to the Philip Cordeau Memorial Scholarship. We would also like to report that we are proud sponsors of the Wolcott Robotics Foundation again this year. Best of luck to all the teams who will be competing in this wonderful program available to students in Pre-K through 12th grade.

Wolcott Lions Club Scholarship 2023



The Wolcott Lions Club Encourage all Wolcott graduating seniors to Apply

The wolcott Lions will again be offering six (6) \$2,000 Scholarships to the Class of 2023 graduating High School seniors, who reside in wolcott, and are planing to attend accredited institutions of higher learning including trade schools. Applications can be downloaded from <http://wolcottlions.com/wolcottlionsscholarship.html>

Applications must be fully completed and submitted by April 24,2023

You may deliver the completed application by email to wolcottlions.scholarship@yahoo.com or mail to: Wolcott Lions club PO box 6063 Wolcott CT 06716 or hand deliver to any Wolcott Lion's club member.

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For the current 2022-2023 school year, Wolcott children in grades 9, 10, 11, may be registered by their parents in a new FasTrak program offered by Sage Scholars if they did not previously enroll in a Sage Scholars program. Registration is free.

When students are in grade 11, they can complete a questionnaire about their academic and avocational achievement, and college interests, Such data is entered into a database and offered to the 460 private universities comprising Sage Scholars. Any of those universities may mail information on their school to any student they find interesting to them.

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Many of these universities are now making "Pre-Admission" offers to students. They may offer to accept a student upon verification of the information in the student's questionnaire, and receipt of an application from the student. Such offers can come in either grade 11 or grade 12. This reverses the current process of a student recruiting colleges in grade 12, and under FasTrak colleges may make "Pre-Admission" offers to students as early as 11th grade.

Parents of eligible students must enroll their children directly with Sage Scholars. The Wolcott Board of Education does not allow scholarships to be offered to Wolcott students by individuals or by business corporations, only by 501(c)3 charities, and will not vote to change their policy.

If your child is not already registered with Sage Scholars, you may register your child by (1) go to www.tuitionrewards.com/quickstart; (2) enter the program code "Chess"; and (3) follow the instructions.

— Frederick Townsend, Wolcott



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WATERBURY \$259,900 — Wonderful one owner home. Oversized raised ranch that abuts Prospect town line. Large rooms, 3 good size bedrooms, 1.5 baths, all hardwood floors, LR with working FP. Home is close to all major routes for great commuting. This home has been cared for over 55 yrs. newer roof and mechanicals. Nice deck that overlooks level back yard. Don't let this one get by!



WOLCOTT \$599,900 — Beautiful custom built 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom Ranch set off road down a long driveway. Main floor features open concept space with large Primary Bedroom complete with walk out doors to backyard and large private full bathroom, two additional bedrooms, updated kitchen with custom tile work, and central vacuum system. Second floor features an adorable playroom and separate walk up storage space. The lower level features an additional 2,316 square feet of open area in the heated basement for entertaining and finished office space. Large detached heated garage a bit up the driveway boasts 4 garage bays to park work trucks and store equipment - ceiling height is 13 feet. Enjoy country living while being closely accessible to city amenities. There is also room for RV parking with electrical hook up. Imagine relaxing by the Koi pond for down time under the trees on 2.57 sprawling acres.



WATERBURY \$294,900 — Cape Cod style home is in great condition with room for the whole family. Updated fully appliance eat in kitchen and formal dining room with hardwood floors. The living room is spacious and large enough for separate office or sitting room with French doors leading to the deck. Full bath is on main level. Upper level has 3 bedrooms and a full bath. Finished family room in the lower level has 4th bedroom or workout room and possibly an in law with walkout and full bath. Central Air, CVAC. Furnace is only 5 years old and roof is 8 years old. Come take a look!



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Around Town Photography
by Roger Picard



Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz and the CT Department of Veterans Affairs and Mayor Tom Dunn, held a Vietnam-Era Veterans Awards Ceremony at Tyrrell Middle School on February 6th. During a part of the ceremony, the Lt. Governor invited veterans in the audience to come forward and share their experiences while in the military. In this photo, Wolcott resident, Bret Mucino came forward and shared his experiences of being drafted and being deployed to Vietnam, and how he suffers with the effects of Agent Orange today.



Miss CT 2022 Sylvana Gonzalez, was a guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Exchange Club of Wolcott, at the East Street Eatery. Her issue of concern as Miss CT deals with the various forms of abuse that children and teenagers experience. She discussed her personal experiences with abuse as a child and teenager, and described how she was finally able to escape her years of abuse.

The Exchange Club of Wolcott recently inducted another new member to the club. Rose Zolnik, second from the left, was inducted on February 6th. She was sponsored by club member and past club president, Sharon Frigon to her right. Current Club President, Annette Petruzzi, to Rose's left, presented her with her membership certificate and CT District Volunteer Field Representative Roger Picard, performed the induction ceremony.



— On February 4th, 2023 the Wolcott Public Library hosted a live animal presentation, put on by Riverside Reptiles of Enfield, CT. Two separate presentations were offered and both were well attended by young and old. Visitors got to pet or touch a variety of lizards and snakes and learn about their regions of habitat and their unique physical features.



Wolcott High students of the class of 1969 were guests of honor at a recent Wolcott High Boy's Basketball game against Naugatuck High. Prior to the tip off, it was announced to the audience that the class of 1969 held some fundraisers and raised money to support two scholarships in the name of deceased classmate, Mike DeNegro, who passed away in January 2022. This photo shows them sitting in the bleacher section that was reserved for them.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

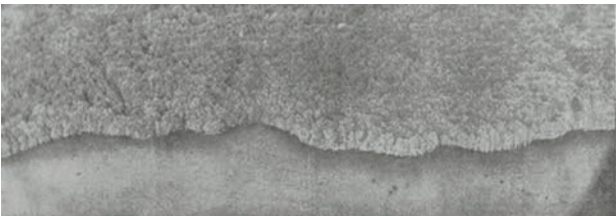
Wolcott Historical Society - March 2023



by Florence Goodman

This month I will conclude my series on aviation history in our town; a topic, which has proven to be interesting to all. When I began this research, I was unaware of the number of incidents that I would uncover, but so many readers were willing to share information and I found more as I perused old newspapers. Although I wrote about this topic back in 2017 many readers either missed them or forgot about them so I'm glad I revisited them.

MacCormack Drive got its name from William MacCormack who settled in Wolcott in the late 1800s and operated a cider mill on the Mad River behind where Rite Aid is located today. "Bill" as locals called him eventually acquired a large parcel of land near Rite Aid and across Wolcott Road, to Potuccos Ring Road to Lyman Road and down to Chestnut Hill Reservoir. The pasturelands and apple orchards on his property were reasonably flat and he thought they would be ideal for an airport. This idea was considered by the state in 1923, but then the Mt. Tobe site in Plymouth was selected instead. About ten years later in May of 1932 the State aviation department accepted MacCormack's field as an emergency landing strip, stating that mail planes flew directly over his property. To seal the deal, the town was required to discontinue an old road leading from Chestnut Hill Road to what was known as Kenney Road at a point close to the field, which they did, and Bill MacCormack's vision of an airstrip became a reality. I do not know if any planes ever landed on the airstrip, nor do I know where Kenney Road was located.



This land owned by the MacCormack family was first looked at as an airport in 1923 but was not approved. Years later, in 1932 it was approved as an emergency landing strip for mail planes flying over.

In the late 1950s or early 1960s a small plane was forced to land in a field on Bound Line Road just across the street from the newly built Wolcott High School. Simon Gagne owned this flat, expansive piece of farmland. It was here that Paul. M. Wood was forced to land his small plane. He was headed for New London from Syracuse, NY, when a dense fog covered the area and he had to land on Gagnon's property. The aircraft was able to land safely without any damage to plane or pilot, but authorities doubted that it would be able to take off in such a short space. To their surprise, the pilot taxied the plane over to the high school. These fields originally called Pritchard's fields were very flat and long; this allowed the pilot to take off safely because the high school building was much smaller then and the football and track fields were not built at the time. Art Gagnon remembered this event well and had several pictures of the plane to share with me. He was about seventeen when the plane landed on their property and was happy to have his picture taken in front of the plane.



"Bill" MacCormack testing his apple cider.

This concludes my series on small planes that landed in Wolcott over the years. If any readers have additional information on this, please contact me through our website: wolcотthistory.org or call me at 203-879-9818.

The Wolcott Congregational Church will be celebrating it's 250 anniversary this year so hopefully I can share some interesting history about the church in the next few articles.



MacCormack's Cider Mill on Wolcott Road along the Mad River.

(Information for this article was taken from "MacCormack's Field Accepted by State As Emergency Airport," March 5, 1932, The Bristol Press, "Plymouth's tiny airport never quite took off," 12/26/2015)

Waterbury Republican American article March 3, 1932, "Old Road To Be Discontinued To Facilitate Landing," an interview with Art Gagnon, Wolcott, Connecticut in August 2013)

Also anyone that would like to tour our Stone Schoolhouse Museum or Center School History Museum, please email me at our wolcотthistory.org website and I will gladly open up the buildings for you.



Art Gagnon standing in front of plane that landed on their property circa 1960.

Visit our WebPages at (<http://www.wolcott-history.org/>). Our website is filled with interesting information about the Society and Wolcott history. You can read all our articles that have been published in the Wolcott News and you can also download a membership application there. We are always looking for old photos, milk bottles, postcards, & artifacts relating to Wolcott. Please contact Flo Goodman at 203-879-9818.

We have several upcoming events that may interest our readers: Our \$500 scholarship application is due by March 17th. A copy of the application is on our website. Our two museums will be open on CT Open House Day, which takes place in June. Our Annual Scholarship Garden Tour take place in early July; anyone interested in opening their gardens for this event, PLEASE contact Flo Goodman.



Paul M. Wood's plane facing Bound Line Road looking toward the high school fields.

Friends of the Wolcott Library

The Friends of the Library have come out of our winter hibernation, and we are ready for an active spring. We approved the Beardsley Zoo passes as well as the Mattatuck Museum passes. There will be two available for each of these two sites. That way there will be availability for two different families to attend on the same day.

Unfortunately the Amazon Smile Program was suspended by the company at the end of January. Apparently this program was so popular among non profit organizations that a very large sum of donations was expended by Amazon. The corporation said that in the future they may consider other ways to support charities. We are grateful to you who did select FOL to receive funds based on your purchases.

Speaking of contributions, we say thanks to the mysterious person or persons who donated the surprise envelope containing forty dollars.

We have voted to renew TUMBLEBOOKS for another year. This computer program has been frequently used. It is a popular way to provide literacy opportunities to children and their families. If you parents have not yet tried this, do take the time to do so. You will be pleased with the many options.

We are already planning for our spring book sale to be held May 4, 5, and 6. If you want to donate books, we are accepting them on weekdays only at this time. There will also be a special drop off day on Saturday April 22 from 10:00 to 12:00 at the back lower level entrance. We request that the books be in good shape. We cannot accept encyclopedia sets, magazine, and old out of date computer manuals.

Our Wolcott Public Library is a wonderful asset to our town. Be sure to take advantage of the many opportunities provided to people of all ages. The FOL might be considered the cheerleaders. We encourage new members.



Children Pre-K and up learn chess at Wolcott Public Library's Children's Chess Club.



Patrons learned Furoshiki, the Japanese art of wrapping objects in cloth, at the Wolcott Public Library.

Wakelee School News!



Wakelee students were recognized for their kindness or showing perseverance and rewarded them with a giftcard to the book fair!



Mrs. Frageau's class had a Q & U wedding. Mrs. Oswald officiated the ceremony and Mr. Simpson attended!



Wakelee's SuperReaders! Each month students are recognized for their success in reading and even get to choose a new book!



Two fifth grade Wakelee students were invited to attend CAS Elementary Celebration of the Arts. Joie received the award for her success in Art and Gavin received the award for his success in Music. Congratulations to the both of them and hope they continue to pursue their talents in the arts!



Kindergarten students in Ms. Stec's class celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up and building a tower with 100 cups.



The Wakelee Wildcats Glow Run was February 3rd. The Wakelee PTO invited every student to participate in a Glow Run this year. The kids had a great time. The teacher had fun, as well. It was a huge success. All the Students earned a PJ Day for having over 60% registration. We raised \$18,000 for the school. We plan to use the money to help fund field trips and a variety of other things. Thank you all so much for helping reach our goal!!!



Fourth grade students worked on completing a circuit in STEM.



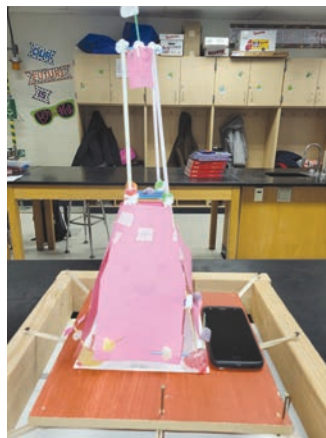
Third grade students worked on a STEM challenge to build their own arcade games with Mr. Cornelio.



Wakelee 4th and 5th grade students had their first band concert. It was a wonderful performance by all!



Target on Tyrrell



In 6th grade science, students are using the Engineering Design Process to create Seismic Safe structures and testing them on the shake table (simulates an earthquake.)

Project Explore students sold Fuzzy Valentine Friends as a fundraiser. They earned \$203.12 and have decided to donate it to Save the Children's Earthquake Fund to help the people of Turkey and Syria. Thank you to all that supported us!



JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Team	Name
Diamond	Erin Cleary
Platinum	Jaylynn Atwood
Granite	Emma Blacker
Marble	Caden Belisle
Pearl	Gio Scapellato
Onyx	Alex Watson
Joyas-6th Grade	Ava Gilmore - Diamond
Joyas-7th Grade	Juliet Ciampi - Granite
Joyas-8th Grade	Brayden Keeley - Onyx
Silver-6th Grade	Thomas Tricarico - Diamond
Silver-7th Grade	Troy Jordan
Silver-8th Grade	Daniel Naples

WARM YOUR HEART WITH FROZEN JR. AT TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL



Playing at Tyrrell Middle School in Wolcott, CT

Wolcott, CT, February 2023 – Disney's Frozen JR. is playing at Tyrrell Middle School on Friday, March 31st at 7:00 PM and Saturday, April 1st at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. The spectacular 60-minute musical, designed for middle school-aged performers, is based on the 2013 Disney film and the 2018 Broadway adaptation. The cast and crew includes over 50 students led by chorus teacher Heather (Pytel) Derynioski.

"We have a very talented bunch this year who have brought so much enthusiasm and support for one another. I'm proud of their accomplishments, but also the wonderful people they are," says Derynioski.

Do you want to build a snowman? You'll love this fanciful and heartwarming stage adaptation of the top-grossing animated film of all time! Join Anna, Elsa, and all of your favorite characters as they embark on an epic, ice-filled journey of self-discovery, camaraderie, and the real meaning of true love. Adapted for young performers, this musical includes favorite Frozen songs such as "Love Is an Open Door," "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?," and "Let It Go," as well as wonderful new songs from the Broadway production. With its empowering message of love and understanding, Frozen JR. is sure to melt your heart!

For information on purchasing tickets please speak to a cast or crew member or contact Mrs. Kerri Baker at kbaker@wolcottps.org beginning March 1st.

Disney's Frozen JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all materials are provided by Music Theatre International, www.mtishows.com. For more information about licensing Frozen JR. or other Disney shows, please visit www.DisneyMusicals.com.

Tyrrell Middle School is located at 500 Todd Rd. in Wolcott. This is the school's 21st annual production and Mrs. Derynioski's 6th production with the Drama Club.

Music Theatre International (MTI) is one of the world's leading theatrical licensing agencies, granting theatres from around the world the rights to perform the greatest selection of musicals from Broadway and beyond. Founded in 1952 by composer Frank Loesser and orchestrator Don Walker, MTI is a driving force in advancing musical theatre as a vibrant and engaging art form.

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MTI is particularly dedicated to educational theatre and has created special collections to meet the needs of various types of performers and audiences. MTI's Broadway Junior™ shows are 30- and 60-minute musicals for performance by elementary and middle school-aged performers, while MTI's School Editions are musicals annotated for performance by high school students.



Performances on:

Friday, March 31st, 7:00PM

Saturday, April 1st, 2:00PM

Saturday, April 1st, 7:00PM

Tickets for adults are \$7

Tickets for seniors and students are \$5

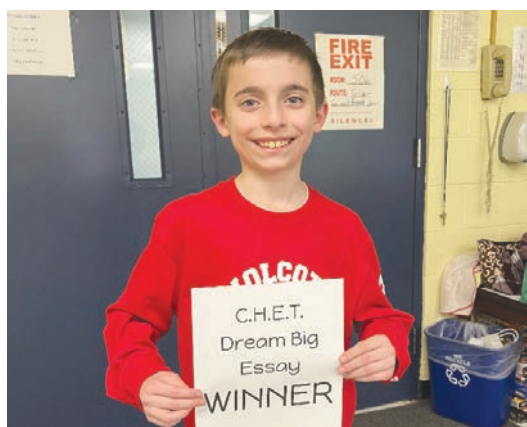
Email kbaker@wolcottps.org with questions!

DISNEY'S FROZEN JR is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIshows.com

Alcott School News



First graders working hard in Foundations and hands on math!



Project Explore student, Colin Murray, is one of the 2nd place winners in the CHET Dream Big Essay on how he can improve his community. Colin has won \$500 towards his education!



Seniors from the WHS Girls' Basketball Team paid a visit to a special fan, Reagan Murray, at Alcott School.



Kindergarteners celebrated the 100th Day of School with a fashion show!



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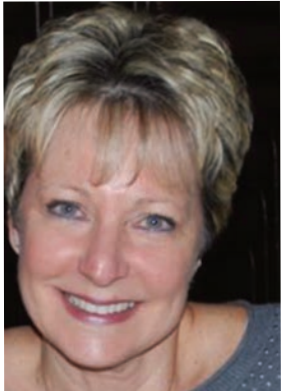
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***We are on the website: www.wolcottct.org under “senior center”

Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-3:30 PM Fri-8:30 AM-12:00 PM



Donna Belval

Senior Center Director

Monday

9:00-9:30 Free -“Pound Class” using weighted Drum Sticks w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation — **NEW DAY & TIME**

9:45-10:30 Free-“Strength & Tone”— includes Weight Strengthening / Stretching / Balance/Stress Relief Exercises w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation

1:30-3:00 Line Dancing

Tuesday

10:00 Free -“Strength, Stretching & Stress Relief”- includes Weight Strengthening Stretching / Balance / Stress Relief Exercises w/ Kim Stewart sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation

Wednesday

9:30-10:15 Free - “Senior Zumba” w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation

12:30-3:00 Bingo

Thursday

10:00 Free - “Strength, Stretching & Stress Relief”- includes Weight Strengthening Stretching/Balance/Stress Relief Exercises w/ Kim Stewart sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation

12:30-3:00 Setback Card Games

12:30-3:00 Pinochle

Friday

8:15-9:00 Free-“Cardio, Strength & Balance” — includes Weight Strengthening Stretching / Balance / Stress Relief Exercises w/ Naida from Fitness Fury sponsored by Connecticut Community Foundation — **NEW DAY & TIME**

10:00-11:30 Knitting/Crocheting

11:00 Free Chair Yoga-Resumes on Jan 20

Monday - Friday

9:00-11:00 Setback Card Games

IF YOU SIGN UP FOR A BUS TRIP, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IN CASE TRIP IS CANCELLED ***Parking for all bus trips will be in Woodtick Recreation parking lot

Wednesday, March 1

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll — \$3.00 pp — Sign up 48 hours in advance

11:30 Lunch Special — Chicken Breast Parmesan w/ Mozz Cheese on a Sub Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp — Sign up & Pay 48 hours in advance

Thursday, March 2

11:30 Crafty Corner w/ Jeannie—Learn to make a Leprechaun Hat table decoration — \$9.00 pp —Sign up and Pay Jeannie

Friday, March 3

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at Nick’s Country Kitchen followed by a visit to the Bethlehem Flea Market—Sign up at the senior center

Sunday, March 5

12:30 Bus leaves for Thomaston Opera House — “It’s Only A Play” — \$28.00 pp, Pay by Feb 21 — Dinner to follow at Crabby Al’s Seafood Restaurant

Tuesday, March 7

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast—French Toast w/ Bacon-- \$3.00 pp — Sign up 48 hours in advance

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The Blue Colony Diner — Sign up at the center

Wednesday, March 8

11:30 Lunch Special — Fundraiser for Wolcott Food Pantry — Ham, Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert & Beverages — \$7.00 pp—Sign up & Pay 48 hrs in advance

Thursday, March 9

11:00 Presentation on “Lowering your Electric Bill” presented by Art Marcelynas, retired State Regulator with the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA). As Lead Rate Specialist in the Electric Unit — Please bring your electric bill to this presentation — **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Friday, March 10

8:00—Bus leaves for Mohegan Sun Casino — Departs casino at 4:00 PM — Sign up at the center

Tuesday, March 14

11:15 St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon — Corned Beef & Swiss Cheese on Rye Bread, Cole Slaw, Chips, Desert & Beverages — \$8.00 pp — Sign up & Pay by Thurs. Mar 9 Entertainment: Tom Stankus —11:30-12:30 Playing & Singing Irish Tunes!

Wednesday, March 15

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The Great Taste of China—Sign up at the center

11:30 Lunch Special—Home-Made Meatballs w/ Mozz Cheese on a Sub Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp — Sign up 48 hours in advance

Thursday, March 16

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Toasted Roll — \$3.00 pp — Sign up 48 hours in advance

9:00 Bus leaves for shopping at the Christmas Tree Shop—Sign up for the bus

Sunday, March 19

1:00 Bus leaves for 7 Angels Theater — “Secondo” — On the evening of her anniversary, we join Giulia in her kitchen to discover how married life has provided unexpected delights and challenges. While Giulia rushes to prepare her anniversary dinner, we learn that a boyfriend from the past has resurfaced to complicate her recipe for a happy marriage. Secondo serves up new stories, delicious food, and a bellyful of laughs. \$42.00 pp — Pay by Thurs. Mar 9

Monday, March 20

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — Blueberry Pancakes w/ Bacon — \$3.00 pp — Sign up 48 hours in advance

9:45 Bus leaves for shopping at Boscov’s — Sign up at the center

Tuesday, March 21

8:30-12:30 Driver’s Safety Class sponsored by AAA at the Wolcott Senior Center \$20.00 for members/\$25.00 for non-members — Must register for class with AAA — Call 866-901-8457. Check w/ your insurance company- you may qualify for an auto insurance discount.

Wednesday, March 22

11:00 Lunch Special — Italian Combo w/ Lettuce on a Sub Roll, Chips & Dessert — \$4.00 pp — Sign up and pay 48 hours in advance

Thursday, March 23

9:00 Bus leaves for Cabella’s, Home Goods Store & Lunch at The Rein Deli—Sign up

Tuesday, March 28

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at AJ’s Steakhouse followed by a visit to Sunset Meadow Vineyard — Sign up at the center

11:30-3:00 Reflexology w/ Kim--\$20.00 for 20 min. of relaxation — Sign up at the senior center

Wednesday, March 29

11:30 Lunch Special — Philly Steak w/ Grilled Onions & Cheese on a Sub Roll, (Real Steak) Chips & Dessert — \$5.00 pp — Sign up & pay 48 hours in advance

Thursday, March 30

11:00 Bus leaves for lunch at The Cheesecake Factory— Sign up at the center

Friday, March 31

8:30-9:30 Senior Breakfast — French Toast w/ Bacon — \$3.00 pp — Sign up 48 hours in advance



Valentine's Day Kissing Booth Craft 2023



Valentine's Day Breakfast - 2023



Valentine's Day Doll Craft 2023



Wolcott High School NEWS



The WHS Dance team competed in and won the NVL Dance Championships at Woodland Regional High School.

Congratulations from the Fine Arts Department

Congratulations to Elizabeth Francisco on the selection of her artwork into the Scholastic Art Awards Exhibit. She received a silver key award for her soft sculpture, titled "Cake or Fake?", which is a sewn felt rendering of a cake with all its luscious details. Visitors viewed her sculpture, on display with the best work of Connecticut's young artists, at the Silpe Gallery of the Harford School of Art.



Congratulations to Coach Chris Riviezzo for being chosen as Coach of the Year for the NVL during this soccer season.



Please join WHS Student Theater March 24, 25, and 26 for our upcoming musical "Mean Girls (High School Version)." WHS Student Theater is thrilled to bring this musical based on the Paramount Pictures film "Mean Girls." Our students have been working extremely hard to bring you this musical comedy that depicts high school life and its hierarchy! WHS Student Theater would also like to welcome our new advisor and director- Noel Normand, to our program! We are so excited for her debut musical to hit the stage! "Mean Girls" will be held on March 24 & 25 at 7:30pm and March 26 at 2pm. Tickets are \$12 for General Admission and \$10 for Students and Senior Citizens. For tickets- please leave a message at 203-879-8164 ext. 21. Tickets will also be available at the door. Can't wait to see you there! It'll be fetch!



Congratulations Wolcott High School Eagles of the Month!

Eagles of the Month Exemplify the core values of Wolcott High School: Engagement, Acceptance, Integrity, Responsibility, Respect, and Perseverance.

DECEMBER		JANUARY	
Grade 9	Avery Malenfan	Grade 9	Andy Ozuni
Grade 10	Mikayla Richmond	Grade 10	Makayla Gambino
Grade 11	Matthew Eric Johnson	Grade 11	Quintin Outlaw
Grade 12	Teya Vega-Guerra	Grade 12	Isabella Santulli
Staff	Miss Fell	Staff	Mrs. Geidra



Wolcott High School Unified Sports

Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. Wolcott High School offers a team that meets after school once a week (Mondays) that competes against other NVL schools in Soccer and Basketball. The high school also offers a class that students can take as an elective junior or senior year (students without a disability) and all 4 years for students with a disability.

The Unified Sports Team & Class held a reunion in December. The current class and team created name tags and cards for our guests as well as a team building activity for all the students to participate in. Over 40 previous members came in and participated. The event was a huge success.

Anyone that would like information for future events can contact Alyssa Giedra agiedra@wolcottps.org, Charlie Guerrero cguerrera@wolcottps.org or Linda Brown lbrown@wolcottps.org.

WHS Career and Technical Education Advisory Council- Members Wanted

The WHS (Career and Technical Education) Advisory Council is composed of CTE teachers and community members representing different career pathways. The mission of the WHS CTE Advisory Council is to advise, assist, support, and advocate for the career and technical education program at Wolcott High School. This is accomplished by:

- Ensuring pathways are available for students to explore various career opportunities thereby understanding the realities of the workforce.
- Collaborating with CTE faculty to prepare students with college and career ready skills and experiences needed to succeed in a global economy.

The CTE Advisory Council is seeking community members for the 2022-2023 school year. Wolcott residents or business owners who are employed in the Culinary, Early Childhood Education, Photography/Video Production, and Hospitality/Tourism fields.

The council meets two times a year from 2-2:45PM at Wolcott High School. Community members of the council work with CTE teachers to review course offerings and teaching practices to ensure alignment with the realities of the workplace. They help select and induct members of the WHS chapter of the National Technical Honor Society. They also help to create programs and opportunities for students to explore career pathways and develop career readiness skills. In the past, the Council has worked together to host a series of speakers highlighting different careers, plan field trip experiences for students, develop an interview boot camp and mock interview experience for students, and participate in the biannual Career Day.

This year's Advisory Councils are being held on Monday, February 24 and Monday, April 27.

If you are interested in joining the CTE Advisory Council or have any questions about joining, please email CTE Department Chair Gabrielle Gallucci at ggallucci@wolcottps.org.

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Wolcott Food Pantry

Upcoming Dates

- Mar 1st (Wed) Distribution Day 8:45 AM to 11:45 AM.
 - Mar 15th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:45 AM to 11:45 AM.
 - Mar 29th (Wed) Distribution Day 8:45 AM to 11:45 AM
- The 29th distribution will include an Easter dinner bag.

Distribution Day Reminders

- Please be sure that your vehicle has adequate space for the food packages that we have prepared.
- On a scheduled distribution date, if our public schools are closed or delayed due to bad weather, we will not be open for distribution that day. We will move the distribution to Friday, same hours.

About Us

If you or someone you know is in need of food and is a Wolcott resident, please contact the Wolcott Food Pantry at 203-704-7402. We are located at 358 Woodtick Road, Wolcott, CT.

We operate as a drive-through service with pre-packed bags of food placed in the client's vehicle.

We accept non-perishable food donations at our drop-off box located at our front door (7 x 24) or stop in on Monday & Tuesday between 8:30 and 11AM and say hello!

You can help our volunteers out if you can please check those dates and eliminate the expired ones from the donation. If you would like to drop-off some food, here's a short list of food products that would be helpful:

Shelf-Stable Milk	Jarred Pasta Sauce	Chili
Broth	Oatmeal	Condiments
Baked Beans	Canned Meats	Pasta
Instant Potatoes	Pudding	Jelly
Stews	Juices	Mac & Cheese
Canned Fruit	Peanut Butter	Salad Dressing
Coffee/Tea		

Local organizations (Pat's, Walsh's, Post Office, Wolcott Library, and Stop & Shop of Wtby) provide locations at the checkout to leave a food donation for the Pantry. We thank the management of those locations for their on-going support.

Monetary donations can be mailed to:
Wolcott Resource Center — Food Pantry
PO Box 6172, Wolcott, CT 06716



'Thank You' Girl Scout Troop # 64233. They donated 12 turkey dinners complete with turkey, potato, gravy, cranberry sauce, corn & biscuit for our 2022 Thanksgiving distribution.



'Thank You' All Star Transportation (& Wendy) for collecting & delivering food for our 2022 Thanksgiving distribution.



Adult Events for March

Wolcott Public Library Book Club
Wednesday, March 15th at 6:00PM

The WPL Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the upstairs reading room. March's selection is *In Five Years* by Rebecca Searle, a powerful and moving story that asks the question, Where do you see yourself in five years? Multiple copies of the book are available for check-out at the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ukrainian Eggs-Pysanky
Thursday, March 16 at 6:00PM

Learn about this folk art form and create your own beautiful egg in this hands on workshop with the "Egg Lady" Sharon Leonard. All materials will be supplied. Registration is required as spots are limited.

Movie Matinee
Friday, March 31st at 1:00PM

On the last Friday of each month a newly released movie will be shown in the upstairs reading room. (Please note new location). Snacks are permitted for you to enjoy during the movie. March's movie will be *A Man Called Otto*.

Good Yarn Club
Wednesdays at 10:00AM

Join our growing group of knitters and crocheters on Wednesday mornings in the upstairs reading room. All ages and all levels of expertise welcome.

Takeaway Craft

Every month a craft is offered that is to be completed at home. Craft and dates of pick-up for March will be announced.

Check out our website www.wolcottlibrary.org for updated information and all the latest happenings at the Wolcott Public Library. Did you know that we have databases that you can access with your Wolcott library card? Newsbank gives info from newspapers, periodicals, government documents and other publications including the Waterbury Republican. A to Z World Travel features over 200 city guides, custom PDF reports and is smartphone friendly. A to Z World Food contains more than 7,000 traditional recipes from 174 countries. Consumer Reports gives you expert product reviews and ratings. JobNow provides job coaching, resume assistance and much more with a real person. Ebsco Learning Express has hundreds of free practice exams and tutorials for school subjects, job specific tests and more. Salem Press offers digital editions of Library Reference Books, including Speeches of American Presidents, Famous First Facts and others.

Wolcott Public Library Children's Room

The Wolcott Public Library Children's Department has been enjoying a very busy winter. Thank you to all the families who braved the cold to celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day" on February 4th! The Riverside Reptiles presentations were a big hit, and many families enjoyed building with Lego, making crafts, and watching our 3-D printer in action.

Our Children's Chess Club kicked off on January 30th. Children in Pre-K through 2nd Grade (and many of their parents) are learning how to play Chess through stories, rhymes and mini-games. We are so impressed with what these children can do!

The Children's Department continues to host many programs for all ages. Lego Club (all ages) meets every Thursday at 5:30, no registration required. Wild Wednesday offers STEAM activities for Kindergarten- 5th graders on Wednesdays at 5:30. Preschool storytimes on Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m. Email Ms. Meghan (mmorin@biblio.org) to register, or ask about any of our upcoming Children's events.

Fairy Houses
Saturday, March 18th at 11:00AM

Create your own fairy house with Miss Meghan. All materials will be supplied.

WPL Nutmeg Challenge

Get your Nutmeg-Punch card from the library. Ms. Meghan will punch a hole for each 2023 Nutmeg Nominee you read. Read them all and vote for your favorite in April. WPL will host a raffle for those who complete the Challenge.

For more information about the Wolcott Public Library call 203-879-8110, visit our website www.wolcottlibrary.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

WOLCOTT BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Wolcott Latchkey Program 2022 – 2023



Thank you to all the Wolcott Elementary School families that signed up for the Wolcott Latchkey Program

The Wolcott Latchkey Program is full for the 2022 – 23 school year. We will not be accepting any more applications. However, if you have any questions, you may reach me at my email address. Tracey Fitzmorris, Wolcott Latchkey Director: tfitzmorris@wolcottps.org

If you are interested in the Wolcott School year 2023 – 2024, we open registration on April 3, 2023 (Monday). Registration packets will be located at the Elementary school cafeterias during Latchkey hours (7:00-8:30am and 3:30 – 5:30pm). We fill up quickly and it is first come first served.

During the Wolcott Latchkey Program school year, Frisbie, Alcott and Wakelee Supervisors and contact information is:

Alcott: Ms. LeAnn Beland
Email: lbeland@wolcottps.org Phone: 203-879-8417

Wakelee: Ms. Robin Japs
Email: rjaps@wolcottps.org Phone: 203-879-8026

Frisbie: Ms. Lisa Calabretta
Email: lcalabretta@wolcottps.org Phone: 203-879-8025

*This is only during Latchkey hours,
Thank you!*

Wolcott Public Schools Preschool Screening

Wolcott Public Schools will be conducting preschool screenings on March 17, and April 21, 2023. The purpose of the screening is to identify any preschool age children, ages 3 and 4, who may have a disability. The screening is open to all Wolcott residents who have concerns about their preschool age child's development. If you are interested in having your child participate in the screening, please contact the Student Services office at 203-879-8178.

Kindergarten Pre-Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year

If you have a child who will be Five (5) years old on or before January 1, 2024, please visit the District website to pre-register your child for the next school year. Once this is completed you will receive additional information in March for information on kindergarten screening and access to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Questions can be directed to Meagan Angelone at mangelone@wolcottps.org or 203.879.8183 for questions on the pre-registration process. Early pre-registration is greatly appreciated in order for us to plan and budget appropriately. Thank you for your cooperation.

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- Substitute Paraprofessional
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- Substitute 2nd Shift Custodian



Please Apply At:
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Wolcott Terminal | 515 Wolcott Road | 203-879-1334



Wolcott Board of Education 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

All In-Person Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School's Large Group Instruction Room unless otherwise indicated on the Agenda posting.

All meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month unless otherwise indicated.

	FIRST	SECOND
MARCH	06 (Monday)	20 (Monday)
APRIL	03 (Monday)	24 (Monday)
MAY	08 (Monday)	22 (Monday)
JUNE	05 (Monday)	19 (Monday)

Wolcott Public Schools 2022-2023 SCHOOL HOURS

	Normal School Day	Early Dismissal	2 Hour Delayed Opening	3 Hour Delayed Opening
All Elementary Schools	8:55AM – 3:20PM	1:20PM	10:55AM	11:55AM
Tyrrell Middle School	8:00AM – 2:25PM	12:25PM	10:00AM	11:00AM
Wolcott High School	7:30AM – 1:55PM	12:00NOON	9:30AM	10:30AM

Wolcott Public Schools Directors 2022-2023

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- ♦ Superintendent of Schools:
Mr. Shawn Simpson – 203 879-8183
- ♦ Business Manager:
Mr. Todd Bendtsen – 203 879-8180
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Mr. Joseph Norcross – 203 879-8430
- ♦ Director of Student Services & Alternative Programs:
Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178
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Mrs. Rosa Ramalhete – 203 879-8178
- ♦ Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance – 203 879-8180
Facilities Director: Ms. Jessica Abbott

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- ♦ Principal: Mr. Walter Drewry
- ♦ Assistant Principal: Mr. Bryan MacKay
- ♦ Assistant Principal: Mr. Joseph Morgan

Tyrrell Middle School – 203 879-8151

- ♦ Principal: Mr. Daniel Caetano
- ♦ Assistant Principal: Mrs. Michelle Thies

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- ♦ Principal: Mr. Matthew Calabrese

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- ♦ Principal: Mrs. Deborah Osvald

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- ♦ Director: Mr. Tyler Meccariello

Tyrrell Athletics – 203 879-8173

- ♦ Director: Mr. Tyler Meccariello

District Compliance Officers

a) **Title VI (race, color, national origin)** - Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal – 203 879-8160

b) **Title IX (sex equity)** - Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal – 203 879-8160

c) **Age Discrimination** - Mr. Matthew Calabrese, Alcott Elementary School Principal – 203 879-8430

d) **Section 504 (handicap)** - Mr. Walter Drewry, Wolcott High School Principal, – 203 879-8164

e) **Americans with Disabilities (ADA)**- Mr. Kevin Hollis – 203 879-8178

f) **Homeless Liaison** - Mr. Daniel Caetano, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School – 203 879-8151

It is the policy of the Wolcott Board of Education that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against under any program because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, material status, sexual orientation, mental retardation, past or present history of mental disorder, learning disability or physical disability.

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Mrs. Kathleen Cordone; Mrs. Nikoleta Kollchaku; Mrs. Melissa Hughes (not shown)

Wolcott Public Schools – School Calendar 2022-2023

Month	Calendar Grid	Date/Event or Holiday
July	Calendar grid for July	
August (3/0)	Calendar grid for August	August 29, 2022 Convocation August 30, 2022 PD Day August 31, 2022 PD Day
September (21/21)	Calendar grid for September	September 1, 2022 First Day of School September 5, 2022 Labor Day
October (20/20)	Calendar grid for October	October 10, 2022 Columbus Day November 8, 2022 Election Day
November (18/18)	Calendar grid for November	November 11, 2022 Veterans Day November 23-25, 2022 Thanksgiving (half day 23rd)
December (17/17)	Calendar grid for December	Dec 23, 2022 - Jan. 2, 2023 Holiday Recess (half day 23rd)
January (20/20)	Calendar grid for January	January 16, 2023 Martin Luther King Day
February (18/17)	Calendar grid for February	February 17, 2023 PD Day February 20-21, 2023 February Recess
March (23/22)	Calendar grid for March	March 20, 2023 PD Day
April (14/14)	Calendar grid for April	April 7, 2023 Good Friday April 10 - 14, 2023 Spring Recess
May (22/22)	Calendar grid for May	May 29, 2023 Memorial Day
June (10/10)	Calendar grid for June	June 14, 2023 Last Day (tentative half day 13th and 14th)
		# of Student and Staff Days
		Staff Student
August		3 0
September		21 21
October		20 20
November		18 18
December		17 17
January		20 20
February		18 17
March		23 22
April		14 14
May		22 22
June		10 10
Total Days		186 181

*September 1st, 2nd, and 6th will be transition days for Kindergarten, only
Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. on these 3 days. If the school calendar is impacted by inclement weather, the first twelve (12) days will be cancellations and these days will be made up at the end of the school year. After twelve (12) cancellations, additional days will be taken from April vacation beginning with April 14, 2023 and moving backward from there.

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Wolcott \$279,900 - Ranch style home on 3.50 private acres includes updates throughout. Eat-in kitchen, DR, spacious living room, 2 BRs, large, covered deck to enjoy surrounding nature. Close walk to Peterson Park and hiking trails. *Ask for J.R. Donorfio.*



Wolcott \$299,900 - Colonial period home with warmth and charm; This 3 BR antique home features central chimney and saltbox wing, LR, DR and kitchen w/wide plank floors, 3 fireplaces, 1 with a Dutch oven, 1 garage, barn & smoke house, all on a 3 acre treed lot. *Ask for Linda Fercodini.*



Wolcott \$394,900 - Gorgeous 3 BR Contemporary Ranch on beautiful large lot; huge LR with stone FP & hardwood floor, vaulted formal DR & FR w/atrium doors to deck, remodeled kitchen w/breakfast bar, MBR suite, full basement w/finished room, c/air, 2 car garage. *Ask for Lynn Lombardi.*



Wolcott \$597,000 - To Be Built; Cont Colonial in the Preserve Subdivision; open floor plan, 4 BRs, 2.5 baths, kitchen w/granite counters & island, FDR w/crown molding, great room w/propane FP, MBR w/full bath & walk-in closet, c/air, 2 car garage, seasonal water views. *Ask for Lynn or J.R.Z*



Waterbury \$250,000 - Updated 3 bedroom Colonial features gleaming HW floors thru-out, kitchen with quartz counters, stainless steel appliances & tons of storage space, dining room, living room with lots of light, remodeled full bath, walk-up attic for more storage, 1 car garage. *Ask for Sandy Deschenes.*



Terryville / Plymouth \$214,900 - 4 BR Colonial features eat-in kitchen, full bath & 2 BRs on main level, 2 BRs and remodeled full bath on upper level, central air, updates include flooring, hot water heater, garage doors, roof & gutters. *Ask for J.R. Donorfio*

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