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Dear WRS families,

It has been such a pleasure to see our returning students and families and to welcome our new ones! Last Monday night I felt the same excitement about see our "W.R.S. kids" as I felt when I was a child on Christmas Eve! School feels perfect when our students are in the building. I am looking forward to my ninth year at W.R.S.. As I've said many times, I am both proud and grateful to work at W.R.S. and I don't want to work anywhere else! I love collaborating with all of our students' family and with our incredible staff here.

Our school secretary, Mrs. Bouthillier whom we call "Mrs. B." is doing a wonderful job of learning all of the many things that a school secretary has to do. She's also learning who our W.R.S. family members are! Please when you visit the office or call, introduce yourself. Mrs. B. is doing a terrific job for us. This week I am sending this newsletter in hard copy so that we can make sure everybody receives a copy. Normally Mrs. B. will help me send my newsletters electronically instead of hard copy. **IF YOU DO NOT USE EMAIL YOU MUST CONTACT MRS. B. AND REQUEST THAT SHE SENDS HOME A HARD COPY OF MY NEWSLETTERS. PLEASE DO THIS IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO BY SENDING A NOTE OR CALLING HER AT SCHOOL.** We will also post newsletters on our school website: [follow this link www.wrsvt.com](http://www.wrsvt.com)

Paperwork, Paperwork!

We recognize that you've received a very large pile of paperwork to be filled out. Few of us enjoy completing it and most of us are busy. However, we really must have these important documents returned to us in order to be able to contact you and to make sure your child gets what she or he needs at school. Please try to get this paperwork back to us at school within the next week. If you plan to apply for reduced/free lunch it is VERY important that you return these forms early next week. It takes awhile to process these forms and your child will begin to incur a lunch bill without the approval in place. Please contact our HSD lunch services coordinator, Nancy Raymond at 295-8600 with questions.

Bus Transportation: CALL 802.788.4322 WITH QUESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS

Thank you for being patient with bus transportation issues in these first couple of week of school. The Hartford School District utilizes the contracted services of Butler's Bus Company to transport our students in grades k-12 in Hartford. It is a very complex challenge to coordinate the bus routes due to the number of roads and neighborhoods in the five villages in Hartford. I know that the folks over at Butler's Bus Co.. are very committed to keeping our students safe

and in streamlining the routes to make sure every student gets to school on time and gets home at a reasonable time after school. This is tricky. Expect your child's bus to run a bit late and/or be inconsistent as the drivers get to know the students and most important help our kindergartners get to the right stop. Kindergarten parents: Please remember to be waiting at the bus stop in the afternoon. The drivers will not drop off a kindergartner without an adult there to receive your child. If you plan to have a family member or friend be there periodically, please bring that person to the bus stop with you and introduce her or him to the driver.

WRS Directory- Important!

Our PTA creates a student directory to allow families to coordinate playdates, birthday parties and that sort of thing. FOR SAFETY PURPOSES, WE DO NOT PUBLISH PHYSICAL ADDRESSES! If you **do not want** your child's name to be included in the directory with your phone number and/or email address you must contact the PTA by September 15th. Please send an email to: wrspta@gmail.com or write a note and send it in with your child.

Important Upcoming Events at W.R.S.

First P.T.A. meeting: Thursday, September 13th @ 6:30-7:30 W.R.S. in the library

W.R.S. Back to School Open House and Hot Dog Dinner: Thursday, Sept. 20 @ 5:30-7:00

Future Events:

W.R.S.: School Concerts: December 6th and May 16th

Parent/Teacher Conferences November. 1 and 2, 2018 and March 21 and 22, 2019

Boston Trip - School-wide Event: May 24th - grades k-5