

# **Wow!**

**Winter 2010**  
**Weston Youth Services...**  
**WOW! After-School Programs...**  
**For Weston Intermediate School Students ... Grades 3-5**  
**Weston's One World After-School programs!**

WOW! offers after school programs for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades at Weston Intermediate School. Classes will be filled on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Enrollment is limited in order to keep classes small. Please register your child **only** if he/she has a genuine interest in the subject.

**Registration:** Begins January 4th at 8:00 a.m. Registration forms will be accepted until classes are filled.

**\*\*New Policy:** You must e-mail the office to check the enrollment status of your child's class.  
You will not be notified by mail. Please contact Charlene Monn at [cmonn@westonct.gov](mailto:cmonn@westonct.gov).  
You may also call 222-2586 beginning Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

\*Drop your completed form with checks in the **WOW! mailbox** in the WIS main office **no earlier than January 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices on the registration form and write a **separate** check for each course, payable to: **Town of Weston**.

**Fee:** See each course listing. ALL materials are included in the fees, except where noted. Financial Aid is available.  
**Office Policy:** Once a class begins, we **can not** issue refunds or credits.

**Please pick up your child in his/her classroom ON TIME...4:15 p.m.!!**

*A full description of WOW! Classes can be viewed online through the Town website [www.westonct.gov](http://www.westonct.gov). Click Youth/Adult Programs, Youth Services. Any questions, call Charlene Monn at 222-2586.*

**Program Dates:** Classes begin the week of January 18<sup>th</sup> and run through the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>  
**\*\* New Time:** All classes are scheduled from **3:15 pm – 4:15 pm (unless noted)**.

### **Important Notes:**

1. Alternate dismissal notes **must** be sent every week to your child's teacher, **even if you send a blanket note!** When we do not have an alternate dismissal note each week, we must contact the parent for confirmation and then alert the teacher. **This is for your child's safety!**
2. Please make a notation on your alternate dismissal notice if anyone, other than yourself, is picking up your child at the conclusion of the program.
3. In the event of an early dismissal due to inclement weather or any other school emergency, all after-school programs will be **cancelled** and the children will be sent home per school policy. If a class is cancelled at the last minute on the day it was to be held and we are unable to contact you, children will stay in the main office with the WOW! Supervisor until you arrive. We will make every effort to make up missed classes due to last minute cancellations.
4. There is **no** nurse on duty after normal school hours. In the event of illness or emergency treatment, we will call 911 and then contact parents, followed by the emergency contact, if necessary. If your child has any special medical needs, please contact Charlene Monn at 222-2586 prior to the start of the session.
5. Children may bring a small **nut-free** snack to be eaten before the program begins. Children will be asked to wash hands before the program starts.
6. Weston Youth Services reserves the right to cancel a class due to lack of student enrollment.

## **Mondays...11- week session**

**Magic Genies Club...Mondays...max. 20 students...**

**For 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders...Fee: \$182.00 ...Location: Room # 118...**

**January 25<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup> (No class February 15<sup>th</sup>)**

**\*Magic Show on April 12<sup>th</sup> ! Come see what your magicians have been doing!**

*Weston's own Master Magician, Nisan Eventoff returns to Weston Intermediate School this winter to teach students the secrets of the professional magician! Come and experience the wonders of magic! This class provides an interactive experience where students will learn the "classics" of magic. Students will learn presentation skills, leadership skills, speaking skills, confidence, poise, and tips for self-improvement. This program is wonderful, interesting, and fun-filled. Each week you will receive magic tricks and materials to take home with you. Any students repeating this class will receive new tricks to take home and will assist as magic aides for new students. All materials will be provided. A truly magical experience awaits you! **Instructor: Nisan Eventoff** is an internationally known magician who has appeared in movies, T.V. and theatre. He is a life member of the prestigious "Magic Castle" in Los Angeles.*

**\* NEW! Franc-O-Fun, French for Children!...Mondays...Room # 111  
(separate registration.)**

*Please check [www.westonct.gov](http://www.westonct.gov)/ Youth Services for course description and registration information.*

**Spanish Cooking: Moves to Wednesdays beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

*Please check the Wednesday schedule of programs for further information!*

**Broadway Bound: Moves to Thursdays beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>.**

*Please check details in the Thursday schedule of programs for further information!*

## Tuesdays...12 -week session

**\*NEW! Science Explorations!...Tuesdays...max. 10 students...  
For 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders...Fee...\$204.00... January 19<sup>th</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>  
(No class February 16<sup>th</sup>)...Room # 200**

*Science is fun! Science can be exciting! Science can boggle the mind! Science experiences help students develop problem-solving skills that empower them to participate in an increasingly scientific and technological world. Through various age-appropriate hands-on activities and investigations in physics, chemistry, astronomy, and biology, students will fulfill science standards as they employ simple equipment and tools to gather data and extend their understandings. Some discrepant events will be sprinkled into the course to engage the thinking powers of the students.*

***Instructors: Eileen and Paul Bengtson.** Eileen, a retired teacher from Weston Schools, is a PIMMS Fellow (Project to Increase Mastery of Mathematics and Science), an Operation Physics Fellow, and a former Science Department Chair at Hurlbutt. Paul is an amateur astronomer and science enthusiast.*

**Art with Ms. Liz....Tuesdays ...max. 10 students.... For 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders...  
Fee: \$192.00 ... January 19<sup>th</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup> (No class February 16<sup>th</sup>)...  
Location: # 118...**

*Come join Ms. Liz as she shares her popular art program on Tuesdays at Weston Intermediate School this winter! Let your imagination guide you to express yourself, while creating unique works of art! Through a variety of techniques, Ms. Liz will encourage the innate creativity of her students. Crayon, tempura batik, monotype drawing, collage, painting, printmaking, and sculpture are some of the “explores” they may try. The emphasis is on experimenting with different mediums, opening our eyes, respecting others, and appreciating the wonders of creativity.*

***Instructor: Liz Ward** was part of the Hurlbutt Kindergarten team for nine years. She now works at Hurlbutt’s Early Learning Center. Mrs. Ward is also an accomplished artist. She has taught art in our Summer Creative/Arts Enrichment camp, YogArt camp, and also teaches Art with Ms. Liz in our after-school WOW! programs at Hurlbutt Elementary School. Liz’s work can be viewed at [www.lizwardart.com](http://www.lizwardart.com)*

**\*NEW! Adventures Through Model Building, Models, and More!...**  
**Tuesdays... Max. 12 students...For 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders... Fee: \$216.00...**  
**1 ½ hours (3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.)...Location: Room # 212 ...**  
**January 19<sup>th</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup> (No class February 16<sup>th</sup>)...**

*Adam Bartley takes model building to a higher level in this extended 1 ½ hour after-school program! Come join Mr. Bartley as he shares his model building enthusiasm with WIS students this winter. In the class, students will have lots of fun learning basic model building skills. Students will build several different types of wood models that they will assemble, paint, and take home. At the same time, they will learn a little background on the models they are creating. Assemble and paint model kits! Experience the fun of Balsawood planes, rubber band racers, and marshmallow catapults! Take your model building skills and see them in action! **Instructor: Adam Bartley** is an alumnus of Weston High School and has been involved with the Weston Volunteer Fire Dept for many years. Students may know him from Hurlbutt Elementary School. Adam enjoys building model plans and remote controlled gadgets and looks forward to this exciting extended program.*

**Photography Workshop...Tuesdays... max. 9 students.. For 3-5 graders...**  
**Fee: \$228.00... January 19<sup>th</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup> (No class February 16<sup>th</sup>)...**  
**Location: #117 ...**

*The focus of this course is to introduce students to the fun and skills of photography. Participants will be exposed to basics of photography (composition, working with existing light and using flash) and with various subjects: people, scenery, animals, still life, etc. All students will be lent a 35mm camera with flash. Print film will be used for indoor and outdoor activities. The fee covers the cost of film and processing. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their photography in the summer at the Weston Public Library. Students will also have an opportunity to view and discuss the works of well-known photographers such as Ansel Adams. Students are permitted to bring their own 35mm camera from home. **Please let us know if you have your own camera to bring.** **Instructor: Wilma Donaldson** retired as a teacher from Hurlbutt Elementary School several years ago, but she can't stay away! Her love for photography keeps her coming back and how lucky we are to have her share her passion with us.*

## Wednesdays...12-week session

**NEW!! Classical Guitar...Wednesdays... max. 8 students...for grades 3-5...**

**Room: # 121...January 20<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup> (No class February 17<sup>th</sup>)**

**Total cost of the program, including purchase of student-sized classical guitar with travel bag and footrest: \$ 312.00\*** (Note: Program alone fee, in which you provide your own student-sized classical guitar and footrest is \$ 180.00). Books are included in the course fee.

Come join us and learn to play classical guitar, no previous experience is required! Not ready for the commitment of private lessons? Then group classes are great if you want to gain a strong foundation in an exciting way! Learn the basics of reading music and play entertaining guitar pieces in a relaxed group setting. There will be opportunities to perform, if desired. Guitar class will be offered each WOW! session, so you grow as you go! The classical guitar has nylon rather than steel strings and is acoustic rather than electric. **\* If you do not have a classical guitar, you have the opportunity to order an instrument for purchase at a discount.** A quality, half or three-quarter size classical guitar can be ordered for you, depending on the size of your student. Group purchase arrangements will be made for a Takamine “Jasmine” model, half-size or three-quarter size student classical guitar, sized to fit each student. These instruments come with their own fitted travel bags and footrest, included in the package. **Please register early** if you need to order an instrument, so you’ll have your guitar on time.

**Instructor: Linda Kessler**, a performing classical guitarist is pleased to bring her knowledge and passion of the classical guitar to Weston Intermediate School. A former teacher and now a WIS paraprofessional, Mrs. Kessler brings years of experience and a love of guitar to students! Check out her website at [www.kesslerguitar.com](http://www.kesslerguitar.com).

**Scrap booking...Wednesdays!!!... max. 12 students...Grades 3-5...**

**Fee: \$ 186.00... Location: Room :117 ... Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>**

**(No class Feb. 17th)**

Just back from a holiday vacation or special time spent with family and friends? Take a lot of pictures along the way? Then why not create a scrap book from your favorite pictures of friends and family? Maybe it’s special birthday photos, your pet, or summer pictures that you want to preserve in a keepsake book. Participants will learn techniques that will preserve their photographs in a creative and colorful way. Students should bring 12-15 photos that they do not mind cropping or cutting to the program. They will design their own scrap book using fun stickers, colorful paper, shaped scissors and suggestions about layouts from the instructor. At the end of the course, students will have a self-designed scrap book of their own to share with family and friends. Scrap booking is open to **all** students, including continuing scrap bookers from the fall session, new scrap bookers, and photography students who would like to scrap book some of their photos from our WOW! photography class. **Instructor: Koryn Soboleski** joined the WOW! After-school programs last year. Koryn teaches music at WIS and WMS. She directs the fifth and sixth grade bands and the Thursday

*Jazz Ensemble. In her spare time, she is an avid scrap booker. While her first passion is music, Ms. Soboleski also loves to experience creativity through arts and crafts.*

**Explore Spanish Cooking!... Special 7-week program! Wednesdays...  
max. 12 students...For 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders... March 3<sup>rd</sup> – April 14th  
Fee: \$ 133.00... Location: Staff /Kitchen, next to music classrooms)  
1 ½ hour class: 3:15-4:45 p.m.**

*If learning how to prepare tapas, chimichurris, tostadas, molletes, mousse de mango, and other great dishes sounds tempting, come join our Spanish cooking class this fall! Find out why a burrito is a small donkey in Spain and a fajita is a sash in Peru! We will travel through three regions of the Americas as we explore their unique cooking styles and wet our appetites along the way. Students will make some delicious traditional foods from Spain, Mexico, Argentina, Peru, and areas in Latin America! Bring a willingness to prepare and enjoy new foods in this 1 ½ hour hands-on program offered at WIS!! **Note: Items used in this program may contain nuts or processed on shared equipment with nuts.** Instructor: Shelley McConnell, WIS's own Spanish teacher was born and raised in Mexico City and grew up eating that country's rich and varied cuisine, developing her taste for fresh and well-seasoned food. Over the years, Shelley has tasted the food of many regions in the Iberian Peninsula and is very excited to bring her love for cooking to our after-school programs.*

**Special 8-week Engineering with Legos...Wednesdays...1 ½ hours!!! ...  
min. 11 students;max. 16 students... For 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders ...Fee: \$ 140.00...  
Location: Room # 118...January 20<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup> (No class February 17<sup>th</sup>)**

*Come learn how to design and build motorized machines, houses, pyramids, bridges and more! Explore concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture while playing with your favorite creations during this 1 ½ hour program (3:15p.m.-4:45 p.m.). Children will be given instruction, design challenges, and competitions. This is a hands-on and minds-on class suitable for Lego building system novices to “maniacs.” Returning students will work on new projects and challenges. Note: **Projects will not go home with students**) Play-Well TEKnologies provides age appropriate project based programs designed to teach principles and methods of engineering, architecture, and science utilizing LEGO and other building systems, in order to build problem-solving skill, and an opportunity for creative expression. **Instructors:** Play-Well Teknologies' instructors all have engineering and/or teaching backgrounds and share a common enthusiasm for kids, engineering, and the LEGO building system.*

## Thursdays...12-week session

**Gizmos, Gadgets and Other Things! with Mr. Bartley...Thursdays...  
max. 12 students.. For 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> graders...Fee: \$ 216.00...Location: Room # 212...  
January 21<sup>st</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup> (No class February 18<sup>th</sup>)  
1 ½ hours...3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

*Gizmos & Gadgets returns to WIS this winter with Adam Bartley. Take your model building skills and join us in this hands-on class involving remote control cars, planes, helicopters, and other gadgets. See them in action! Want to build a track and race a car? Want to learn the basics of flying indoor planes and helicopters? Your imagination will fly! How about learning how to maintain, care, and operate more delicate or technical type of remote controls or building a scale train and landscape to set the track on? Then, this class is for you! Join Mr. Bartley for this 1 ½ hour program. Note: This program is not as much a take home class as it is a very hands-on, to do class.*

***Instructor:** Adam Bartley is an alumnus of Weston High School and has been involved with the Weston Volunteer Fire Dept for many years. Adam enjoys building model plans and remote controlled gadgets and looks forward to this exciting program.*

**\*NEW! Glow Girls...Thursdays...Special 8-week session...  
January 21<sup>st</sup> – March 18<sup>th</sup> ...**

*(Separate registration.) Please check [www.westonct.gov/ Youth Services](http://www.westonct.gov/Youth%20Services) for course description and registration information.*

**BROADWAY BOUND...Thursdays... (\*Special 6-week session, beginning in  
March, following the school play!)...Max. 25 students... For 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders...  
March 4<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup> ... (Please note: No class April 8th ) ... Fee: \$ 87.00...  
Room: # 119**

*Under the direction of Liz Morris, 125 students have signed up for the musical production, “No Strings Attached” that will be performed in February, 2010. We are so excited that Ms. Morris will return to Broadway Bound following this winter production! In this workshop, students will work on acting skills as well as vocal development. Students will participate in a variety of theater games that will build their confidence on the stage, including improvisation, movement, and beginning scenes. Students will learn the basics of solo and small group singing in the musical theater style. Come join Liz in this special program. **Instructor:** Liz Morris is a music teacher, choral director, and the director of the school musicals at Weston Intermediate School. She has written scripts for and directed a variety of musicals for children over the past 10 years.*

**Yoga ...Thursdays...max. 10 students... for 3-5 graders.. Fee: 174.00 ...**

**Location:Room # 204...January 21<sup>st</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup> (No class February 18<sup>th</sup> )**

*Use your natural energy and skills to become flexible, strong, more focused, and honor your body! Mrs. Dovo is happy to be offering Yoga at Weston Intermediate School for girls and boys... What a great way to end a school day! Students should bring their own mats to class.*

***Instructor: Jean Dovo**, has her BFA in dance. She has worked with Twyla Tharp and the Laura Dean Dancers. She has taught dance and yoga to children in New York City, Westport, and Weston. She has worked at Hurlbutt Elementary for over 16 years and teaches dance and yoga in our summer camps. She also teaches private and corporate yoga all around the world! Jean offers her Dance Choreography program on Tuesdays at WIS too!*

### **Fridays...11-week session**

**Classical Guitar...Fridays... max. 8 students...for grades 3-5...**

**Room: # 121...January 22<sup>nd</sup> –April 16<sup>th</sup> (No class February 19<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> )**

**Total cost of the program, including purchase of student-sized classical guitar with travel bag and footrest: \$ 297.00\*** (Note: Program alone fee, in which you provide your own student-sized classical guitar and footrest is \$ 165.00). Books are included in the course fee.

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**Paint, Draw & More!...Fridays...**

**(Separate registration.) Please check [www.westonct.gov](http://www.westonct.gov)/ Youth Services for course description and registration information.**

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Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell #'s: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Route # : \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's name/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact's phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Any physical, allergies, or other problems instructors should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

(If your child has any special medical needs, please contact Charlene Monn prior to the start of the session.)

I understand the nature of this program and give permission for my child to participate. The undersigned agrees to hold harmless the Town of Weston, its employees or agents for any accident or injury or other claim or loss or damage incurred by my child while participating in the WOW! After-school program sponsored by Weston Youth Services.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you'd like more than one class, (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Town of Weston

Include separate checks for each class choice. Fees include all materials (unless noted)

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Magic Genies	Mondays	\$182.00	_____
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Art with Ms. Liz	Tuesdays	\$ 192.00	_____
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Adventures thru Models	Tuesdays	\$ 216.00	_____
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Science Explorations	Tuesdays	\$ 204.00	_____
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Photography	Tuesdays	\$ 228.00	_____
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Wednesdays: 12-week session: January 20<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup> (No class February 17<sup>th</sup>)

Classical Guitar	Wednesdays	\$ 312.00 (w/guitar pkg)	_____ \$ 180.00 (w/o guitar pkg) _____
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Scrap booking	Wednesdays	\$ 186.00	_____
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Engineering with Legos	Wednesdays	\$ 140.00	_____ (8 weeks –ends March 17 <sup>th</sup> )
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Spanish Cooking	Wednesdays	\$ 133.00	_____ (begins March 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
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