



WEYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Family & Community Engagement in WPS 2017 -18

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Agenda

- F.A.C.E Team & Objectives
- History of District FACE
- District-wide PreK-8/ 2017-18 F.A.C.E. Events
- Highlighting Key Events
- Grades 5-12/ 2017-18 Secondary F.A.C.E Themes
- Connecting Activities
- South Shore Manufacturing Advisory Group
- Chamber of Commerce Partnership
- Positive Outcomes of F.A.C.E.
- Long-term Sustainability of Offerings



F.A.C.E Team & Objective

- Team meets monthly or bi-monthly
- Comprised of district staff and parent representatives (membership has varied depending upon events)
- Teams meet to plan events and debrief previous events
- Main objective to provide free, equitable F.A.C.E events district-wide for all students PreK-8



History of District F.A.C.E

- 2014-15 SY District Team led by Patrick Costello, Betsy Harris & Susan Kustka
- 2015-16 SY established new team to work along with parent council reps. to develop equitable experiences district-wide for PreK-6 students at all schools; All day Saturday kick-off 9/26/15
- 2016-17 SY Streamlining of events for PreK-8 (combined STEM Hotspots and FACE Events) to avoid duplication of efforts and saturating needed vendor/ community supports.
- 2017-18 SY expansion of district support team in the hope of long-term sustainability (fatigue factor)



STEM Hotspots & Events 2017-18

- **New England Wildlife Center – 9/16/17**
- **Speaker/Ron Suskind; Movie for Kids – 9/21/17**
- **Screenagers for Parents; BOKS for Kids – 10/19/17**
- **Family Game Night – 11/8/17**
- **Hour of Code: An Introduction to Computer Coding – 12/9/17**
- **Career Showcase Night – 1/24/18**
- **Weymouth's Got Talent! – 4/3/18**
- **Full STEAM Ahead – 6/14/18**



About the STEM HotSpots...

- The STEM HotSpots targeted the PreK-8 students in the community with opportunities for families to explore various topics within science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- Family engagement opportunities provided a bridge between our local businesses and community for no cost.
- Most held on weeknights this year.
- Between 50-100 families participated each event
- STEAM event expected to have 400+ attending (marketing important)



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New England Wildlife Center
Wildlife Hospital & Education Center

Saturday, September 16, 2017
10:00 am—12:00 pm
New England Wildlife Center
500 Columbian Street, Weymouth, MA 02190
781-682-4878
<http://wildlifeeducationcenter.com/>

Donations of old towels, sheets, paper towels and bleach are welcome!

Learn about our local animals
Interact with our environment
Explore a Veterinary Hospital
Bring your Wildlife Artwork to Display

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Thursday, September 21, 2017
6:30 pm
Keynote Speaker for Adults: 6:30 pm
Movie for Children: Finding Dory
Book Signing: Life, Animated
Weymouth Middle School,
Adams Campus
89 Middle Street, Weymouth 02189, Door #2

Keynote Speaker: Ron Suskind
Topic: "Life, Animated"
Book Signing
Pre-Order Book by 9/15/17

RSVP On-line Here

Children must be accompanied by an adult who is attending the Guest Speaker

Register on-line (above) or return form to your child's school by 9/15/17

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Thursday, October 19, 2017
6:30 pm—8:30 pm
Screening of Screenagers
for older students and adults
BOKS Session
available for younger students
Weymouth Middle School,
Adams Campus
89 Middle Street, Weymouth 02189, Door #2

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Wednesday, November 8, 2017
5:30—7:30 pm
Weymouth Middle School
Adams Campus Cafeteria
89 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA 02189

Encouraging Families to Play Games Together at Home!
Develop Problem Solving Skills, Communication Skills, Math Skills...and MORE!!!

Great chance to learn about terrific games for gifts!

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Hour of Code
An Introduction to Computer Coding

Saturday, December 9, 2017
10:00 am—12:00 pm
Weymouth High School
Use Door #36, Gold Security Entrance
1 Wildcat Way, Weymouth, MA 02190

for K-8 students and families

BYOD—You MAY bring your own device
...BUT...it is not required!

No Experience Necessary!!! Facilitators will be available to assist!

Develop Important Skills:
Use Deductive Reasoning • Logical and Computational Thinking
Problem Solving • Collaboration • Resiliency • Growth Mindset
Work together with your child(ren) = Great Fun!

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Oh, the Places You'll Go!
Career Showcase for PreK-8

Great Family Fun! All Welcome!

A District-wide Event!

Activity Stations
Demonstrations
Exhibits
Give-a-ways

Wednesday, January 24, 2018
(Show Date: Thursday, January 25, 2018)
5:00 pm—7:30 pm
Weymouth Middle School—
Chapman Campus Cafeteria
1051 Commercial Street, Weymouth, MA 02189

Click Here to Register to host an Activity Station
<http://bit.ly/2AA0zLC>

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Celebrate the Music & Art in you!
Weymouth's GOT TALENT

Please join us as we celebrate
Music in Our Schools Month and Visual Art K-12!

Weymouth's Got Talent
RE-SCHEDULED DATE: Tuesday, April 3, 2018
Art Show: 5:00—5:45 pm ♦ Concert: 6:00 pm
Weymouth High School Auditorium
1 Wildcat Way, Weymouth, MA 02190

Featuring instrumental & vocal performing ensembles and drawings, paintings, sculpture, ceramics, photography, graphic design, & mixed media from all schools grades 4—12

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FULL STEAM AHEAD
Combining STEM and Arts!

Thursday, June 14, 2018
5:00 pm — 7:30 pm
Weymouth High School
1 Wildcat Way, Weymouth, MA 02190, Doors #13 & 14

Seeking Activities, Exhibits & Resources—Click Here to Register:
<http://bit.ly/20QeFEI>

Seeking Sponsors—Click Here to Register as a Sponsor:
<http://bit.ly/2BKoDas>

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Excellent Community Partner who opens their doors to share information about science, the medical field, and the environment, as well as career opportunities within these industry sectors.



Ron Suskind

Ron Suskind is a Pulitzer-winning journalist, bestselling author, and the founder of Sidekicks.

Ron's latest bestseller, [Life, Animated](#) (2014), chronicles his family's twenty-year journey raising and connecting to their autistic son. The Suskinds are also the subject of an award-winning [documentary feature](#) of the same name (2016). Their story has driven activism and research about the compensatory strengths of those with autism and others who are "differently-abled" due to distinctive neurology or sociocultural backgrounds. Ron's company, [Sidekicks](#), is leading efforts to build a next generation of augmentative technologies to lift and support these communities.



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"...we are all sidekicks really, searching for qualities of the hero within ourselves!"



(Supporting Social-Emotional Needs of students.)



Screenagers



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SCREENAGERS
GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

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Video screening and discussion about the pros and cons of social media as well as the consequences for misuse.

This was thought provoking and had poignant middle school student participation in the conversation.

Supporting:

- Digital Literacy
- Social Emotional Behaviors



Career Showcase



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*An interactive event to showcase youth development for
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Career Showcase

- **30 representatives** from a variety of careers available at interactive stations throughout the room
- Many parents, community members and WPS employees (and their families) participated as presenters
- Approximately **150 students and their parents** from WPS families attended
- Many raffle prizes with career readiness provided for student participants
- Sponsored through the efforts primary school principals, **Betsy Harris** and a small group of parent volunteers
- Presenters including: painters, scientists, health services, culinary students and Capstone projects, etc.



STEAM Expo: Full STEAM Ahead

June 14, 2018



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- Activities -
- Exhibits -
- Performances -
- Resources -
- STEAM -
- and More...

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In collaboration with



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STEAM Expo: Full STEAM Ahead

- **STEM was changed to STEAM** to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics
- **40+** facilitators present a variety of STEAM-related activities at interactive stations throughout the lobby, gym and hallway
- **400+** students and parents from WPS families expected
- Opportunities for students to engage in hands-on activities and have discussions with the “experts”
- Many **raffle prizes** with STEAM relevance will be provided for students
- Community members, WPS employees and WHS students participate as presenters



Secondary Schools 5-12 F.A.C.E. Themes

- Health, Safety, & Wellness: Into the Dark, Awareness Night (9-12+); The Other Talk – Norfolk County DA's Office
- Focus on the Arts: Music in Our Schools; Drama and Chorus Presentation
- Credit for Life Fair for 11th and 12th grade students
- Career Fair for 8 - 12th grade students
- WHS Walk With a Wildcat
- Special Olympics for district-wide special education students (included middle and high school student volunteers)



5-12 F.A.C.E Themes

- Community Service expansion:
 - **Adams:** Helping Hand, Wounded Warriors, Pennies for Patients, Make a Difference Club
 - **Chapman:** Breast Cancer Walk, Turkey Basket Drive, Giving Tree, Cradles to Crayons Clothing Drive
 - **WHS:** 3rd Annual Weycathlon to promote values of Community Service with students and parents (PreK-12); WHS Capstone Fair – Projects involve much interaction with the students and community. School-Community Partners participated as judges. WHS Career Speakers participated in the Wildcat Way Extended Homerooms.



Connecting Activities

WPS Career Specialist Paul Meoni works with WHS students and Community Partners through Connecting Activities with the South Shore Workforce Development Board and Betsy Harris.

- Works with students on resume, cover letter development and interview skills.
- Coordinates Job Shadows, Internships, Apprenticeships, Summer Employment and Scholarship opportunities.



South Shore Manufacturing Advisory Group

- Employers recognize there are not enough employees to meet industry needs.
- Orders turned away due to lack of employee capacity.
- Launching campaign to work with schools, higher education and workforce development to educate people about this growing industry on the South Shore.
- WHS hosted Focus Group with students and Manufacturing Industry representatives to get student input and student understanding (or lack) of the manufacturing industry to better gauge how to attract employee talent.
- Dr. Kathryn Shannon, Cathie Rebelo, Paul Meoni and Betsy Harris are WPS representatives



South Shore & Weymouth Chambers of Commerce

- Dr. Susan Kustka and Betsy Harris working to promote partnership with Chamber members for support with the WPS FACE: Full STEAM Ahead event.
- Chamber providing feedback about the employer needs of the future so that we can align teaching with industry needs.



Writing Contests

Elks Essay Contest & Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher



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Essay Contest

“Why Our Veterans Are America’s Heroes”



Available to **Grades 5, 6, 7, 8**
Division I: 5th & 6th Graders Division II: 7th & 8th Graders

Deadline: December 15, 2017
300 Words Max



Weymouth Lodge # 2232
Elks Care - Elks Share

Entry Cover Sheet MUST accompany every submission

[Click Here for Rules & Submission Forms](#)



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BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS

Congratulations to John Pinizzotto!
Science Teacher, Weymouth High School
Winning Essay written by Adam Strohm, WHS Senior

Please Join Us as we recognize Weymouth's Great Teachers!
Tuesday, May 1, 2018
Barnes & Noble, Derby Shoppes
Ceremony: 5:00 pm
Bookfair: 9:00 am—9:00 pm
Reference Bookfair ID #12361382
On-Line Ordering Valid through May 6, 2018
In-Store & On-Line Ordering Available
Proceeds to benefit WHS Science Department

Congratulations to Finalists:

St. Francis Xavier School	Ms. Claire Davis, Essay by Michael Flaherty
Weymouth High School	Ms. Andrea Montgomery, Essay by Chloe Stokinger
Weymouth High School	Dr. John Waggener, Essay by Claudia Biagini

All Welcome!

Congratulations to STATE WINNERS:

Grades 5 & 6 Division 1:
Jack Daley - First Place

Grades 7 & 8 Division 2:
Alexandria Rubini-Parker - Second Place
Owen Bates - Third Place

Congratulations WHS Teacher John Pinizzotto! Essay Submitted by Adam Strohm

Students in grades 5 - 12 express their appreciation through an essay, poem, or letter to the teachers that have positively impacted them.



Positive Outcomes

- Fosters community support and community pride
- Encourages volunteerism of students, staff, parents, and community members
- Highlights student talents
- An opportunity to showcase programs; CTE, Academies, etc.
- Enhances family participation w/ larger turnouts
- Connections to College and Career Readiness
- Hands-on activities for multiple academic and enrichment areas
- District-wide participation
- Equity for students at all primary schools
- Promotes **Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math**
- Capstone and Community Service at WHS have shown significant interaction between students and the community



Sustainability of District-Wide Events

- Overuse of specific community partners and parents for volunteerism and resources
- Quality vs Quantity
- Lack of funds to purchase materials for events
- Coordination & timing of district & community events
- Development of a F.A.C.E. Committee and identifying events to sustain with parent teams who will lead each event
- Promoting consistent Family Engagement PreK-12
- Increased effort to encourage new community partnerships and participants
- Target alumni participation to further sustain F.A.C.E. and promote success of schools
- **Join us on June 14th!!!!!!!**





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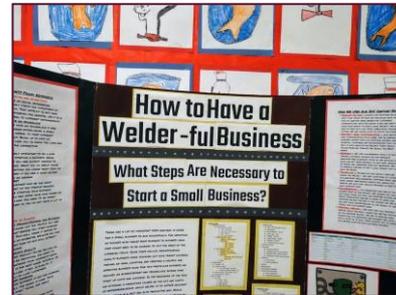




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Questions about F.A.C.E.

