

# Moses Y. Beach Elementary School

## Parent Information Checklist

### Parent/Guardian Resources

Goal: Know resources available to be an effective partner with school to help student succeed

- Establish login for PowerSchool and sign up to update your child's demographic information to make sure it is accurate every fall.  
<https://powerschool.wallingford.k12.ct.us/public/>
- Use the link below to access directions for [PowerSchool](#).  
School offices will send home usernames and passwords.
- Register to view meal account purchases at [MyPaymentsPlus](#).  
Money can be added electronically through this website. You will need the student id number to register. This is different from their lunch pin. The student ID number will be sent home by the school office.
- Review the MYB Family Handbook
- Please feel free to reach out and schedule a meet and greet to share a cup coffee with principal, Mr. Arciero at [rarciero@wallingfordschools.org](mailto:rarciero@wallingfordschools.org)
- For regular and special schedule school hours as well as storm-related delays and closings, visit the district website at <https://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/delays-and-closings>.

### Communication

Goal: Understand forms of school-to-home and home-to-school communications in order to stay connected with school and help student succeed

- Did you know every certified teacher is required to have a Parent Engagement Action Plan each school year? All certified teachers meet with the principal to review. Ask your child's teacher what his/her plan is to engage & communicate with parents this school year.
- Ensure contact information (email) is accurate through the [PowerSchool website](#) in the fall or contact the school secretary: Mrs. Tara Gado at [tgado@wallingfordschools.org](mailto:tgado@wallingfordschools.org)
- Read [School Newsletters](#), emails blasts and school communications
- Sign up for Wallingford Public Schools News and Happenings by RSS feed or Text Msg  
<http://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/>
- Bookmark [MYB's calendar](#) and sign up for calendar and news alerts. It is a Google calendar, so it can be added to your own Google calendar on your computer or phone.
- Follow MYB Elementary School on Twitter @mosesybeach or read our Twitter posts on [the Moses Y. Beach school webpage](#).

## Volunteerism

Goal: Be an active partner in education by volunteering

Examples:

- Attend PTO meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the MYB Book Room
- Serve on a building-wide committee (School Climate, Parent Ambassadors, Tools for Schools)
- Become a PTO member and get Parent to Parent Updates
- Attend Parent Teacher Advisory Council (PTAC) meetings to collaborate with Principal regarding operational matters. These meetings are held every other month in the beginning of the PTO meeting. Anyone is welcome at any meeting. You don't need to "join" or be an officer to attend. Parents can add to the agenda by emailing Mrs. Tara Gado-tgado@wallingford.k12.ct.us.
- Help support your child's school through programs that give money back to the school
  - Boxtops fundraiser: <http://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/our-schools/moses-y-beach-elementary-school/library-media-center>
  - [ShopRiteforeducation.com](http://www.shopriteforeducation.com) School ID#18021,
  - **Stop & Shop: [Stop & Shop A+ Rewards](#)** and designate MYB ID #11161
  - Funding Factory: Recycle used ink and laser cartridges as well as old cell phones and raise money for the school through Funding Factory. If you work for a local business that would like to recycle for us and raise even more money, go to <http://www.fundingfactory.com/> and set up an account using our school id number: 24955. You can order boxes for shipping and free shipping labels from them. Fill the boxes, drop them off at UPS, and Moses Y. Beach makes money from your recycling!
- Follow the [MYB PTO on Facebook](#) or Twitter @MYBPTO
- The MYB Library is always looking for volunteers. If interested contact Mrs. Anne Porier at [aporier@wallingfordschools.org](mailto:aporier@wallingfordschools.org)
- Attend your child's Open House and find out how you can volunteer to help in your child's classroom.
- Many teachers share information with parents via e-mail. This opportunity is usually communicated from the teacher via information sent home at the beginning of the year or at open house. Teacher e-mails are in the format of: first initial of first name last name @wallingford.k12.ct.us (e.g. John Smith would be JSmith@wallingford.k12.ct.us). There is also a faculty directory on the district website: <http://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/district-information/faculty-staff-directory> under District Information.
- Attend PTO family nights to help you and your child connect to our school community. [MYB Parent Calendar](#)
- Feel free to bring a lunch and enjoy our cafeteria with your child.

## Collaboration with Other Schools and Board of Ed

Goal: Be a voice in decisions that affect all schools in Wallingford

- Sign up to receive alerts for weekly updates from Dr. Menzo, Superintendent <http://salmenzo.tumblr.com/>. You can also see Dr. Menzo's weekly updates on his news and updates webpage [here](#).
- Participate on a District level in system-wide PTAC (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Hall Elton Central Office building) or special interest group. Anyone is welcome at any meeting. You don't need to "join" or be an officer to attend.
- Commit to attend a BOE meeting or Town Council meeting with your student. Check the Systemwide PTAC website for meeting dates and times as well as for contact information for BOE and Town Council members: [wallingfordswptac.com](http://wallingfordswptac.com).
- Subscribe to updates from the Systemwide PTAC website for more information about parent volunteer opportunities, such as district committees looking for parent participation.

## Miscellaneous

- Photo identification is required to access all Wallingford Public Schools. When you click the button to enter, you will be asked to show your identification and state your reason for visiting.
- When visiting Moses Y. Beach at 340 North Main Street, parking for parents and visitors is available on North Main Street or Christian Street.
- [Dismissal Procedure Map](#) , [Dismissal Procedure Form](#)
- For information about how to register your child, click [here](#).
- Children will only be released to the parent/guardian or those names on our emergency list. Please be certain to report any changes to the school **in writing**.