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**Columbus Day Parade Celebration**

The annual Stamford Columbus Day Parade will take place on Sunday, October 9th this year. We are excited to announce that Dr. Connie Stevenson; former principal of Northeast Elementary School will be the Grand Marshall for this event. What an awesome community member to lead the parade!

As part of the parade festivities, we will be sponsoring our annual Columbus Day Contest for all students in Stamford Schools K-12. Please share with your staff the following guidelines for the contest:

* The contest is open to all students K-12.
* All participants of the contest are invited to march in the parade with our Grand Marshall, Dr. Connie Stevenson.
* All participants will showcase their entry at their school from September 30 – October 7, 2016. On Sunday, October 9, 2016 all participants will have the opportunity to display their entries at the Columbus Park Contest Booth.
* All participants will receive rewards for entering the contest. Rewards will be given at the end of the parade at the contest booth.
* After the parade, all entries will be displayed in the lobby of the Government Center.
* The following information must be visible on the project:
* First and last names
* Name of school
* Grade /teacher

Columbus Day Contest Options for entry (please select one):

* Diorama of Christopher Columbus’ exploration
* Write a poem about Christopher Columbus
* Create a 3D map of Christopher Columbus’ journey
* Write a journal entry about how Christopher Columbus discovered America
* Write a bio of Christopher Columbus
* Poster of the three famous ships
* Short video/commercial signifying the importance of Columbus Day

As the new chairperson of the Columbus Day Parade, I would like to personally thank you for your support and for encouraging the students of Stamford Public Schools to get involved in our annual Columbus Day festivities by submitting their projects and marching in the parade!

Thank you,

Lorraine Olson, Chairperson