

# ConnectiKids

Educating, Enriching, and Empowering Hartford's Youth Since 1978

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



### Community Events



### Fall Bingo Night

814 Asylum Ave.  
Hartford ct

October 17th  
6 pm- 8 pm



Join us for Fall Bingo Night on October 17th!  
Sponsored by Jersey Mike's, the evening features fall-themed prizes, a 50/50 raffle, festive mocktails, and your chance to win big.  
Don't miss out on the fun!  
[givebutter.com/CTKBingo25](https://givebutter.com/CTKBingo25)

### ConnectiKids Programming

#### New Year, New Mentoring Sites!

Holiday celebration at Aetna



We're excited to announce the return of our mentoring program at Aetna and the launch of a brand-new site at Pratt & Whitney. Aetna has been a valued mentoring partner for over 20 years, and after a five-year pause due to the pandemic, we're thrilled to be back. Reconnecting students with mentors at this longtime site is a meaningful milestone for our program.

We're equally excited to welcome Pratt & Whitney as a new mentoring site. While this is their first year hosting weekly sessions, our partnership spans several years through National STEM Day events, career panels, and other enrichment opportunities. We're grateful for their continued support and look forward to growing this partnership in new and impactful ways.

STEM Day at Pratt

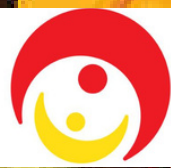


### HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT AT DUNKIN' PARK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2025  
12PM-3PM

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

For Children 12 and Under



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### ConnectiKids Features



### Annual Campaign

**Stand With Us. Stand for Hartford's Kids.**

Every day, ConnectiKids shows up in classrooms, on playgrounds, and in the lives of over 200 Hartford students. We're not just offering programs. We're building relationships, opening doors, and showing kids what's possible when someone believes in them. This year, we're setting a bold goal: Raise \$20,000 to keep investing in what matters most: kids. Your support fuels academic growth, mentorship, creative exploration, and lasting community impact. \$100 supports one child. Together, we can reach them all.

Help us write the next chapter in their stories, one filled with opportunity, connection, and hope.

**Support Youth Today! Visit our campaign website:**

<https://givebutter.com/CTK25-26>



**ConnectiKids**

**BECOME A CHAMPION FOR CHANGE**

### ConnectiKids Engagement



#### Reminder:

ConnectiKids will be closed on Monday, October 13, 2025, in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. We wish you a safe, reflective, and enjoyable holiday!

### Support Our Thanksgiving Dinner & Food Drive



ConnectiKids is proud to host our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, a beloved tradition that brings together families, students, and community members in a celebration of gratitude. To extend the impact, we're also organizing a Thanksgiving Food Drive to provide bags of non-perishable food to families in need. Each bag will include enough items to help a family enjoy a holiday meal at home.

We're kindly seeking:

- Sponsors to help cater the dinner
- Donations of non-perishable Thanksgiving items

Needed Items:

- Canned vegetables (green beans, corn, carrots)
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Boxed stuffing & mashed potatoes
- Gravy (canned or packet)
- Canned sweet potatoes or yams
- Cornbread or biscuit mix
- Canned pumpkin or pie filling
- Shelf-stable pie crust mix
- Canned fruit (pears, peaches)
- Rice or pasta
- Shelf-stable juice

**Want to help? Please contact our Program Director, Kiera, at [ksteele@ct-kids.org](mailto:ksteele@ct-kids.org).**