

ConnectiKids

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Community Events

Upcoming Events, Fundraisers, and More:

ConnectiKids Summer Registration – May 4th

ConnectiKids Botanical Ball – May 9th

Champion for Change Campaign – Year-Round



Botanical Ball 2026



ConnectiKids Botanical Ball:

Masquerade in Bloom

05.09.26 at 5:00 PM at
The Pond House
1555 Asylum Avenue
West Hartford CT



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The countdown is on! We are one month away from our Botanical Ball, and the excitement is rising! Get ready for an incredible night of music, energy, and celebration with DJ Michelle Bee keeping the dance floor alive, Andrew Wilcox setting the tone on piano, and Brian Shactman of WTIC bringing the evening together as our MC. This is more than a celebration; it's a powerful night in support of our students and mission, surrounded by an amazing community. Tickets are going fast, so don't wait; grab yours today and be part of an unforgettable evening!

ConnectiKids Programming

Springing into Healthier Habits Together



West Middle School – March 18th



Naylor School – April 8th

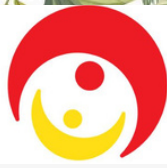


As spring brings new energy and fresh starts, ConnectiKids continues to support youth development through hands-on learning, family engagement, and wellness-focused programming. Healthy Habits Nights are part of this effort, helping students and families build lifelong skills around nutrition, wellness, and positive daily routines in partnership with ShopRite and the Community Health Network of CT.

ConnectiKids hosted a successful Healthy Habits Night at West Middle School on March 18, 2026, with 25 participants in attendance. Families engaged in interactive activities focused on nutrition, wellness, and building healthy daily routines. The evening provided practical, take-home strategies to support healthier lifestyles at home in a fun and engaging environment.

ConnectiKids also hosted a successful Healthy Habits Night at Naylor School on April 8, 2026. Families participated in hands-on learning experiences centered on nutrition, wellness, and healthy lifestyle choices. The event offered meaningful activities and shared resources designed to help students and families continue building strong, healthy habits together.





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ConnectiKids Features



Summer 2026 Theme:
A Marvel Infinity Summer!

This summer, students will embark on an epic hero's journey inspired by the power of the Infinity Stones. Through hands-on classes, team challenges, and creative missions, students will discover their inner superpower strength, intelligence, creativity, compassion, and courage. Each week, a new "stone" guides our adventures as we explore science like Stark, express ourselves like Wanda, train like Wakandan warriors, and create worlds like the Guardians.

The ConnectiKids Summer Program runs for 5 weeks in July. Students in grades 2-8 receive programming five days a week, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ConnectiKids does not provide transportation during the summer program. A \$150 non-refundable registration fee is required. Free breakfast and lunch are provided.



REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 4TH

<https://ct-kids.org/programs/summer-program/>



ConnectiKids Engagement



Reminder: There will be no ConnectiKids programming from April 13-17 due to Hartford Public Schools' Spring Break. We hope our students, families, and staff enjoy a well-deserved break filled with rest and fun. Programming will resume as scheduled after the break; have a wonderful Spring Break and enjoy the long weekend!

Summer CIT Program: Get Paid. Get Skilled. Get Ahead.



Class of 2025 CITs & Career Panel

Step into leadership this summer as a Counselor-in-Training (CIT)! Mornings are focused on engaging professional development, and afternoons put you in real leadership roles, co-leading classes with younger campers alongside a lead staff member. Additionally, CITs will tour local colleges, join camper adventures, and explore new places and opportunities!

What You'll Learn

- S.M.A.R.T. goals
- Leadership skills
- Public speaking
- Event planning & Team Collaboration
- Financial literacy
- Explore college paths & future careers
- Nonprofit management
- Professional Development

By the End, You'll Have:

- A polished resume
- Letter of recommendation
- LinkedIn profile
- Professional headshots
- Real leadership experience
- S.M.A.R.T. goals
- First Aid/CPR certification
- ...and so much more!

**The ConnectiKids Summer CIT program is only offered to high school students in the Greater Hartford area!

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