

Dear Families,

We're excited to share a fun and meaningful opportunity for students and families to celebrate Dyslexia Awareness while enjoying some exciting hockey!

Join us for a special night of hockey as the Hartford Wolf Pack takes on the Springfield Thunderbirds, all in support of raising awareness about dyslexia and the importance of early identification and support for readers. Throughout the evening, families will have access to educational resources, community partners, and messages that highlight the strengths and resilience of individuals with dyslexia.

### **How Students Can Earn a FREE Ticket**

Through the Thunderbirds Stick to Reading program, students can earn a complimentary student ticket by completing a reading log.

Here's how it works:

1. Students track their reading using the Stick to Reading Log (attached). There is no minimum time requirement, and all types of reading count, including print books, audiobooks, eBooks, or reading with a family member; whatever supports your child best!
2. Submit your reading log to the Office of Dyslexia and Reading Disabilities via email at [aimee.gauvin@ct.gov](mailto:aimee.gauvin@ct.gov).
3. Once submitted, the Office of Dyslexia and Reading Disabilities will send an email with the QR code that enables students to receive a free ticket to attend the April 18<sup>th</sup> game against the Wolfpack.

This program encourages daily reading while celebrating literacy in a fun, motivating way, which is perfect for readers of all levels.

### **Why This Event Matters**

Dyslexia affects many learners, and events like this help build understanding, reduce stigma, and celebrate the strengths of dyslexic students. By combining reading, community, and sports, we're sending a powerful message: every child can succeed when given the right support.

We hope you'll join us for a great night of hockey, learning, and community spirit. Thank you for supporting literacy and helping us promote a future where every child has the tools to read and succeed.

Warm regards,

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