



PRESS RELEASE- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu and the Bristol Parks and Recreation Department welcome all school children grades Pre-K to 8th to join them at the 2nd Annual Mayor's Back to School Pencil Hunt, to be held on Thursday, Aug. 22nd, at Muzzy Field from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Bristol families with children in school are encouraged to join in the festivities as students hunt for pencils to win prizes. The prizes include Leapfrog Academy, an Amazon Fire, a Kindle, a Chromebook, a TI84 calculator, binders, notebooks, pens, and more.

"With such a positive response from the community last year, we are excited to make this event bigger, allowing for more children to get excited about the new school year, provide school supplies to students, and give families with the opportunity to connect with resources in the community that they might be interested in during the school year," explained Sarah Larson, Recreation & Community Outreach Coordinator with the Parks and Recreation Department.

A Pre-K hunt was added to the event this year based on community feedback and the support of local sponsors including First Bristol Federal Credit Union, Bristol Plaza, ShopRite of Bristol, People's United and generous community members. "The start of the school year should be a fun time and we think the Pencil Hunt is a fun event that helps set the tone," stated Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu.

The event is free, but requires registration ahead of time through the Bristol Parks and Recreation website, www.bristolrec.com.

The rain date is set for Friday, Aug. 23rd, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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2ND ANNUAL MAYOR'S BACK TO SCHOOL PENCIL HUNT

Join Bristol Parks and Recreation and Bristol Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu at Muzzy Field on August 22, 2019, to kick-off the school year with the 2nd Annual Mayor's Back to School Pencil Hunt. Bristol families with children grades Pre-K - 8th are welcome to participate.

Event will include door prizes, vendors, and a pencil hunt, where participants will hunt for pencils correlating to prizes.

WHEN: Thursday, August 22, 2019

Rain Date: Friday, August 23, 2019

WHERE: Muzzy Field

Sponsored by:

TIME: Gates open at 4:30 PM

Pre-K Grade Pencil Hunt: 5:00 PM

K-1st Grade Pencil Hunt: 5:30 PM

2-3rd Grade Pencil Hunt: 5:45 PM

4-5th Grade Pencil Hunt: 6:00 PM

6-8th Grade Pencil Hunt: 6:15 PM



COST: FREE! Pre-registration is required, register today at www.bristolrec.com or in person at 111 N. Main Street (2nd Floor).

GRAND PRIZES: Chance to win a Leapfrog Academy, Amazon Fire, Kindle, Chromebook, TI-83 Calculator, binders, notebooks, pens, and more—donated by our generous community sponsors! Every child will win back to school supplies!

COMMUNITY VENDORS: Bristol Blues Concession Stand, Bristol Board of Education, Family Resource Center, Therapy Dogs, Bristol Public Library & More!

For more information visit www.bristolrec.com or call 860-584-6160.