



TOWN OF WALPOLE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Dear Walpole Recreation families –

The Recreation Department is committed to providing first-rate programming that meets the recreational, educational, and cultural needs of the Walpole community. In our effort to ensure that Walpole residents have equitable access to our public programs and services, the “Smiling Eyes” Scholarship program has been established to assist eligible Walpole families enroll their child(ren) in town-sponsored recreation programs. Since its inception in 2014, the Smiling Eyes Scholarship has awarded \$30,000 in scholarships to literally hundreds of Walpole families.

In the past, Smiling Eyes has contributed 100% of a registration fee, with a maximum scholarship of \$300.00 per child per year. Where funds are limited and the original intention of the scholarship was to assist families register for programs for a given Program Year, effective January 2018 Smiling Eyes scholarships will be awarded during the duration of a calendar year (January – December) rather than by the town’s fiscal year (July – June) in an effort to keep the scholarship program sustainable.

We understand however that some families may be anticipating up to \$600 to help register their children for Summer 2017 programs. For this reason, the Recreation Department may award maximum scholarships up to \$450.00 per child for the remainder of this calendar year.

Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, as always please feel free to contact me directly at the Recreation Department anytime.

Let's have a fun and healthy summer!

Sincerely,

Patrick Shield
Recreation Director