



June 2016

Tiger Topics

School Newsletter

EMERSON-WILLIAMS

Message from the Presidents

Dear Emerson-Williams School Community,

Summer Vacation is here! Hooray!!

It's time to pass the torch to next year's Leaders. Best of luck in the new school year! As of July 1, 2016, the new PTO Officers elected for the 2016-2017 school year are:

- 2nd Year Co-President: Darka Jara
- 1st Year Co-President: Colleen Mattatall
- Secretary: James Langdo
- Treasurer: Peping Dee, Jr.

The **Strawberry Festival** on June 4th was a HUGE SUCCESS! Thank you to Autumn Struk, Diana Iannucci, and Colleen Mattatall, Committee chairs!! Also, to all the families who volunteered their time to make this annual Emerson-Williams Family Event an outstanding day for our kids, thank you so much!

2016 SUMMER READING PROGRAM!!

Visit the Wethersfield Public Library Summer Reading Program web site, On Your Mark - Get Set - READ! <http://www.wethersfieldlibrary.org/children/Summer.html>. Choose the appropriate grade your child is entering in the fall 2016. Your child's teacher has already registered them. Their User ID is firstnamelastname and their Password is lastname. Enter all the books your child has read this summer. Help EW be #1 again!

Keep Clipping!

Don't forget to keep clipping your Box Tops for Education all summer long. This is a really great fundraiser and everyone can help. Pass the word along to family and friends who may not have children in school; they can help too!

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

Per the Board of Education policy, teachers are not currently allowed to ask parents to provide necessary school supplies. But that doesn't mean that we can't donate them voluntarily. As you do your shopping this summer, you may notice that several stores have really big sales on certain school supply products, often with a maximum per person of many more than you need. If you are able, please consider picking up some extra school supplies, to donate to Emerson-Williams teachers, when the stores have their —crazy sales, such as notebooks for 10¢, crayons for 25¢, etc. Please contact Nathalie Trevitazzo at 860-916-2880 for further questions and donation pick-ups. She will divide our donations throughout our school. Thanks so much for your support!

SPECIAL NOTES OF THANKS:

Thanks to Darka Jara and Mr. Coursey for coordinating the Jog-a-Thon. Thanks also to all the parent volunteers who helped make the event a success.

Thank you to all the Room Parents who volunteered all year long in the classroom and on field trips.

Thanks to Beth Gilbert and Claudia Miller for heading up our 6th Grade Activities committee.

Special thanks to Darka Jara for coordinating our Welcome Back Luncheon and Cheer/Teacher Appreciation events throughout the year. Thank you to all the parents who helped make these events a success.

Thank you to all PTO Members and Committee Chairs for volunteering their time for the benefit of our school. We wouldn't be able to do it without you!

Thanks to outgoing PTO officers John Williams finishing his term as Treasurer and Nathalie Trevitazzo finishing her term as Co-President.

Thanks to the entire E-W faculty and staff for all they do all year long, we are so lucky to have them!

Most of all, thanks to you for being involved—it makes a world of difference!

Best Regards,

Nathalie Trevitazzo, 2nd Year Co-President EW PTO, 2yrpres@ewpto.com
Darka Jara, 1st Year Co-President EW PTO, 1yrpres@ewpto.com

Mark Your Calendars!

8/26 – Teacher Meet & Greet at Emerson-Williams

2:00-2:30pm for Kindergarten

2:30-3:00pm for Grades 1-6

8/31 – First Day of School

9/5 – Labor Day – No School

9/8 – PTO Meeting 7:00pm in the Upper Media Center

9/12 –16 – Scholastic Book Fair in the Upper Media Center

9/14 – Open House for Grades K, 1, 2, and 3 for Adults only

9/15 – Open House for Grades 4, 5, and 6 for Adults only

9/29 – School Picture Day

Fundraisers

September – PTO Membership Drive

Yankee Candle

October – Emerson-Williams logo apparel sale

November – Holiday Store

2016-2017 PTO Meeting Schedule

7:00pm Upper Media Center

September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8,
January 12, February 9, March 9, April 6, May 11, and June 8

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What did EW PTO do with all the fundraising money that you helped us raise?

Check out some of our contributions to Emerson-Williams Elementary School during the 2015-2016 school year.

Classroom Items:

- \$287.53 for 6 back-jack floor chairs for buddy reading; 2 for each of the three Kindergarten classrooms.
- \$99.92 for 8 stability balls, 4 purple and 4 blue for Mrs. Harris, Grade 3
- \$323.99 Elmo overhead camera for Ms. Charbonneau, Grade 5
- \$478.50 for lap desks for Ms. Fox and the Music Dept. The music room does not have desks like the classrooms.
- \$104.21 for a lap desk storage container for Ms. Fox and the Music Dept.
- \$3,280.00 toward the purchase of 2 Wenger risers with side rails for the Music Dept. The \$700 balance for the risers was paid for by the Music Dept.'s New Britain Bees game fundraiser.
- \$64.09 for a Trophy Deluxe 15-Player Rhythm Band Set for Ms. Caravella and the Music Dept.
- \$520.00 for Teacher gifts – A cash gift of \$20 for 21 classroom teachers, 2 music teachers, art teacher, P. E. teacher, and media center was given to off set the cost of school supplies.
- \$3,500.00 for High Touch-High Tech – 1.5 hour sessions per classroom of science fun for kids to expose them, at an early age, to the amazing world of science and nature. Grade 4-Dec 2015; Grades K, 1, 2, 5, & 6-Mar 2016; Grade 3-Apr 2016.

Miscellaneous Items:

- \$159.47 for a medical cabinet with locking mechanism for Nurse Ciarcia
- \$1,202.91 for a new Stripes the Tiger mascot costume
- \$192.66 for 2 Field Day/Strawberry Festival pop up tents
- \$1,950.00 for Hip Hop Year-End 2016 Dance Lessons for Grades K – 6, June 7-10
- \$1680.00 to the Wethersfield Creative Arts Council to help offset the cost of the amazing live artistic performances they provide such as Chris Poulos, a Bicycle Stunt World Championship and a youth and teen motivational speaker and Mark Binder, an award-winning author, recording artist and story teller captivating diverse audiences.
- \$200.00 for a Community Outreach donation for a former student, Charlie Hayes, and his serious medical condition. We hope he is doing well.
- \$806.32 for a playground Buddy Bench as a legacy donation from the 6th Grade to E-W.
- \$50.00 donation in lieu of flowers for the passing of Shirley Markarian, an EW Lunch Aide for the past 30 years. May she rest in peace.

Scholastic Book Orders:

- \$100 to the Media Center for Mrs. Corsair
- \$100 to our New Teacher, Mrs. Buckley, Grade 1
- \$85 for each classroom for grades 2 through 6. Some teachers may have combined their books totaling \$255 for that grade to share.
- Please note that in the 2014-2015 school year, Kindergarten received \$430.70 and grade 1 received \$425.30 of Scholastic Books. Books get a lot more wear and tear in grades K and 1.

Teacher Appreciation/Cheer Committee

- \$1,300.00 toward so many teacher appreciation lunches throughout the year, Mixed Bag Designs gift cards and bags, along with flowers for special days (Principal's, Nurse's, and Administrative Professional's Days, etc.), a fun filled week of EW faculty/staff/teacher appreciation in May, teacher retirement gift, teacher baby shower gifts, and so much more... For more information, please consider attending our next PTO Meeting.

Special Notices

Suggestion Box: The EWPTO website has a suggestion box as well as an email address that parents can use EXCLUSIVELY to make suggestions about potential fundraisers or special events that they'd like their children to experience. We need NEW and fresh ideas of ways to raise funds for our programs as well as bring our families together for fun activities. Please take a moment and review the website or email us with your thoughts. We really appreciate it! If you'd like to lend a hand with any events, please join us at our next PTO meeting! Thank you all so much.

<http://www.ewpto.com/suggestionbox.html>

SuggestionBox@ewpto.com

From the Music Department: Our instrumental music teacher, Ms. Emily Caravella, has developed a website for parents to use in order to get updates on their child's instrumental activities. To view the website, please go to www.emersonwilliamsbandstrings.weebly.com. Parents of children not currently in the instrumental music program can find music department information there and are welcome to reach out to Ms. Caravella with any questions. Instrumental begins in Grade 4.

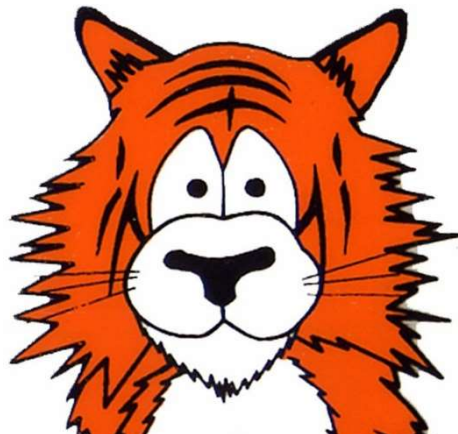
Contact Us: The EWPTO has a variety of email addresses for you to contact us and keep in touch! Please add us to your contacts list.

- 2nd Year Co-President – 2yrpres@ewpto.com
- 1st Year Co-President – 1yrpres@ewpto.com
- Treasurer – treasurer@ewpto.com
- Secretary – secretary@ewpto.com
- Webmaster – webmaster@ewpto.com
- Tiger Topics Newsletter – tigertopics@ewpto.com
- Do you have a suggestion for the PTO? – suggestionbox@ewpto.com

Emerson-Williams Fun Facts:

School Colors: Orange and Royal Blue

Mascot: Stripes the Tiger



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Looking for information? Check www.ewpto.com for links to school and PTO forms, events, fundraisers, Tiger Topics, lunch menus and the digital backpack (online copies of the school-wide notices that come home with your child each week).

Please check us out and “LIKE US” on Facebook at Emerson-Williams Elementary School PTO!



United Way Donors

If you donate to the United Way through your workplace, did you know that you can designate Emerson-Williams PTO as the beneficiary of your donation? If you have any questions or need help, please contact Darka Jara for more information.

Board of Education

You can find information about the Board of Education’s members, policies, minutes and schedule for upcoming meetings by visiting their website:

<http://www.wethersfield.k12.ct.us/page.cfm?p=1643>

If you would like to attend a Board of Education meeting on behalf of the EW PTO, please contact Autumn Struk at boe.committee@ewpto.com.

Volunteer

If you are interested in heading up one of our PTO committees for a fundraiser/event OR simply want to join a committee to find a way to get involved, please contact Darka Jara or Colleen Mattatall as soon as possible. It’s so important that we hear from you to make sure the events that your kids love continue to take place. Please go to www.ewpto.com and check out the committee list to see if anything matches your interests.

Classified

Do you own your own business? Consider advertising in our Tiger Topics newsletter! You'll reach hundreds of families in your own community! Email TigerTopics@ewpto.com for more details.

Do you have a community event you're involved in that you'd like to advertise to hundred's of families in Wethersfield? Email TigerTopics@ewpto.com for more details.

This could be your advertisement, right here!

Get your ad space here for the entire school year!

Your advertisement here...???

What are you waiting for...???



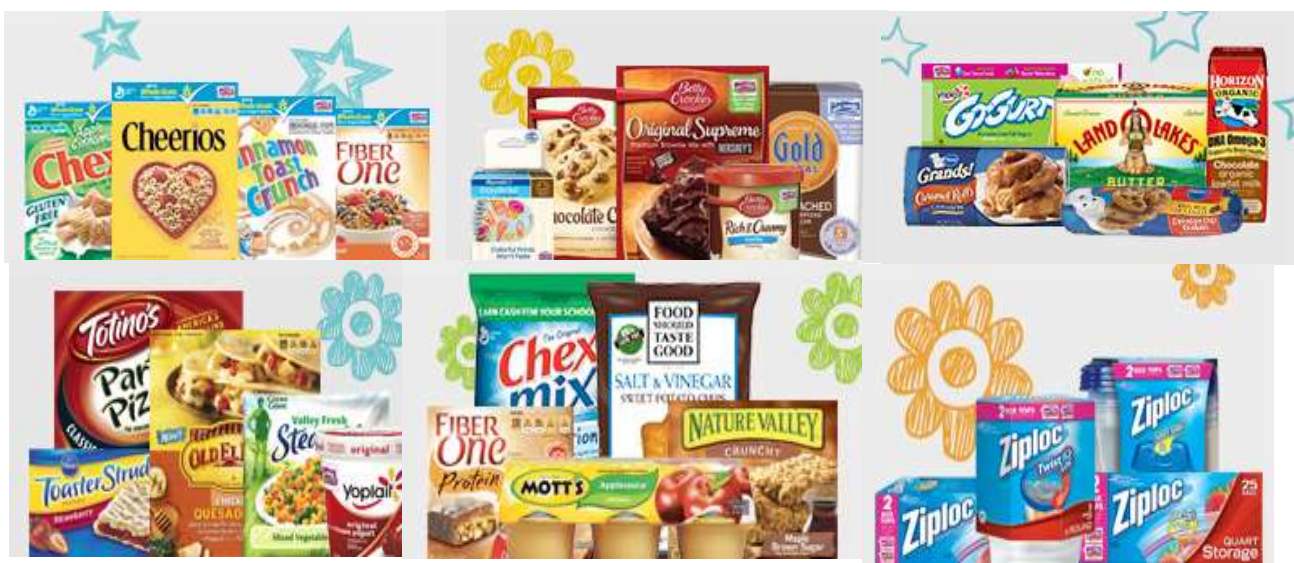
MAKE OUR SCHOOL A CUT ABOVE!

Help Emerson-Williams by clipping Box Tops!

We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week - or more. Now turn those shopping trips into easy cash for our school, and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios®, Hamburger Helper® and Kleenex®, in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send them to school with your child. For more info, please email boxtops.committee@ewpto.com.

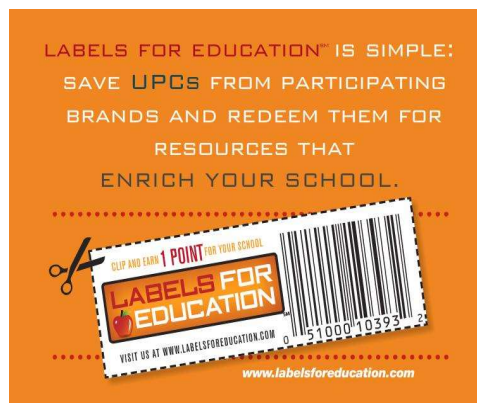
Each one is worth 10¢ for Emerson-Williams!

For more details about the Box Tops program, follow the link below.
<http://www.boxtops4education.com>





Clip Labels for Education from Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, Pop Secret, People Magazine (purchased at newsstands), Emerald Nuts, Glad products, Post Cereals, Dannon Danimals, Dannoninos, and Bic products.



If you cannot find the logo, simply clip the UPC code.

Visit www.labelsforeducation.com for a list of participating products. For more info, please email labels.committee@ewpto.com.

WETHERSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Calendar 2016-2017

AUGUST 2016 (1 DAY)

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19 ^N
22 ^N	23 ^N	24 ^N	25 ^N	26 ^O
PD	WO	31		

SEPTEMBER (21 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
LD	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER (20 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
CD	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25 ^N	26 ^N	27 ^C	28
31				

NOVEMBER (18 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	PD	9	10	VD
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23 [*]	Thanksgiving Recess	
28	29	30		

DECEMBER (17 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23 [*]
26	27	28	29	30



ADOPTED: 01.26.16

IMPORTANT DATES

August
 19-25 New Teacher Orientation
 26 Convocation/Teacher Preparation
 29 Professional Development
 30 Teacher Work Day
 31 First Day of School for Students

September
 5 Labor Day - LD

October
 10 Columbus Day - CD

November
 8 Professional Development
 11 Veterans Day Observed
 24-25 Thanksgiving Recess

December
 December 26 - December 30 Holiday Recess

January
 2 New Year's Day - NY
 16 Martin Luther King Day - MLK

February
 17 Professional Development
 20 Presidents' Day - PRD
 21 Winter Recess - WR

April
 10-14 Spring Recess - SR
 14 Good Friday - GF

May
 29 Memorial Day - MD

June
 12 Last Day of School
 12 Tentative Graduation Date
 By Statute graduation date is set after April 1st

Emergency Days If Required - June

All emergency days if required shall be made up at the end of the school year.

- * - Minimum School Day
- A - Minimum School Day All Schools PD
- B - Minimum School Day Elem Parent Conf & Soc PD
- C - Minimum School Day Elem Only Parent Conferences
- E - Emergency Days if Required
- O - Convocation
- N - New Teacher Orientation
- PD - Professional Development All Staff

JANUARY 2017 (20 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
NY	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
MLK	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

FEBRUARY (17 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	PD
PRD	WR	22	23	24
27	28			

MARCH (23 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21 ^N	22 ^N	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

APRIL (15 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
SR	SR	SR	SR	GF
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

MAY (22 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26 [*]
MD	30	31		

JUNE (8 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12 [*]	13 ^N	14 ^C	15 ^N	16 ^C
19 ^N	20 ^N	21 ^N	22 ^N	23 ^C
26 ^C	27 ^N	28 ^N	29 ^N	30 ^N

Student Days 182

Staff Days 187

SCHOOL SESSIONS

The hours of a regular school session are as follows:

ELEMENTARY

Pre-K	WEBB (Mon. – Thurs.)	AM Session	9:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Pre-K	WEBB (Mon. – Thurs.)	PM Session	12:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Grades K-6	C-W & E-W		8:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Grades K-6	HC, HN & WEBB		8:55 a.m.	3:10 p.m.

SECONDARY

Middle School			8:00 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
High School			7:40 a.m.	2:00 p.m.

The hours of a minimum school day session *or* an early dismissal due to inclement weather are as follows: When there is a 90 minute delay there will be no AM Pre-K. On early dismissal days there will be no PM Pre-K.

ELEMENTARY

Grades K-6	C-W & E-W		8:30 a.m.	12:55 p.m.
Grades K-6	HC, HN & WEBB		8:55 a.m.	1:20 p.m.

SECONDARY

Middle School			8:00 a.m.	12:33 p.m.
High School			7:40 a.m.	12:12 p.m.

No School – Delayed Opening – Early Dismissal Announcement

If it should become necessary to close, delay opening of schools, or have an early dismissal due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions, announcements will be made on the following radio and television stations and also on the Wethersfield Public Schools website at www.wethersfield.k12.ct.us. In order to keep the lines open for emergency calls, you are requested not to call the Police Department, and radio and television stations for school closing information.

Radio Stations:

1080 AM	WTIC	96.5 FM
910 AM	WNEZ/WRCH	100.5 FM
1360 AM	WDRC	102.9 FM

Television Stations:

Channel 3 – WFSB
 Channel 30 – WVIT
 Channel 8 – WTNH