



# Tiger Topics

*School Newsletter*

# EMERSON-WILLIAMS

## From the Principal's Desk

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Elizabeth T. Catarius

Spring is always an exciting time at Emerson- Williams. The students and staff welcome the opportunity to have more days with outdoor recess, and the number of school events also seems to increase. The entire sixth grade put on the musical *Music Man*. Ms. Fox coordinated this, and it is with her hard work and the work of the sixth graders that the play was such a huge success.

The Creative Arts Council brought the Yo-Yo Guy to all the schools. John, the Yo-Yo Guy, was very entertaining with his incredible skills and humor. He imparted the message that you should follow your dreams, as he always wanted to be an entertainer and remembered his grandfather giving him his first yo-yo. The students asked him some great questions, and they were very appreciative that the Creative Arts Council provided the funding for him to be a guest artist at Emerson-Williams.

The Talent Show was an annual spring event that took place on Friday, April 5. Like in years past, we had many talented students who appeared in the show. I would like to thank Mrs. Quadrato and Mrs. Ginter for being the co-chairs of this event. It takes an incredible amount of time and energy to organize the show, and the school community is very grateful for Mrs. Quadrato's and Mrs. Ginter's dedication.

The Emerson-Williams winners of the town wide Spelling Bee are: first grade - Sindy Hima, fourth grade - Jennifer Breglio, sixth grade - Tea Hima, and Jason Basroon was the first grade runner-up.

I hope you are enjoying the first weeks of spring!

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# PTO Highlights

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The much needed Spring Break is over and we are now in the home stretch to summer. Not that anyone is thinking about that at all. *(kids cheering in the background)*

We had another great Talent Show this year with so many fun and entertaining acts. The kids were a little nervous, but they performed beautifully. A huge thanks go out to Michele Quadrato, Andrea Ginter and all the volunteers that helped make this night special.

We have a lot of great TV Turn Off Week activities the week of April 28. They include roller skating, a couple of nights out at a restaurant, and a movie. Get out of the house, have some fun, and say "Howdy", if you are so inclined, to your fellow E-W families.

We have the Comedy Night, Rock Cats Baseball, the Strawberry Festival and golf tournament still to come in May, June, and July.

Finally, remember that May 10 is now a regular full school day.

Feel free to contact either one of us with any PTO questions or concerns.

Regards,  
Martin Malicki, 2nd Year Co-President  
John Kiniry, 1st Year Co-President

## Calendar

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**Apr 28-May 5** TV Turn Off Week  
**May 10** Comedy Night  
**May 21** Blood Drive  
**June 8** Strawberry Fest



## TV Turn-off Week

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Sunday, April 28 – Ron-A-Roll

Order tickets by downloading form from [http://www.ewpto.com/digitalbp/2013-03-25/FamilySkate\\_Night.pdf](http://www.ewpto.com/digitalbp/2013-03-25/FamilySkate_Night.pdf)

Monday, April 29 – Family Zumba

Tuesday, April 30 – Dinner on the Lawn

Thursday, May 2 - Cherry Berry

Friday, May 3 - Movie Night

Go to [www.facebook.com/ewpto](http://www.facebook.com/ewpto) to vote for which movie we should show!

Sunday, May 5 - Subway

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Check [www.ewpto.com](http://www.ewpto.com) for links to **forms, events, fundraisers, Tiger Topics, lunch menus and the digital backpack** (online copies of school-wide notices that come home with your child each week).

The last two PTO meetings of the year will be held May 9 and June 13.

# Help Us Help Our School



Sign up for a Target Card right at the store.

**You get 5% of your purchases and free shipping from Target.com.**

In addition, **designate Emerson-Williams**

**to receive funds** based on your purchases.

Check out our school's progress anytime at [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe).



**We need Pepperidge Farm labels by the end of April!**

Clip Labels for Education from Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, Pop Secret, People Magazine (purchased at news stands), 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](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for a list of participating products.



For every Box Top you collect, Emerson-Williams earns 10¢. While that may not seem like a lot, it really adds up fast.

Drop off your box tops in the container near the main office.

## Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program Update

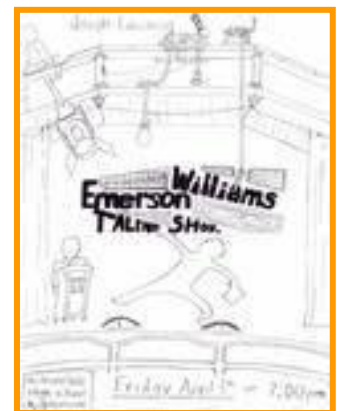
Thanks to everyone who registered their Stop & Shop card to help raise money for Emerson-Williams. **Together, we raised \$2,603.97!** We were the highest earning school in Wethersfield, and blew last year's total of \$1,453 out of the water! Thanks to everyone who participated - way to go!

## Talent Show Recap

Emerson's got talent! From dancing to singing to playing instruments and more, 86 Emerson-Williams students performed at our 7th Annual Talent Show. It's great to be able to provide a safe and supportive environment for our young people to showcase their talents and build their confidence. Thanks to all the volunteers who made the evening possible, and also to the parents of the performers. Congratulations to Joseph Cassineri who designed the program cover. Thank you to all the students who submitted entries for the cover design contest.

A special thank you to E-W mom Michele Quadrato who has chaired the talent show since its beginning 7 years ago – we will miss you next year! We are looking for some energetic parents to chair the event next year; it would be a shame if this year's show was the last.

Couldn't make it to the show? No worries! We will have a DVD of the show available for purchase - keep an eye out for an order form in the coming weeks.



# Emerson Cookbook – Last Call for Entries!

PLEASE consider submitting an entry (or two) for our Emerson-Williams cookbook! At this point, we don't have enough recipes to create a cookbook. We have extended the deadline in hopes that we get some more submissions. We would love to have at least one recipe from each family, so please send your favorite recipe(s) to Andrea Ginter at [andrea.ginter@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.ginter@gmail.com). We hope to publish the cookbook this spring, with proceeds to benefit the playscape fund. If we don't get enough recipes for publication this spring, we will hold onto the recipes we have gotten and try again in the fall.



## Emerson-Williams Family Day at Rock Cats

**The Emerson-Williams PTO invites you to Emerson-Williams Day at New Britain Stadium on Sunday, June 2, 2013.**

**Come watch the New Britain Rock Cats (Minnesota Twins) vs. Bowie Baysox (Baltimore Orioles).**

Don't miss "Voices of Emerson-Williams" school chorus perform "God Bless America" during the 7th inning stretch! Game starts at 1:35pm (gates open 12:05pm). Tickets are \$12 per person and the proceeds will go to the PTO. You will receive a flyer in your child's backpack. Any questions, please contact Paula Heinzmann at [PaulaPTO@yahoo.com](mailto:PaulaPTO@yahoo.com) or call 860-571-8939.

## Buy Tickets Now! Comedy Night

Tickets are still on sale for the Rosenberg Orthodontics Comedy Night featuring Dave Reilly! Proceeds from this great event will go to benefit the playscape fund. The show will take place on Friday evening, May 10 – doors open at 6:30 and the show starts at 7:30, BYO food and beverage. Tickets cost \$25 each or \$150 for a table of 6. If you purchase a full table, you will have an assigned table; groups of less than 6 will be general open seating. Tables are assigned in the order paid – the sooner you pay, the more choice you have!

The evening will include an opening act comedian, feature comedian Dave Reilly, raffles, silent auctions and a live auction for a complete orthodontic treatment donated by Rosenberg Orthodontics (up to a \$6,000 value!). Don't like carrying cash? No problem! You will be able to pay for your items with a major credit card that night. The auction for the orthodontic treatment has begun as an online auction and will continue as a live auction at the Comedy Night. To view details and place a bid on the orthodontic treatment or to view a partial (and continually growing) list of the other raffle/auction prizes, go to <http://www.ewpto.com/Comedy-Night.php>. Here is a sampling of what we have so far:



- ❖ \$300 in product from Stampin' Up!
- ❖ Jewelry from Alex & Ani and Lia Sophia
- ❖ Autographed John Grisham children's novel
- ❖ Admission to New Britain Rock Cats game, Six Flags New England, CT Science Center, Beardsley Zoo
- ❖ Ski passes from Ski Sundown and Mohawk Mountain
- ❖ Gift certificates from 20 different area restaurants
- ❖ ... and many more great items!!

**Thanks, and see you there!**

# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2013 IS COMING!



Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



*CALLING ALL FAMILIES OF EMERSON-WILLIAMS!*

*PLEASE HELP! IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS YEARS'  
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL A SUCCESSFUL,  
FUN-FILLED DAY FOR OUR CHILDREN,  
**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS & RAFFLE ITEM DONATIONS.**  
**Each classroom will be making a raffle basket.***

We are asking all parents and staff members to help out in some way. A big job is easier done with many hands.

**Please contact Michele Lavoie at 860-257-8030 if you can be a part of any of the following activities:**

- ❖ **CAKE WALK CONDUCTOR**: Send home flyers for families to contribute goodies, and help run the cake walk the day of the event (or solicit your friends to run it for you!)
- ❖ **PREPARATION TEAM**: Help with signs and letters before, during and after the festival.
- ❖ **COORDINATORS**: Volunteer to run one of the following activities (we still don't have ANY volunteers for these):
  - **STRAWBERRY Superior**: Come up with this years' idea for how strawberries fit into the festival.
  - **Bottle Booth Boss**: Send a notice home about 4 weeks prior requesting families to donate quart size zip-lock bags filled with goodies, gum, small toys, candy, pencils, etc. (no chocolate).
  - **Prize Table Pioneer**: Order prizes from Oriental trading, and run the prize table.
  - **Food Forerunner**: Go to Sam's Club the evening before to purchase hot dogs, condiments, napkins, hot dog holders, plastic ware, soda, water, etc.

**All costs are covered by the PTO. We are seeking your TIME and EFFORT only!**

Having enough volunteers is a critical part of this event's success. Please share in the success of your children's education. PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

# Wethersfield Public Library

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The Wethersfield Public Library offers literacy programs for all ages!

Register (at no cost) for programs by visiting the library. You will need to furnish a parent/caregiver or child's library card number.

To see the most updated list of programs for children, teens and adults, go to [www.wethersfieldlibrary.org](http://www.wethersfieldlibrary.org).

Here is a partial list of some of the programs going on now:

*BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS*

**Tuesdays**, 10:30 a.m.: story time for 3-5 year olds

*MAD SCIENCE WITH MISS MELISSA*

**Thursdays**, 6:30 p.m.: 1<sup>st</sup> grade & up

*SATURDAY STORIES*

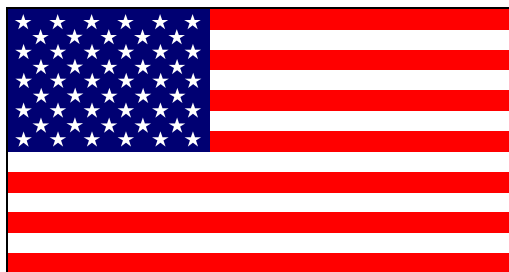
**Saturdays** (year-round), 10:30 a.m.: all ages

Drop-in fun with books, songs and movement for the whole family!

## Thank Our Military: Donate Coupons

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Please help the men and women currently serving our country – and their families – by donating your unused or expired manufacturer's coupons, which are accepted by military commissaries overseas. The coupons help our military families stationed in other countries, and it doesn't cost you a thing. Please drop off your coupon circulars or clipped coupons in the labeled box near the main office at Emerson-Williams.



# Health Tips

Linda Ciarcia, BSN, RN



Poison sumac

Well I have seen it already!

The dreaded poison ivy is back. Here are some interesting tips regarding these irritating plants:



Poison ivy

- It is the Urushiol Oil that is the culprit with these plants [Poison Ivy, Oak and Sumac]. Only a very tiny amount is needed to cause a reaction.
- 1-5 years is normal for this oil to stay active on any surface, even dead plants.
- POISON IVY RASH IS NOT CONTAGIOUS. You can only spread the rash if the oil is left on your hands.
- BREAKING THE BLISTERS OF A RASH DOES NOT SPREAD IT. The blisters contain only fluid produced by your body.
- The oil from the plant is the only think that spreads the rash.
- DO NOT BREAK THE BLISTERS BECAUSE IT CAN CAUSE AN INFECTION. Instead, keep blistered areas covered with a gauze bandage if possible, especially on the hands and fingers.
- 90% of people are allergic to Urushiol oil. The more times you are exposed to it, the more likely it is that you will have a reaction.
- Rash usually occurs 24-48 hours after exposure. If swelling and blistering are rapid [within 4-12 hours of exposure], get emergency treatment. Go to the emergency department or call your doctor.

**REMEMBER: LEAVES OF THREE, LET THEM BE!!!!**



**ATTENTION 6TH GRADE-** I still need more Blue Physical Forms! If a physical has not been scheduled please let me know. I need them by June 1st.

**LOST BUT NOT FOUND:** the lost and found is piled with mostly boys' jackets and sweatshirts. Please encourage your child to check it out. Consider putting their initials on the inside tag so we can try to narrow down whose it might be.

**“BECOME AN INSTRUMENTAL PART OF OUR PROGRAM”**

March 2013

Dear Friend,

**Here is a great opportunity to promote your business while supporting Wethersfield High School's award-winning instrumental music program!** The WHS Instrumental Music Boosters will be publishing a program/advertising booklet for the Spring Instrumental Concert to be held on Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Performing groups include the WHS Band, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band. As always, a capacity audience is expected to fill the auditorium.

The accompanying order form outlines the options and prices available for advertising. Feel free to include photos and/or coupons in your ad. **Please note that a donation of \$200.00 earns your company a designation as a “Gold Sponsor” and special recognition and/or placement in the program ad book.** A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Each year our program continues to expand with many new enthusiastic musicians joining us from our entering freshman class making us even stronger. With so many new students joining us this year, we entered a new classification status for competition purposes! Mr. Dave Dion continues to direct both the WHS Band and Orchestra with more than 100 band members. *Our 2012 Field Show, Brave, earned us 2 First place, a second place and a third place awards.* Each year, we also compete at the USSBA New England State Championships and this year placed 4<sup>th</sup> in our class. For the first time WHS Marching Band performed at the National Competition at MET stadium in New Jersey and placed 10<sup>th</sup> nationally. You can also enjoy our performances at all home football games in the fall. Each year we march in the Columbus Day Parade in Hartford and you can also see us at the Memorial Day Parade in Wethersfield. Our indoor concerts are phenomenal so be sure to look for announcements about our three concert band events throughout the school year in March, May, and December.

As you can imagine, the costs associated with maintaining instruments, funding transportation to competitions, and purchasing supplies and additional equipment increases every year as our program continues to expand. The WHS Instrumental Music Boosters organization seeks **supplemental funding** to enable our musicians to continue to compete at the highest level possible. Our major fundraising efforts include our annual fruit sale, two bottle/can drives, a Christmas tree pick-up, and this program booklet. The proceeds from this brochure will help supply a significant portion of our annual operating budget. We hope that your advertising and/or community relations' budget will enable you to participate this year.

**We would appreciate your reply by May 1, 2013.** If you have any questions, call or email Diane Dow at 860-436-9262 or [dowconn@cox.net](mailto:dowconn@cox.net).

Sincerely,  
Diane Dow, Wendy Everett, and Teresa Swain  
WHS Instrumental Music Boosters Ad Book Committee

**WHS Instrumental Music Booster Advertising/Program Book  
Spring Concert Date: May 30, 2013**

- For **advertisements**, you may enclose your business card or printed ad copy with this form or you can email your file to [dowconn@cox.net](mailto:dowconn@cox.net). An electronic file version is preferred.
- For **Patron** and **Friend** recognition, please print your name, as you would like it to appear.
- For **Student Recognition**, print message below.

(We reserve the right to edit for space if necessary!)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with your payment  
(**check payable to: WHS Instrumental Music Boosters**)  
and ad copy to:

**Wethersfield Instrumental Music Boosters  
c/o Diane Dow  
35 Meadow View Dr.  
Wethersfield, CT 06109**

Thank you for your support!  
We hope to see you at the concert on May 30.  
**Deadline for ad submission is May 1, 2013.**

Selection (mark with an X)	Description	Price
	Full Page Advertisement	\$120.00
	Half Page Advertisement	\$70.00
	Quarter Page Advertisement	\$40.00
	Eighth Page (Business Card Size)	\$25.00
	<b>Gold Sponsor</b> (Full Page, Prime Space)	<b>\$200.00</b>
	Patron	\$25.00 and up
	Friend	\$10.00 and up
	Student Recognition – max. 2 lines	\$5.00



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