



# Tiger Topics

*School Newsletter*

## EMERSON-WILLIAMS

### From the Principal's Desk

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Elizabeth T. Catarius

This is my last communication via Tiger Topics, and I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that it has been a joyous experience to have worked in a profession that allows me to see the development of America's youth. I am so grateful for the support and kindness shown to me by the Emerson-Williams community. I am also fortunate to have worked with the staff at Emerson-Williams, as they are all dedicated to the well-being of our students. This is a bittersweet good-bye, and I certainly will miss everyone.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer spending time with your children.

#### Staff Changes for the 2013-2014 School Year:

- Mr. Griswold will be teaching at Hanmer and Charles Wright. There will be a new Band and Strings teacher who will be assigned to Emerson-Williams four days per week. This new teacher will teach both band and orchestra. This teacher has not been hired yet, but information in regard to the new teacher will be forthcoming in August.
- Mrs. Laskowski will be teaching second grade.
- Mrs. Marks will be teaching fifth grade.
- Mrs. Allison Reynolds will be teaching sixth grade.

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# PTO Highlights

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Summer is finally here, and it is time to pass the torch to next year's PTO leaders. The new officers elected for next year are:

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Co-President: John Kiniry

1<sup>st</sup> Year Co-President: Paul LaPerriere

Secretary: Michelle Bosco

Treasurer: Holly Dyjak

It has been a busy end of the year. Thanks to Michelle Lavoie, the kids had a great time at the Strawberry Festival. Thank you to Michelle for organizing it, and to all the volunteers who pitched in to make the day possible for the kids. Thank you especially to the administrators and staff who went above and beyond the call of duty and let themselves be dunked at the dunk tank. Mr. Emmett, Mr. Howes, Mr. Shoemaker, Mrs. Kardys, and Mrs. Cookson, our hats are off to you – you are incredibly good sports!

At this point we do not have a new principal for Emerson-Williams. The position has been reposted and the new pool of candidates will be reviewed in early July.

This past week was the kickoff assembly for Wethersfield Public Library's Summer Reading Program. As we all know, it is important to encourage our children to read as much as possible. Our library does a wonderful job building excitement for reading. Registration for the program can be done online this year, so sign up and "Dig Into Reading!"

Have a great summer! Let's hope the weather is more BEARable than it has been lately. Be safe, rest up, and we'll all return in the fall recharged and ready for another great year!

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

## Labels for Education

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Congratulations to Mrs. Marks' third grade class for winning the Labels for Education contest!

Mrs. Marks' class blew away the rest of the classes by collecting 256 Labels. Mrs. Jahne's class was a distant second with 118 Labels. A special thank you to the Kulpa Family for collecting the most Labels to help Mrs. Marks' class win the contest and Mrs. Jahne's come in second place.

Please remember to collect Labels throughout the summer!

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The last PTO meeting of the year was held June 13.



# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



Strawberry Fest was a huge success! Although Storm Andrea tried to put a damper on our event, she actually caused the perfect situation for Fest attendance: cancelled sporting events.

We had well over 300 children attend the event; we ran out of wristbands! As far as visitors go, having the Assistant Superintendent and the Superintendent in a full suit in the dunk tank was a first. We appreciated the support. The visit from Rocky the Rock Cat was surpassed only by our own Stripes!

The committee would really like to thank Mrs. Catarius for her support at Cake Walk and other various areas. Also, to all the Emerson-Williams staff members who volunteered their time on Saturday to contribute to the success of our event: we appreciate your time and assistance. Many thanks especially to our dunk tank crew: Mr. Shoemaker, Mrs. Kardys, and Mrs. Cookson!

All you volunteers - we really couldn't have done it without you! Special thanks goes to:

Ellen Goslicki and the Schneider children (Friday night crew) and Sandy Cassinieri, Janet Vassel, and student Nathan Malicki (clean up crew.)

The instrumental Mr. Jimmy Dicenza who always goes above and beyond....

Our local heroes who always come and serve our community: Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance and Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Dept. for their presence and their yearly donation of our ice supply!

Former E-W student John Papas from Leo's for keeping the pizza coming all day!

The student crew who worked all day at various activities including the tattoo and prize tables and the Sno-cone machine:

E-W sixth grader Logan Morris who stepped up and ran the football throw.

Former E-W students: Nicole Arcari, Taylor Buysse and Mariah Gonzalez.

Jessica Gray, new WHS student supporting her brother, a student here at E-W.

Aliyah Livingston and Stephanie Ayers for stopping in to volunteer in between their sporting events.

Impressive WHS senior, Danielle Gionfriddo who worked from 9 until noon then headed off to senior prom!

Congratulations to all for a very successful event. Please sign up to volunteer for next year!

The Strawberry Festival Committee

**Below is a list of Strawberry Fest raffle baskets and their winners.**

It was noticed that **some raffle baskets are missing**. If anyone took a basket in error, please make sure it gets to the rightful owner.

Blue/White Striped Beach Tote	Jay Capasso
Madagascar Beach Tote	Morgan
Movie Basket	Sue Miltira
Movie Basket	Perrotta
Movie Basket	Josh Gstell
RedBox Movie Basket	Cronchite
\$15 GC Regal Cinemas	L Barbara
\$10 GC AMC Cimemas	Ava Heimgartner
Family Fun~Rainy Day Basket	Caitlin Alemany
Family Fun~Rainy Day Basket	Michele Sipala
Red Sox Fan Basket	Ava Heimgartner
Art Supplies Basket	Jennifer Breglio
School Supplies Basket	Lauren Darrell
School Supplies Basket	Amma A
School Supplies Basket	Papoosha
Yankee Fan Basket	Ava Heimgartner
Yankee Fan Basket	Papoosha
One Direction Movie Basket	S. Cabral
Boys Themed Beach Fun	Joey Capasso
Girls Themed Beach Fun	L Barbara
Beach Basket	Papoosha
Beach Basket	Dimitri
Summer Fun Basket	T Herron
Outdoor Summer Fun Basket	Izabelle
Outdoor Summer Fun Basket	S Sobotka
Outdoor Summer Fun Basket	Brady Tollis
Outdoor Summer Fun Basket	Joey Capasso
3 Pints~ Lemon, Strawberry, Mango~ Chet's Italian Ice	Cronchite
Smores Basket	Cronchite
25 lbs of candy	#7359201 (young boy)
Movie Gift card	Clarissa Nock
Butterfly Kit	Cookson
Visa Card	Peter Schuster
Extreme T's	Joey Capasso
Partylite	Janet Vasel
Cherry Berry	Beth Gilbert
Art	RJ Darrell
Under The Sea	Nicole Rode

# Health Tips

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Linda Ciarcia, BSN, RN

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD'S MEDICATION FROM SCHOOL. I CAN NOT SEND ANY MEDICATION HOME WITH CHILDREN! I CAN NOT STORE MEDICATION OVER THE SUMMER. IF IT IS NOT PICKED UP BY JUNE 24, I WILL HAVE TO DISCARD IT.

## MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Parents of students who take medication in school: please have all paperwork filled out by you and the doctor, and returned in September along with any medication that is needed. Remember all medication, even over-the-counter, requires a doctor's signed order.

NO MEDICATION CAN BE SENT IN WITH CHILDREN. Medication forms can be found on the PTO website.

REMINDER to all FIFTH grade students [almost sixth grade students]: All students MUST complete the necessary health assessment and required immunizations prior to JUNE 1, 2014. A physical must be completed prior to, or during the 2013-2014 school year. If not, there will be a delay in the transfer of your child's records to the middle school. Make your appointments early so the physical can be completed in a timely manner. A letter has been sent home explaining this. The blue forms can be found on the PTO website along with any medication forms you may need.

I wish you all a safe and healthy summer.





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