



Tiger Topics

School Newsletter

EMERSON-WILLIAMS

From the Principal's Desk

Elizabeth T. Catarius

During the past two weeks, we have been administering the Connecticut Mastery Tests to students in grades 3-6. The third and fourth graders finished their testing on Friday, March 15, and the fifth and sixth graders finished on Tuesday, March 19.

As noted in the February Tiger Topics, Judge Constance Epstein from Middlesex Superior Court did come and read to the students in grades two through five on Read Across America Day. After Judge Epstein read, students were able to ask her questions about the court and her role as a judge. The students asked some very thought provoking questions, and Judge Epstein did a fabulous job in giving the students information about the workings of the court and her professional responsibilities.

Kindergarten Orientation was held on Wednesday evening, March 13. Mrs. Jahne and Ms. Shea informed the incoming parents about the Kindergarten curriculum and the advantages of whole day Kindergarten. Mrs. Ciarcia shared information in regard to health related issues, and Mrs. Wiezalis, a reading tutor, also assisted during this event. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Martin Malicki and Mr. John Kiniry, PTO co-presidents, for attending and for sharing information in regard to the PTO and PTO events. It was very exciting to meet the families of our incoming Kindergarteners.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on March 27 and March 28. Due to numerous snow days, Progress Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, March 26 instead of Thursday, March 21.

In closing, Emerson-Williams crossing guard, Nora Jones, has tendered her resignation, and Margaret Clarizio has taken her place as crossing guard. I would like to thank Mrs. Nora Jones for her years of service and for her diligence in keeping our students and pedestrians safe. Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Nora Jones!

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PTO Highlights

Spring is officially here, and let's hope Mother Nature ushers it in with warmer temperatures and no more snow. It is time for the bulbs to start flowering and the lawns to green up.

Besides the temperatures, the acts are warming up and ready to shine at the 7th annual talent show on April 5. Please come out and support these budding stars and see a variety of acts from singing, dancing, music and more.

Over the next few months there are lots of opportunities to get out of the house and attend an E-W activity. We have TV Turn Off Week at the end of April with roller skating, Dinner on the Lawn, Movie Night and a couple of local restaurant events. In May we have the Comedy Night, and the year ends with the Strawberry festival in June.

Make sure you have in your schedules the upcoming minimum school days on Wednesday March 27 and Thursday, March 28 followed by a day off on Good Friday, March, 29. Continuing on the theme of school calendars, check that you changed your calendar to reflect that May 10 is now a full day of school.

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

March 22	School Spirit Mismatch Day
April 2	Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
April 5	Talent Show
Apr 28-May 5	TV Turn Off Week
May 10	Comedy Night
May 21	Blood Drive
June 8	Strawberry Fest



TV Turn Off Week Events scheduled so far are:

Sunday , April 28 – Ron-A-Roll
Thursday, May 2 - Cherry Berry
Friday, May 3 - Movie Night
Sunday, May 5 - Subway



Spring Clean-Up

The PTO's Beautification Committee is holding a **Spring Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 6, 2013** from 9 to 11 a.m. Spring Clean-Up is a great opportunity to come out and meet other EW families, while enjoying the fresh air! Our focus will be on the area in front of the school. Please bring garden gloves and tools. We look forward to seeing you there! In case of rain, the Beautification Committee will re-schedule.

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Check 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).

PTO Meeting Schedule: April 11 • May 9 • June 13

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In addition, you can **designate Emerson-Williams to receive funds** based on your purchases.

Check out our school's progress anytime at Target.com/tcoe.



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Our school ID is 06644.



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 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.



Emerson-Williams Student Artists

As part of a Chamber of Commerce program, each month Mrs. Nogueira chooses three pieces of student art to be hung in local businesses around Wethersfield.

March

Jeremy Halla - Grade 6: Coldwell Bank
Kara Visconti - Grade 1: Stillman building
Mariela Interian - Grade 5: Stillman building

Congratulations to our students!



READING ROCKS!
Look out Emerson-Williams...
Prepare for a magical adventure through the world of imagination! Coming soon in April.

Emerson-Williams Cookbook

We are still collecting recipes for the Emerson-Williams cookbook. 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 by April 12. We hope to publish the cookbook this spring, with proceeds to benefit the playscape fund.



Talent Show



Save time at the door and order your Talent Show tickets now! The 7th annual Emerson-Williams Talent Show will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 5 at Wethersfield High School. Tickets are \$5 each, children 3 and under are free (all children must be accompanied by an adult).

You also have the opportunity to include a message of support to the performers in the event program. Copies of the ticket order form and the cast message form can be found at www.ewpto.com. Also, we are looking for some volunteers to help - if you are interested in helping, please contact Andrea Ginter at andrea.ginter@gmail.com.

Buy Tickets Now! Comedy Night

Buy your tickets now before the prices go up! Tickets are 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, but if you purchase a table of 6 by April 5, your cost is only \$120 (a savings of \$5 per ticket). The earlier you purchase your table for the event, the more choice you will have for seating. Groups of less than 6 will be offered open seating.



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!). 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 list of the other raffle/auction prizes, go to <http://www.ewpto.com/Comedy-Night.php>. If you would like to donate a raffle/auction item or would like to help with the event, contact Lauren Barbara at snl0617@att.net. 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!*

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

SPRING 2013 Literacy Classes: Register now by phone or in person for non-residents and residents. Spring session classes run from March 18 through April 28, 2013.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

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

MAD SCIENCE WITH MISS MELISSA

Thursdays, March 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18 & 25,
6:30 p.m.: 1st grade & up

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m.: 3rd - 5th graders
Discuss **Magical Ms. Plum** by Bonny Becker

PIZZA & PAGES

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.: 4th - 6th graders
Nutmeg Award Book Discussion Series with a light supper. Nutmeg Voting Party!!!

SPECIAL EVENT! LOCKED IN THE LIBRARY

Friday, April 19:
5:30 – 9 p.m.
For all ages

Get locked in
the library
after closing time!
Bring a picnic
dinner and join us
for stories, games
and lots of fun!

To see additional
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(for infants,
toddlers and
preschoolers), or
to register for a
program, please
visit the
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A **THANK YOU** to E-W Families

Below is a note of appreciation for Emerson-Williams efforts in donating stuffed animals as part of our Community Outreach program:

Thanks to this rather unusual weather and us being in the house more than we are out of it, we have been able to sort, wash, brush, repair, etc. all the stuffed toys you delivered to us. We are very appreciative of all your efforts collecting and delivering the toys this year and in past years.

Early in July will mark our fifteenth year refurbishing stuffed animals. In that time we have donated over 161,000 toys to recipients ranging in age from infants to senior citizens. It would have been impossible for us to have donated the number we have if it weren't for the generosity and thoughtfulness of people like each of you. Thank you so much for all you have done. Your kindness will make the lives of others a little brighter and more joyful.

We finished packing and delivering Valentine orders and will begin Easter orders very shortly. There never seems to be any down time. Again, thank you for everything.

*Sincerely yours,
Evelyn Clark, Lovable Huggables*

Health Tips

Linda Ciarcia, BSN, RN

6th graders:

Thank you for getting the physical forms in to me.

5th and 6th graders: A notice will be going out soon for Scoliosis screening. If you have any questions please call me.

SAVE THE DATE!

BLOOD DRIVE: Emerson Williams will be sponsoring a blood drive on May 24 from 1:30 to 6:00 p.m. here at EW. We need a great EW family turnout!

You may see me regarding an appointment or visit the give blood website at

Redcrossblood.org.



BMI: I am sure many you have heard about it. Body Mass Index is a number calculated from a person's weight and height. BMI provides a reliable indicator of body fatness for most people, and it is used to screen for weight categories that may lead to health problems. BMI is also a good indicator in children's health.

Please visit the Center for Disease control and Prevention website [www.cdc.gov] to find valuable information regarding BMI as well as use the BMI calculator to find out what your families' BMIs are.

Be aware of the "shape" of your child. Abdominal heaviness is an area of concern not only in adults but in children as well. By tracking the BMI of your children, you may be able to notice signs of rapid weight gain and be able to take action.

Please check your laundry for any clothes that might have been borrowed from EW school. We are entering the "muddy season" here at EW, and I would rather outfit your child with clean clothes than have to call you to come in and do so. Thanks for all of your donations.

WETHERSFIELD SCHOOLS PARENT COUNCIL PRESENTS

A Screening & Panel Discussion of the film...

Over 13 million American kids will be bullied this year, making it the most common form of violence experienced by young people in the nation. The new documentary film **BULLY**, directed by Sundance and Emmy-award winning filmmaker, Lee Hirsch, brings human scale to this startling statistic, offering an intimate, unflinching look at how bullying has touched five kids and their families.

BULLY is a beautifully cinematic, character-driven documentary. At its heart are those with huge stakes in this issue whose stories each represent a different facet of America's bullying crisis.



Filmed over the course of the 2009/2010 school year, **BULLY** opens a window onto the pained and often endangered lives of bullied kids, revealing a problem that transcends geographic, racial, ethnic and economic borders. It documents the responses of teachers and administrators to aggressive behaviors that defy “kids will be kids” clichés, and it captures a growing movement among parents and youths to change how bullying is handled in schools, in communities and in society as a whole. Parents play a vital role in supporting their kids, promoting upstander rather than bystander behavior, and teaching and modeling empathy in the home.

7pm Thursday, March 21, 2013
Samuel B. Webb Elementary School Auditorium
51 Willow Street, Wethersfield, CT

**“I think it’s an important movie, and I think it can save lives”
-Ellen DeGeneres**

There is no cost for this event. Seating available on a first come, first serve basis.



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