

Spring Ahead!  
Finally time  
for fun in the  
sun! Enjoy  
the beautiful  
weather!

It's a great time to volunteer to help the Emerson-Williams PTO!

FROM THE DESK OF THE EWPTO CO-PRESIDENTS

APRIL 2018

Dear Emerson-Williams Community,

The sun is finally shining bright and the flowers are blooming! Hopefully, we can all start our Spring gardening, family traditions, and fantastic outdoor activities.

Our last day of school is scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Less than 2 months away! We have quite a number of events and activities planned from now until then, including but not limited to: Main Street Creamery EW Family Day (5/1), The Someone Special Dance (5/4), Teacher Appreciation Week (5/7-5/11) and the Annual Strawberry Festival (6/9)! We are so excited for these events and would love to hear from you if you'd like to volunteer. Please reach out to [ptoboard@ewpto.com](mailto:ptoboard@ewpto.com)!

We have done two large purchases over the last couple of months for our EW Teachers and Students. The PTO purchased up to three wobble chairs for each teacher that expressed a want for their classroom, as well as, magnetic magnet trays (and storage boxes) for the Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes and Literacy Teachers to use for reading groups. We are so excited for all of the students to get to use these new, fun

tools to better their education. We are proud to be able to help our teachers purchase some of their needs and wants!

Spring has set in and it's time to start brainstorming events for the next school year, as well as continue to move forward with all that is planned for the current one! A new project at the forefront of some minds right now is the Emerson-Williams Courtyard! EWPTO has partnered with Trinity Solar to earn money if families RESEARCH, LEARN MORE, or have SOLAR PANELS installed at your home. Any funds raised in this effort will go toward the Courtyard Project or Teacher wish lists. This is exciting news that EW homeowners can invest a little time and make a big impact for EWPTO. Don't own, no worries, funds can be earned for referrals too!

Another big initiative at this time of the school year is the announcements for new people to take on some of the PTO Board Positions! The 1<sup>st</sup> year Co-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer positions need to be filled. Autumn Struk will be 2<sup>nd</sup> year Co-President next year. The PTO would love for anyone who has any interest in

any of these positions, or if you know someone who you would like to be nominated for a Board position, to please reach out to the nomination committee via email at [nominations@ewpto.com](mailto:nominations@ewpto.com). Feel free to also reach out to inquire about the responsibilities of the positions to see if they may interest you! We promise, it's so rewarding and we are so excited to see the new group come together!

Remember, the possibilities are endless at Emerson-Williams. We have an amazing community of teachers, staff, parents and children! To see smiles and to receive thanks makes everything we are able to do so very worth it. We hope you have a fantastic rest of your April and we'll chat in May!

With love and Respect,

Your EWPTO Co-Presidents –

Autumn Struk & Colleen Mattatall

Contact the entire EW PTO Board by sending an email to [ptoboard@ewpto.com](mailto:ptoboard@ewpto.com)

## EWPTO Event Calendar

### May 1

Principal's Day – Let Ms. Thakur know how much you appreciate her!

and

Screen Free Week fundraiser from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Main Street Creamery, 271 Main St, Wethersfield. Come down and enjoy a frozen treat this Spring. 20% of all sales will support EWPTO.

### May 4

Someone Special Dance at EW gym 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Come dance and laugh with your special adult. Children must be accompanied by an adult the entire time. Enjoy dancing, a snack, a drink, and photo booth with purchased ticket, \$5 per person (child/adult). Tickets available at the door or in advance by April 27.

### May 6 – 12

National Teacher Appreciation Week – Let's show all the Emerson-Williams Teachers and Staff how much they mean to us with a week's worth of fun! More details to come.

### May 7

Nurse's Day (celebrated) – Let Ms. Ciarcia know how much. You appreciate her!

and

Preferred deadline to register your child as a kindergartner for the 2018-2019 school year. Any child 5 years on or before January 1, 2019 is eligible for Kindergarten for 2018-2019. Go to <https://www.wethersfield.k12.ct.us> for Student Registration information.

### May 8

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day – Let your Teachers & Staff know how much you appreciate all they do for Emerson-Williams!

### May 10

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Media Center

### May 20

EW at the Yard Goats, 1:05pm game time – Akron RubberDucks vs. Hartford Yard Goats. Gates open at 11:30 a.m.

### May 24

Incoming Kindergarten Story Time – Parents and their registered 2018-2019 kindergarten student will receive a letter inviting them to one of three morning 45 minute time slots for a teacher story time. Your letter will advise you of which time slot to attend.

### May 25

Minimum School Day – Dismissal at 12:55 p.m.

and

Red, White, and Blue Spirit Day - Wear red, white, and blue today.

### May 28

Memorial Day – No School

### May 30

Spring Concert at WHS

### May 31

Field Day 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. on the field at EW. Mr. Coursey has assigned each student to a group by color. Remember to wear a shirt that matches your group color, wear comfortable clothing and sneakers, and apply sun block before school.

### June 6, 7, and 8

Hip Hop Classes for EW Students

### June 7

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Media Center

### June 8

Crazy Hair Spirit Day – Design the craziest hair anyone has ever seen to showcase at school.

And

Hip Hop Family Night – Parents are invited to EW for some hip hopping fun.

### June 9

Strawberry Festival, 10:00a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Emerson-Williams. Advance ticket sales (available in mid to late May) are \$5 per child with a \$10 family maximum. Tickets sold at the gate on the day of the event will be \$5 per child with a \$15 family maximum.

### June 22

Last Day of School – Does not include future school closings.

### Aug 28

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Kindergarten New Teacher Meet & Greet with ride on a school bus.

and

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. New Teacher Meet and Greet for Grades 1 through 6.

## 2018 PTO MEETINGS

7:00 p.m. on the following Thursdays in the EW Upper Media Center at Emerson-Williams

May 10 and June 7

## From the Desk of Ms. Thakur, Principal

At Emerson-Williams Elementary School, our Grade 5 and Grade 6 Tigers had a fantastic Career Day on Friday, April 6, 2018! I'm SO thankful this did not get snowed out! (So crazy we even had to worry about that on April 6!) I'm even MORE thankful to all of the amazing parents and community members who gave up their time and rearranged their crazy busy work schedules to come and spend time with our enthusiastic students. Our hope was to get our older students thinking about a variety of different careers and expand their overall awareness of what exists out there for them. We succeeded! (Although, we FULLY recognize that by the time these Tigers are in their 20s, there will be a whole new batch of careers out there that don't even exist yet!) We also wanted our students thinking about how so many of the important skills and concepts we are teaching them about right now will absolutely be applicable to their careers when they are older. By employing The Growth Mindset NOW, we know that the sky is the limit for all of our children!!! There is a world of cool possibilities ahead for them! Here are the specific careers they were exposed to on Career Day:

Grade Two Classroom Teacher  
Sikorsky Aircraft  
Restaurant Owner (Max Bibo's)  
Contractor  
Paramedic  
Registered Dietician  
Patent Paralegal  
Engineer  
Business Manager  
Athletic Trainer  
Physical Therapist  
Police Officer  
Detective  
College Science Professor  
Firefighter  
Radio Communications  
Entertainment Coordinator  
Artist  
School Psychologist

## Emerson-Williams Elementary School Mission

At Emerson-Williams Elementary School, we strongly believe in the joy of learning. Ours is a caring, compassionate environment that respects and supports the dignity of the whole child. We work hand-in-hand with families and the community to develop lifelong learners and contributing members of our changing society.

## Emerson-Williams Music Department – Save the Date!

**May 30** – Spring Concert at Wethersfield High School

Please visit the Music Department websites and Facebook page for more information!

Ms. Caravella's (Band & Orchestra Director) Website:

<https://emersonwilliamsbandstrings.weebly.com>

Ms. Fortuna's (General Music & Choral Director) Website:

<http://emersonwilliamschorus.weebly.com>

Friend the Music Department on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/EWTigerMusic>

## Tiger Topics Health Tips

By Linda Ciarcia, BSN, RN



To maintain good dental health, here are a few tips to keep that smile healthy.

Snacking causes release of plaque bacteria. When the bacteria meets up with sugars and starches from your snack it creates an acid that causes a "plaque attack" on your teeth. Each "plaque attack" can last 20 minutes, thus leaving your teeth exposed to developing cavities.

To prevent cavities:

- Brushing after each meal or snack is, of course, the best defense.
- Reduce the number of times you snack during the day.
- When you snack, eat your entire snack at one time so you don't expose your teeth to too many "plaque attacks." If you eat some of your snack now and some in an hour, you will have two "plaque attacks" instead of one.
- Choose healthy foods and drinks to snack on. Candy and sweets as well as soda and fruity juices contain sugar which means more plaque bacteria which means more "plaque attacks."
- Cheese can be a very beneficial snack for your teeth it disrupts the development of cavities especially as a snack or after a meal.
- Have your teeth cleaned twice a year.

**6th Grade Parents** - Keep getting those physicals in. I must have them by June 1, 2018.

## Media Center – Library Reading Volunteers Needed for Grades K - 2

Are you a parent of a student in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade? We are looking for volunteers through early June to sign-up for a slot to read to a class. You can either bring 1 – 3 books from home that your child likes or Mrs. Corsair, our wonderful EW Media Specialist/Librarian, will select a book(s) for you to read. It's totally up to you – have fun with it! Select your child's classroom below for the sign-up sheet at <http://ewpto.com/mediacenter.html>

## Nominations For The 2018-2019 EWPTO Board

The Emerson-Williams PTO is looking for volunteers for the 2018-2019 school year! Have you ever wanted to gain experience being on a Board for a 503(c) organization or are you trying to find a way to get more involved in school activities...then look no further! The PTO is looking to fill 3 spots! If you are interested in becoming our next Co-President (2-year commitment), Treasurer, or Secretary, please contact Stephanie Conashevick and Christina Carreiro at [nominations@ewpto.com](mailto:nominations@ewpto.com).

**Dance Tickets are \$5 per person (children and adults) at the door.**

**LET'S DANCE**

**BRING SOMEONE SPECIAL DANCE**

**FRIDAY, MAY 4**  
**6-8PM**  
**EW GYM**  
 \$5.00 Per Person (adult + children)

COME DANCE AND LAUGH WITH YOUR SPECIAL ADULT AT OUR EW PTO'S ANNUAL SCHOOL DANCE! CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT THE ENTIRE TIME! DRESS ATTIRE WHATEVER IS COMFORTABLE FOR YOU

IN ADDITION TO DANCING, ENJOY A SNACK, DRINK AND THE PHOTO BOOTH FOR FREE!!

## PTO Board Nominations

RE: PTO Executive Board Nominations - *Submission deadline is 05/04/2018*

We are announcing the open positions for the PTO Executive Board for the 2018-2019 school year. The officer openings and a brief description are outlined below.

- **1st Year Co-President:** This is a two-year position. Assist the 2nd year co-President, Autumn Struk, in maintaining a productive 2018-2019 school year with the agreed upon fundraisers and events.
- **Treasurer:** This is a one-year position. Keep careful track of the agreed upon budget, give up-to-date reports and distribute copies of the budget at each PTO meeting. Attend budget meeting in April and meet with our tax contact to maintain the laws. Knowledge of QuickBooks is a plus, but not required.
- **Secretary:** This is a one-year position. Take the minutes at each PTO meeting and provide copies of the minutes at the next meeting. Make any edits necessary and submit the minutes to the Webmaster to post on the E-W PTO website in a timely manner.

Each officer is expected to attend the monthly PTO meetings that meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of every month during the school year. New Officer terms commence on July 1st. For additional details, please review the by-law section of the web site at [www.ewpto.com](http://www.ewpto.com).

At this time, we ask any adults interested in running for a position, please complete the Nomination Interest slip below and return to school before the May 4, 2018 nomination deadline. Or, you may email us at [nominations@ewpto.com](mailto:nominations@ewpto.com) for more information. Thank you, Nominations Committee



**Wethersfield Elementary: MAY**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1: Mini Bagel Fun Lunch				
*** REMINDER BREAKFAST SERVED DAILY!****				
Week 2: Muffin Fun Lunch				
7-May      8-May      9-May      10-May      11-May				
Whole Grain Penne and Beef Meatballs Sliced Carrots	<b>Chicken Nuggets</b> Mashed Potatoes Whole Grain Biscuit	Turkey Corn Dog Roasted Green Beans	Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla Steamed Corn Tomato Salsa	Classic Cheese Pizza Classic Pepperoni Pizza Colorful Tossed Salad
Week 3: Cereal Fun Lunch				
14-May      15-May      16-May      17-May      18-May				
French Bread Cheese Pizza Steamed Carrots	<b>Chicken Nuggets</b> Seasoned Broccoli Whole Grain Biscuit	Toasted Triple Cheese Sandwich Campbell's Tomato Soup	Chicken Patty Sandwich Buffalo Cauliflower	Classic Cheese Pizza Classic Pepperoni Pizza Colorful Tossed Salad
Week 4: Muffin Fun Lunch				
21-May      22-May      23-May      24-May      25-May				
Meat Ball Sandwich Baby Carrots	<b>Chicken Nuggets</b> Mashed Potatoes Whole Grain Biscuit	Mac and Cheese Seasoned Broccoli	Beef Nachos Mexican Corn Tomato Salsa	Classic Cheese Pizza Classic Pepperoni Pizza Colorful Tossed Salad
Week 5: Mini Bagel Fun Lunch				
29-May      30-May      31-May				
	<b>Chicken Nuggets</b> Seasoned Spinach Whole Grain Biscuit	Sweet and Sour Chicken Steamed Carrots Brown Rice	French Toast Sticks w/ Blueberries Turkey Sausage Mini Hash browns	
Fruit and Vegetable Bar (Available Daily)				
Fresh whole Fruit Local Tree Fruits Chilled Fruit salad	Fresh whole Fruit Local Tree Fruits Chilled Fruit salad	Fresh whole Fruit Local Tree Fruits Chilled Fruit salad	Fresh whole Fruit Local Tree Fruits Chilled Fruit salad	Fresh whole Fruit Local Tree Fruits Chilled Fruit salad
Carrot Sticks Sweet Corn Salad	Celery Sticks Chick Peas	Fresh Broccoli Florets Fresh Baby Carrots	Corn & Black Bean Salsa Sliced Cucumbers	Red Pepper Slices Power Peas
Mixed Bean Salad	Mixed Bean Salad	Mixed Bean Salad	Mixed Bean Salad	Mixed Bean Salad
Daily Alternate Meals				
PB & J	PB & J	PB & J	PB & J	PB & J
<b>NEW! SMOOTHIES Tuesday-Thursday*</b>	<b>Peach &amp; Strawberry</b>	<b>Blueberry &amp; Banana</b>	<b>Orange &amp; Pineapple</b>	<b>NEW! SMOOTHIES Tuesday-Thursday*</b>
2-Turkey and Cheese on Wheat	2- Chef Salad w/ Bread Stick	2- Crispy Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap	2-Turkey and Cheese Wrap	2-Mixed Green Salad w/ Cheese and Bread Stick

ELEMENTARY: A full student lunch includes a choice of entrée supplying protein and grain, vegetable side dishes, fruit side dishes, and a choice of milk. Milk choices include 1% white and skim chocolate.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Jamie Davies, Director of Dining Services: jamie.davies@compass-usa.com

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## Help Raise Funds With The Trinity Solar Stewardship Program

EWPTO has partnered with Trinity Solar - a highly reputable, family owned company that helps homeowners take control of their electric bills by switching to solar. Trinity has grown into the largest privately held residential solar company in the nation. Through **Trinity Solar's Stewardship Program**, we're raising money for a range of things at Emerson-Williams in 2018 - including the Courtyard Renovation and additional items for the classrooms!

The courtyard is the outdoor area enclosed behind the EW gym, media center, classrooms, and a hallway; it is in the center of the school. Long ago, the courtyard had been made beautiful by a wonderful Girl Scout Troop, but time and weather has changed it and EWPTO would like to help make it beautiful again. With your help, we can make it a place where all teachers, staff, and students can enjoy it throughout every school year and maintain it.

Trinity's Stewardship program is the best way to raise money for EWPTO- all of our members can contribute. Trinity Solar will donate \$100 to EWPTO with every qualified appointment\* that is created through this program.

Raise \$1,000 for EWPTO any time you or a fellow PTO member goes solar with Trinity.

Not a homeowner? No worries! Become an Ambassador to earn \$500 for EWPTO and \$500 for yourself when someone referred outside of EWPTO goes solar with Trinity.

For any questions, please feel free to reach out to Monika Shoham at 860-992-2959 or [monikashoham@gmail.com](mailto:monikashoham@gmail.com).

\*Full details and to see if you qualify, go to [www.trinity-solar.com/ewe](http://www.trinity-solar.com/ewe)

# TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 7TH - 11TH

**FAN MAIL MONDAY - COMPLIMENT YOUR TEACHER EITHER WITH A SPECIAL HOMEMADE CARD, NOTE OR FLOWER!**

**SUPERHERO TUESDAY - DRESS AS YOUR TEACHERS FAVORITE SUPERHERO TO LET THEM KNOW THEY'RE YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO!**

**LOVE FROM THE OVEN WEDNESDAY - EW FAMILIES SIGNED UP TO BRING IN YUMMY MEALS FOR TEACHERS TO ENJOY THROUGHOUT THE DAY!**

**FAVORITE THINGS THURSDAY - SURPRISE YOUR TEACHER WITH ONE OF THEIR FAVORITE THINGS (EITHER HOMEMADE OR BOUGHT)!**

**FRIDAY GARDEN PARTY - STUDENTS can bring a flower or plant (BOUGHT OR MADE WITH LOVE) to their teacher(s).**