



Tiger Topics School Newsletter

EMERSON-WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EWPTO CO-PRESIDENTS

Hello fellow Emerson-Williams' families,

We can't believe it's almost May! The weather is starting to warm up, trees are budding, and flowers are blooming so make sure your toes look cute.

The PTO is still in search for a First Year Co-President who can commit two years of volunteering and sitting next to Chrissy during PTO meetings. We occasionally chat with the principal, coordinate with PTO committees, write this wonderful letter that EVERYONE reads, budget stuff, and vote on things.

Has your child talked about book club? The PTO bought those books. Are the Kindergarten kids enjoying the painted blacktop in the outside Kindergarten play area? PTO members painted that. Have your children talked about the High Touch, High Tech program? The PTO purchased those assemblies. Do your children like using the water fountains to fill their water bottles? The PTO purchased those as well. Did your child get excited to see Stripes? I donned that orange costume once and was hugged by so many children (I really deserved a medal for that favor). But guess what? The PTO bought it. The PTO is involved in so many wonderful things that you may not realize. So, when you're going to Vendor Night, smelling Yankee Candles or eating

Munson's Chocolates, you're dealing with a volunteer who is using their time, skills, or effort to benefit Emerson-Williams, the teachers, staff, and your children. You're in the know and it's a rewarding experience. But these things cannot happen without volunteers and without your support! We are indebted to those who volunteer many many hours, those who make purchases, and those who sell these fundraising items; THANK YOU!

So if you have questions with possibly volunteering for this position, please contact Chrissy at 1yrPres@ewpto.com or the Nominating committee at nominations@ewpto.com. PTO meetings are usually on the second Thursday of every month. Chrissy will make every attempt to control her sarcastic comments during meetings. If the meeting is not fun, sometimes afterwards is more fun. She may or may not bite... just kidding.

The Mixed Bags fundraiser packet was distributed, and **forms are due on April 26th**; please submit your forms to your child's teacher. **Online orders will continue until July 31st**. Spring Picture forms were also distributed, and we are offering sibling pictures as well; forms must be returned by **Thursday, April 25th** so the Picture Committee can organize and schedule

sibling sessions. If you want your child's photo taken, please return the form; everyone will not have his or her picture taken.

WSPC is kicking off Screen Free Week on **Monday, April 29th through Friday, May 3rd**. Keep a look out on Facebook for suggested activities. There is a PTO sponsored fundraiser at Main Street Creamery in Old Wethersfield on **Wednesday, May 1st** from 4pm to 7pm as we celebrate Screen Free Week with friends, family, fun and ICE CREAM! That evening, Main Street Creamery will donate 20% of all sales from 4pm to 7pm back to the Emerson-Williams PTO. Please remember they are CASH only, but they do have an ATM on site. On **Friday, May 3rd**, our amazing artist Monika will instruct EW families to paint a beautiful floral canvas masterpiece. This is a FREE Family Fun night sponsored by the PTO. Please return

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2019 PTO Meetings

Emerson-Williams
Upper Media Center at
Emerson-Williams at 7:00 p.m.

May 9 & June 6

EWPTO Event Calendar

April 26

Mixed Bags Fundraiser due

April 29

Spring Picture Day... *get your smile on*

April 29

Family Dinner on the Lawn
Sponsored by 6th Grade Committee

May 1

Main Street Creamery Fundraiser • 4pm - 7pm

May 3

FREE Family Paint Night • 6:30pm - 8:30pm

May 6

Cheer Committee Teacher/Staff Luncheon

May 9

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 pm in the Upper Media Center at Emerson-Williams

May 19

Yard Goats Game

May 24

Half Day of School - 12:55 Dismissal

May 27

No School - Memorial Day

May 30

Poetry Afternoon

May 31

Someone Special Dance • 5pm -8pm

June 6

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 pm in the Upper Media Center at Emerson-Williams

June 7

Strawberry Festival • 5pm -8pm

June 12

Hip Hop Night • Time TBA

June 17

Tentative Last Day of School

WSPC Calendar

April 29- May 3

Screen Free week

May 8

Bike/Walk to School Day

September 13

Movie on the Lawn

September 27

Movie on the Lawn, rain date

Wethersfield Calendar

June 1

Fireworks, Cove Park

September 21

Cornfest, Wethersfield Green

December 5

Holidays on Main, Main Street

Volunteer Opportunities

Strawberry Festival: It's happening this year! Be on the look out for more information on this *Friday, June 7th* event. If you would like to donate some of your time, please contact the committee at strawberry.fest@ewpto.com

Poetry Afternoon: Looking for a few volunteers to help Reading Teacher, Ms. McLaughlin, to help set up poetry afternoon on May 30th. Contact Anna at poetry@ewpto.com for details.

Field Day: Our PE teacher Ms. Dalke is looking for parent help at different stations. A sign-up genius is available our website. Field Day is *June 13*.

Website: Responsible for maintaining and making updates to the PTO website and Facebook page. Behind the scene work includes creating email forwarders, creating SignUp Genius, scanning flyers, inputting events into Google Calendar, and renewing website domain. Looking for volunteer to start next year. Current website will be changed to a WordPress site. Please contact webmaster@ewpto.com for more information.

1st Year Co-President: This is a two year position on the PTO Board working side-by-side with the 2nd Year Co-President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the Nomination Committee at nominations@ewpto.com

Please see a Board member to volunteer or email ptoboard@ewpto.com

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Party Food (Dips and Appetizers)

May 6th, drop off 8:30-10am

Sign up to help

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4EA4AC23A6F58-party>

Contact Colleen

860-490-8760

Colleenmattatall01@gmail.com

From the Desk of School Nurse Linda Ciarcia

When to Suspect an Allergy

Some allergies are easy to identify. But others are subtler, and may masquerade as other conditions. Here are some common clues that could lead you to suspect your child may have an allergy. Repeated or chronic cold-like symptoms that last more than a week or two, or that develop at about the same time every year. These could include:

- Runny nose
- Nasal stuffiness
- Sneezing
- Throat clearing
- Nose rubbing
- Sniffing
- Snorting
- Sneezing
- Itchy, runny eyes

Itching or tingling sensations in the mouth and throat. Itchiness is not usually a complaint with a cold, but it is the hallmark of an allergy problem. Coughing, wheezing, difficulty breathing, and other respiratory symptoms. Recurrent red, itchy, dry, sometime scaly rashes in the creases of the skin, wrists, and ankles also may indicate an allergy.

Controlling Allergy Symptoms

- It's helpful to use air conditioners, where possible, to

reduce exposure to pollen in both your home and your car.

- Molds are present in the spring and late summer. Children with mold allergies should avoid playing in piles of dead leaves in the fall.
- Dust mites congregate in places where food for them (e.g., flakes of human skin) is plentiful. That means they are most commonly found in upholstered furniture, bedding, and rugs.
- Padded furnishings, such as mattresses, box springs, pillows, and cushions should be encased in allergen-proof, zip-up covers, which are available through catalogs and specialized retailers.
- Wash linens weekly, and other bedding such as blankets, every 2 to 3 weeks in hot water.
- Pillows should be replaced every 2 to 3 years.

Working With Your Child's Pediatrician

Your child's allergy treatment should start with your pediatrician. If needed, your pediatrician may refer you to a pediatric allergy specialist for additional evaluations and treatments. Although there are many over-the-counter antihistamines, decongestants, and nasal sprays, it is very important that you work with a pediatrician. Allergy medication work best when taken DAILY throughout the allergy season.

From the Desk of the EWPTO Co-Presidents

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your forms, as space is limited.

Teacher Appreciation Week begins on **Monday, May 6th** and a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled. If you are able to contribute, we are looking for party food such as dips and appetizers. Items can be dropped off in the Main Office from 8:30am to 10am.

Additionally in May, keep a look out for Community Outreach's 'Pack the Pantry' flyer, which is a donation collection, slated to run from **May 13th to May 24th**. Collection bins will be located in the main office hallway for the Kindergarten through 2nd grade while the 3rd through 6th grade bin will be located in the main lobby. Please consider donating items to help Wethersfield families in need. This project is collaborating with the Student Council.

The PTO's beautification project continues as more student bathrooms are painted with inspirational messages. The

Beautification committee is looking for volunteers to come paint on **Friday, April 26th** at 6:30pm. Painting usually occurs Friday night and its set up much like paint by number system. Relieve some stress and embrace your inner artist.

We wrap up May with the Someone Special Dance on **Friday, May 31**. Get ready to walk down the red carpet in this Hollywood theme dance. DJ Darth Fader will be dropping beats and a photo booth will also be available. Tickets are \$5 and forms are due by Monday, May 13th.

As April has almost ended and May is upon us, the sixth graders are honing in on their final weeks at Emerson-Williams Elementary School. Time really flies by, doesn't it?

Make sure you eat your cheese with crackers... unless you have a gluten intolerance,

Your EWPTO Co-Presidents,

Chrissy Pikos, 1yrpres@ewpto.com &
Autumn Struk, 2yrpres@ewpto.com



Strawberry Festival 2019



Big Changes are Happening!

Friday June 7th 5-8pm

All Outdoors! Free Admission!

DJ

Inflatables*

Dunk Tank*

Games

Basketball Shooting & Hula Hoop Contest!

Small Raffle (no raffle baskets)*

Strawberries and Whipped Cream*

Bring Your Own Dinner/lawn chairs

Strawberry.fest@ewpto.com



*indicates a cost to participate

More details to follow

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Word Search Game - Musical Instruments

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C	L	O	N	A	I	P	A	M	B	W	T	L	K	U	G	I	CELLO
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T	N	V	U	O	D	R	I	F	U	L	X	E	I	I	H	A	GUITAR
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WETHERSFIELD GEORGE D RITCHIE SOCCER CLUB FALL REGISTRATION

WGDRSC is getting ready for the fall season! Even though the Spring session hasn't started yet... take advantage of the **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!**

TRAVEL SOCCER

Open to players born between 2005-2011 (and not in High School in the Fall)

Registration opens April 1st to June 3, 2019

Cost is: \$175 - if you register between **April 1-30**

\$225 - if you register between **May 1st-June 3rd**

Try outs will tentatively be held June 10-12, 2019 at the High School on Cottone Field. Please follow our **NEW** Facebook page (Wethersfield Soccer Club), our website: www.wethersfieldsoccer.com, and soon Twitter for updates to tryouts!

UNIFORMS

****New uniforms are MANDATORY for Fall Travel Soccer****

Uniforms will be available the day of tryouts for sizing of your child

Contact Dan Bielawiec at wgdrsc.equipmentdirector@gmail.com with questions

RECREATIONAL SOCCER

Open to players born 2012-2016

Registration opens **April 1-July 31, 2019**

Cost: \$100 if you register by **May 31st** / \$110 if registered **June 1-July 31**

Please register at www.wethersfieldsoccer.com



PAINT NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 3RD @ 6:30

EMERSON-WILLIAMS CAFETERIA

**FREE
FAMILY FUN
EVENT**

**Just in time for
Mother's Day! Come
create a masterpiece
guided by EW's own artist,
Monika Shoham. Space is limited
so fill out the bottom portion
and return by Friday, April 26th
to receive tickets to reserve your spot!**

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE



PAINT NIGHT TICKETS

RESERVE YOUR SEATS

Student Name: _____

Student Grade/Teacher: _____

Number of Painters Attending: _____

Number of Non-Painters Attending: _____



Hartford Yard Goats

Emerson-Williams School Day at Dunkin' Donuts Park

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH 2019

GAME TIME: 1:05 pm | GATES OPEN: 11:30 am
NEW HAMPSHIRE FISHER CATS (AA—BLUE JAYS) vs
HARTFORD YARD GOATS (AA—ROCKIES)

Spend a day at the ballpark with friends and family from Emerson-Williams School!

Post-Game Kids Run Bases!

Stick around after the game for your kids to run around the bases just like the pros!

Ticket Order Deadline: May 3, 2019

(Limited # of Tickets Available)

Parking is an additional fee day of the game.



YardGoatsBaseball.com



860-246-GOAT (4628)



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SUNDAY, MAY 19TH 2019

GAME TIME: 1:05 pm GATES OPEN: 11:30 am



<u>TICKET TYPE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Field Box	\$13.00	X _____	= _____

Children 3 and under are free if sitting on a parent's lap during the game.
Please note any handicapped tickets needed.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

GRADE: _____ CLASSROOM: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM TO THE SCHOOL WITH CASH
OR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO **EWPTO**
PLEASE NOTE "YARD GOATS TICKETS" ON THE ENVELOPE.
QUESTIONS? CONTACT **James Langdo** AT yardgoats.game@ewpto.com

EMERSON-WILLIAMS
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Someone Special Dance HOLLYWOOD EDITION

Dress to walk the red carpet!

Dance to *Darth Vader*

Friday, May 31 ◊ 5pm – 8pm
Emerson-Williams Gymnasium
\$5 per family
Powered by EWPTO

Please submit the below ticket order form to your teacher by Monday, May 13

Tickets also available at the door the night of dance!

Student Name: _____

Student Teacher and Grade: _____

of Family Members Attending: _____

Enclosed Amount: _____

*Every EW student should bring one very special adult in their life.
Only EW students, siblings and their parents permitted.
All students must be accompanied by an adult.*



**To nominate yourself or someone else for
this position –
please go to www.ewpto.com and fill out
the nomination form
OR
reach out Stephanie Conashevick &
Christina Carreiro at
nominations@ewpto.com**

1st Year Co-President Information:

- 2 Year Position
- Work side-by-side other 3 board members to create a positive environment for E-W Community Members
 - Chrissy Pikos will move to 2nd Year Co-President
 - Fran Schwartzhaupt is remaining secretary for her 2nd year
 - Amy Burlingame is remaining treasurer for her 2nd year
- Attend and help lead PTO Meetings
- Be a point of contact for the school and family communities