

2011-2012 PTO MEETING SCHEDULE

April 12
May 10
June 14

All meetings take place
at 7pm in the Upper
Media Center.

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Tiger Topics

EMERSON-WILLIAMS

APRIL 2012

From the Principal's Desk

Elizabeth T. Catarius

The Connecticut Mastery Test has ended and the students' individual tests will be scored by Measurement Incorporated. The children and staff were calm, focused and diligent in their approach. Grades three and four had Supplemental Tests in the areas of Reading and Writing. These tests were taken on a computer, and the students seemed enthusiastic in regard to this new method of administering the tests. This is in preparation for the National Test that will be given in the school year 2014-2015, and this test will be taken via the computer. The results of this year's Connecticut Mastery Test should arrive in August, 2012.

Reader's Workshop and the focus on literacy continue to be one of the major goals of Emerson-Williams. At this time of the year, teachers are progressing in the implementation of the Reader's Workshop model. One component of the model is the formation of Book Clubs. In a Book Club, students work with two to five other students. With supervision and support from their classroom teacher, the students read a common text, develop goals for the group, contribute to the book club by holding conversations with each other, help each other use strategies, and encourage each other to read more. The Book Club is an excellent vehicle for students to communicate with their peers in regard to a common theme.

In closing, I would like to thank Mrs. Quadrato and Mrs. Ginter and all the other volunteers for coordinating and producing the Talent Show. It was a wonderful evening and it was wonderful to have two former Emerson-Williams students, Ben Goldman and Zane Tatro, host the event.

If You Were in Charge ...

We need your help! Have you ever had a great idea for a fundraiser, or a program that the PTO should fund, or had a different opinion about our current activities and events? Now is your time! We would love to hear any and all input from you as we develop our 2012-2013 budget. In addition to our usual activities and events, we still have a long way to go in our playscape fundraising efforts. Please join us at 7pm in the Media Center on Wednesday, April 25 to share your thoughts. If you would like to give feedback but cannot attend the meeting, feel free to e-mail any of the PTO officers. The proposed budget will be presented at the May PTO meeting and voted on at the June PTO meeting. Thanks!



PTO Highlights

Spring is here and it is a great time to get out and enjoy the weather and some E-W activities. We have all the great TV Turn Off Week activities next week that include roller skating, a night out at a restaurant, a dance and a movie. Come on out and have some fun with your fellow E-W families.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the townwide spelling bee, and thanks to Mrs. Cookson and Ms. McCabe for serving as the E-W liaisons for the event.

Thanks to all the talented kids that participated in the 6th Annual E-W Talent Show. They really did a great job and we can't wait until next year's show.

Please remember to mark your calendars to get out and vote on the High School Renovation on April 24th.

Keep a look out for details about a Mother's Day event that is in the works for May and the other activities like the Art Show, Strawberry festival and golf tournament that are coming up in the near future.

Thanks to all the volunteers who make this all happen and if you are interested in volunteering just contact either Andrea Ginter or Martin Malicki and we will help you find the activity that interests you.

That's it for now, and as always, please feel free to contact either one of us if you have any suggestions on how we can make your child's educational experience even better.

Regards,

Andrea Ginter, 2nd Year Co-President
Martin Malicki, 1st Year Co-President

Mark Your Calendars!

Take a look at what is coming up:

Wednesday, 4/11	Elementary Schools Festival Concert
Thursday, 4/12	PTO Meeting
Friday, 4/13	Earth Day—Wear green!
4/15—4/20	TV Turn Off Week (<i>partial list below</i>):
Sunday, 4/15	Family Roller Skating at Ron-A-Roll
Monday, 4/16	Public Hearing on Proposed Budget
Tuesday, 4/17	Restaurant Night at Wood'n'Tap
Wednesday, 4/18	Family Friendly Dance
Thursday, 4/19	Family Game Night
Friday, 4/20	Movie Night
Friday, 4/20	School Pictures
Tuesday, 4/24	Vote on WHS Renovation Referendum
Wednesday, 4/25	PTO Budget Planning Meeting
Sunday, 5/6	E-W Day at the Rock Cats
Monday, 5/14	Spring Choral/Instrumental Concert
Tuesday, 5/22	Blood Drive at E-W
Thursday, 6/7	Art Show
Saturday, 6/9	Strawberry Fest
Saturday, 7/28	3rd Annual Golf Tournament



For a full listing of all upcoming events, please visit www.ewpto.com.

Tiger Topics Health Tips

Linda Ciarcia, BSN, RN



6th graders:

Keep getting the physical forms in to me. I still have many students that have not gotten them in. You will not be allowed to enter 7th grade in September without one.

BLOOD DRIVE: Emerson Williams will be sponsoring a blood drive on May 22th from 1:30pm to 6:00pm here at EW. We need a great EW family turnout!!!!

April is Backpack Safety Awareness Month!

Of all the things we think about as parents of school children, backpack safety may be a low priority. However, backpacks *are* something to think about as using them improperly over time, can cause long term back problems. To promote a healthy spine for your child, here are some tips to consider:

Choose the Right Pack:

Choose a pack with wide, padded shoulders to help distribute the weight and contents of the backpack evenly. This will reduce pressure on the shoulders and neck.

Pack the Right Stuff: Pack only the essential items needed. The weight of the backpack and contents should not exceed 15%. For example, an 80 lb student should not carry a backpack weight of more 12 lbs.

3. **Lift the Right Way:** When lifting a back pack from the floor, use both hands and bend at the knees.

4. **Wear it Right:** Use both straps with a snug fit. Also, the waist strap is highly recommended (if the back pack is equipped with this feature).

Mixed Bags Update

Thank you to all who participated in this great fundraiser!!

Our goal was to make a profit of \$1,000 and with only 33 orders we were able to go over the goal. We made a profit of \$1,102.70. Please look for this fundraiser in the fall.



The orders have arrived and will be coming home with the students this week (parents will be contacted to make pick-up arrangements for large orders).



Stop & Shop

Thanks to everyone who registered their Stop & Shop card to help raise money for Emerson-Williams. Together, we raised \$1,452.75!!! We were the top earning school in Wethersfield.

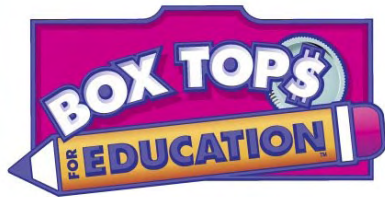
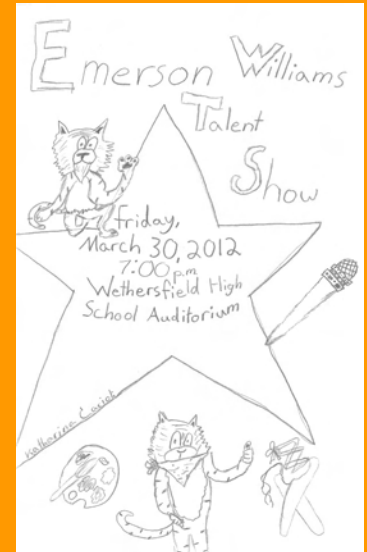
Monthly Contest

Want to win a \$10 Starbucks gift card? Here's your chance! To enter, simply send an e-mail to tigertopics@ewpto.com with "TV Turn Off" in the subject line by Friday, April 20. A winner will be chosen at random from among the entries. Thanks and good luck!

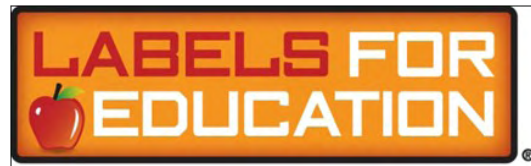
Talent Show Recap

Wow, what a night! From singing to dancing to playing instruments and more, over 70 Emerson-Williams students performed at our 6th 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. A special thank you to E-W alumni Ben Goldman and Zane Tatro who served as our emcees for the evening. Congratulations to Katharina Cacioli who designed the program cover. Thank you to all the students who submitted entries for the cover design contest.

Couldn't make it that night? No worries! We will have a DVD of the show available for \$8 - keep an eye out for an order form in the coming weeks.



Don't forget to keep saving those Box Tops!!! For every Box Top you collect, Emerson-Williams earns \$0.10. While that may not seem like a lot, it really adds up fast! Also, if you work in an office environment, ask your copy/print services department to save Box Tops for you—many Avery products and even Boise copier paper have Box Tops on them!



Don't forget to keep saving Labels for Education! These labels can be found on lots of participating products, from Campbell's to Pepperidge Farm to Prego and more! Visit www.labelsforeducation.com for a complete list of participating products.

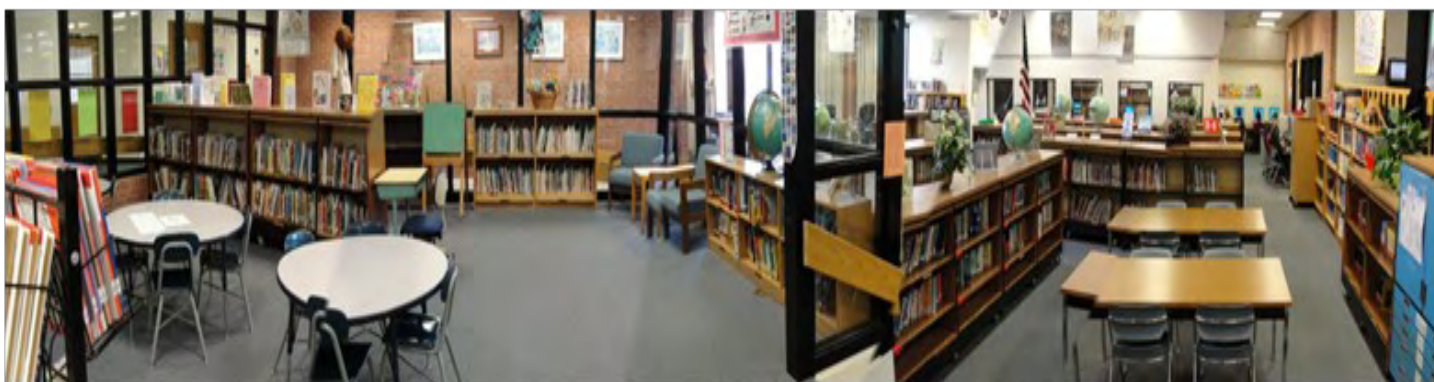
For juice products, please save the caps and for other products look for the bar code or "Labels for Education" logo inside a rectangle (see the sample below).

Don't Forget To



www.facebook.com/ewpto





News from the Media Center



2012 FundingFactory Recycling Rumble is Here and Our School Could Win an Apple iPad and 25% in Fundraising Bonus

[Emerson-Williams School](#) is competing in FundingFactory's 2012 Recycling Rumble. Recycling Rumble gives our school the chance to earn more fundraising dollars by competing against—and out-recycling—[Wade Hampton High School](#).

Now thru May 31, you can help by dropping off used ink and laser cartridges, cell phones, GPS devices, iPods, MP3 players, and digital cameras at [Emerson-Williams School's recycling box located across from Mrs. Catarius' office](#). With each qualifying item our school sends to FundingFactory, we'll be one step closer to winning a 25% bonus and an Apple iPad! Not to mention, recycling bragging rights.

This is a great time to find out what your household and/or company does with used ink and laser cartridges and all the electronics you have replaced. If your company is not already recycling, now is the time to sign up.

A business supporter is any company committed to recycling used ink and toner cartridges and personal electronics to help [Emerson-Williams School](#) meet our fundraising goals. Becoming a business supporter is free. As a business supporter, simply collect your recyclables and leave them for me to pick up at your convenience. Or, drop them off at [Emerson-Williams School's recycling box](#). We earn the value of your recyclables as well as our own, and when we're competing for the recycling title, each and every cartridge and small electronic counts!

The 2012 Recycling Rumble ends May 31, so act fast! With you in our corner, our opponent doesn't stand a chance!

Thank you in advance for your ink cartridge and electronic/digital recycling efforts.

Doreen Corsair



CREATIVE ARTS UPDATE



Thank you to ALL of you who donated for the Creative Arts program! Together we raised over \$900 for the Creative Arts Council.

HELP US HELP OUR SCHOOL.

Did you know there's an easy way to save money AND help us raise money for our school—for books, reading programs and anything else that can use extra funding? It's called Take Charge of Education, and it's helping our school right now.

Here's how it works: Visit Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school, then use your REDcard whenever you shop. When you use your REDcardSM (Target[®] Visa[®] Credit Card, Target Credit Card[®] or Target Check Card[®]), Target will donate up to 1% of your purchases to the eligible K–12 school of your choice. In addition, you receive 5% off your Target purchases every day!

Don't have a REDcard? It's easy to apply. Get started in person at any Target store or go to Target.com/redcard.

Grandparents, alumni, friends and neighbors are all welcome to participate in the program. The more people we involve, the harder the program works for our school. If you're already participating, thank you! Check out our school's progress anytime at Target.com/tcoe.



Thanks to the First & Last Tavern for their generous donation for the 6th grade Pasta Dinner.



939 Maple Avenue, Hartford
Tel: 860-956-6000
Fax: 860-956-9783
www.firstandlasttavern.com

HOURS:
Sun., noon - 9pm; Mon. - Wed., 11:30am - 9pm;
Thurs., 11:30am - 9:30pm; Fri., 11:30am - 10:30pm;
Sat., noon - 10:30pm

SUMMER HOURS:
Memorial Day - Labor Day; Sun's only open at 4:30pm

ELEANOR BUCK WOLF NATURE CENTER
presents

EARTH DAY CLEANUP

WINTERGREEN WOODS

Saturday, April 21

9:00am - 12:00Noon

Celebrate Earth Day by helping remove litter and repair trails at our local nature preserve!

We will meet at Folly Brook Blvd off Wells Rd (behind Wethersfield High School). Gloves, trash bags, rakes and light refreshments will be provided. All ages are welcome with an adult.

RSVP:

naturecenter@wethersfieldct.com
860-529-3075

TV Turn Off Week

April 15th-April 21st

Sponsored by Emerson-Williams PTO

We would like to invite you and your family to turn off the TV for a week and find alternate ways to have fun!

We have created a week of fun activities designed to help you and your family enjoy each other's company!

Join us for a fun filled week:



Sunday, 4/15: Ron-A-Roll 5:30-8:30pm

\$8.50 pp due by Friday, April 13th *Fee is only for skaters*

Monday, 4/16: Town Council Budget Hearing at 7 pm

Art Show and Kids Fair at Pitkin Community Center 6-8:30 pm

Tuesday, 4/17: Restaurant Night at Wood N' Tap 5-10 pm

Wednesday, 4/18: Family Dance Party at Emerson-Williams 6:30-8 pm

Thursday, 4/19: Family Game Night at Emerson-Williams 6 pm- 8 pm

Friday, 4/20: Family Movie Night featuring *Dolphin Tale* at Webb School at 6:30 pm

All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to all of the events.

For more information about these events, please visit our website at www.ewpto.com or e-mail Jackie LaPerriere at jlaperriere.pto@gmail.com.

Emerson-Williams Family Day at New Britain Stadium

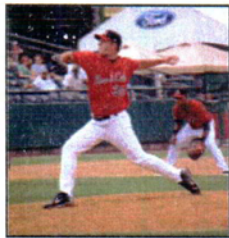


Catch the Fun & Excitement of Rock Cats Baseball

Sunday, May 6th 2012

Game Time: 1:35 p.m. (Gates Open: 12:05 PM)

New Britain Rock Cats (Minnesota Twins)
vs.
Portland Sea Dogs (Boston Red Sox)



Post Game Kids Run The Bases

*Spend an afternoon at the ballpark with friends
and family from Emerson-Williams*



It's Mascot Day

*Arrive early to see Rocky & friends play kickball
before the game*



Portions of the ticket proceeds benefit the PTO

All orders must be received by: April 23rd 2012
Parking is an additional fee the day of the game.



Emerson-Williams Family Day at New Britain Stadium
May 6th 2012 Gates Open: 12:05 PM Game Time: 1:35 PM



Presenting Sponsor of the 2012 Season

Type	Price	Number	Total
Field Box Ticket	\$10.00	X _____	= _____



(Children 4 and under do not require a ticket if sitting on a parent's lap during the game.)

Student's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return your form to your teacher with cash or checks made payable to: EWPTO

Please note 'Rock Cats Tickets' on the envelope

Questions? Contact Paula Heinzmann at paulapto@yahoo.com

Wethersfield Soccer Fall Recreational and Travel Soccer Sign-Ups



The **Wethersfield George D. Ritchie Soccer Club (WGDRSC)** is pleased to announce that registration for the Fall 2012 soccer season will be held online during April and May of 2012. Players in Pre-K - 8th grades are eligible to play in our recreational soccer programs and players in grades 2 - 8 who are born between 8/1/98 - 7/31/05 are eligible to play in our travel program. All players **MUST** register for Fall soccer by May 31st. Registrations after May 15th will be subject to a late fee so register early. Please visit WethersfieldSoccer.org for more information about our programs, program directors contact information, or to register your kids to play soccer this Fall in Wethersfield!!



KEY FALL REGISTRATION DATES ALL SOCCER PROGRAMS:

- **04/01/2012:** Online Registration Begins (Late after In-Person Registration on May 15th)
- **05/15/2012:** In-Person Registration (Pitkin Community Center) - No Paper forms accepted this year ... please register online and you can pay by check this night only!!
- **05/16/2012:** Late Registration Begins (Online Only and Late Fees Apply)
- **05/31/2012:** Registration Ends (**NO EXCEPTIONS so please do not delay!!**)
- **JUNE 4th-15th:** Travel Soccer Tryouts - All players interested in playing travel soccer in Wethersfield for 2012-2013 **MUST** try out (no registrations or payments at the gate, so register online during April or May)



Travel or Rec Soccer??: <http://programs.WethersfieldSoccer.com> – Which program is right for your child?
 Register for Fall Soccer: <http://register.WethersfieldSoccer.com> – Click here to register for Fall Soccer.

If you would like additional information about an individual soccer program but you were unable to find it on WethersfieldSoccer.org, then please use the table below to contact the program director directly.

SOCCER PROGRAM	PROGRAM QUOTAS & INFO	REC SOCCER DIVISION DIRECTOR CONTACT INFO
Pre-K Rec Soccer:	Minimum of 50 players (Max of 80) with a waitlist	Darren Hobbs PreKSoccer@WethersfieldSoccer.org
Mini-Kickers Rec: (Grades K-1 in Fall)	192 players with a max of 24 waitlisted players	John Breton jbreton@WethersfieldSoccer.org
Beginners Boys Rec: (Grades 2-3 in Fall)	80 players with a waitlist	Michelle Romagnoli mromagnoli@WethersfieldSoccer.org
Beginners Girls Rec: (Grades 2-3 in Fall)	80 players with a waitlist	Lora Klementon lklementon@WethersfieldSoccer.org
Juniors Rec (Boys and Girls): (Grades 4-5 in Fall)	No quotas	Joe Slepski jslepski@WethersfieldSoccer.org
Seniors Rec (Boys and Girls): (Grades 6-8 in Fall)	No quotas	Joe Slepski jslepski@WethersfieldSoccer.org
Travel (Competitive): (Grades 2-8 in Fall)	No quotas - Tryouts June 4th - 15th, 2012 Restrictions for non-Wethersfield residents apply	Scott Marshall smarshall@WethersfieldSoccer.org

Helping Wethersfield's Kids Achieve GOALS!!

Please visit our website for more information about all of our programs and registrations:

WethersfieldSoccer.org

You are invited!

**Emerson Williams Elementary
School Fundraiser at Wood n Tap**

**Tuesday, April 17th
Anytime between 5pm - 10pm**

Bring this invitation to
Wood n Tap Rocky Hill
12 Town Line Road
And 10% of your check will be donated to
Emerson Williams Elementary School

Flyer applies to Dine in or Take Out !



Complete the information below and enter to win a
\$25 Gift Card @ the end of the night!

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____



**For more information, please contact
Tonya Malloy at 860-529-6926**

For Reservations please call 860-571-9444



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