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FROM THE DESK OF THE EWPTO CO-PRESIDENTS

Happy February Emerson-Williams Elementary School families!

February started off wonderfully with our Shining Stars Talent Showcase featuring our very own Emerson-Williams students. There were so many great acts and performances. I hadn't been to the Talent Show for years and it was such an enjoyable show. It's wonderful to see these young entertainers perform their little hearts out. Congratulations to the Carreiros and the Talent Show committee for their hard work putting on a flawless show. Also, thanks go out to our teachers: Ms. Root, Ms. Kardys, and Ms. Lucas for using their personal time to entertaining us as well.

On February 13, the PTO hosted a teacher luncheon featuring an angel/devil theme; healthy snacks versus not as healthy snacks. Thank you for those who donated food for our lovely EW staff. Students have a few days off on

February 15th, 18th, and 19th due to a professional development day and President's Day.

Next month's events include Cultural Night on **Friday, March 8th**. The committee is finalizing plans and we hope you come see the performances scheduled for that night. One main reason I'm looking forward to this event is so I can eat different cultural foods (although it isn't necessary the host family brings food). What can I say? I'm Greek... I like to eat. On **Sunday, March 10th**, it's Emerson-Williams Night at the Wolf Pack game at the XL Center. Also, on **Friday, March 15th**, the sixth-grade committee has their adult's only Casino Bus Trip schedule; Food and drinks are allowed on the bus. One bus is full and there is limited seating on the second bus. Lastly, keep collecting your box tops because you should see a box collection notice/flyer coming home soon.

A flyer was sent home for a Yankee game on Saturday, April 13. The Yankees franchise offers a wonderful deal for PTOs and teachers which include the ticket, a meal deal, and Era hat. It was brought to my attention on short notice, so I needed to act quickly. Is this something the PTO should pursue again next year... perhaps with transportation? Is there interest but you had previous commitment? Please share your thoughts and email Chrissy at 1yrPres@ewpto.com.

There are a few committees still open, and we hope someone will step up as chair. One of those being our beloved Strawberry Festival which is usually scheduled in June. I believe in past years, there have been subcommittees which help alleviate the burden on the chair during this wonderful, family fun event. In past years, the PTO sold strawberry shortcake, pizza, snacks, and sno cones. There were games,

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Cultural Night

Emerson-Williams celebrates different cultures within our school in the gymnasium on **Friday, March 8th** from 7pm to 9pm. Come see performances by students and families. Grab your passport and get stamps from the countries represented. Students who travel to each country will enter a raffle. Contact culture@ewpto.com with questions.

Someone Special Dance

After numerous conflicts, the PTO is happy to announce the Someone Special Dance is schedule for **Friday, May 31**. More details to come.

Get involved in the PTO

The PTO is always looking for new faces and ideas. Say hello, I don't bite.

2019 PTO Meetings

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

March 14,
April 18,
May 9 & June 6

EWPTO Event Calendar

February 8

EW Talent Showcase, Webb Auditorium • 6pm

February 13

Cheer Committee Teacher/Staff Luncheon

February 15

No School - Professional Development

February 18, 19

No School - Winter Recess

February 22

Munson's Chocolates fundraiser



March - TBA

Box Tops Collection

March 8

Cultural Night, EW gymnasium 7pm -9pm

March 10

Wolf Pack Game • 3pm

March 11

Munson's Chocolates fundraiser ends

March 14

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

March 15

Snow date: Cultural Night
EW gymnasium • 7pm -9pm



Mohegan Sun bus trip • 6pm - 12am
6th grade fundraiser

March 19

Half Day of School - 12:55 Dismissal

March 21

Half Day of School - 12:55 Dismissal

April - TBA

Mixed Bags Fundraiser

April 8 - 12

No School - Spring Recess

April 18

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

April 19

No School - Good Friday

April 29

Spring Picture Day



May - TBA

Poetry Afternoon

May 1

Wethersfield Creamery Fundraiser • 4pm - 7pm

May 5

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 31

Someone Special Dance



June - TBA

Strawberry Festival

June 13

Tentative Last Day of School

WSPC Calendar

April 29- May 3

Screen Free week

May 8

Bike/Walk to School Day

Open Committees & Volunteer Opportunities

Strawberry Festival: The co-chairs oversee and organize the production of this loved carnival/festival usually held in June. In the past, areas have been subcommittees between food, Cake Walk and other areas of the festival. As the chair of this committee, you can make it as big or small as you'd like. Past information is available to aid in planning.

Mixed Bags Designs: The chair establishes and runs fundraising project to raise funds for the general PTO fund. Typically occurs in April.

Poetry Afternoon: Committee members coordinate with Reading Teacher, Ms. McLaughlin, to help set up the spring poetry afternoon. Typically occurs in the Spring.

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.

Please see a Board member to join any of these committees or email ptboard@ewpto.com

Share your culture in Tiger Topics and with the Emerson-Williams Elementary School's community.

Like many other schools, Emerson-Williams is made up of students from many different backgrounds. We invite parents, students and staff to share your culture in Tiger Topics.

Send your article or questions to Tigertopics@ewpto.com

From the Desk of the EWPTO Co-Presidents

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cake walk, inflatables, face painting, a DJ and other activities. As chair, you can make it as big or small as you'd like; there's a binder full of information regarding the festival so you won't be completely on your own. If you'd like to volunteer your time, the kids and community would be mighty grateful. If a volunteer(s) does not step up, this event will not happen. Please note... the Strawberry Festival is one of our bigger fundraising activities.

WSPC is looking for your help regarding the WSPC Recognition Award. This award is intended to recognize one individual (and/or a single individual or group of people in the case of the Community Award) who have made a volunteer commitment to benefit the education or social experience of the children in the Wethersfield public school system. This person or people have involved themselves above and beyond the expected role and is (are) thereby identified as an asset to the Wethersfield community through their efforts and/or volunteerism. Please note only one person can receive an Individual Award. Nominations for the 2018-2019 WSPC Recognition Awards should be returned to your WSPC school representative by April 3rd. Send in your form and address it to the PTO/WSPC. Please plan to attend the PTO meeting on **Thursday, April 18th** to support your nomination. If there is more than one nomination, a vote will take place at the April PTO meeting. Forms are available in the office or found in the digital backpack on our website www.ewpto.com.

The end of the school year is coming up fast which means a new PTO year is just around the corner. That means we say au revoir, さようなら, auf wiedersehen, addio, or goodbye (which ever language your prefer) to our 2nd President Autumn Struk. While it will be difficult to fill her amazing shoes, I need to move over to the 2nd year president position and the 1st year president position needs to be filled. If you have interest in sitting by my side Thursday nights, send an email to the PTOBoard@ewpto.com or stop one of us. Or if you'd rather sit next to Fran or Amy to get away from me, well, that's acceptable as well.

Lastly, 6th grade parent volunteers will move onto the Silas Deane Middle School. In order for the PTO to continue, we need volunteering parents. Ideally, I would love to see everyone at the PTO meetings, but I understand that life gets in the way. So, you can't make the meetings? There are other things you can do at home when you have the

time. Last year, the PTO brought High Tech-High Touch (STEAM classroom assemblies), Antonio Rocha and the Internet Safety Seminar for Staff & Parents. The PTO purchased Nutmegs books, magnetic trays and storage boxes for Kindergarten, 1st grade, and literacy teachers, a lock box for children's medications in the nurse's office, sensory games and seats, math board games, books for the "Read for the Record" event, and wobble chairs. The PTO also puts on many events such as the Someone Special Dance, Teacher Appreciation Week, Kindergarten Hand Print Project, Art Show, Scholastic Book Fair, Fall and Spring Picture Days, Apparel Sale, the Tiger Trot Color Run, Shining Stars Talent Showcase, Strawberry Festival, Movie Night, UConn basketball game, Yard Goats game, Zumba for kids, Vendor Fair, Holiday Store, and the Scarecrows on Main. These programs and events were done for our kids, teachers, and/or parents. The reason why these events occur is due to our volunteers; It is the only way Emerson-Williams PTO can survive. Thank you for everyone who have volunteered at PTO events!

Snowballs, meatballs, and cheesy poofs,

Chrissy Pikos, 1yrpres@ewpto.com & Autumn Struk, 2yrpres@ewpto.com
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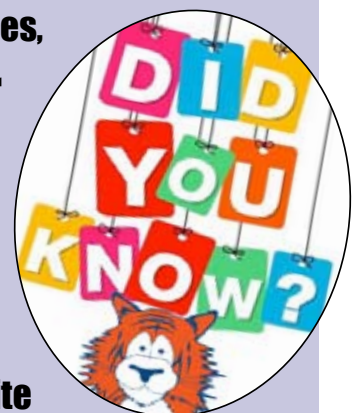
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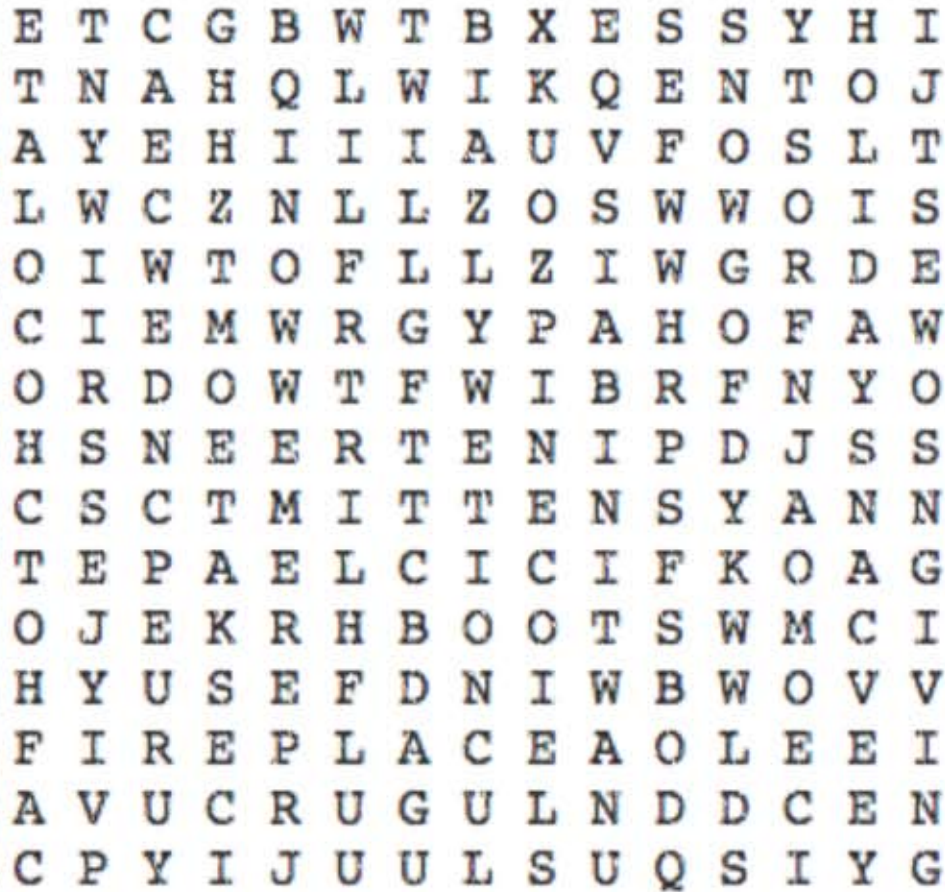
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Take a Journey Around the World at Cultural Night

Grab your passport and let's travel around the world. Explore the different cultures within Emerson-Williams. Get to know your neighbor, friend, and community to see what makes them special and unique.

Emerson-Williams Elementary School Gymnasium
March 8, 2019 • 7pm to 9pm
Snow date March 15th

What the night entails: A family (who has already signed up) will host a table to share photos, traditions, or experiences about their heritage and culture. Samples may include traditional legends, history and culture, storytelling, memories, art, dance, food, maps, traditional dress, flags, or language. A few classrooms plan to participate by performances, displaying posters, and singing. The kids will get their passport stamped from all the different countries represented.

Represented countries:
Albania, Argentina, Colombia,
Czech Republic, Italy, Greece,
Guyana, Mexico, Russia, Peru,
Poland, and Portugal.

We want to bring food, cultural arts, music, storyteller together to learn from one another and learn about the diverse culture of our school community. Contact culture@ewpto.com with questions.

**See what makes
our culture unique**



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MOHEGAN SUN CASINO BUS TRIP

Friday, March 15, 2019

LEAVES EMERSON–WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT AT 6:00 PM AND RETURNS AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 AM

TICKETS \$35.00 PER PERSON, ADULTS ONLY 21+

INCLUDES \$15 FOOD VOUCHER AND \$20 GAMING VOUCHER

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GLASS IS NOT PERMITTED

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Come Support Emerson-Williams School Day!



Sunday, March 10th
@ 3pm
XL Center, Hartford
Doors open at 2pm

- Come join Emerson-Williams school for a fun day of hockey!
- Please fill out the bottom of this flyer and return it by **February 25th**
- Do not miss the deadline as tickets are \$23 at the box office
- For tickets or questions please contact Autumn Struk
Autumn.Struk@gmail.com or 860-209-4344

Tickets are \$12

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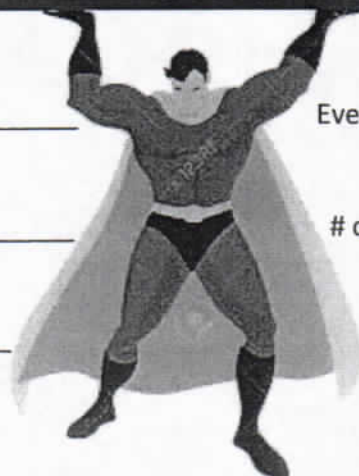
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