



Tiger Topics

School Newsletter

EMERSON-WILLIAMS

From the Principal's Desk

Elizabeth T. Catarius

The Geography Bee held last month was a wonderful opportunity for students in grades 4-6 to test their knowledge of the world's geography. The winner of the Geography Bee was Liam Tilton in grade 6. Liam will go on to take the Connecticut state test. Congratulations, Liam!

The January PTO sponsored Pasta Dinner was a huge success. This was a fundraiser for the grade 6 activities, and many Emerson-Williams families were able to attend and enjoy the great food. There were many raffle prizes, and all were donated through the community's generosity.

March 1 is *Read Across America Day*. The National Education Association started this initiative 16 years ago, and the purpose of this annual event is to promote reading. The day is also a celebration of the birthday of the much loved children's author Dr. Seuss. Students in grades Kindergarten, 1 and 2 are asked to wear stripes on March 1 in honor of Dr. Seuss. We are excited to announce that Judge Constance Epstein of Middlesex Superior Court will be visiting Emerson-Williams on March 1 and has volunteered to read to students at various grade levels. As you know, our goal is to continually promote the love of reading, and we appreciate Judge Epstein's wish to join us in fostering reading.

Grades two and four participated in a food drive over the last several weeks. We are pleased to state that the students in grades 2 and 4 donated 380 food items. Mr. Shoemaker delivered these items to the Wethersfield Food Bank on February 15.

The epic snowstorm delayed but did not dampen the enthusiasm for 100 Day (the hundredth day of the school year). This day is centered on students in grades K and 1 developing projects that involve the number 100. It is a great way for all teachers to engage students in thinking about place value and number sense.

In closing, I would like to thank Mrs. Kim Perrotta for volunteering her time in January. Mrs. Perrotta, a licensed massage therapist and occupational therapist, offered chair massages to teachers during their lunch time. Mrs. Perrotta wanted to show her appreciation for the teachers. Thanks, Mrs. Perrotta!

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PTO Highlights

Well Mother Nature has certainly showed us her power! What a mess she left behind after Charlotte came through. It has been quite the road to recovery.

This year, to show their appreciation for the PTO, the Emerson-Williams staff decided to make a donation to the playscape fund. Together, the staff recently presented a check in the amount of \$180. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their generosity!

Speaking of the playscape, we continue to work hard at fundraising for this important project. You should have started receiving notices about the upcoming Comedy Night featuring Dave Reilly. Proceeds for this fun evening event are earmarked for the playscape. Please show your support for the school and join us for this adult only event on May 10!

The Emerson-Williams Talent Show is also on the horizon. Students that have signed up to perform will be showcasing their act for the talent show organizers on Monday, February 25, at 5 p.m. We can't wait to see the actual show on Friday April 5. Mark your calendars! Thank you to Michele Quadrato and Andrea Ginter for organizing this event again this year!

The annual Butter Braid/cookie dough fundraiser is now going on. Don't forget to place your order!

Our next PTO meeting is on Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there! Reminder, babysitting is no longer available during the meetings.

Sincerely,
Martin Malicki and John Kiniry, co-chairs

Calendar

February 25	Talent Show Showcase (snow date March 4)
March 1	Read Across America Day
March 22	School Spirit Mismatch Day
April 4	Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
April 5	Talent Show
May 10	Comedy Night
May 21	Blood Drive
June 8	Strawberry Fest



Stop and Shop Rewards Program

Go to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to **register your card**; our school ID is 06644.



Forms, Info, Events, Notices: ewpto.com

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).



Strawberry Fest 2013



Saturday, June 8. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

To volunteer, please text Michele Lavoie: 860 944 6765.

Target Card – Help Us Help Our School

Did you know that when you sign up for a Target card, it helps you and the school? You can sign up for one right at the store (it only take a minute or two). The card can either be a traditional credit card or you can link it to your debit card! **You get 5% of your purchases as well as other cardmember benefits like free shipping from Target.com.** In addition, you can **designate Emerson-Williams to receive funds** based on your purchases. It's a win-win!

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.



Wethersfield Public Library

Monday, February 25, 2013:

Registration for SPRING 2013 Literacy Classes begins for Wethersfield residents ONLY in person or by phone.

Wednesday, March 13, 2013:

Registration for SPRING 2013 Literacy Classes by phone or in person begins for non-residents and continues for residents.

Spring session: March 18 through April 28, 2013

Tuesday, March 19 & 26, 10:30 a.m.:

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS: storytime for 3-5 year olds

Tuesday, March 12, 7 p.m:

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB : 3rd - 5th graders

Titles: *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine & *A Book of Coupons* by Susie Morgenstern

Tuesday, March 19 6:30pm:

PIZZA & PAGES: 4th - 6th graders, Nutmeg Award Book Discussion Series with a light supper.

Title: *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg* by Rodman Philbrick

Thursday, March 21 & 28, 6:30 p.m:

MAD SCIENCE WITH MISS MELISSA: 1st grade & up

To see additional library programs (for infants, toddlers and preschoolers), or to register for a program, please visit the Wethersfield Public Library. To meet the goals of the programs, all who register will need to furnish a parent/caregiver or child's library card number.

Box Tops and Labels: Clip and Earn

Don't forget to keep Saving those Box Tops! For every Box Top you Collect, Emerson-Williams earns 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! We are most in need of UPC codes clipped from labels from the following products:

Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, Pop Secret, People Magazine (purchased at news stands), Emerald Nuts, Glad products, Post Cereals, Dannon Danimals, Dannoninos, and Bic products.

**Not all products contain the "Labels for Education" logo. ** If you cannot find the logo, simply clip the UPC code. For juice products, save the caps. For other products, look for the bar code or "Labels for Education" logo inside a rectangle. Visit www.labelsforeducation.com for a complete list of participating products.

Thank Our Military: Donate Coupons

Please help the men and women currently serving our country – and their families – by donating your unused or expired manufacturer's coupons, which are accepted by military commissaries overseas. The coupons help our military families stationed in other countries, and it doesn't cost you a thing.

Joseph Sottile, a 9th grader at Wethersfield High School is heading up this effort. Last year Joseph sent coupons to military families in Italy, Germany and Japan. He received the Board of Education's CABE award and a Youth in Action award for this project.

Please drop off your coupon circulars or clipped coupons in the labeled box near the main office at Emerson-Williams.

Butter Braid & Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Butter Braid Frozen Pastry Dough & Classic Breaks Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Please have all orders in by March 1, 2013

Pick up will be Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at my house from 2:30 to 5:30 P.M.
88 Rutledge Road, off of Yale Street.

I live on a cul-de-sac that will allow you to stop at the curb and I will bring your order out to your car.

Please make checks payable to E-W PTO.

If you have any questions or if you would like to help on the day of pick up please call: Phoebe Ostergren at 860-571-8748



REMINDER: THESE DOUGHS COME FROZEN AND MUST BE PICKED UP ON MARCH 12, 2013!!!

Emerson-Williams Cookbook

We are still collecting recipes for the Emerson-Williams cookbook, so please send your favorites to Andrea Ginter at andrea.ginter@gmail.com. We are also looking for help typing the hand-written submissions. If you are interested in helping, please contact Andrea and she will put you to work! We plan to publish the cookbook this spring, with proceeds to benefit the playscape fund.



TALENT SHOW - Save These Dates!

Mark your calendars – the 7th annual Emerson-Williams Talent Show will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 4 at the Wethersfield High School. Tickets will be \$5 each and will go on sale in the coming weeks. You will also have the opportunity to include a message of support to the performers in the event program.

We are looking for some volunteers to help with this fun event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Andrea Ginter at andrea.ginter@gmail.com.




READING ROCKS!

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



Save the Date! Comedy Night

-  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.
-  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!).
-  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.
-  For more information, go to www.ewpto.com.
-  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.
-  To purchase tickets, contact Andrea Ginter at andrea.ginter@gmail.com. Thanks and see you there!

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

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. A delay in the transfer of health records and progress reports may occur if I do not receive the form before June 1, 2013.

SAVE THE DATE!

BLOOD DRIVE: Emerson Williams will be sponsoring a blood drive on May 21 from 1:30 to 6 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.



All children should be in school when they are well, but trying to decide if they are well enough can be a difficult task. We all know they can wake up feeling one way and an hour later feel another way. The goal is to have your child in school, ready to learn; but prevent the transmission of viral illness to classmates. Thank you for keeping our school community healthy.

Here are some guidelines to follow:

- A child with a temperature of 100 degrees or greater should not be in school.
- Students should be without a fever for 24 hours without the aid of antipyretics such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen before returning to school.
- If a child vomits; they must wait 24 hours before returning to school.
- Students with excessive secretions from coughing, sneezing, or runny nose should be kept home to prevent the transmission of illness to others.
- Students diagnosed with Strep throat from a throat culture must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school.
- For headaches, stomachaches, and sore throats, the decision to send your child to school should be based on your child's ability to focus on his/her class work and learn.

**Wethersfield Schools Parent Council (WSPC)
Volunteer Recognition Awards
2012-13 Nomination Form**

The WSPC Recognition Award is intended to recognize one individual* from each school (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 their expected role, and is (are) thereby identified as an asset to the Wethersfield community through their efforts and/or volunteerism.

***Please note only one (1) person per school can receive an Individual Award.**

WSPC reserves the right to evaluate and approve each application to insure nominees meet all requirements.

I would like to nominate _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Type of nomination: ___ Individual Award ___ Community Award

Does this person work outside of the home? If so, where?

Does this person have children? If so, please list their names and schools they attend:

Please list all volunteer committees this nominee serves on:

_____ (please add pages as necessary)

I feel this nominee meets the requirements for this year's WSPC Recognition Award because:

_____ (please add pages as necessary)

Your Name: _____

Address and Phone Number: _____

Thank You!

Nominations for the 2012-2013 WSPC Recognition Awards should be returned to your WSPC school representative by 3 p.m. on March 21st. Nominees will be voted on at the April PTO/PAC/PTSA meeting. Please plan to attend that meeting to support your nomination.

Please submit this form to your school in an envelope marked "WSPC Volunteer Award."



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