



From the Principal's Desk

Ms. Neela Thakur

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and enjoyed the Winter Vacation with the children. Our new year is starting off great! We are experiencing a little bit of difficulty in the afternoon, so I would like to remind everyone about the importance of following the proper car pick-up procedure at dismissal time. As you approach our school coming up from Wells Road, please be sure to proceed directly into the school parking lot and then pick up your child along the curb / sidewalk within our school parking lot. Your child should stand on the sidewalk near the large playscape and look out for your car. It is not acceptable to actually pull over on Wells Road and have your child walk to Wells Road to meet you. You need to keep your car moving along Wells Road, as the cars ahead of you progress up when students get picked up and head out. **Do not pull over on Wells Road, as it creates a dangerous situation for our students and a dangerous situation for other vehicles travelling on Wells Road.** Please note that the Wethersfield Police Department will be issuing tickets to cars that are pulled over intentionally on Wells Road during our bus dismissal time. I know you all consider the safety of our students to be the highest priority. I thank you all for your strict adherence to this important afternoon dismissal procedure.

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Message from the Presidents....

Hello Emerson-Williams Families!

The holidays are behind us, and the 2nd half of the school year is here. There are many wonderful things planned for the 2nd half of the year for all to enjoy. TV Turn Off Week, Talent Show, Wolf Pack Night, as well as the Strawberry Festival will be here before we know it. We are still looking for volunteers to help with these events, as well as others. Please check out our PTO Website for those committees that still need chairs, as well as volunteers. As always, we appreciate any time you can donate.

As you may also be aware, we are trying to get the EW Gymnasium resurfaced with a more modern floor, since the current one is way overdue for replacement. Currently, the BoE and Town Council are communicating costs and possibilities of this happening. However, parent support to move to replace the floor is vital to it actually happening. Please continue to voice your support to Town Council, as well as the Board of Education so we can modernize the gym and update the floors like other schools in town.

Lots of good information in this edition of Tiger Topics. Read and enjoy!

Paul LaPerriere - 2nd Year Co-President
Nathalie Trevitazzo - 1st Year Co-President

"Parents are teachers, guides, leaders, protectors, and providers for their children"

2014-2015 PTO Meeting Schedule

7:00pm Upper Media Center

February 12 • March 12 • April 9 • May 14 • June 11

www.ewpto.com

Special Notices

BOX TOPS! Please remember to clip Box Tops and ask your friends, family and neighbors to do the same! Throwing away Box Tops is like throwing away much-needed money for your child's school. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents! It's really a dime in disguise! So far this year, we have raised almost \$1000 for EW simply by clipping Box Tops. The more people who clip, the more money will earn for our school.

Please direct any questions to Kristen Healy (kjhealy01@yahoo.com) or Sharon Koziol (skoziol2011@hotmail.com).

Suggestion Box: The EWPTO website has now incorporated a suggestion box as well as an email address that parents can use EXCLUSIVELY to make suggestions about potential fundraisers or special events that they'd like their children to experience. We need NEW and fresh ideas of ways to raise funds for our programs as well as bring our families together for fun activities. Please take a moment and review the website or email us with your thoughts. We really appreciate it! Also, please bear in mind that this is made available for suggestions about NEW events and not to exchange ideas or recommend changes to existing fundraisers/activities. If you'd like to lend a hand with current events, please join us at our next PTO meeting! Thank you all so much.

<http://www.ewpto.com/suggestionbox.html>
SuggestionBox@ewpto.com

From the Music Department: Our instrumental music teacher, Ms. Emily Caravella, has developed a website for parents to use in order to get updates on their child's instrumental activities. To view the website, please go to www.emersonwilliamsbandstrings.weebly.com. Parents of children not currently in this music program can find information and are welcome to reach out to Ms. Caravella at any time.



Start saving room in your freezer.....

Our Butter Braid & Cookie Dough Fundraiser is right around the corner.

Orders will take place February 10- February 27.

Delivery will be March 16, just in time for you to enjoy during spring break, Easter, Mothers Day & Fathers Day! Money Raised will go to the EWPTO General Fund.

Thank you for your support.



Any questions about the Butter Braid & Cookie Dough Fundraiser please contact Janet Carbo at (860) 970-4490 or Janetcarbo@yahoo.com

www.ewpto.com

Looking for information? Check www.ewpto.com for links to school and PTO forms, events, fundraisers, Tiger Topics, lunch menus and the digital backpack (online copies of the school-wide notices that come home with your child each week).

Please check us out and “LIKE US” on Facebook!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 30th – Western Wear Day!
February 12th – Heart Day
February 13th – Professional Development Day,
February 13th-17th – Winter Recess
February 16th – President’s Day

Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education has helped America’s schools earn over \$400 million since 1996. You can earn cash for Emerson-Williams by clipping Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products. Box Tops also offers online ways to earn even more cash for Emerson-Williams.

Check out www.btfе.com for a list of participating products, as well as online earning opportunities.

Advice

from EW teachers to our students on how to have a successful school year:

Show up on time, and be prepared.

Play outdoors!

Keep a positive attitude.

Be kind to everyone.

Look for more advice in future issues of Tiger Topics!

Board of Education

You can find information about the Board of Education’s members, policies, minutes and schedule for upcoming meetings by visiting their website:

<http://www.wethersfield.k12.ct.us/page.cfm?p=1643>

Target: Help Us Help Our School

There's an easy way to 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. It's great for you too! REDcard holders receive a 5% discount on purchases, and free shipping on Target.com orders. 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. Don't have a REDcard? Apply 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.

Donate Your Unused Coupons

Wethersfield High School student Joseph Sottile is collecting expired and unused manufacturers' coupons to donate to U.S. military families in other countries. Military commissaries overseas accept expired coupons. Last year Joseph 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 donation box at school, or to Joseph Sottile, in the bin on the front porch at 131 Cider Brook Drive.

Holiday Store

The holidays over, but we still need help! The holiday store needs wrapping paper every year! Please take this opportunity to donate any unused wrapping paper from this past holiday. You can bring any unused wrappings to the main office to be brought to the PTO closet. Thank you all for making this event such a success!

Holiday Store Co-Chairs:

Janet Carbo and Karen Dicenso



Attention United Way Donors!

If you donate to the United Way through your workplace, did you know that you can designate Emerson-Williams PTO as the beneficiary of your donation? If you have any questions or need help, please contact Paul LaPerriere for more information.



Volunteer

If you are interested in heading up one of our PTO committees OR simply want to join a committee to find a way to get involved, please contact Paul LaPerriere or Nathalie Trevitazzo as soon as possible. At the November PTO meeting, we will be assessing the committees that do not have chairs in order to determine if those activities/events will be eliminated. It's so important that we hear from you to make sure the events that your kids love continue to take place. Please go to www.ewpto.com and check out the committee list to see if anything matches your interests.

Babysitters Needed

Calling all E-W families that have High Schoolers: If your students need to pick up some community service time, we have an opportunity for them! Every month we need three babysitters for our PTO meetings. Responsibilities include monitoring school aged children during the meeting and ensuring that the classroom that is used gets left exactly as we found it! To get put on the schedule, please contact Paul LaPerriere at plaperriere.pto@gmail.com or 860-538-3698.

Labels for Education

Labels for Education allows our school to earn free merchandise such as athletic, art, music and academic equipment. Just clip and save Labels for Education bar codes from products you use every day, then drop them in the Labels for Education box outside the main office. Labels for Education products include Post, Pepperidge Farm, Campbell's, Dannon, Emerald, Pop Secret and Glad. Check out Labelsforeducation.com for a comprehensive list of participating products. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Koziol (skoziol2011@hotmail.com or 860-529-3562).

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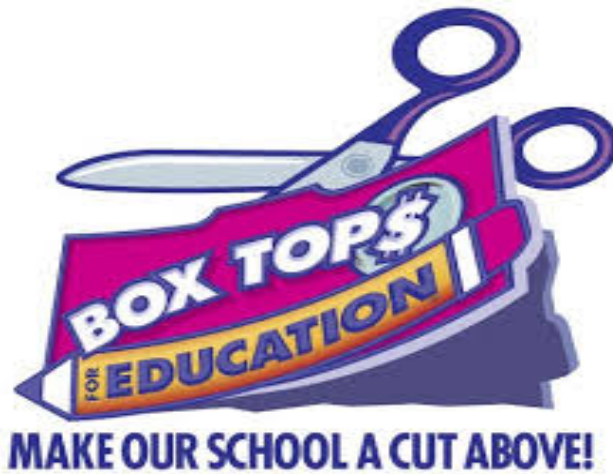
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Help Emerson-Williams by clipping Box Tops!

We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week - or more. Now turn those shopping trips into easy cash for our school, and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios®, Hamburger Helper® and Kleenex®, in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send them to school with your child.

Each one is worth 10¢ for Emerson-Williams!

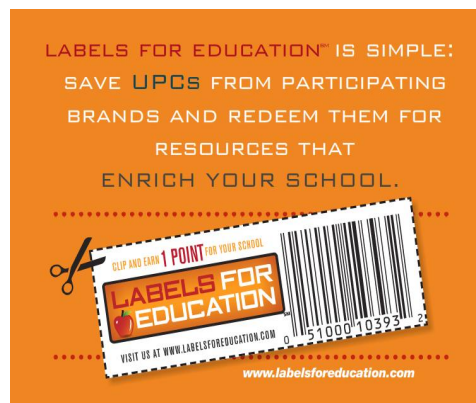
For more details about the Box Tops program, follow the link below.

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>





Clip Labels for Education from Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, Pop Secret, People Magazine (purchased at newsstands), Emerald Nuts, Glad products, Post Cereals, Dannon Danimals, Dannoninos, and Bic products.



If you cannot find the logo, simply clip the UPC code.

Visit www.labelsforeducation.com for a list of participating products.

EMERSON~WILLIAMS 2014-2015 PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Please support the Emerson-Williams PTO by donating \$7.00 per child or \$10.00 per family. All parents and teachers are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly PTO meetings to share their thoughts and ideas. Many topics are discussed, including up-coming events and concerns. Becoming a member does not obligate you to attend monthly meetings, but you are always welcome to come listen and share your ideas.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Our Success cannot continue without your support!
Thank you for your anticipated support of our PTO!

Please return the form below to your child's teacher. Checks can be made payable to:

EMERSON~WILLIAMS PTO

Child(ren) Name (s)

Grade(s)

Teacher(s)

Parent/Guardian Name

Child \$7.00

Family \$10.00

Additional/Other
Donation _____