



FROM THE DESK OF THE EWPTO CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear Emerson-Williams community,

It's been a frigid January and we are just starting to get back into the swing of things with hectic school schedules, sports, and after-school programs again. As Ellen Goodman has said - "We spend January walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential."

We have done so many great things this first half of the school year and have many upcoming fundraisers and events to look forward to over these next few months. We have so much potential to continue to build a strong community environment for all of our EW Families - together! We are so very excited to see what the future months bring.

We want to thank all of the families who helped make the Holiday

Teacher/Staff Luncheon a huge success! The amount and variety of food and treats was amazing and we couldn't have done this without all of you. The Holiday Store, Vendor Fair, UCONN Basketball Game, Apparel Sale, Soups & Cookies, and Heart and Home were all phenomenal events or fundraisers that had an amazing turnout! We must thank those who chaired each of those, as without you - none of this could have happened!!

The students and volunteers are working very hard to get the Emerson-Williams Shining Stars Talent Showcase ready! Don't miss this year's Talent Showcase...we have over 50 students in about 25 acts! It's going to be a great night watching our stars shine!

As mentioned, we look forward to working with all of you to make the end of the 2017/2018 school year the best it can be! Our next PTO meeting is Thursday, February 8th at

Happy New Year 2018! We hope you enjoyed time with family and friends!

Resolve to volunteer for EWPTO this year!

January 2018

7 p.m. in the upper Media Center. Remember, if you can't make it - that's completely okay, but if you want to stay in touch or help - just reach out to us!

May you have a fantastic rest of January and may your hearts warm up with the lovely February month and Valentine's Day. We will talk to and see you soon!

With Love and Respect,
Autumn Struk and
Colleen Mattatall
EWPTO Co-Presidents

Contact the entire EW PTO Board by sending an email to ptoboard@ewpto.com

2018 PTO MEETINGS

7:00 p.m. on the following Thursdays in the EW Upper Media Center

February 8, March 8, April 19, May 10, and June 7

EWPTO Event Calendar

January 18 – March 22

2018 UCONN People Empowering People (PEP) Parent Leadership Training Program – Thursdays nights 6:15 – 8:15 p.m. at Pitkin Community Center

January 22

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Puerto Vallarta in Newington. Have dinner out to benefit a fundraiser for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC) sponsored by the EW 6th Grade.

"World Without Hate" presentation with Rais Bhuiyan – 6:00 p.m. Silas Deane Middle School Auditorium

January 23

Deadline to purchase tickets to the January 27 Stripes-A-Thon to benefit CCMC

January 26

Deadline to submit art for Talent Showcase – Artist's Corner

Deadline to volunteer to be a presenter for Career Day for Grades 5 and 6 on April 6

Jersey Spirit Day - Wear your favorite team's jersey/shirt to school.

January 27

Stripes-A-Thon dance marathon for EW students – 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Wethersfield High School. \$10 per student to benefit CCMC sponsored by the 6th Grade. Parent or Guardian must attend with student.

February 1

Pasta Dinner to support EW 6th Grade. Two seatings 5:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at EW. \$10 per person, kids 4 and under free. Reservation required.

February 2

Talent Show Rehearsals – 6:00 p.m. Webb Elementary School Auditorium

February 8

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Media Center

February 9

EWPTO Talent Showcase and Artist's Corner - 6:00 p.m. Webb Elementary School Auditorium

February 12 – 23

Butter Braid® pastry fundraiser to support EWPTO, students, and

February 14

Heart Spirit Day – Wear red to school for Valentine's Day.

February 16

Professional Development Day – No School

February 19

Presidents' Day – No School

February 20

Winter Recess Day – No School

February 26 – March 9

Mixed Bag Designs Fundraiser

March 3

EW Instrumental Music plays at the Wolfpack Game

March 8

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Media Center

March 20 and 21

Minimum School Day – Dismissal at 12:55 p.m. for Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 23

Butter Braid® Fundraiser Pick Up date (Time TBD)

Casino Night – Adults Only Fundraiser to support the EW 6th Grade

March 29

Mismatch Spirit Day – Wear clothes and crazy socks, that don't match, to school today.

March 30

Good Friday – No School

April 6

Career Day for Grades 5 and 6 students

April 9 – 13

Spring Recess – No School

April 19

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Media Center

April 27

Wicked Cool T-Shirt Spirit Day – Wear your wicked cool t-shirt.

May 10

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Media Center

May 20

EW at the Yard Goats, 1:35pm Game

May 25

Minimum School Day – Dismissal at 12:55 p.m. and

Red, White, and Blue Spirit Day - Wear red, white, and blue to school.

May 28

Memorial Day – No School

May 31

Field Day

June 6, 7, and 8

Hip Hop Classes for EW Students

June 7

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Media Center

June 8

Crazy Hair Spirit Day – Design the craziest hair anyone has ever seen to showcase at school.

Hip Hop Family Night – Parents are invited to EW for some hip hopping fun.

June 18

TENTATIVE Last Day of School – Does not include future snow day closings.

From the Desk of Ms. Thakur, Principal

As many of you already know, my staff and I are working very closely with your children to teach them all about the Growth Mindset vs. the Fixed Mindset, and help them to understand why embracing the Growth Mindset WILL help them to reach their fullest potential. I strongly encourage you all to purchase and read the book entitled *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success - How We Can Learn to Fulfill Our Potential* by Carol Dweck. This little gem of a book is the basis of our work with your children. We are even in the midst of hosting a Parent Mindset Book Club. This work is so important to us. What we know and understand, is that in order for us to maximize our efforts with the students, we need to have FULL staff and parent buy-in about the importance of helping students develop a Growth Mindset. If you can, please take 10 minutes to view this brief animation that is narrated by Carol Dweck herself. She does a very nice job of summarizing her own work with this animation. (But please try and read her full book as well!) As you view this video, be mindful of what she advises about how we praise our children. Also be mindful of a very important dinner-time conversation she suggests we should all have nightly with our children. These are such great suggestions!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YI9TVbAal5s>

As always, thank you all so much for your willingness to work in partnership with us to help your children become confident, passionate, life-long learners!

Emerson-Williams Elementary School Mission

At Emerson-Williams Elementary School, we strongly believe in the joy of learning. Ours is a caring, compassionate environment that respects and supports the dignity of the whole child. We work hand-in-hand with families and the community to develop lifelong learners and contributing members of our changing society.

Emerson-Williams Music Department – Save the Date!

The Emerson Williams Band and Orchestra will be performing at the WOLFPACK game on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the 3:00 p.m. game. Ticket information will come out as soon as it becomes available.

Please visit the Music Department websites and Facebook page for more information!

Ms. Caravella's (Band & Orchestra Director) Website:

<https://emersonwilliamsbandstrings.weebly.com>

Ms. Fortuna's (General Music & Choral Director) Website:

<http://emersonwilliamschorus.weebly.com>

Friend the Music Department on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/EWTigerMusic>

Tiger Topics Health Tips

By Linda Ciarcia, BSN, RN



The viruses that cause gastroenteritis or “stomach bug” are spread easily through close contact with infected people, such as by sharing food or eating utensils, and by touching contaminated surfaces and objects. The contagious period — the time during which a sick person can give the illness to others can range from a few days before the onset of symptoms, to up to a week or more after illness, depending on which virus is causing the stomach bug. This is a major factor that makes it so difficult to prevent the spread of the virus.

Frequent good hand washing, with soap and water and using hand sanitizer is the most effective way to help stop the spread of these viruses to others.

Avoid touching the *T-zone* (mucous membranes of the eyes, nose, and mouth). Touching your own face can introduce viruses into your body. The T-Zone is the only portal of entry for upper respiratory and GI illnesses.

Other ways to help stop the spread of the illness are to follow these school guidelines:

- 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 fever reducing medications such as acetaminophen [tylenol] or ibuprofen [motrin] before returning to school.
- If your child is vomiting, they must be free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school. Often times they may need an extra day home until they are back to feeling themselves.

Grrrateful Tigers

by Elisa Root, Grade 2 Teacher

The Grrrateful Tigers Gratitude Campaign was a success in November! The feedback was positive. Teachers and students wanted to find ways to continue this project throughout the rest of the year. The committee met and decided to select a theme for each month that can be a focus to improve social emotional learning. They felt the topic of respect tied in nicely with Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) and school expectations. We invite families to join us in discussing what respect looks and sounds like at home, school and in the community.



THE PTO NEEDS COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VOLUNTEERS

FOR SOME UPCOMING EVENTS!!!



CAN ANYONE HELP?

AT RISK FOR NOT HAPPENING THIS SCHOOL YEAR:

- 1). TV TURNOFF WEEK (PLEASE REPLY BY 2/15)
- 2). THE SOMEONE SPECIAL DANCE (PLEASE REPLY BY 2/15)
- 3). STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL (PLEASE REPLY BY 2/28)

GET INVOLVED

Make A Difference

EMAIL PTOBOARD@EWPTO.COM BY DEADLINE!!

Talent Show

The Talent Show is less than a month away! We have over 50 students participating in 25 different acts! It is going to be a great night! The Talent Show will be hosted at Webb Elementary School on February 9, 2018 and curtains will open at 6 p.m. sharp! If your student plans on submitting art work to be viewed at our Artists corner, please make sure to get it to Mrs. Richard (or her substitute) by January 26th. Flyers to purchase tickets in advance will be coming home soon. You will also be able to purchase tickets at the door. \$3 per adult and all 6th graders and younger are free!

As a reminder to students in the show, we will be hosting a rehearsal at Webb Elementary School on Friday February 2 2018 starting at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please email Talentshow@ewpto.com



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REMINDER!!! REMINDER!!! REMINDER!!!



CALLING ALL ARTISTS



Are you creative?

Is Art your talent?

Submit your work to be displayed!

We are looking for students who would like to participate in the **Artist's Corner** portion of Emerson-Williams **Shining Stars Talent Showcase** on Friday, February 9th. Your entry must be an original piece created outside the classroom and it must be no larger than

16x20. It must be returned to **Mrs. Richard or her**

Substitute by Friday, January 26th with the bottom portion of this flyer filled out. Please consider entering your masterpiece to be a part of a wonderful night showcasing our EW students amazing talents!



Name _____

Grade/Teacher _____

Title _____



Wethersfield Elementary: January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1: Mini Bagel Fun Lunch				
	2-Jan	3-Jan	4-Jan	5-Jan
	Whole Grain Chicken Tenders	Toasted Triple Cheese Sandwich	Mac and Cheese	Classic Cheese Pizza
	Sweet Potato Puffs Whole Grain Biscuit	Campbell's Tomato Soup	Seasoned Broccoli	Classic Pepperoni Pizza Colorful Tossed Salad
Week 2: Muffin Fun Lunch				
8-Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan	12-Jan
Classic Cheese Burger or Hamburger Tater tots	Whole Grain Chicken Nuggets Seasoned Peas Whole Grain Biscuit	Beef Nachos Mexican Beans	French Toast Sticks Turkey Sausage Mini Hash browns	Classic Cheese Pizza Classic Pepperoni Pizza Colorful Tossed Salad
Week 3: Cereal Fun Lunch				
	16-Jan	17-Jan	18-Jan	19-Jan
	Whole Grain Chicken Tenders	Chicken Patty Sandwich	Whole Grain Waffles	Classic Cheese Pizza
	Seasoned Spinach Whole Grain Biscuit	Steamed Broccoli	Scrambled Eggs Cinnamon Apples	Classic Pepperoni Pizza Colorful Tossed Salad
Week 4: Muffin Fun Lunch				
22-Jan	23-Jan	24-Jan	25-Jan	26-Jan
Whole Grain Penne and Beef Meatballs Baby Carrots	Whole Grain Chicken Tenders Whole Grain Biscuit	Turkey Hotdog on Whole Grain Bun Roasted Green Beans	Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla Steamed Corn Tomato Salsa	Classic Cheese Pizza Classic Pepperoni Pizza Colorful Tossed Salad
Week 5: Mini Bagel Fun Lunch				
29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan		
French Bread Cheese Pizza Steamed Corn	Whole Grain Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Whole Grain Biscuit	Chicken Patty Sandwich Buffalo Cauliflower		
Fruit and Vegetable Bar (Available Daily)				
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Mixed Bean Salad	Mixed Bean Salad	Mixed Bean Salad	Mixed Bean Salad	Mixed Bean Salad
Daily Alternate Meals				
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NEW! SMOOTHIES Tuesday-Thursday*	Peach & Strawberry	Blueberry & Banana	Orange & Pineapple	NEW! SMOOTHIES Tuesday-Thursday*
2-Turkey and Cheese on Wheat	2- Chef Salad w/ Bread Stick	2- Crispy Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap	2-Turkey and Cheese Wrap	2-Mixed Green Salad w/ Cheese and Bread Stick

ELEMENTARY: A full student lunch includes a choice of entrée supplying protein and grain, vegetable side dishes, fruit side dishes, and a choice of milk. Milk choices include 1% white and skim chocolate.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Jamie Davies, Director of Dining Services: jamie.davies@compass-usa.com

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EW Pasta Dinner

Thursday, February 1, 2018

5:15 - 6:15 pm 1st seating

6:30 - 7:30 pm 2nd seating

Emerson-Williams Elementary School

461 Wells Road, Wethersfield, CT.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Children 4 and under are free

For reservations/information email sharonsilbo@gmail.com

The proceeds from this dinner will go to support the 6th Grade End of School Year Activities.



Wethersfield Public Schools

WELCOMES

Rais Bhuiyan

Monday, January 22, 2018

for

“World Without Hate”

6:00 p.m

SDMS Auditorium

Wethersfield Parents, Guardians and Community Members - Please join us in a conversation with Mr. Rais Bhuiyan. His tale of empathy and kindness in the face of hate and personal attack will inspire. Rais will also be joining SDMS students and families for the day on January 22, 2018 to share his story and life's journey.



“The journey I’ve taken moved me from a place of pain on the deepest level to a place of hope for a kinder world, a world without violence, a world without victims, and a world without hate.”

Rais Bhuiyan, Founder & President

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Rais Bhuiyan, an American Muslim from Bangladesh, is an extraordinary individual with a powerful story. After serving as an air force pilot in Bangladesh, Rais moved to the United States in 1999 to study computer technology. Ten days after 9/11, Rais was the victim of a horrific hate crime, attacked by, Mark Stroman, self-described “the Arab slayer,” Rais barely survived. Sadly, two other victims were killed. Stroman was sentenced to death; ten years later, Rais led an international campaign, fighting to save Stroman’s life. Rais’ near death experience sparked a profound journey of soul searching and began his path as a human rights activist for peace, forgiveness, empathy and understanding. Though Rais’ effort to save Stroman from execution in 2011 was unsuccessful, his transformative ability to turn hate into compassion and forgive the unforgivable has been transformative. Through his non-profit, World Without Hate, Rais has touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of people as he shares his inspirational story and message at schools, universities, organizations and conferences all over the world.

www.worldwithouthate.org

We look forward to sharing this evening with you!



In 2018, the Wethersfield Early Childhood Collaborative will be offering Parent Leadership Training



What is UCONN PEP?

The UCONN People Empowering People (PEP) Program is a parent leadership program. UCONN PEP is designed to build on the unique strengths and life experiences of participants and emphasize the connection between individual and community action.

Who conducts UCONN PEP?

Jeanine Berasi is a trained UCONN PEP Facilitator and WECC's Community Outreach Coordinator.

When?

Thursday nights for 10 weeks January 18, 2017 – March 22, 2017, 6:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Is there a cost?

There is no cost to participate in this opportunity, it is provided free of charge through funding secured by the Wethersfield Early Childhood Collaborative.

How do I sign up?

To sign up, go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf38IFXDeo0JfDdweoc3NN-0iVqGw3uUytGA8QXEdXiCFABA/viewform> or Contact Kim Bobin, Early Childhood Coordinator, Town of Wethersfield at 860-721-2885 or kimberly.bobin@wethersfieldct.gov

How can you help?


We are looking to create a core group of Wethersfield Parent Leaders. If you know a parent who would be a good match for this program, please contact: Jeanine Berasi, UCONN PEP Facilitator at jberasi@wethersfield.me or Kimberly Bobin at kimberly.bobin@wethersfieldct.gov

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Stripes-A-Thon

The 6th Grade class is teaming up with UCONN and having a Dance Marathon to raise money for Connecticut Children's Medical Center!
Their goal is to raise \$1000 by February 17th.

All Emerson Williams Students are Invited!

Saturday, January 27th

5-9 pm at Wethersfield High School

Tickets are \$10 per student

(Parent or guardian must stay with child- this is not a drop off event)

There will be a DJ, Facepainting, Games, Prizes, food, 50/50 Raffle, pie a teacher, and other surprises.

All proceeds will go to Connecticut Children's Medical Center!

Any questions contact Camie Mollica at camie.mollica@gmail.com

Cut and return by Tuesday, January 23rd

Student Name: _____

Student Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

****Checks made payable to HuskyThon****