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Tiger Topics

School Newsletter

EMERSON-WILLIAMS

From the Principal's Desk

Elizabeth T. Catarius

May and June are traditionally very busy times for an elementary school and this year has followed that same pattern with many field trips and school events. The Strawberry Festival was a huge success in spite of the rain.

In other news, Emerson-Williams School has been awarded a seven hundred and fifty dollar (\$750.00) grant from Exxon Mobile and its 2010 Educational Alliance. Mrs. Jackie Malizia was instrumental in facilitating the application via Mr. John Maycock, owner of the Mobile Service Station at 708 Silas Deane Highway. The funds will be used to enhance math and / or science learning.

During April, some students in grades 5 and 6 attended the Discovery Center Camp at Camp Woodstock in Woodstock, CT. The residential experience was of great value, as students learned about diversity with their sister school partners from Kinsella Magnet School for the Performing Arts.

The Talent Show was a huge success thanks to the tireless efforts of all the volunteers, but special thanks go out to the co -chairs of the program, Robin Bourassa and Michelle Quadrato. The audience enjoyed seeing the many talented Emerson-Williams students.

Special thanks also go out to Girl Scout Troop #261 and their leader, Mrs. Vasel. They have spent many, many hours working in the courtyard over the past year and a half. The courtyard looks wonderful, and the students and staff will soon have another outside area to enjoy.

On May 6th, the entire student body attended a show by performing artist, Brian Gilley. Mr. Gilley was brought to the elementary schools by the Creative Arts Council. He taught students how they could invent new songs or dances, and he reviewed the history of music. He was quite entertaining. Another great event was the Spring Vocal Concert, as the fifth and sixth grade music curriculum includes performances by students. Both choruses and the Emerson-Williams students that sang in the Festival Chorus performed beautifully.

As the school year closes, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the PTO. The PTO sponsors numerous events and provides many items for the school. I know that the children get very excited about any upcoming event, and they thoroughly enjoy their time at all these events. I would like to thank Michele Lavoie for her two years as co-chairperson of the PTO. Ms Lavoie's dedication and energy have had a positive impact upon our school community.

On behalf of the entire Emerson-Williams School staff, I would like to congratulate Emily Krawciw, grade three teacher, for being chosen as Emerson-Williams School Teacher of the Year for the upcoming school year!

Finally, I would like to welcome all of our incoming Kindergarten students and their families. I would also like to extend best wishes to our sixth graders, as they "step-up" to their next school experience. They will be missed.

PTO Highlights

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Dear Parents,

As our sixth graders Step Up (to Sials Deane) and the rest of our children Fly Up (to greet next years' teachers) we would just like to take this final opportunity of the school year to Thank You graciously for all of your efforts to help provide our students with all of the enriching programs and family events

throughout the year! We applaud your generosity and gift of time!

Many thanks to the AWESOME staff at Emerson-Williams school! Mrs. Catarius for her undying support throughout the year! Mr. Jimmy Discenza, Mr. Tata and Mr. Rodrigueez, Mary Lacey and Gretchen Tomorrow, without their support, we could nopt have been successful!

Congratulations to our new PTO First year president, Andrea

Ginter. We look forward to seeing you in September every second Thursday at 7PM for our monthly meetings. Please consider signing up to volunteer or even Co-Chair a PTO Committee. Being involved in your child's education is truly a way to ensure their success!

Enjoy your 2010 summer!

Michele Lavoie and Paula Heinzmann

Big Y Update

Shop at Big Y from June 3rd through the end of the program, June 30th and all your qualifying purchases will earn TRIPLE POINTS!

Currently we have enough points to purchase 8 electric pencil sharpeners which are needed in the classrooms. With your help, maybe we can earn a few more before the program ends.

Thanks for your support.

PTO Committees

Our PTO is made up of those who can spare a little time helping coordinate fun events and fundraisers. Here is a brief list of committees that we need you to sign up for this Fall...Address Directory, Artsonia, Beautification, Birthday Board, Board of Education, Cheer/Teacher Appreciation, Community Outreach, Creative Arts, Enrichment Programs, Fall Conference Child Care, First Grade Lunch Helpers, Grants, Hospitality Open House, Kindergarten Bust Monitors, Kindergarten Hand Print, Media Center Coordinators, Membership, Photocopy Coordinator, Poetry Night, Publicity, Room Parents Coordinator, Sixth Grade Events, Staff Welcome Back Luncheon, Tiger Topics, Webmaster, Wethersfield School Parents Council...and more!

Please contact Paula Heinzmann at paulapto@yahoo.com or 860-571-8939 if you have any questions or would like to be added to any of these committees. We will have the sign-up sheets available again at our next PTO meeting on Thursday, September 9th at 7:00 in our Upper Media Center at Emerson-Williams. Without your help, we will not be able to keep these committees going without your kindness to volunteer!

Entertainment Book Update!

For those of you who purchased an Entertainment Book last fall, don't forget to keep using your coupons all summer long! Here's a sampling of the many companies offering great deals in your Entertainment Book:

Summer Fun Activities

Safari Golf
Putters Paradise/Berlin Batting
Cages
Showcase Cinemas
New Britain Rock Cats
New England Air Museum
Six Flags New England
CoCo Key Water Resort
Mark Twain House
Lutz Children's Museum
CT Trolley Museum
Beardsley Zoo
The Great Escape
Bowl O Rama

Shopping

Aéropostale
Dick's Sporting Goods
Stew Leonard's
Modell's

Dining

Narcissus Chocolate Café
Rainforest Café
D'Angelo
T.G.I.Friday's
Subway
McDonald's
Burger King
Boston Market

You'll find that the book more than pays for itself with just a few uses! Thank you for your past support of this fundraising effort. We plan to offer the 2011 Entertainment Books again this coming fall.

Thank You!

There are so many people to thank this year!

Eileen McKenna refreshed our teachers with all kinds of cold ice at our teachers lounge in June! Thank You, Eileen!!

A special "thank you" to Michele Lavoie for all her hard work over the past two-years as our PTO's Co-President. Michele has made such a difference for our children by supporting so many different activities.

Congratulations to Andrea Ginter for becoming our next Co-President for the PTO.

Thanks to Robin Bourassa for her dedication to the PTO and our school. We will miss her as she moves on to the Middle School to further support her kids. We will especially miss her hard work on the Talent Show. We don't realize how much hard work goes into coordinating such a huge event because Robin makes it look so easy!

Special Thanks to Lauren Barbara and Martina Cacioli for creating the "Kinder Garden" at the Art Show. You did a beautiful job.

Thanks to Michele Lavoie, if it weren't for her, there wouldn't have been an Art Show. She made it happen with such an excellent team of volunteers. Extra special thanks to Tracy Copeland, Lucy Liska, Phoebe Ostergren, Martina Caccioli, Kat Zapor, Paula Heinzmann, Lauren Barbara, Sandy Cassineri, Michele Confalone, Michele Livingston, Carolee Parker and everyone who helped with the Art Show. You did a tremendous job!

Thanks to Mr. Coursey. The Jog-a-thon was so much fun for the kids and he made it so much fun, especially with his DJ skills!

Thanks to everyone who made the Strawberry Festival a success! Kat Zapor, Kelly Weinberg, Dave Berry, Donna Berry, Michele Livingston, Michelle Bosco, Phoebe Ostergren, Tracy Copeland, Lucy Liska, Diana Pettigrew and special thanks to Jackie and Paul LaPierriere for tackling the Raffle! Although the rain tried to put a "damper" on our day, it was still an overall success! Thanks to EVERYONE who "jumped in" and volunteered! We appreciate your gift of time!

A special thanks to Mr. Dave Schroeder and Mr. Rick Garrey for letting our kids "dunk" them. and, applause to Mr. Jimmy Discenza Mr. Jim Strong, and Monty Atwood. Your extra efforts and strength are certainly an asset for achieving success at this event!

THANK YOU ALL!

Tiger Topics Health [Q]uick Tips

By Linda Ciarcia, RN, BSN

DEAR PARENTS AND STUDENTS,

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD'S MEDICATION THAT IS AT SCHOOL. I CAN NOT SEND ANY MEDICATION HOME WITH CHILDREN! I CAN NOT STORE MEDICATION OVER THE SUMMER. IF IT IS NOT PICKED UP BY JUNE 22TH I WILL HAVE TO DISCARD IT.



MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

For those parents of students who take medication in school, paperwork will be coming home to you to be filled out and returned in September along with any medication that is needed. Remember all medication, even over-the-counter, requires a doctors signed order.

REMINDER to all FIFTH grade students [almost sixth grade students]:

*All students must complete the necessary health assessment and required immunizations prior to **JUNE 1, 2011**. Make your appointments early so the physical can be completed in a timely manner. I will be sending home a letter and the blue form.*

I wish you all a safe and healthy summer.

Sponsors & Golfers Needed!!!

As you have read in the past few Tiger Topic newsletters, our Playscape needs to be replaced very soon. The 1st Emerson-Williams Annual Golf Tournament, which will be held at Goodwin Park on October 2nd, 2010 will be our exclusive fund raiser to raise funds for the playscape replacement.

We are in need of sponsorships & golfers for the tournament, and really need our Emerson Family to seek out as many sponsorships & golfers that we can. Most businesses have programs designed specifically for an event like the golf tournament, but most people are unaware they even offer it. For example, if anyone is employed by Aetna or Citizens Bank, they currently offer sponsorships for such events. So, we are asking that our Emerson-Williams family help us get these sponsorships by simply asking their employers or business associates if they would help us by sponsoring the tournament with one of the available tiers of sponsorship.



Sponsorships Available:

Tier 1 Hole Sponsor - \$75 (shared signage space on hole, 2 mths advertising in Tiger Topics)

Tier 2 Hole Sponsor - \$150 (sole signage on hole, 2 mths advertising in Tiger Topics)

Lunch Sponsor - \$275 (exclusive sign at lunch, 2 mths advertising in Tiger Topics)

Dinner Sponsor - \$275 (exclusive sign at dinner, 2 mths advertising in Tiger Topics)

Longest Drive Sponsor - \$275 (exclusive sign on hole, 2 mths advertising in Tiger Topics)

Closest to the Pin Sponsor - \$275 (exclusive sign on hole, 2 mths advertising in Tiger Topics)

50/50 Sponsor - \$275 (exclusive sign at registration, 2 mths advertising in Tiger Topics)

Also, as mentioned above, we need golfers. Children, accompanied by a parent, are also welcome. Dinner and lunch will be served at the course, as well as various prizes and raffles will be offered. This event will be a great way to get our school fund raising in 2010 off to a great start, as well as putting a dent in the \$90,000 we need to raise to replace the playscape.