



Tiger Topics

EMERSON-WILLIAMS

JUNE 2012

From the Principal's Desk

Elizabeth T. Catarius

We have sent home information in regard to the Summer Reading Program. I strongly encourage you to have your child participate in this program. If they do not want to participate in the Summer Program, it is essential for them to read on a daily basis.

As I meet with the teachers to review their year and the progress made by students, we are pleased that so many of our students are exceeding the benchmarks in reading. The implementation of Reader's Workshop which focuses on choice and "just right" books has certainly been a major factor in this increase in achievement.

It is always bittersweet to say good-bye to our sixth graders, and this year is no exception. The staff and I wish them the very best, as they venture forward. They will be missed, but is always so joyful when they come back to visit Emerson-Williams and their teachers.

As August approaches, you will receive more information from us in regard to the opening of school. I hope that you enjoy the summer and all the time that you will get to spend with your children.

Congratulations!

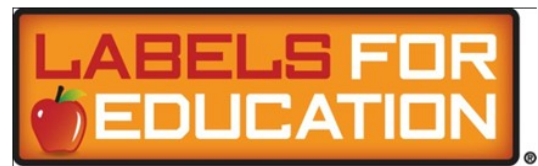
And the winners are ... the 2nd grade classes! Congratulations to the students in Grade 2 for winning the Box Tops/Labels for Education collection contest. Each class won a popsicle party!

Together as a school, we raised over \$1,200 in Box Tops and many Labels for Education points as well - way to go! What a simple and easy way to raise funds.

Be sure to keep collecting during the summer months to get a head start on next year's goal. Thanks!

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PTO Highlights

Another year has gone by and the PTO has done so many things to enhance the educational experience of all Emerson Williams students.

We hosted a book fair, ate Dinner on the Lawn, shopped at the Holiday Store, cheered on the CT Whale, enjoyed performances at the Talent Show, stayed active during TV Turn Off Week, went out for a Rock Cats Baseball game, gave mom a break during Mother's Day Reprieve, viewed the Art Show, and played games and had fun at the Strawberry Festival, to name a few.

We have shown the teachers that we are grateful for all they do for our children. In addition to hosting a lunch for them at the beginning of the year, we showed our appreciation each month through a variety of ways, and ended the year with a weeklong celebration that included flowers and letters of appreciation.

We have been able to provide financing for educational enhancement activities, such as assemblies provided by the Creative Arts Council, High Touch- High Tech, author visits, the Spelling Bee, field trips and more.

All these things we have accomplished are due to the involvement of countless parents who have volunteered hundreds of hours, baked numerous goodies, donated items for raffles, and supported our many different fundraisers.

At the same time that we are doing our regular fundraising, we are working to raise money for a new playscape. We started three years ago. While

we have made good progress towards our goal, we still have more money to raise. Thus, we will be hosting our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament on July 28th. So if you are interested in playing, or know someone who is a golfer, we still have room for more participants. For more information go to www.ewptogolf.com.

It does take a village to raise a child and that is why we truly appreciate everyone's efforts! As a volunteer, you not only give back to the community, but you show your E-W Tiger pride. Most importantly, you are showing your children, by example, the value of being involved and enhancing the community in which you live.

Please give yourself a pat on the back for all that you have done. Just don't pull a muscle doing it, because we need you in good shape, ready to help make next year just as great!

Congratulations to our three new officers of the E-W PTO. John Kiniry was elected 1st year Co-President, Holly Dyjak was elected Treasurer, and Michelle Bosco was elected Secretary. Martin Malicki will move into the 2nd Year Co-President position.

That's it for now, and as always, please feel free to contact either one of us if you have any suggestions on how we can make the PTO have an even more positive impact on our children's educational experience.

Regards,

Andrea Ginter, 2nd Year Co-President
Martin Malicki, 1st Year Co-President

Mark Your Calendars!

Take a look at what is coming up:

Saturday, 7/28	3rd Annual Golf Tournament
Thursday, 8/23	District-wide PTO Meeting at Pine Acres
Wednesday, 8/29	First Day of School
Wednesday, 9/5	K-3 Open House
Thursday, 9/6	4-6 Open House



For a full listing of all upcoming events, please visit www.ewpto.com.

Tiger Topics Health Tips

Linda Ciarcia, BSN, RN



PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD'S MEDICATION 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 19TH, I WILL HAVE TO DISCARD IT.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Parents of students, who take medication in school, please have all paperwork filled out by you and the doctor, and returned in September along with any medication that is needed. Remember all medication, even over-the-counter, requires a doctor's signed order. **NO MEDICATION CAN BE SENT IN WITH CHILDREN.** Medication forms can be found on the PTO website.

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, 2013**. Make your appointments early so the physical can be completed in a timely manner. A letter had been sent home the blue form can be found on the PTO website along with the medication form.*

I wish you all a safe and healthy summer.

Don't Forget!!!

**3rd Annual Golf Tournament
to benefit the E-W Playscape Fund**

**July 28, 2012
Blue Fox Run**

www.ewptogolf.com



Strawberry Fest Recap

Thanks to all the families who came out for the Emerson-Williams Strawberry Fest on June 9! The weather didn't exactly cooperate, but we didn't let her spoil our fun!

Congratulations to all our raffle winners. Our big winners included Clarissa N., who won Principal for a Day, the Lombardo family who won \$101 in the 50/50 raffle and Emily M. who won the American Girl Doll. Thanks to everyone who donated raffle items!

We debuted a few new things at this year's fest - the Angry Birds game and the photo booth - they were a big hit!



New Angry Birds Game



Fore! Mr. LaPerriere helps out at the mini golf game.

In the edible area, thank to Chili's of Newington for donating the nacho chips, to Freshpoint for donating the strawberries and to Village Pizza for giving a discounted price on the pizza. Everything was delicious!

Thanks to the Wethersfield Fire Department for coming out and bringing the Smoke House and one of their engines. Thanks also to Cub Scout Pack 85 for running the Giant Jenga game.

We would not have been able to do it without the support of all the teachers, staff and E-W families who volunteered both in the months leading up to the fest and on the day of the fest. Special thanks to Mr. Shoemaker, Mrs. Nunn, Mr. Bubser, Mrs. Cookson and Mr. Coursey who braved the dunk tank!

We are always looking for ways to improve our events and programs, so if you have any feedback regarding this year's fest, whether it's a comment or constructive criticism, we would love to hear it. Feel free to contact Andrea (andrea.ginter@gmail.com) or use the Contact Us! feature on the website.



Photo Booth Fun!



Mr. Coursey getting dunked.



Custodian for a Day winner Alex G.



Save the Date!

TO: All Parents and Principals of Webb, Highcrest, Emerson-Williams, Charles Wright and Hanmer students, and members of Wethersfield Schools Parent Council (WSPC).

You are invited to the First Annual WES (Wethersfield Elementary Schools) PTO pre-school bash. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other and share ideas including fundraising plans for 2012-2013 school year. If you haven't been involved in your school's PTO, this is a great way to get started.

Hope to see you there.

WHEN: Thursday, August 23rd

WHERE: Pine Acres Swim Club, 169 Western Blvd. (end of Crest Street), Wethersfield

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

BRING: Yourself, your great ideas for the school year and a little cash for the food bar if you don't have time for dinner. Feel free to bring an appetizer, pick foods, or baked good.

More information to follow over the summer. Any questions, please feel free to contact the WES PTO team below.

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Leslie Esoian: Highcrest, 94randy@att.net (860-563-4855)

HELP US HELP OUR SCHOOL.

Did you know there's an easy way to save money AND 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.

Here's how it works: 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. In addition, you receive 5% off your Target purchases every day!

Don't have a REDcard? It's easy to apply. Get started 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.



Thanks to the First & Last Tavern for their generous donation for the 6th grade Pasta Dinner.



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HOURS:
Sun., noon - 9pm; Mon. - Wed., 11:30am - 9pm;
Thurs., 11:30am - 9:30pm; Fri., 11:30am - 10:30pm;
Sat., noon - 10:30pm

SUMMER HOURS:
Memorial Day - Labor Day; Sun's only open at 4:30pm

Don't Forget ...

You can purchase your grocery store gift cards all summer long! Contact Andrea Ginter at andrea.ginter@gmail.com to place an order. Thanks!



www.facebook.com/ewpto

Weekly Summer Programs	
<p>Please note: For programs requiring registration, you need to have signed-up for the 2012 Summer Reading Program!</p>	
<p>Tuesday July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2012</p>	<p><i>10:30AM: SUMMER DREAMING, SUMMER READING: drop-in storytime for 3-5 year olds</i> This program is designed to help develop pre-reading skills and to enjoy theme based stories, fingerplays, songs & games.</p> <p><i>6:30PM: CHAT & CHEW: drop-in book discussion for 9-12 year olds</i> Join us to chat about great reads, share your favorites, go online to check out what's new with your favorite authors, and enjoy dessert.</p>
<p>Wednesday July 18, 2012</p>	<p><i>10:30AM: WACKY WEDNESDAY WITH MAD SCIENTIST MISS MELISSA: for 6-12 year olds</i> <i>7/18: From Your Nose and it Glows: Create glow in the dark snot.</i> <i>Registration required</i></p>
<p>Thursday July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2012</p>	<p><i>6:30PM: FAMILY FUN NIGHT: for 3-12 year olds and parents.</i> <i>7/5: Wii Night- Parents vs. kids in a variety of Wii games</i> <i>7/12: PJ Movie Night- Saturday morning cartoons! Bring a blanket and wear your PJ's for a night of classic cartoons.</i> <i>7/19: Art Night- Families work together to create a family memory box and play fun drawing games.</i> <i>7/26: Teddy Bear Sleepover- Bring your favorite cuddly animal for storytime and kiss them goodbye so their sleepover adventure can begin.</i> <i>Registration required</i></p>

Special July Events	
<p>Wednesday July 11, 2012</p>	<p><i>10:30AM-12:00PM: TOUCH-A-TRUCK: for all ages</i> Climb aboard & explore town vehicles which MAY include a backhoe; bulldozer; bobcat; dump truck; police car; fire engine and more. Event will be held in the upper parking lot of the Silas Deane Middle School. Park at the library and walk over! Visit the Dunkin Donuts truck too! <i>Registration NOT required</i></p>
<p>Wednesday July 25, 2012</p>	<p><i>10:30AM & 2:00PM: CHILDREN'S MUSEUM STARLAB</i> <i>10:30AM: Junior Night Owls: Grades K-2</i> Learn about the sun, the stars, the constellations, and what causes day and night. <i>2:00PM: Out of This World: Grades 3-6</i> Explore the planets, their moons, comets, robot space probes and the latest findings from NASA. Event will be held in the Silas Deane Middle School cafeteria. Children MUST WEAR SOCKS. <i>Registration required</i></p>

1st Annual Mother's Day Reprieve (Re-Cap)

sponsored by the EW Golf Committee

Mother's Day Reprieve, held on May 20th at the Emerson-Williams school grounds, was a fun filled day for those that were able to attend.

It was one of the nicest days of the 2012 Spring/Summer season with temperatures in the 80's and the sun beating down on us. Rita's Italian Ice, a welcome treat, was on hand selling 3 different flavors of their infamous Ice Custard to the kids and parents alike. With over 30 people attending, it was an easy sell to get a game of kickball going.

The children decided that it should be a Parent versus Kids game. The parents, feeling confident, started off with a 3-0 lead against the children. Seth Heinzmann and Mark Gstell helped get the parents to the early lead. But, it would not last for long, as the children exploded for 5 runs in the bottom of the 2nd, and then another 7 in the bottom of the 3rd. Josh Gstell with a tremendous boot to the outfield, followed by Will McCarter and Michael LaPerriere adding singles added some cushion. Alessandro and Rafael Martinez continued the thumping with a few more singles. The parents were down by 10 runs, when George Bashura, Ivan Martinez and Tom McCarter added 6 RBIs later in the 4th. The kids, determined, came right back and added another 8 runs. Sarah Morrissey led off and drilled one to her Dad, Bob, who couldn't come up with it and make a play. Then, the flood gates opened with multiple singles from Izzy and Cole Heinzmann, Emma Bashura, Emily Perrotta, as well as a few head's up extra base hits by Anthony Zabielski and Cristina Kiniry which powered the kids to a 25-18 lead. Martin Malicki, a pinch kicker for the parents in the bottom of the 6th and final inning, drilled a home run to narrow it to a 25-19 lead. The parents, powered by Matthew Koziol, Tom McCarter, and Ivan Martinez continued the comeback with a few solid kicks and runs. John Kiniry, standing on 2nd base, was eagerly awaiting someone to drive him home and score. Caroline Koziol on the mound stared down Paul LaPerriere. Having his chance to shine and make the game one run closer, Paul drilled a ball past the reaching Caroline. Paul, limping to 1st base, was thrown out by a mean throw from Will McCarter and the game was over. Final score: Children 25, Parents 23. At the end, it all came down to how deep the bench was for the kids versus the parents.

The parents, tired but determined, decided they would try their luck on the soccer field after a quick water break. However, the children feeling compassion for their parents, decided to split up the teams with an even mix of parents and kids. Mark Gstell, playing very hard defensively, was the first casualty on the parents side as he tweaked a hamstring while chasing down his son Josh. Alessandro and Rafael Martinez worked together as they tried to scoot by their Dad. However, Ivan with some fancy footwork of his own, playing barefoot, was dazzling many of the kids and parents alike using the dexterity of an elf and dribbling by most of the would be defenders. The brother/sister duo of Izzy and Cole Heinzmann led their team with 2 goals each, with Seth Heinzmann having assists on all 4 of their goals. Anthony Zabielski, Cristina Kiniry, and Michael LaPerriere had some nifty moves mid game leading to an exchange of goals on each side. Gabriel LaPerriere, despite his short size, showed his dribbling skills moving through 3 opposing players and set up a nice goal by Caroline Koziol. Will McCarter with the help of his Dad, scored a few goals late to tie up the game. With Ivan Martinez and Paul LaPerriere in their respective nets, the pressure was mounting as the day was quickly coming to an end. A late surge by John Kiniry, who booted the ball from just past the center line, was the 2nd parent casualty as he quickly came up limp, apparently pulling a calf muscle. Paul, dove to the far right and kept the ball out of the net preserving the tie. Seth Heinzmann, very aware of his opposing teams fatigue, kicked the ball from his goal which floated over the sleeping and bewildered Paul LaPerriere's head and into the goal. The game was over. The final score was 6-5. The parents, who were either limping off the field, holding hamstrings, or squinting in pain vowed to be in better shape next year so they could be victorious when they rematch the children next year.

All in all, pain or no pain, the day was a great day. Weather was beautiful and the children were able to spend quality time with their parents playing some games the children love to play. Ivan Martinez, who walked away with the \$50 gift card to Salute, added "I never win anything, so I am not sure how to feel about winning!" Special thanks to Tom McCarter and Seth Heinzmann for helping organize the events on the fields. Larry from Rita's for sticking with us and providing the cool refreshments, as well as John Kiniry and Martin Malicki for helping make the event a success! Hopefully, we will see you all and more, next year!

- Paul LaPerriere

A Few Final Notes of Thanks ...

Thanks to Paula Byczko, Peter Bertucio, Phoebe Ostergren, Darka Jara, Ursula Gstell, Cindy Augustine and Martin Malicki for their help setting up for the Art Show.

Thanks to all the parents who provided oranges for Field Day. They helped keep the kids refreshed on a very hot day!

Thanks to all PTO members and committee chairs for volunteering their time for the benefit of our school.

Thanks to Paul and Jackie LaPerriere for coordinating the May 31 Yogurt Madness fundraiser. We raised \$200 for the Playscape fund!

Special thanks to all the room parents who coordinated classroom activities all year long.

Thanks to outgoing PTO officers Andrea Ginter, Paul LaPerriere and David Schroeder for their contributions.

Thanks to the entire E-W staff for all they do all year long, we are so lucky to have them!

Thanks to the E-W staff for hosting the lovely PTO Appreciation Tea.

THANKS!

Have a Great Summer!



WETHERSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS School Calendar 2012-2013

AUGUST 2012 (3 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20 ^N	21 ^N	22 ^N	23 ^N	24 ^N
27 ^O	WD	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER (19 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
LD	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

OCTOBER (21 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	PD
CD	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24 ^B	25 ^B	26 ^C
29	30	31		

NOVEMBER (18 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	PD	7	8	9
VD	13	14	15	16
19	20	21*	Thanksgiving Recess	
26	27	28	29	30

DECEMBER (15 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21*
24	CH	26	27	28
31				

JANUARY 2013 (21 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
	NY	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
MLK	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

182 Student Days
187 Staff Days

IMPORTANT DATES

August

20-24 New Teacher Orientation
27 Convocation/Teacher Preparation
28 Teacher Work Day
29 First Day of School for Students

September

3 Labor Day

October

5 Professional Development
8 Columbus Day

November

6 Professional Development (election day)
12 Veterans Day Observed
22-23 Thanksgiving Recess

December

Dec. 24 - Jan. 1 Holiday Recess

January

1 New Years Day
21 Martin Luther King Day

February

18-22 Winter Recess (18 - Presidents' Day)

March

29 Good Friday

April

15-19 Spring Recess

May

10 Professional Development
27 Memorial Day

June

18 Last Day of School
18 Tentative Graduation Date

Emergency Days If Required - June 19, 20, 21, 24, 25.

After five (5) school closings, the BOE reserves the right to modify the school calendar.

* - Minimum School Day

A - Minimum School Day All Schools PD

B - Minimum School Day Elem Parent Conf. & Sec. PD

C - Minimum School Day Elem Only Parent Conferences

E - Emergency Days if Required

F - Minimum School Day Elem Only PD

O - Convocation

N - New Teacher Orientation

PD - Professional Development All Staff

FEBRUARY 2013 (15 DAYS)

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MARCH (20 DAYS)

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APRIL (17 DAYS)

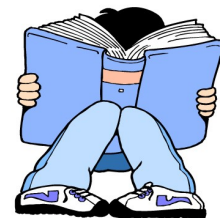
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29	30			

MAY (21 DAYS)

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20	21	22	23	24*
MD	28	29	30	31

JUNE (12 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18*	19 ^E	20 ^E	21 ^E
24 ^E	25 ^E	26	27	28



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