

March 2010



Tiger Topics

School Newsletter

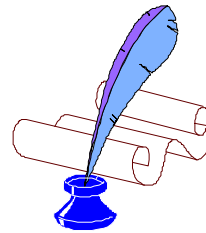
EMERSON-WILLIAMS

From the Principal's Desk

Elizabeth T. Catarius

Winter Highlights:

- ◆ January 6th was Three Kings Day. Three Kings Day is celebrated by many people throughout the world as the end of the Christmas season. The Vasel family graciously provided a traditional meal for Ms Discenza's third grade class. The children were thrilled with the luncheon and fascinated with the history and traditions associated with Three King's Day.
- ◆ On Friday, January 6th, grades 4-6 participated in our third annual Geography Bee. Contests are held in each classroom and then the winners from each class compete in the finals. The winner of this year's Geography Bee was sixth grader . Other participants in the final Bee were: (2nd place), (3rd place),
- ◆ The Sixth grade Science Expo was also held on January 6. Each of the sixth graders developed a hypothesis and then conducted an experiment. The students presented their projects to the school and to their families. The students enjoyed the process and the presentations were excellent and certainly were varied in the breadth of subjects covered.
- ◆ In addition to the Geography Bee and the Science Expo, another presentation in January was not by the students but by the Woodwind Quintet from the Hartford Symphony Orchestra. The students in grades 3-5 and the instrumental students of grade 6 were very impressed by the performance. The students were able to ask questions and interact with the musicians.
- ◆ The Connecticut Mastery Tests have begun and with make-ups on March 19th with the completion of make-ups for any students who have been absent. The entire staff and all of the students should be commended for their hard work and effort.
- ◆ The second Progress Report of the Year will be sent home on Friday, March 19th.
- ◆ Please join me in wishing Ms Norton grade five teacher best wishes on her upcoming marriage and move to California. Ms Norton's last day at Emerson-Williams will be on Friday, March 26th.
- ◆ Also, congratulations are extended to the Cookson Family. Mrs. Cookson, grade four teacher, her husband and daughter, have welcomed a son Henry into their family.



Hats for Haiti

The Hats for Haiti fundraiser was a huge success. The students, staff and families of Emerson-Williams School were most generous and raised \$3,330.12 dollars for the American Red Cross. The American Red Cross was extremely grateful for our donation. Thanks to all who donated.

PTO Meeting

The next PTO Meeting is **Thursday, April 8th**, at 7:00pm in the upper Media Center.

Tiger Topics

Please send topics or suggestions for the next issue of Tiger Topics to David Berry at djberry@snet.net by Friday, April 9th.

PTO Highlights

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As we "jump ahead" into daylight savings time, we have so much to look forward to! Spring pictures on Friday, the 26th, and Talent showcase on the 31st. Author Sarah Weeks will be our resident Author for the day on April 6th, and there will be an "Evening with Sarah weeks" at the Webb school.

Wethersfield PTO's have teamed up with Glastonbury Barnes and Noble for book purchasing ahead of time, and Sarah can sign books when she arrives. Also, this year's Talent Show will be held on Saturday, May 1st at Silas Deane Middle School! Seats are limited, so get your tickets early!

The Emerson-Williams Art Festival will be Monday, June 7th. This event showcases each student here at EW's artwork. It is truly an extraordinary event! Also, Strawberry fest is Saturday, June 12th, rain or shine, and EW day at New Britain Rock Cats will be June 27th.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped during these past few stormy months by volunteering and/or ordering fundraisers. Every little bit helps, and if one person can make a difference, let's see what the sum total would be if we all work together!

We look forward to seeing you at the next PTO meeting, Thursday, April 8th. In the meantime, we look forward to a very productive and fun-filled spring!

Michele and Paula

Thank you for supporting your child! Thank you for supporting us!

Yankee Candle

The deadline for the Emerson-Williams Yankee Candle fundraiser has been extended to Monday, March 22. Please have all orders returned to the school by this date.

Call Michelle Bosco (860-257-7140) or Isabel Tenney (860-257-1059) with any questions.

Student Recognition

Student Artists

Over the past several months, students have had their art work chosen to represent Emerson-Williams School in the Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce/Wethersfield Public Schools Youth Art Appreciation Program. Their art work has been displayed at various businesses in Wethersfield, as these businesses belong to the Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations to the following students:

Save the Date!

The Taste of Wethersfield benefit is back for its fifth year on **April 10th, 7-9:30** at the Keeney Center, 200 Main Street. Wethersfield Historical Society is teaming up with the Emerson-Williams PTO in order to benefit both organizations. Purchase your ticket ahead of time from the PTO for \$30 and \$5 goes right to your school! "Taste" is a great event filled with local restaurants and breweries, live music, a jukebox and a silent auction. Don't miss a tasty time! Please send in your checks made out to "Taste of Wethersfield" in an envelope marked "Taste of Wethersfield - Attn: Paula Heinzmann"

Rock Cats: Sunday, June 27th at 1:30 p.m. Come cheer on the New Britain Rock Cats as they play the Sea Dogs (Double-A Affiliate of the Boston Red Sox)!! Tickets will be available through our PTO in June. More info to follow.

TV Turn-off Week (April 26th-30th) Join us in the family events we have planned during TV Turn-off Week and **TURN OFF YOUR TV's!!** Watch for the details in the next couple weeks!

Art Show: Monday, June 7th You will be invited to admire all of our students artwork in our very own Emerson-Williams Art Show!

Strawberry Festival: June 12th Mark your calendars now because you will NOT want to miss the annual Emerson-Williams Strawberry festival. We are desperately looking for volunteers to help create new games and help improve some of the old games! If you have any carpentry skills or creativity, please contact Paula Heinzmann (860-571-8939) or Michele Lavoie (860-944-6765) Don't wait....it will be here before we know it!

Strawberry fest is also seeking Volunteers to join the committee....parents, please save the date and consider donating some time for this family event! Each class is assigned a Booth; Room parents will be contacting families soon to run classroom assignments at the fest.

Talent Show showcase: March 31st, Talent Show Dress Rehearsal, April 28th and Talent Show will be held on Saturday, May 1 at SDMS...seats will be limited, purchase tickets in advance!

Talent Show Committee is seeking volunteers for all aspects of this event!

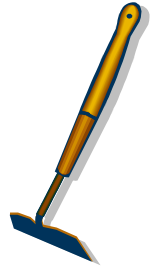
Reminder!

Spring School Pictures will be Friday, March 26th. Mismatch day has been changed to Wednesday March 31st.

Emerson-Williams Spring Cleaning Day



Saturday April 10, 2010, from 9 AM
- 12 PM



Our focus areas will be the center island, to the right and left of the front doors and on the side of the building facing the parking lot.

No experience necessary.

Come help improve & beautify our school.

Bring your tools and a friend to make the cleanup process go faster.



We welcome donations of any spring flowers that can be planted on the property.

Questions or concerns contact Janet Vasel, ajavasel@cox.net



Thank You!

We never could have done it without you! The Creative Art Fund Drive reached a participation rate of 32 %, this is 148 students who contributed to our next year's programs for the Creative Art! Mrs. Morin's 4th Graders achieved an incredible 87 % participation and will enjoy their reward, ice cream at the Creamery at Old Wethersfield, hopefully soon in warmer weather. Thank you again to all of you for your wonderful support!

A big THANK YOU to Beth Thompson, Andrea Ginter, Sue Breglio, Isabel Tenney, and Angela Tollis for the St. Patrick's Teacher Appreciation all in green!

Lauren Barbara, Sandy Cassineri and Amy Chodorowski delivered 25 big garbage bags of stuffed animals to Lovable Huggables on Friday, January 15th. Thank You everybody for your generous donations and the many new stuffed animals as well. You all made this collection a great success. We are certain a lot of children will be very pleased with them!

Chili and Scarfs kept our teachers warm thanks to Susan Zadrozny in January who pampered our teachers this month!

A big Thank You to all the students who made and send in Valentine Cards for the Emerson Williams Valentine's Outreach. About 60 cards were delivered to Mapleview Manor, Wethersfield, by the Kiniry Family. A very special thanks to Mrs. Morin's class who did 40 cards specially for Veterans which went to the Veterans Home in Rocky Hill. All you great artists, Thanks A LOT!!

Thank you to Claudia Miller and her helpers for coordinating and completing the Kindergarten Handprint project. It is so adorable!

THANK YOU ALL!

PlayTime

Dear Emerson-Williams Parents,

Currently, our playscape is under scrutiny. We will be in need of a NEW playscape in the very near future. Playscapes similar to the one our children now enjoy cost about a minimum of \$70,000.00 start to finish. Currently, there is small group of parents who have joined together to make this REALITY happen sooner than later. Keep your eyes and ears open, and if you can, your heart, for our students, current and future, as well as the entire Wethersfield community!...Give one of us a call, and join us in our "adventurous" venture!

Michele Lavoie 860-257-8030 ~ Paula Heinzmann 860-571-8939

