



Tiger Topics

School Newsletter

EMERSON-WILLIAMS

Message from the Presidents

Dear Emerson-Williams School Community,

On March 10 we had a wonderful turnout at our monthly PTO meeting. The teacher representatives were: Mary Fox (Choral), Emily Caravella (Instrumental), and Erica Richard (Art). Also in attendance were 2 guest visitors from the Board of Education, Kevin Hill and Janet Vasel.

Our PTO is comprised of parent and guardian volunteers with varying degrees of work/life responsibilities. Although they may be wearing many hats throughout the day, our volunteers still go above and beyond for our Tigers. To honor a special volunteer, the Wethersfield School Parent Council (WSPC) is requesting nominations for the 2015-2016 Volunteer Recognition Award. This Award is intended to recognize an individual from each Wethersfield school who has made a volunteer commitment to benefit the education or social experience of the students at Emerson-Williams; a person that has involved him or herself above and beyond their expected role, and is thereby identified as an asset to the Wethersfield community through their efforts and/or volunteerism. Please consider nominating someone for their efforts by completing the 2015-2016 nomination form and returning it to the main office to the attention of Joanne Pine and/or Karen DiCenso (our WSPC representatives), by March 30, 2016.

We had a blast with all the students and families who were able to attend our first annual **Someone Special Dance**. Thank you to all the parents and school staff that helped in coordination of such a fun family event!

As we finish up March, we are already planning all of April, May, and June's family events and fundraisers! There is still time to volunteer to coordinate the TV Turn Off Week. Our Tigers truly enjoy this event and ***it is in jeopardy of being canceled*** this year. If you have any interest in helping with this event, please contact us.

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March 18 is the next school spirit day. The theme for this day is Mismatch (clothes that don't match).

March 24 is the kickoff to the Yankee candle fundraiser. The fundraiser runs until April 7. Order delivery is before Mother's Day!!! If there are any questions please contact Darka Jara, the committee chair.

This year's talent show now has 2 committee chairs, Darka Jara and Holly Dyjak. The date for this event has yet to be determined. Committee members are needed, so please consider volunteering your time. This is a large school event where all grade levels and staff participate.

The jog-a-thon is scheduled for April 25 (rain date April 29). Both of these dates are D days. Darka Jara is the committee chair and is looking for many volunteers throughout the day to help run the event. This is an all-day event.

The Strawberry Festival is already in the planning stages and we are still looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of our biggest annual family 'fun'raiser. Please contact Colleen Mattatall, Autumn Struk or Diana Iannucci at strawberry.fest@ewpto.com for details.

Please support all of the upcoming 6 grade fundraisers and make their last year at EW memorable. More information will follow through committee chairs, Beth Gilbert and Claudia Miller.

We hope that you are enjoying these last days of winter that are showing us a sneak peek of Spring. Thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you during our upcoming events!

We hope to see many parents at the next PTO meeting on April 7. This is the only meeting on the first Thursday of the month due to spring recess.

Best Regards,

Nathalie Trevitazzo, 2nd Year Co-President, 2yrPres@ewpto.com

Darka Jara, 1st Year Co-President, 1yrPres@ewpto.com

“Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you.”

2015/16 PTO Meeting Schedule

7:00pm Upper Media Center

April 7 • May 12 • June 9

www.ewpto.com

Mixed Bags Fundraiser

On March 7th, the Emerson-Williams PTO started a fun program to raise funds and we are all very excited to reach our goal of each student selling 5 products. The money we raise goes towards the General PTO fund, which is supporting this year's hip hop program, teacher wish lists, enrichment programs, and much more. Catalogs and order forms went home in the back packs by 3/4/16. And, if you like to shop online, you are going to love helping too! It's super easy and only takes a second - and every purchase makes a big difference for us. Thank you for your support!

How you can support?

Collect orders and payment and return to school by March 18th. Orders will be available for pick up within 4-5 weeks.

Or click here to go to: www.mixedbagdesigns.com/?fundraiserid=76123

Browse their totes, accessories and home goods - there really is something for everyone. Be sure to check out their reusable shopping bags and all new gift wrap collection!

Online shoppers can pay for their order using a credit card and the order is shipped directly to them! Orders over \$75 get **free shipping!**

At online checkout on the **Review/Submit Order Page** make sure the number **76123** is in the "School/Fundraiser ID#" field. Please enter the student's name in the "Referred By" field to give credit for the purchase.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Leslie Williams at [860-212-6878](tel:860-212-6878) or mixedbag.designs@ewpto.com

Thank you for supporting the Emerson-Williams PTO!



Special Notices

Playscape Update: At the March PTO meeting there was a presentation to expand the k/1 playscape. This will come to a vote at the April 7th PTO meeting. Please consider attending the April 7th meeting to cast your vote. If you would like to be involved with this project or have any questions please contact Colleen Mattatall at Futureprojects@ewpto.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.

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.

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!

- **March 17th – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**
- **March 18th – Spirit Day (Mismatch)**
- **March 23rd – Paint Night, 6th Grade Fundraiser**
- **March 29th & 30th – PJ Sing-a-long Event**
- **April 9th – The Taste of Wethersfield**

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.btfe.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>

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 Darka Jara 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 Darka Jara or Nathalie Trevitazzo as soon as possible. At the April 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 **2nd Year Co-President** Nathalie Trevitazzo at 2yrPres@ewpto.com.

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.

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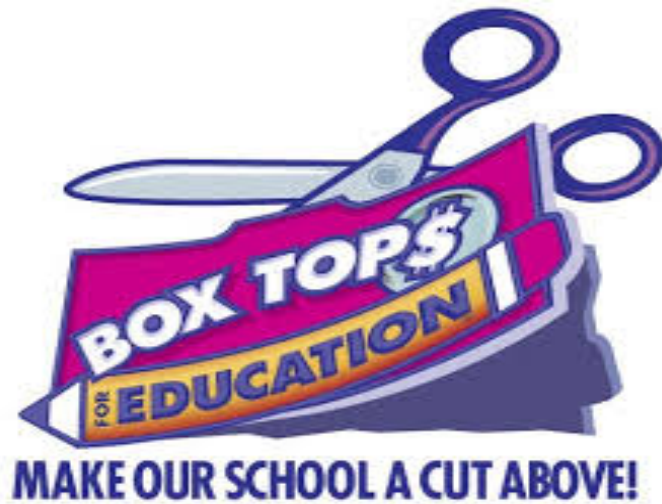
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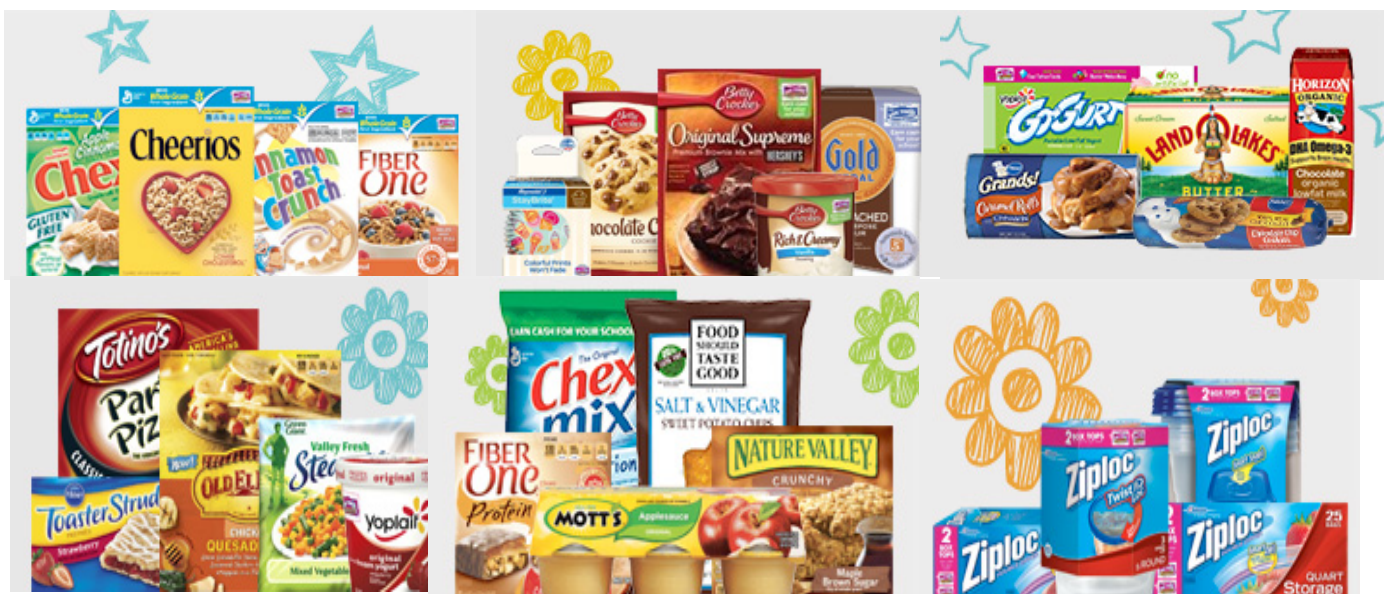
Help Emerson-Williams by clipping Box Tops!

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!

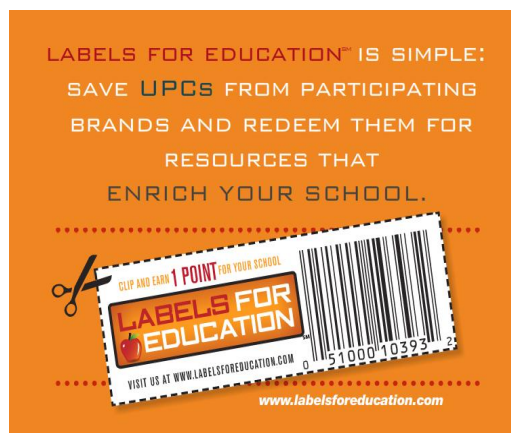
For more details about the Box Tops program, follow the link below.

<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.

Wethersfield Schools Parent Council (WSPC)
Volunteer Recognition Awards
2015-16 Nomination Form

The WSPC Recognition Award is intended to recognize one individual* from each school (and/or a single individual or group of people in the case of the Community Award) who have made a volunteer commitment to benefit the education or social experience of the children in the Wethersfield public school system. This person or people have involved themselves above and beyond their expected role, and is (are) thereby identified as an asset to the Wethersfield community through their efforts and/or volunteerism. ***Please note only one (1) person, per school can receive an Individual Award.**

WSPC reserves the right to evaluate and approve each application to insure nominees meet all requirements.

I would like to nominate _____

Nominees Address: _____

Nominees Phone: _____

Type of nomination: Individual Award Community Award

Does this person work outside of the home? If so, where?

Does this person have children? If so, please list their names and schools they attend:

Please list all volunteer committees this nominee serves on:

_____ (please add pages as necessary)

I feel this nominee meets the requirements for this year's WSPC Recognition Award because:

_____ (please add pages as necessary)

Your Name: _____

Address and Phone Number: _____

Thank You!

Nominations for the 2013-2014 WSPC Recognition Awards should be returned to your WSPC school representative by 3 p.m. on March 30th (Carol Hurley). You can also send via email to Hurleywebhcc@cox.net. Nominees will be voted on at the April PTO/PAC/PTSA meeting. Please plan to attend that meeting to support your nomination. Please submit this form to your school in an envelope marked "WSPC Volunteer Award, Carol Hurley."

**WSPC Volunteer Recognition Awards will be held:
Tuesday, May 11, 2016 at 7pm, Webb Auditorium**