



Tiger Topics School Newsletter

EMERSON-WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EWPTO CO-PRESIDENTS

Howdy Emerson-Williams' families,

At our last PTO meeting, committee sign-up sheets were distributed. If you are interested in volunteering for any PTO committees, please contact a Board member at PTOBoard@ewpto.com. Electronic sign-ups will be available soon.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Main Street Creamery. We know eating yummy ice cream is a tough job, but someone needed to do it; thanks for stepping up. Family Paint Night was a phenomenal success. Thank you to Monika Shoham for instructing the EW community in painting another masterpiece and to Amy Gallagher-Cuadras in helping organize the evening. The EW gym was packed to the brim!

The PTO is still in search for a First Year Co-President who can commit two years of volunteering. Responsibilities include an occasional chat with the principal, coordinating with PTO committees, deflecting some haymakers, writing this wonderful letter that EVERYONE reads, budget items, voting on stuff and earning two consecutive points from deuce to win a game. So, if you have questions with possibly volunteering for this position, please contact Chrissy at 1yrPres@ewpto.com or the Nominating committee at

nominations@ewpto.com.

Online orders for **Mixed Bags Designs** will continue until **July 31st**. Spring Pictures were taken, and proofs will be distributed within the next few weeks. **Pack the Pantry** collection bins are located in the main office hallway for the Kindergarten through 3rd grade while the 4th through 6th grade bin will be located in the main lobby near the gym entrance. Please see the flyer located on page 8 and consider donating items to help Wethersfield families in need. This PTO project is collaborated with the Student Council. On **Friday, May 31**, we wrap up May with the **Someone Special Dance**. DJ Darth Fader will be dropping beats and a photo booth will also be available.

Strawberry Festival is scheduled for **Friday, June 7th** from 5pm to 8pm. This is a free event with a DJ, dunk tank*, inflatables*, games, small raffles* and Cake Walk; any item with an asterisk indicates a cost to participate. Volunteers are still needed to help run this event. Also, if you would like to make a donation to the cake walk, please see the flyer on page 9. The PTO is sponsoring **Hip Hop night** on **Wednesday, June 12** from 5pm to 6:30pm. Can't stop in during school hours? Visit during the evening session to see how this program

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How An Idea Becomes A Reality

While scrolling Pinterest one day in Winter of 2018, Autumn Struk came across an image of bathroom doors painted with motivating sayings. Immediately she wanted to make this happen at Emerson-Williams. She brought the idea to the PTO and Ms. Thakur who both loved the idea. And her idea began to grow.

After seeing the amazing painting Monika Shoham and Amy Gallagher-Cuadras did on the kindergarten blacktop, Autumn approached them to ask for advice. Monika and Amy loved the idea of the bathroom project and together, they presented the idea at a PTO meeting. It was agreed the PTO would provide a budget to work on 'Bathroom Beautification'.

As the ball started rolling, more parents got involved. First the planning stage was so exciting. They talked color schemes and saying. They wondered what images would be simple yet beautiful. They

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2019 PTO Meetings

Emerson-Williams
Upper Media Center at
Emerson-Williams at 7:00 p.m.

Last meeting is June 6

EWPTO Event Calendar

- May 1**
Main Street Creamery Fundraiser • 4pm - 7pm
- May 3**
FREE Family Paint Night • 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- May 6**
Cheer Committee Teacher/Staff Luncheon
- May 9**
EWPTO Meeting 7:00 pm in the Upper Media Center at Emerson-Williams
- May 19**
Yard Goats Game
- May 24**
Half Day of School - 12:55 Dismissal
- May 27**
No School - Memorial Day

- May 30**
Poetry Afternoon
- May 31**
Someone Special Dance • 5pm -8pm
- June 6**
EWPTO Meeting 7:00 pm in the Upper Media Center at Emerson-Williams
- June 7**
Strawberry Festival • 5pm -8pm
- June 12**
Hip Hop Night • 5pm - 6:30pm
- June 17**
Last Day of School

WSPC Calendar

- May 8**
Bike/Walk to School Day
- September 13**
Movie on the Lawn
- September 27**
Movie on the Lawn, rain date
- June 1**
Fireworks, Cove Park
- September 21**
Cornfest, Wethersfield Green
- December 5**
Holidays on Main, Main Street

Wethersfield Calendar

Volunteer Opportunities

Committee Sign Ups

Committee sign ups were presented at the May PTO meeting. If you would like to sign up for a committee, please see <http://ewpto.com/committees.html>

Strawberry Festival: It's happening this year! Be on the look out for more information on this *Friday, June 7th* event. If you would like to donate some of your time, please contact the committee at strawberry.fest@ewpto.com

Volunteers Needed: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ea4ac23a6f58-strawberry2>

Poetry Afternoon: Looking for a few volunteers to help Reading Teacher, Ms. McLaughlin, to help set up poetry afternoon on May 30th. Contact Anna at poetry@ewpto.com for details.

Field Day: Our PE teacher Ms. Dalke is looking for parent help at different stations. A sign-up genius is available our website. Field Day is *June 13*.

1st Year Co-President: This is a two year position on the PTO Board working side-by-side with Chrissy Pikos, the 2nd Year Co-President; Amy Burlingame, Treasurer; and Fran Schwarzhaupt, Secretary. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the Nomination Committee at nominations@ewpto.com

Please see a Board member to volunteer or email ptoboard@ewpto.com

Strawberry Festival Dunk Tank

Friday, June 7th, 2019

5:00-5:30	Mr. Emmett
5:30-6:00	Mr. Shoemaker
6:00-7:00	Ms. Kardys
7:00-7:30	Officer Bob
7:30-8:00	Cadet

How An Idea Becomes A Reality

by Colleen Mattatall

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talked about incorporating the Growth Mindset into these paintings, they specifically did not want to focus on the words beautiful, but more so wanted to encourage leadership and perseverance, kindness and empowerment. They discussed paint types and primers. Once the colors and sayings were decided, they presented to Ms Thakur who approved them.

Next they decided where to put these paintings and how large should they be, measuring and taking photos. Then they worked with John Cuadras, an Emerson Dad, to help space the creations in the sizes that were available to create a sample that could be replicated, but scaled, on the wall. Measuring out the space and taping it off, Autumn's idea began to become real! Week one of painting, they taped off the 6th grade bathrooms and bought the supplies and started.

Week after week the project grew and progressed, in the beginning the process was slow-they quite literally were

waiting for the paint to dry. First was primer, a week later it was the dark grey background, next Monika would go chalk sketch the words on the space midweek, so it was ready to paint on Friday. And on Friday nights in March and April, PTO moms (and Ms Root) would paint these beautiful sayings on our schools bathroom walls. Sayings like "Just Don't Quit" and "Be Yourself, Everyone Else Is Taken" and "You Can Do Hard Things" and "You Are Powerful" and "You Are Important" and "You Are Capable Of Amazing Things".

Nearly complete, there are multiple paintings in every bathroom your children use except the nurse's bathroom. The Kindergarten classrooms have adorable images of kids playing and a caterpillar with each of the alphabet letters on a different colored part of the caterpillar. The younger grade classrooms have block letters and simple messages that can be easily read and understood and the older grades have beautiful script and sayings like "Be A Rainbow in Someone Else's Cloud". Some final touches are being added to the Kindergarten bathrooms

and the project will be complete.

This is the beautiful way an idea becomes reality. This project that started out as 'Oh, I wish our school had that' now does, in fact, have that. With the thanks to the wonderful parent volunteers who are always thinking of ways to improve the school. So please, ask your children about the bathrooms. And thank you for supporting the PTO.

Huge thanks to Monika Shoham, Amy Gallagher-Cuadras for leading this project. The hours you've spent thinking about this is so generous and our community is so grateful to you for leading this. Thank you Autumn Struk for making this idea bloom to reality. And thank you John Cuadras for creating and measuring the graphics to fit in the space available.

And let's not forget all the other parents who spent Friday nights in the school bathrooms (ewwww): Ms. Root, Amy Burlingame, Colleen Mattatall, Rhonda Dellaripa, Karla Pelarinos, Kate Adams, Christen Sousa, Meeghan Stilson and Nolan Mattatall.

From the Desk of the EWPTO Co-Presidents

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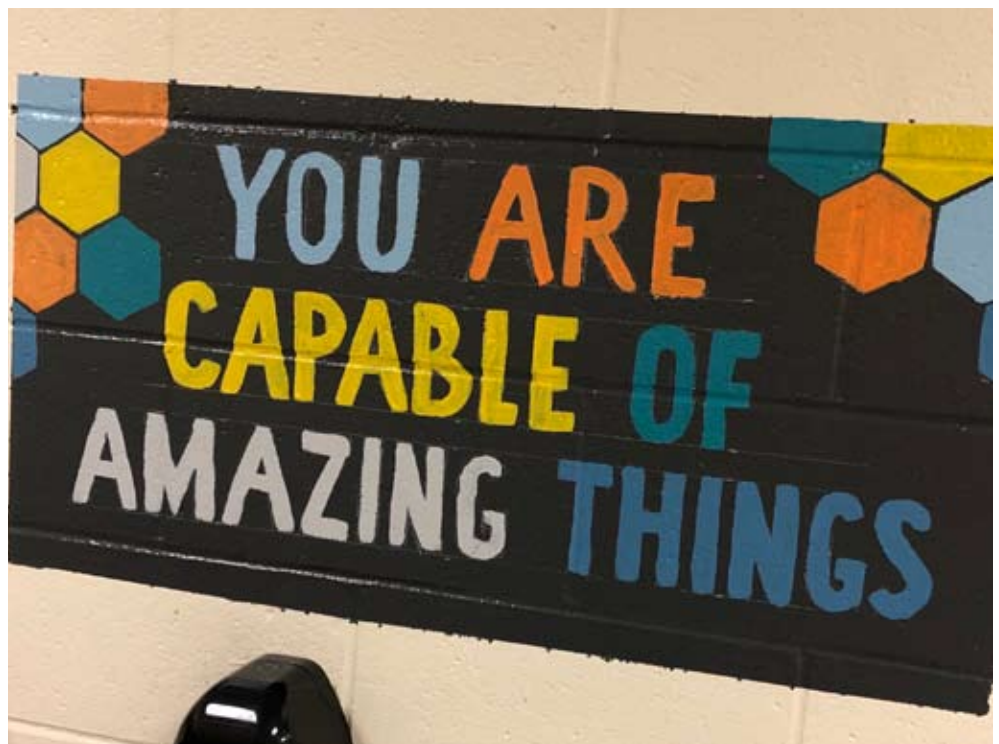
encourages kids to dance because it is great exercise, builds confidence, and puts a smile on their face.

So remember... Sweet dreams are made of this... Who am I to disagree? I travel the world and the seven seas; everybody's looking for something.

Your EWPTO Co-Presidents,

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WETHERSFIELD GEORGE D RITCHIE SOCCER CLUB FALL REGISTRATION

WGDRSC is getting ready for the fall season! Even though the Spring session hasn't started yet... take advantage of the **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!**

TRAVEL SOCCER

Open to players born between 2005-2011 (and not in High School in the Fall)

Registration opens April 1st to June 3, 2019

Cost is: \$175 - if you register between **April 1-30**

\$225 - if you register between **May 1st-June 3rd**

Try outs will tentatively be held June 10-12, 2019 at the High School on Cottone Field. Please follow our **NEW** Facebook page (Wethersfield Soccer Club), our website: www.wethersfieldsoccer.com, and soon Twitter for updates to tryouts!

UNIFORMS

****New uniforms are MANDATORY for Fall Travel Soccer****

Uniforms will be available the day of tryouts for sizing of your child

Contact Dan Bielawiec at wgdrsc.equipmentdirector@gmail.com with questions

RECREATIONAL SOCCER

Open to players born 2012-2016

Registration opens **April 1-July 31, 2019**

Cost: \$100 if you register by **May 31st** / \$110 if registered **June 1-July 31**

Please register at www.wethersfieldsoccer.com



LET'S PACK THE PANTRY

The Wethersfield Food Bank, located in the Town Hall, provides non-perishable food and personal items to those in need in our community. Their supply is especially low in the summer months and they need our help!

Please help us re-stock the food bank by donating items from the list below:

K	Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
1st	Cereals & Instant Oatmeal
2nd	Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Diapers & Kleenex
3rd	Condiments: Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup & Salad Dressing
4th	Trail Mix, Nuts, Raisins & Dried Cranberries
5th	Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter & Jelly
6th	Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce & Ensure
Staff	Socks

The Food Bank would also appreciate donations of: sunblock, pet food, fruit juice, jellies/jams, deodorant, baby food, baby formula, baby wipes, adult diapers, macaroni & cheese, sugar-free items, gluten-free items, nut-free items, water based pancake mixes, powdered milk and multipacks of bar soap.

***Unfortunately, they cannot accept medications such as, Tylenol, Advil, Aleve etc.**

Our school wide collection will begin on Monday, May 13th and end on Friday, May 24th.

* Collection baskets for grades K - 3 will be in the Main Office hallway and labeled by grade.

* Collection baskets for grades 4 - 6 will be next to the Gymnasium and labeled by grade.

Thank you for supporting our spring school-wide Community Outreach project.

If you would like to donate more than your child can carry, please reach out to Rebecca Anderson directly @860.916.8216 or by emailing the committee @community.outreach@ewpto.com to arrange a drop off or pick up.



Strawberry Festival 2019



Big Changes are Happening!

Friday June 7th 5-8pm

All Outdoors! Free Admission!

DJ

Inflatables*

Dunk Tank*

Games

Basketball Shooting & Hula Hoop Contest!

Small Raffle (no raffle baskets)*

Strawberries and Whipped Cream*

Bring Your Own Dinner/lawn chairs

Strawberry.fest@ewpto.com



*indicates a cost to participate

More details to follow



We are in need of many baked goods for the Cake Walk at the Strawberry Festival on FRIDAY June 7, 2019

Cookies, brownies, muffins, cakes, pies...

all are welcome!

If you would like to help – please fill out the bottom portion of this flyer and return to school **by May 30th**.

If you have any questions, or would like to help run the cake walk, please call or text Catherine Rose at 860 595-4478



_____ Yes, I'd love to bake for the cake walk!

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1st Year Co-President Information:

- 2 Year Position
- Work side-by-side other 3 board members to create a positive environment for E-W Community Members
 - Chrissy Pikos will move to 2nd Year Co-President
 - Fran Schwartzhaupt is remaining secretary for her 2nd year
 - Amy Burlingame is remaining treasurer for her 2nd year
- Attend and help lead PTO Meetings
- Be a point of contact for the school and family communities

Summer Sudoku

Fill in the grid with numbers 1 to 9 making sure no number is repeated in every row, every column and within each mini grid.

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