

May 2016



# Tiger Topics

*School Newsletter*

## EMERSON-WILLIAMS

### Message from the Presidents

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Dear Emerson-Williams School Community,

Congratulations to our 2015-2016 Emerson-Williams Wethersfield School Parents Council (WSPC) Volunteer Recognition Award recipient, Beth Gilbert! We were excited to have had 3 EW parent nominations for this award this year. We hope all our parents and guardians know how much we appreciate you and all of the wonderful and inspiring ways you make a difference in the lives of the students. Thank you to our EW WSPC representatives, Joanne Pine and Karen Dicenso for all your hard work this year!

The Future Projects Committee is working very hard on the addition of a new K/1 playscape at EW. The process is lengthy, but Colleen Mattatall, chairperson, and her committee members are on task and we may have it completed during Summer 2016. Fingers crossed! For more information or if you wish to volunteer to help, please email [futureprojects@ewpto.com](mailto:futureprojects@ewpto.com).

Unfortunately, our annual Talent Show auditions reaped only 5 awesome acts, but not enough to hold it this year. On the bright side, Shana Smith has volunteered to work with Ms. Thakur to be certain that these 5 acts of tremendous talent will be able to shine at EW via a small show. More details to come for those families of the students involved. Thank you very much to those students that auditioned and we hope to have tons of student and parent involvement next year.

**The Strawberry Festival** is on Saturday, 6/4 and the plans are spectacular! We won't be able to do it without you though, so if you would like to volunteer to help with any aspect of the Strawberry Festival, please contact Autumn Struk, Diana Iannucci, and Colleen Mattatall at [strawberry.fest@ewpto.com](mailto:strawberry.fest@ewpto.com). This is a very big event and the kids have a blast each year! Thanks for your support!

A huge THANK YOU to all our parents/guardians who faithfully support our school by volunteering your time and donating items for various programs and events when needed! You are the heart and soul of our EW PTO's Tiger Pride and we are grateful for your never-ending support!

Best Regards,

Nathalie Trevitazzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Co-President EW PTO, [2yrespres@ewpto.com](mailto:2yrespres@ewpto.com)

Darka Jara, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Co-President EW PTO, [1yrespres@ewpto.com](mailto:1yrespres@ewpto.com)

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# Mark Your Calendars!

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**5/18 – Field Day**

**5/18 – Spring Concert**

**5/20 – Spirit Day – Crazy Socks Day**

**5/22 – 5/27 – TV Turn Off Week**

**5/22 – Ron-A-Roll, Vernon CT 5:30-7:30pm**

**5/23 – CherryBerry Fundraiser, Wethersfield CT 3:00-9:00pm**

**5/23 – Kids Yoga with West Hartford Yoga, EW Gym. Choose from a 5:45-6:30pm or 7:00-7:45pm session. Come and unleash your creativity and curiosity.**

**5/24 – Hip Hop by Dance 10, EW Gym, Choose from a 5:30-6:30pm or 7:00-8:00pm session.**

**5/25 – New Britain Bees Baseball Game – 6:35pm. Emerson Williams Singers (Grades 5 & 6) will be performing the National Anthem.**

**5/26 – Dinner & Music on the Lawn, 5:30-8:00pm. EW Lawn near the Playscape. Bring chairs, blankets, dinner, and family to hear The Rents, an Alternative Rock Cover Band featuring EW parents! Sorry, no pets allowed.**

2015/16 PTO Meeting Schedule

7:00pm Upper Media Center

June 9

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## Mark Your Calendars! (continued)

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**5/27 – Minimum School Day, Dismissal 12:55pm**

**5/27 – Community Walk – Whenever, wherever, Community Walk. Go outside and take a walk. Maybe you'll see a friend or two from EW walking outside just like you.**

**5/30 – Memorial Day – No School**

**6/2 – Art Show, EW Hallways. Come down and see your child's artwork showcased throughout the school. To help with the Art Show, please contact Mrs. Richard at [erichard@wethersfield.me](mailto:erichard@wethersfield.me)**

**6/3 – Spirit Day – Crayon Day – Dress head to toe in your favorite color!**

**6/4 – Strawberry Festival – 10:00am – 2:00pm, Join us for a berry-licious day of food, music, games, and fun! Lots of new and different fun stuff this year, don't miss it!**

**6/9 – PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the upper Media Center at EW. Come join this fun and creative group of parents/guardians to help plan our school events and fundraisers for the 2016-2017 school year.**

**6/15 – Last Day of school, Minimum School Day, Dismissal 12:55pm**

**6/26 – EW Yard Goats Game 1:35pm, Tickets are \$10 each.**

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## A Message from Mrs. Richard, EW Art Department

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The EW Art Show is quickly approaching! If you are available for any amount of time to help mount the last few classes of artwork and help with labels, please let me know and I can have everything ready to go for you! Also, this year I thought it would be fun to try 1-3 interactive stations for families. I have a few ideas, but am totally open to any suggestions. Not every station would need someone there, but I think it would be great if we could have a few parent volunteers do a 15 minute rotation to help with the supplies.

One idea was a big family portrait wall. We could draw frames on big bulletin board paper and kids and parents could create a portrait inside one using crayons or colored pencils. Another was "What inspires you" where everyone could take a post it note and write or draw something that inspires them and stick it to the designated decorated wall area. Finally, I was thinking of a fan letter station where parents could write a letter to their child, or kids could write one to another student. In the art room, we discuss critiquing artwork and being very specific about what you like about the art and why, and also thinking of a question for the artist. They would be delivered the week after the show. I think another cute idea is a scavenger hunt worksheet that could be handed out or left by the entrance. Something small and handheld. Everything on the list would connect to the lessons/art in the show.

Thanks so much for your help! Please feel free to let any other parents know as well. You may contact me at the email below.

Erica Richard  
Art Educator  
Emerson-Williams Elementary School  
[erichard@wethersfield.me](mailto:erichard@wethersfield.me)



**The Strawberry Festival is coming!!!  
Come and have a fun day with your School Community!**

**FOOD, GAMES & PRIZES, the CAKE WALK,  
DUNK TANK, SNO CONES & COTTON CANDY,  
OBSTACLE COURSE & SLIDE, FACE  
PAINTING, RAFFLES, DJ and the NEW "IT'S  
OK TO BE SILLY" SILLY STRING AREA, and  
MUCH MORE!**

**Tickets can be purchased in advance for a discount:**

**\$5 per ticket / \$10 family max**

**At the admission table – day of event:**

**\$5 per ticket / \$15 family max**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

**Reach out to Autumn Struk:**

**[Autumn.Struk@gmail.com](mailto:Autumn.Struk@gmail.com)**

**860-209-4344**

**Or use the Online Signup:**

**[http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ea4ac23a6f58-  
strawberry](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ea4ac23a6f58-strawberry)**

**Questions??? [Strawberry.fest@ewpto.com](mailto:Strawberry.fest@ewpto.com)**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>  
10AM – 2PM  
EMERSON-WILLIAMS  
SCHOOL GROUNDS**





## Strawberry Fest Grade RAFFLE

The Strawberry Fest committee appreciates the support and thanks each of you! In addition to the incredible fun this day is, it is an important fundraiser for the PTO. Proceeds from this day contribute to so many amazing things for YOUR CHILDREN. Please visit the EWPTO.COM site to see some of the great things your contributions are doing!

If anyone has any questions please contact Beth Gilbert at [kajt0511@yahoo.com](mailto:kajt0511@yahoo.com).

### **RAFFLE THEMES BY GRADE:**

**Kindergarten:** Creative Play (arts & crafts, dress up, imagination play, play food, Melissa and Doug items, Legos, etc)

**First Grade:** Kids character theme (anything Marvel, Spiderman, Disney Princess, Shopkins, Minecraft, or Barbie)

**Second Grade:** Outdoor and Beach fun (Beach towels, sand toys, play balls, Frisbee, inflatables, backyard games, sports, footballs, soccer ball, basketball, etc)

**Third Grade:** Family Game Night (any board games, card games, puzzles, etc..any ages)

**Fourth grade:** Movie Night (dvds, movie gift cards, Netflix or Rebox gift cards, popcorn, candy etc)

**Fifth Grade:** Yankees vs Red Sox (anything from your favorite team! Mugs, hats, lunch boxes, blankets, water bottles, literally anything! Let's see who "wins"!)

**Sixth Grade:** Ice Cream and Candy Crazy! (Any of their favorites!! Bags/boxes, ice cream toppings, dishes, scoops, gift cards to local ice cream shops)

# Special Notices

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**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](mailto: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](http://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.

# www.ewpto.com

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Looking for information? Check [www.ewpto.com](http://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!

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## Box Tops for Education

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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.btfе.com](http://www.btfе.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>





# Emerson-Williams Elementary School Day at Dunkin Donuts Park

## SUNDAY, JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> 2016



GAME TIME: 1:35 pm | GATES OPEN: 12:35 pm  
ERIE SEAWOLVES (DETROIT TIGERS) vs  
HARTFORD YARD GOATS (COLORADO ROCKIES)



Spend a day at the ballpark with friends and family from Emerson-Williams Elementary School! Cheer on the students as they take part in the pre-game High Five Tunnel on the field! If you would like to participate in the High Five Tunnel, please arrive by 1pm!



### High Five Tunnel



**Ticket Order Deadline:** Thursday, June 2nd 2016  
Parking is an additional fee day of the game.

[YardGoatsBaseball.com](http://YardGoatsBaseball.com)



860-246-GOAT (4628)



TENDER CARE LEARNING CENTERS DAY AT DUNKIN DONUTS PARK

SUNDAY, JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> 2016

GAME TIME: 1:35 pm GATES OPEN: 12:35 pm



TICKET TYPE	PRICE	NUMBER	TOTAL
FIELD BOX TICKET	\$10.00	X	=

Children 3 and under are free if sitting on a parent's lap during the game. Please note any handicapped tickets needed.

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASSROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM TO THE SCHOOL WITH EITHER CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO: EWPTO  
PLEASE NOTE "YARD GOATS TICKETS" ON THE ENVELOPE.  
QUESTIONS? CONTACT Colleen Mattatall at smiley9188@aol.com

# Attention United Way Donors!

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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 for a fundraiser/event 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. In the Fall PTO meetings, 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](http://www.ewpto.com) and check out the committee list to see if anything matches your interests.**

## Babysitters Needed

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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](mailto:2yrPres@ewpto.com).

## Labels for Education

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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](http://Labelsforeducation.com) for a comprehensive list of participating products.

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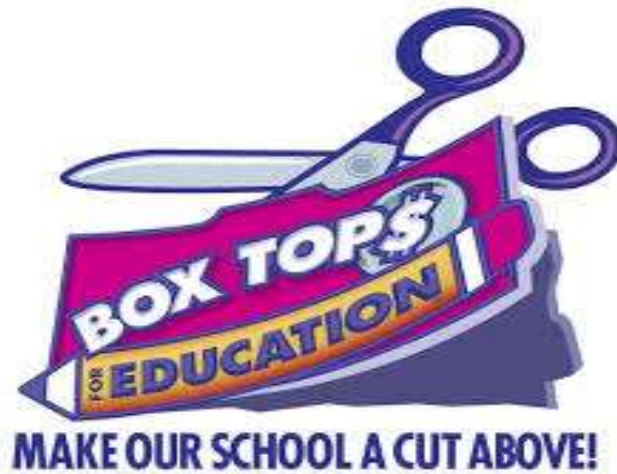
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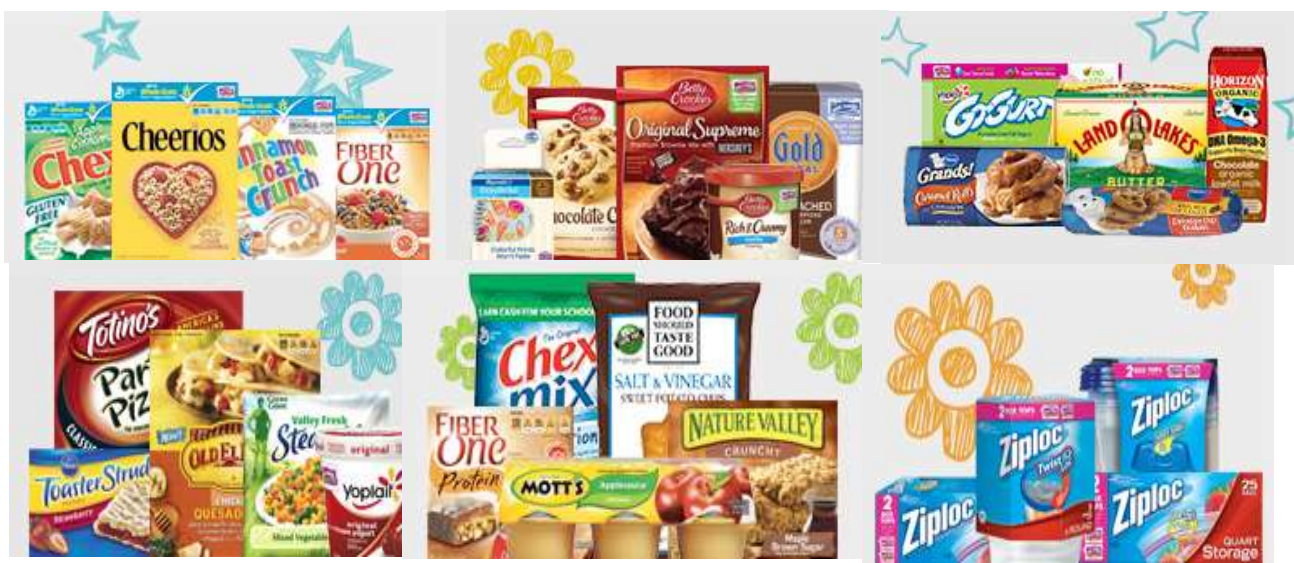
### Help Emerson-Williams by clipping Box Tops!

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!

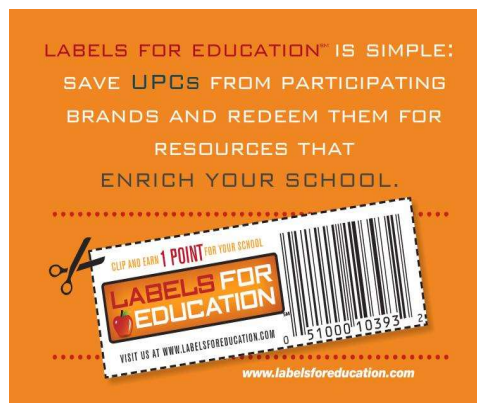
For more details about the Box Tops program, follow the link below.

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>





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