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School Newsletter

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EWPTO CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear Emerson-Williams Community,
On October 19th, the PTO held their Paint Night which was a huge success. It was wonderful to see the community come together, laugh, and, of course, paint. Thank you to Jerry's Artarama of CT (yourartsupplies.com) for the donations and thank you to Monika Shoham for leading a phenomenal Paint Night event!

The Halloween candy in my house haunts and taunts me; I want to eat it. However, my pants say something different. Then my child wants to eat candy all day every day and we battle it out; eventually, the candy ends up in the trash so we don't have to fight about it anymore. I'm not fond of throwing out edible delights but the arguing... oy, I can't deal.

During our October PTO meeting, parent Samantha Khan brought to our attention a wonderful charity named Operation Gratitude. While this is not a sponsored PTO event, we are helping her spread the word on her efforts to benefit our troops, veterans and first responders. You can donate your Halloween candy, dental floss, pens and/or mechanical pencils. On **November 1 and 2**, Samantha will be outside of the Emerson-Williams' lobby accepting donations from **6pm to 8pm**. If you can't make the school drop off, send her an email

(samanthakhan0120@gmail.com) as, I believe her house will be a drop off site as well. Donations will be accepted until **Wednesday, November 7th**. Additionally, with Veteran's Day right around the corner, why not write a letter and thank a Veteran? She'll collect those as well. I'd also like to mention that Samantha plans on covering the shipping costs. I sent a friend a box filled with 3 bags of candy corn which cost me \$7.20 to ship (it was the best \$7.20 I ever spent... it was a joke but I found it funnier than she did). If you feel so inclined, you can make a donation to help Samantha ship all these goodies.

Thanksgiving is always a great time to reflect. Our schedules are so busy that sometimes we forget to stop and think about the things to be thankful for. For some of us, it's easy not to see how much positivity and happiness is around. And for others, rainbows and sunshine flow from every orifice. With Thanksgiving around the corner, take a moment and think... what are you thankful for? Even with a loss this year, I am thankful for my family and for friends who are like family. I am thankful for another day that dawns with new hopes, love, tears, lessons, failures, and experiences.

In the future, I would love to see a
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Box Tops Update

You helped us collect 4,239 box tops which means a check in the amount of \$423.90 for Emerson-Williams PTO.

A huge shout out to Fran and Christen who cut, counted and bundled all the Box Tops.

There will be another collection in March - so there is plenty of time to cut, stash and hoard! Perhaps next time it will be a contest and the winning class could be awarded something. Questions? Email boxtops.committee@ewpto.com.

Membership News

Congratulations to the Hernandez-Maturo family, winners of the Membership drive \$100 Target card. The reusable bags were distributed on 10/9. If you have any questions, please contact the membership committee at membership@ewpto.com

2018-2019 PTO Meetings

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

November 8,
January 10, February 7,
March 14, April 18,
May 9 & June 6

EWPTO Event Calendar

November 6

No School - Election Day

November 8

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 pm in the Upper Media Center at Emerson-Williams

November 12

No School - Veterans Day

November 13

Fall Fundraiser Due (Yankee Candle, Cookies & Butter Braids)

November 16

2018 Battle of the Schools
Scoops and Sprinkles Emerson-Williams Day

November 21

Half Day of School - 12:55 Dismissal

November 22 & 23

No School - Thanksgiving Recess

November 29 (tentative)

Holiday Store

December 1 & 2

2018 Battle of the Schools - Scoops and Sprinkles
Extra dates to boost funds for EW

December 3

Puerto Vallarta Fundraiser Night

Scoops and Sprinkles winner announcement

December 5

Cheer Committee Teacher/Staff Luncheon

December 7

Vendor Fair

December 24 - 31

No School - Holiday Recess

2019

January - TBA

UCONN Game

January 1

No School - New Year's Day

January 10

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 pm in the Upper Media Center at Emerson-Williams

January 21

No School - MLK Day

February - TBA

Family Activity Night or Restaurant Fundraiser

February 7

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 pm in the Upper Media Center at Emerson-Williams

February 8

EW Talent Showcase at Webb School

February 13

Cheer Committee Teacher/Staff Luncheon

February 15

No School - Professional Development

February 18, 19

No School - Winter Recess

February 22

Munson Chocolates fundraiser

EW Talent Showcase Snow Date at Webb School

March - TBA

Family Activity Night

Box Tops Collection

March 11

Munson Chocolates fundraiser ends

March 14

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 pm in the Upper Media Center at Emerson-Williams

March 19

Half Day of School - 12:55 Dismissal

March 21

Half Day of School - 12:55 Dismissal

April - TBA

Mixed Bags Fundraiser

April 8 - 12

No School - Spring Recess

April 18

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 pm in the Upper Media Center at Emerson-Williams

April 19

No School - Good Friday

May - TBA

Poetry Afternoon

May 5

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 27

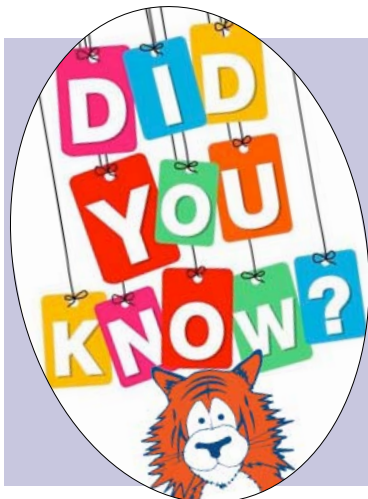
No School - Memorial Day

June - TBA

Strawberry Festival

June 13

Tentative Last Day of School



Have a great idea? Can't make a meeting? Have a suggestion?
Go to <http://www.ewpto.com> and click on the "Send Us Your Ideas" button on the right side on the main page. Include your name or send it anonymously.

New to Emerson-Williams? Take a peak at our 'New Parent Information' located on our website. Visit <http://www.ewpto.com/newparents.html>

Still have questions? Click the 'Contact Us' button on our website, email PTOboard@ewpto.com, or contact the Emerson-Williams at 860-571-8360.

Cultural Corner

From Ms. Root's 2nd grade class

As second graders, we're getting to know each other this year by also getting to know more about ourselves. Our cultural background is an important piece of who we are. EW's Literacy Curriculum Specialist, Mrs. Hammer, visited and read the wonderful book titled *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal (<https://youtu.be/N8zl05pEun0>). In this story, Alma does not like having six names, but learns that each name is special and tells the story of her family members. She starts to feel proud of her name as she realizes she will have her own story to tell one day.

A homework assignment allowed students to explore their names and the country or countries their families originated. Students were also asked what languages are spoken at home. Students proudly shared this assignment during our morning meetings. Then they created special name tags to place on display. We learned how to say "Good Morning" in languages that are spoken by our families. These were used as greetings to start each morning meeting.

As an extension, students colored flags representing the countries they come from and located these countries on a global map. Our flags will be posted with a string connecting our flags to the countries of origin on our classroom map.



From our PE teacher Karen Dalke

Calling all families! I am really enjoying getting to know the students at Emerson-Williams School and learning about the cultures represented by our families. I would like to celebrate our diversity by introducing students to games from around the world during PE classes. If your family would like to share a game that is traditionally played in different parts of the world, please email me at kdalke@wethersfield.me. In your email, please give either a description of how the game is played, or a link to a resource I can use to learn about the game. I will teach the games that are shared but families are also welcome to make arrangements with me to come in and present the game to your child's class. I look forward to hearing from our families and learning more about all the wonderful cultures that make up our school community.

Share your culture in Tiger Topics and with the Emerson-Williams Elementary School's community.

Like many other schools, Emerson-Williams is made up of students from many different backgrounds. We invite parents, students and staff to share your culture in Tiger Topics. Send your article or questions to Tigertopics@ewpto.com

Co-Presidents' Desk continued

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Cultural Night come to Emerson-Williams. I love learning about different ethnicities... their culture, traditions, and cuisine. It would be a wonderful experience to see all the different cultures present at Emerson-Williams. Would you be willing to share your culture during Cultural Night? Cultural Night can only be successful if we have families or individuals who participate. I hope to bring Cultural Night in the spring or fall of 2019. If you are interested in sharing your culture with the Emerson-Williams community, please email me at 1yrPres@ewpto.com.

Lastly, I leave you with this final thought. While drinking my coffee at 4am during my "lunch" break, I want to remind you of a few National Days coming in November: November 1st is National Cook for your Pets Day, November 11th is National Sundae Day, November 19th is National Play Monopoly Day, and November 27th is National Bavarian Cream Pie Day. Plan accordingly (I like pie).

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Autumn Struk, 2yrpres@ewpto.com
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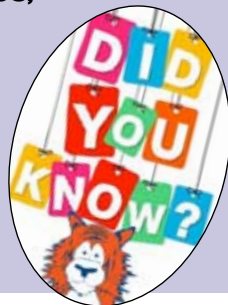
www.ewpto.com/committees.html

for a full list of committees,

sign up sheets,

and their direct

email addresses.



Open Committees & Volunteer Opportunities

Vendor Night: Looking for volunteers to help set up, assist during the night, and close down event. This family event provides the community an opportunity to shop with small businesses. *Scheduled for December 7 from 5pm to 9pm.*

Holiday Store: Looking for volunteers to help wrap, cashiers, and stock items; electronic sign up sheet will be available soon. This family event provides students with an opportunity to shop for their family. *Tentative date is scheduled for November 29.*

Community Outreach: Committee members organize different community outreach opportunities for EW to participate in. Examples: collection of food, cleaning products, or personal hygiene items. Coordinate with Wethersfield Social Services or other local organization. *Occurs sporadically throughout the year as needed.*

Copy Crew: Individuals who can come into the school and make copies for the entire school on an as-needed basis. Random texts are sent to all members and whoever can make it, can reply to all and volunteer. *Occurs sporadically throughout the year as needed.*

Dance: Looking for another co-chair. Committee members create a beautiful dance at our school. Kids invite their Someone Special whether it be a grandmother, grandfather, mother, father, uncle, aunt, or step-parent. *Typically occurs in the Winter or Spring.*

Mixed Bags Designs: The chair establishes and runs fundraising project to raise funds for the general PTO fund. *Typically occurs in April.*

Poetry Afternoon: Committee members coordinate with Reading Teacher, Ms. McLaughlin, to help set up the spring poetry afternoon. *Typically occurs in the Spring.*

Website: Responsible for maintaining and making updates to the PTO website and Facebook page. Behind the scene work includes creating email forwarders, creating SignUp Genius, scanning flyers, inputting events into Google Calendar, and renewing website domain. Looking for volunteer to start next year. Please contact webmaster@ewpto.com for more information.

Trivia

Email your answer to tigertrivia@ewpto.com and you could win an EW magnet. Only email entry please. Winner will be determined on November 30. (There was an email glitch so we are running this trivia question again.)

Which subspecies of tigers are not extinct? a) Bengal b) Javan c) Bali d) South China e) Bali

From the Desk of Mrs. Ciarcia, BSN, RN

All children should be in school when they are well, but trying to decide if they are well enough can be a difficult task. We all know they can wake up feeling one way and an hour later feel another way. The goal is to have your child in school, ready to learn; but prevent the transmission of illness to classmates.

Here are some rules to follow:

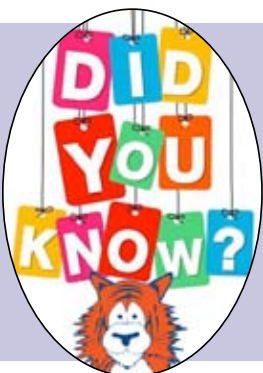
- A child with a temperature of 100 degrees or greater should not be in school.
- Students should be free of a fever for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medications, such as Tylenol or Motrin, before returning to school.
- If a child throws up in school or during the evening or night it is recommended that they be free of vomiting and are tolerating foods for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Students with excessive secretions from coughing, sneezing, or runny nose should be kept home to prevent the transmission of illness to others.
- Students diagnosed with Strep Throat from a throat culture must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school.
- For headaches, stomach aches, and sore throats, the decision to send your child to school should be based on your child's ability to sleep well, tolerate food and drink and focus on his/her class work.



With your help we can keep our school community healthy.

Parents of 6th graders, please continue to schedule and provide me with your child's 11 year physical. It is a requirement for 7th grade.

Please check to see if you may have "EW" clothes that your child may have borrowed. I usually write "EW" on the tag. If you do find any please send them in with your child. We have encountered much mud already this year and I have had to give out a change of clothes to many kids.



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EMERSON-WILLIAMS TALENT SHOWCASE

**FEBRUARY 8, 2019
6 PM AT WEBB SCHOOL**

Acting, singing, dancing, juggling,
playing a musical instrument...
all special talents are welcome!

If you would like to showcase your talent, please
complete the attached form and return it no later
than **November 21, 2018**.

Forms to include a piece in the
annual art showcase can be found in
Mrs. Richards' Art Room

Are you a student who prefers to help out
backstage with music or lights? Send an email
to talentshow@ewpto.com and let us know!

Please note in the event the show is cancelled due to weather,
the snow date is scheduled for Friday February 22, 2019

Emerson-Williams
Shining Stars Talent Showcase
Participation Form

Due back by November 21, 2018

List all Performers (one name per box, include first and last name). If you need additional space, please add to the back or attach an additional page

Name		Name	
Grade/Teacher		Grade/Teacher	
Name		Name	
Grade/Teacher		Grade/Teacher	

Talent or Performance:

Song Title:

Stage Equipment needed (music stand, piano, microphones, chair, etc...)

Contact Information for Performers

(You can list one person as the main contact or multiple contacts)

Parent/Guardian	Email

Once all participation forms are received, a second communication will be sent via email to provide additional information to performers regarding time allowances for each performance. We will also host an "audition night" to check music and performances. If you have any questions, please email talentshow@ewpto.com



Hello Emerson Williams Families,

With Veteran's Day just around the corner, I thought that as a community we could come together to donate to this charity.

Operation Gratitude volunteers collected more than 400,000 pounds of candy last year, distributing it to U.S. Troops serving far away from home, Veterans and First Responders. • Operation Gratitude includes sweet treats in every Care Package that we send (and we will send 300,000 this year!) Halloween candy serves as a reminder of home that helps brings smiles to our Troops' faces' - and you are helping make it happen by donating candy today!

If you are interested in donating or helping with the donation process, please contact Samantha Khan (samanthakhan0120@gmail.com) for pick up or drop off information. I will be accepting donations of from candy at Emerson Williams on Thursday, November 1st and Friday, November 2nd from 6-8 pm. Stay tuned for more info! Monetary donations will also be collected to help cover the shipping cost. Thank you in advance!

**All donations must be completed by
Wednesday, November 7th!**



2018 Battle of the Schools!



2 Towns. 8 Schools. 1 Winner.

Come down to Scoops & Sprinkles on your schools fundraiser night from 3:30pm-9pm & 10% of the sales will be donated back to your school! You may find some Celebrity Scoopers behind our counter!

Tuesday 11/13: West Hill

Tuesday 11/27: Charles Wright

Wednesday 11/14: Webb

Wednesday 11/28: Highcrest

Thursday 11/15: Hanmer

Thursday 11/29: SDMS

Friday 11/16: Emerson Williams

Friday 11/30: CREC Discovery Academy

Saturday, December 1st & Sunday, December 2nd: "Free for All" days where all schools can come in to increase their sales!

At the end of the Battle of the Schools event, the school with the highest sales will be crowned the "winner" and will receive an additional 10% of the entire 2018 Battle of the Schools sales!

Scoops & Sprinkles

2229 Silas Deane Highway Rocky Hill



ARTIST'S CORNER

**Show off your masterpiece at this
year's Shining Stars Talent
Showcase!**

Submit an art piece to Mrs. Richard's classroom by Friday, January 25th, 2019. Entries must be an original piece created outside of the classroom, no bigger than 16x20, and can be a painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, or ANYTHING! Let those creative juices flow! Be sure to fill out the form below and return with your entry.

Art Entry Form

Student Name: _____

Artwork Title: _____

Grade: _____ **Teacher:** _____