



Tiger Topics

November/December, 2009

School Newsletter

EMERSON-WILLIAMS

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2010 PTO MEETING DATES:

(ALL PTO MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE UPPER MEDIA CENTER AT 7PM)

- January 14, 2010
- February 11, 2010
- March 11, 2010
- April 8, 2010
- May 13, 2010
- June 10, 2010

If you haven't yet signed up for P.E.N.S (Parent Email Notification System), please go online to our website and do so! Signing up will mean less paperwork sent home, and will help Emerson Williams do our part to save the environment!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

ELIZABETH T. CATARIUS

Mr. Kohlhagen, Superintendent of Schools, honored recipients of the Superintendent's Awards on Thursday evening November 12th at Silas Deane Middle School. Award recipients from Emerson-Williams were: Laura Kelly and Daniel Schroeder, grade 6 students for the Superintendent's Student Award, Mr. David Berry for the Parent Volunteer Award, and Mrs. Patrice Mahder for Support Staff. For more information in regard to these awards and the recipients, you can go to the Wethersfield Public Schools website. Congratulations to all the recipients!

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the PTO for their continued kindness. Every month, the Appreciation Committee provides a surprise treat for the entire staff. On one occasion, the members of the committee decorated the Teachers' Lounge and provided wonderful refreshments. The staff is very, very grateful for the PTO's generosity. The Creative Arts program in October was a huge success. The Freestyle Repertory Theater performed for students in Kindergarten through grade 6. The students were enthralled and greatly entertained by the actors' ability to improvise.

Math Olympiad, an after school math club for students in grades 5 and 6, has begun. The club meets weekly for one hour, and the club members explore a topic or a strategy in depth, using creative strategies to solve the problems, or they practice for contests using nonroutine problems from Mathematics Olympiads Contest Problems for Elementary and Middle Schools. The goals of the program are to: stimulate enthusiasm and a love for mathematics, introduce important mathematical concepts, to teach major strategies for problem solving, to strengthen mathematical intuition, to foster mathematical creativity and ingenuity and to provide the satisfaction, joy and thrill of meeting challenges.

Ms. Emmanuel, grade 6 teacher, is the coordinator for this club.

The Emerson-Williams' staff participates in Dress Down Day on Fridays. You may have noticed the casual attire on these days. The staff donates to various scholarship funds and to date from this September, we have collected and donated \$1,071.00.

I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to welcoming the students back on January 4, 2010!



SPECIAL REQUEST

Our school office is a very small space. When there are many people in the office, it can become very noisy, and it can sometimes become difficult for the office staff to conduct business amid all the noise. We are respectfully requesting that you conduct conversations with non-office staff outside in the hallway. This will help alleviate crowding and confusion and will allow the office personnel to work without excess noise. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Please send topics or suggestions for the next issue of Tiger Topics to Kathy Zapor at zapkat@cox.net by Friday, January 15th

PTO HIGHLIGHTS

MICHELE LAVOIE 944-6765 ~ PAULA HEINZMAN 571-8939

November: As we enter into the "season of giving thanks," we just want to take a moment to share how thankful we are for all you do to support your PTO and children. We know how busy your schedules can get, but it means so much to everyone when we can just give a little. Whether it is your time, donations, or attending an event, these are the times in our children's lives that they will remember.

We had a very successful Vendor Night, which provided a nice opportunity to see beautiful crafts, jewelry items, and kitchen fun! Our Comedy Night was a huge hit giving the adults a chance to have a night out and do some hearty

laughing. We all appreciated the chance to laugh and forget about everything else for a few hours...

If you missed those events, mark your calendars for our upcoming Holiday Store on Thursday, December 3rd from 5:00-7:30pm. With the holidays quickly approaching, this is a great opportunity for our children to do a little "secret shopping" for their friends and families. No parents are allowed in the "store" while the students are shopping - so NO peeking! The students love the chance to find inexpensive gifts to express their holiday cheer.

We encourage every family to join the PTO as a member, even if you cannot attend the meetings. This entails paying the once a year membership dues of \$8/student or

\$10/family. The dues go directly into the PTO Fund, providing our students with so many educational tools. These dues are essential to support the events that each and every Emerson-Williams student participates in, Field Trips, Enrichment Programs, Author Visits, etc.

The PTO wishes each and every one of our families a very healthy and happy holiday season. Please continue to support your PTO at Emerson-Williams.

Thank you
Paula and Michele



December:

FALALALALALALALALA..... Thank you all for all you're doing..... FALALALALALALALALA The children benefit from your committing... FALALALALALALALALA

Once again, we have so much to thank so many people for, it just almost is impossible! To all who have made the Holiday Store possible, Bingo Night, Grants! Wreaths, Pies, Poinsettias! Thank you!....and a Thank you to the entire staff at Emerson-Williams, for THEIR hard work and dedication to our children each and every day! And a VERY special Thank you to Mrs. Catarius The PTO looks forward to many opportunities in the coming New Year, and we wish you all a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season. Enjoy your time with family and friends! See you in January!

VISIT US ON THE WEB!

[HTTP://WWW.WETHERSFIELD.K12.CT.US/EMERSON/PTO](http://www.wethersfield.k12.ct.us/emerson/pto)

Needed: Gently Used Computer

We are in need of a donation of a gently used computer for a student to use at home.

If you have one that is in good working condition, please contact:

Donna Morrison, School Social Worker, 860-250-2483

Thank you!

Student Artists

Four 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: Yasmin Lazu, Monique Gardon, Emily McKenna and Richard Darrell.



- Emerson-Williams Bingo Night was held Tuesday, November 10th at the high school. It was a great family event, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves! We would like to thank Ben Goldman for doing an excellent job calling the bingo numbers! Also, thanks to all our Bingo volunteers! A special thank you to all those who donated raffle prizes for the event: Mrs. Catarius, Big Y, Carmen Anthony, Mr. Sparkle, Panera Bread, Red Robin, Rocky Hill Pizza Restaurant, Vito's, West Side Market, Wood N Tap
(Way to go Josh C. with 5 raffle wins!!!)
Bingo Committee—Patty Ayers, Eileen McNeil, Maureen Sullivan
- Michelle Bosco did a wonderful job last month to pamper our teachers with all kinds of goodies!
- Paula Heinzman delivered the cleaning supplies to Social Services after Vendors Night. Daron and Ellen Goslicki, Jarrett, Aleah and Michele Livingston, Garrett and Lucy Liska as well as John and Suzan Yadrozny dropped off 8 heavy boxes of food from our Thanksgiving Food Collection. Thanks also to Bethany and Leah Ostergreen and Katharina and Daniel Cacioli for collection and putting the boxes together.
- Ellen Goslicki pampered the artists of the Freestyle Repertory Theater with a great snack! Thank you all so much!!!
- A special Thank You to all of the Emerson-Williams families and friends who participated in our Genevieve Fall Fundraiser. The effort and commitment that was shown this year toward raising funds for our students was terrific and is greatly appreciated! ~Martina Cacioli and Sue Breglio, Co-Chairs
- November's Teacher Appreciation was hosted by Karen Dicenso and Roseanne Donofrio. Thanks to all the bakers and cook who contributed to this culinary event: Mary Wadsworth, Pina Gulino, Amy Chodorowski, Angela Tollis, Sue Breglio, Beth Thompson and Maureen Sullivan. What a great team!! Thank you so much!



Emerson Williams Magnets

are still available! If interested please send \$5 in an enveloped marked PTO Magnet with your child. You will receive your magnet within a few days. (Checks maybe payable to EW PTO)

TIGER TOPICS HEALTH TIPS

BY LINDA CIARCIA, RN, BSN



DEAR PARENTS,

Thank you to all of the parents who washed and returned the borrowed clothing from the Health Office. We have had a very muddy October!! I am in need of some additional clothes especially sizes 12-18 of both boys and girls track pants or sweat pants. Also girl's small size track pants or sweat pants. If you are able to donate any of these items please Email me at lciarcia@wetherfield.k12.ct.us. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

REMINDER to all sixth grade students:

All students must complete the necessary health assessment and required immunizations prior to **JUNE 1, 2010**. ***Students will not be allowed to enter seventh grade in the fall if this information has not been submitted.*** If you need the blue State of Connecticut Department of Education Health Assessment form, I will be happy to send you one.

Thanks to all those students who have turned in their physicals already!!

Next year there will be new immunization requirements:

2nd Varicella vaccine [chicken pox]

2nd Measles, Mumps and Rubella [MMR]

Adolescent Tdap vaccine [Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis]

Please checks with the pediatrician to make sure these are updated.

CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND! There are a lots of big boy jackets and sweatshirts. It would be helpful to put your child's name or initials on jackets and lunchboxes. I try to return them to the kids if their name or initials are there.

Save the Date!**Friday, January 29, 2010****Emerson Williams Pasta Dinner,****hosted by the****6th Grade Committee****Details to follow!**