



# Tiger Topics

*School Newsletter*

## EMERSON-WILLIAMS

### From the Principal's Desk

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Elizabeth T. Catarius

During the month of November, we celebrate American Education Week. As part of the celebration, the Superintendent of Schools traditionally honors students, parents and staff with the Superintendent's Recognition Awards. On Thursday evening, November 8, Mr. Michael Emmett acknowledged Jeremy Halla and Brooke Tillotson as the grade 6 recipients. Both students were noted for being excellent students and giving back to their community through charitable works. Mrs. Andrea Ginter was honored for her incredible contributions to Emerson-Williams via her involvement in the PTO as co-president and as a PTO member. Mr. Jimmy Discenza received the employee award for his ongoing commitment to making Emerson-Williams run effectively and smoothly.

In order to improve instruction and learning, teachers are being trained in the Data Team model. There is a school wide Data Team and a grade level Instructional Data Team. The school wide Data Team reviews information in regard to students and their learning and communicates these trends to the grade level Instructional Data Teams. The grade level Instructional Data Teams review student work and adjust instruction as needed. It is hoped that with a more focused approach to analyzing data we can increase student learning.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your children. They are our greatest national treasure.

#### Fall 2012 Box Tops Contest: Win a Popcorn Party

A fall Box Tops Contest will run from Tuesday, November 13 through Friday, December 14. Please bring in your neatly trimmed Box Tops and put them in the Box Top box in your classroom. The number of Box Tops will be counted from each of the classroom boxes. The class that brings in the most Box Tops will win a popcorn party! Happy clipping!

Please contact Amber Kiniry 860.529.4400 or [amberstark76@aol.com](mailto:amberstark76@aol.com) with any questions.

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# PTO Highlights

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Hey everyone, it is already time for another Tiger Topics! Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and we have so much to be thankful for: family, friends, and the caring community we live in. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to all the parents who have stepped forward this year to head up a PTO Committee or volunteer their time at a school event. You are making such a huge difference in our school and in our children's lives!

We have a busy month coming up. The Holiday Store and Vendor Night are at the end of this month, on Tuesday, November 27. This is a very popular event with the students and parents. The kids love having the opportunity to shop for gifts for their family and friends. While the kids are shopping in the Holiday Store, the parents can shop in Vendor Night and take care of some of the items on their gift list. If you have the time, please consider volunteering for part of the evening to help make this event successful.

Please remember that the day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 21, is a minimum school day. It is also a school spirit day - Slipper Day! Don't forget to have your child wear (or bring in) slippers that day. School is closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, for Thanksgiving recess. Also, there is no PTO meeting scheduled for the month of December. Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday!

That's all for this month!

Sincerely,

Martin Malicki and John Kiniry



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## Save the Date! Comedy Night

Mark your calendars now! We are holding a comedy night on Friday, May 10, 2013 to benefit the Playscape Fund. Book a babysitter and prepare to laugh so hard your face will hurt. Dave Reilly is a true comedian that works nationwide for the sole purpose of getting laughs. Dave's comic material is a mix of off the cuff improv and real life situational material that everyone can relate to. More details will be out in the coming weeks. Thank you!



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## Stop and Shop Rewards Program

In the first month of the Stop & Shop A+ Rewards program, we have earned \$550! If you haven't done so already, PLEASE register your card to help us earn more money for E-W, and ask your friends, family and co-workers to do the same! Go to [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) to sign up; our school ID is 06644. If you would like a form that you can use to solicit help from co-workers (in your office lunch room, etc.) just contact Andrea Ginter. Thank you!

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## Forms, Info, Events, Notices: [ewpto.com](http://ewpto.com)

Check [www.ewpto.com](http://www.ewpto.com) for links to 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).

**PTO Meeting Schedule:** January 10 • February 13 • March 14 • April 11 • May 9 • June 13

*No December meeting*

# Box Tops and Labels: Clip and Earn

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Don't forget to keep Saving those Box Tops! For every Box Top you Collect, Emerson-Williams earns 10¢. While that may not seem like a lot, it really adds up fast. Also, if you work in an office environment, ask your copy/print services department to save Box Tops for you – many Avery products and even Boise copier paper have Box Tops on them.



Don't forget to keep saving Labels for Education!

These labels can be found on lots of participating products, from Campbell's to Pepperidge Farm to Prego and more! For juice products, save the caps. For other products, look for the bar code or "Labels for Education" logo inside a rectangle. Visit [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for a complete list of participating products. .



## Thank Our Military: Donate Coupons

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Last week we celebrated the military veterans in our families, our communities and our country.

Looking for a way YOU can thank the men and women currently serving our country – and their families? You can help by donating your unused or expired manufacturer's coupons, which are accepted by military commissaries overseas. The coupons help our military families stationed in other countries, and it doesn't cost you a thing.

Joseph Sottile, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Wethersfield High School is heading up this effort. Last year Joseph sent coupons to military families in Italy, Germany and Japan. He received the Board of Education's CABB award and a Youth in Action award for this project.

Please drop off your coupon circulars or clipped coupons in the labeled box near the main office at Emerson-Williams.

## A Note of Thanks



Thank you to Beth Thompson and her daughter Olivia (4th grade) for delivering the Community Outreach Thanksgiving food collection to the Department of Social Services on November 15.

*If you would like to submit a note of thanks to Tiger Topics, please email the note to [angelatollis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:angelatollis@sbcglobal.net)*

## Wethersfield Public Library Events

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**Pizza & Pages:** Tuesday, November 27; 6:30 p.m.

Discuss Nutmeg Award winner *The Wonder of Charlie Anne* by Kimberly Newton Fusco. Light supper available. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Junie B. Jones Jingle Bells, Batman Smells:** Saturday, November 17; 10:30 a.m.

The Newington Children's Theatre Company will come to the library to act out a scene from their upcoming play and read part of the book. For all ages.

Please contact the Wethersfield Public Library to register for these events, or to see their full calendar.

# HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

## Holiday Fair and Vendor Night

Come join us for a night of fun!

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Vendor Fair: 5 - 8:30 p.m.

Holiday Store: 5 - 8 p.m.



## Holiday Gift Card Sale

Need to purchase gift cards for the holidays? We can help! You can shop for gift cards from the convenience of your home and help out the PTO at the same time! With over 60 options in various denominations to choose from, you are sure to find something perfect for everyone. You can also stock up on gift cards for stores that you shop at frequently – the PTO receives a percentage of each gift card sold, and it doesn't cost you any more.

In addition, we offer grocery store gift cards for sale all year long. For more details on our grocery store gift card program, go to [www.ewpto.com](http://www.ewpto.com).

As always, thank you so much for participating in our fundraisers. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Andrea Ginter at 860-251-9125 or at [andrea.ginter@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.ginter@gmail.com).

We are still looking for volunteers! Anyone interested in participating in either event please sign up at

[www.mysignup.com/holidaystore](http://www.mysignup.com/holidaystore) or contact:

### Vendor Fair Co-Chairs:

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**\*Holiday Store  
is in need of  
wrapping bags,  
paper and tape.  
Any donations  
are  
appreciated.**

## Target Card Update – Help Us Help Our School

Did you know that when you sign up for a Target card, it helps you and the school? You can sign up for one right at the store (it only takes a minute or two). The card can either be a traditional credit card or you can link it to your debit card! You get **5% of your purchases** as well as other cardmember benefits like **free shipping from Target.com**. In addition, you can **designate Emerson-Williams to receive funds** based on your purchases. It's a win-win!

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](http://Target.com/tcoe).



# Health Quick Tips

Linda Ciarcia, BSN, RN

DEAR PARENTS,

Thank you to all of the parents who donated clothes to the health office.

I am in need of some additional clothes especially sizes 14-18 girls and boys track pants or sweat pants. If you are able to donate any of these items please email me at [lciaarcia@wetherfield.k12.ct.us](mailto:lciaarcia@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, 2013**. ***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]
- Meningococcal vaccine

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



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

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## Come see our Wethersfield students in *The Nutcracker*

**The Nutcracker** *Magic for All Ages!*  
at University of Saint Joseph  
December 13 - 16, 2012  
**TICKETS:**  
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860-570-0440  
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# December Holiday Writing Contest

Deadline: November 30

The Wethersfield Library Children's Department &  
the Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce  
are co-sponsoring a Writing Contest

**Winner will:** "Light the tree" during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday's on Main festivities

**Theme:** Which December holiday means the most to you and why?

**Eligibility:** Contest is open to children in grades 3 through 6 who are Wethersfield residents. Only one entry per person.

**Format:** Submissions may be essays, or poetry; should be typed and a **maximum** of two pages double spaced in 12 point font. May **not** use last year's entry.

**To Enter:** Each participant and his/her parent/caregiver must complete and sign the official entry form below, and attach to entry.

**Return entry to the Wethersfield Library-Children's Department or email to address below, no later than 4:45 p.m. on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Winner will be notified by Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Prize:** Winner will "light the tree" during the Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday's on Main event on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Winner must arrive at Lucky Lou's by 5:30 p.m. for the 6 p.m. tree lighting.

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## **Entry Form**

**(Please attach to your entry)**

Name: (please print, first & last) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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