



From the Principal's Desk

Ms. Neela Thakur

Tuesday, November 12, was an incredibly special day at Emerson-Williams Elementary School. It will be a day that our students will never forget. In honor of Veterans Day on Monday, November 11, we held our Annual "Take a Veteran to School Day." There was such an amazing response to this invitation, that it was necessary for us to hold two separate assemblies on Tuesday in order to accommodate all of the amazing veterans in attendance. One assembly took place in the morning, and one assembly took place in the afternoon. Our Superintendent of Schools, Michael Emmett, joined us for the afternoon assembly, and he loved it. We had 35 veterans present at each assembly, for a total of 70! State Representative, Russ Morin, and I were the featured speakers at each of the two assemblies. But, much more important than our adult sentiments, were the sincere and adorable student presentations. Students sang dramatic / active versions of many patriotic songs; our band and orchestra both played patriotic music; students read both poetry and letters to the veterans; there was a moving slide show set to music, and much much more. There was a formal military roll call where I was privileged to read the name of each and every veteran who was in attendance, and the veterans responded with a proud, "Here!" Toward the end of the assembly, students had the cute idea to present their guest veterans with a memento of a Life Saver, "since they save lives." Out in our main lobby, veterans were able to see our magnificent Tree of Service, where students decorated the various "branches of service" with hundreds and hundreds of Tiger Paws of Recognition for veterans whom they know (even if they were not able to come in to school; some of whom have passed away). There were many smiles in the crowd, and many weepy eyes as well – this whole day was very beautiful and very moving. In honor of Veterans Day, we also had a school-wide Spirit Day in which all students and staff wore our patriotic colors of red, white, and blue to school. Our music teacher, Mary Fox, worked with her students to coordinate every aspect of this very special day. She did a truly spectacular job! I encourage all Tiger families to try and get involved with this assembly next school year, even if the veteran you know is not a direct relative. We'd like to have the opportunity to honor as many veterans as possible.

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Message from the Presidents....

Greetings EW Families,

Cold is in the air, and the holidays are right around the corner. Thanksgiving is almost upon us and its time to be thankful for many things in our lives. We are thankful for our friends, family, and the support of our community and parents at Emerson-Williams. Especially, John and I are thankful for all those of you who volunteer or participate as an Emerson-Williams parent or PTO member. You are the difference that help make our events successful, and for that we thank you.

The Holiday Store and Vendor Night will be here very soon. November 21st, the Holiday Store and Vendor night will begin at 5:30pm in the Gymnasium and Cafeteria. We will have various vendors for parents to browse, while the children are shopping in the Gym. We will have refreshments and some food for a nominal fee while you visit the vendors, as well as while the children shop for fun things for the holidays. It is one of the events that the PTO looks forward to hosting for you and your families simply because of how much fun our children love the event. The event will end at 8:00pm. We could still use some volunteers for the holiday store and vendor night. Please contact Lauren Barbara or Amber Kiniry for the holiday store, or Jackie LaPerriere for Vendor Night.

We will also be selling tickets for a Hartford Wolf Pack game, on February 1st. The Wolf Pack take on the Albany Devils in what should be a very entertaining game! Tickets will be \$10 per person, and every ticket bought will be a chance to win a ride on the Zamboni at the game during one of the intermissions. Sonar will be visiting us, so be sure that the kids stop by and say hello.

We would like to say a special thank you to Ms. Fox for having another wonderful event for our children and Veteran guests. Once again, a wonderful turn out and lots of respect for those people who have allowed us to live free in our country today!

We also want say thanks to the Wethersfield Creative Arts Committee for organizing a wonderful assembly for the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders on the topic of "Bullying". The assembly was very informative to the children and the teachers that attended. We are hoping to organize another event in the Spring that will involve the younger students as well as the parents, as Bullying is something we all (parent and student alike) need to understand. Stay tuned for more information.

We are off to a good start this year. Our playscape is installed, and our fundraisers are on track with budget. We are looking forward to a strong finish to the end of the 1st half of the year, and are looking forward to the lineup that we have in 2014 for the children and all of you. From our families to yours, we wish you all a very safe and happy holiday!

Regards,

John Kiniry, 2nd Year Co-President
Paul LaPerriere, 1st Year Co-President

"We never know the love of parents until we become parents ourselves!"

2013-2014 PTO Meeting Schedule

7:00pm Upper Media Center

December 12 • January 9 • February 13 • March 13 • April 10 • May 8 • June 12

From the Desk of the School Social Worker

Hello! I am Maureen Duffy, and I am honored to be the Emerson-Williams School Social Worker working to help your children have the most successful school experience that they can this year!

I have worked for 7 years as a school social worker and before that I was an elementary school teacher for many years. I am also the mother of three children, so I am familiar with many of the challenges that you and your children encounter.

I wear many hats throughout the day that change often!

The majority of my time is dedicated to counseling children either individually or in small groups. Counseling is available to all students who have social or emotional issues that impact their learning process. Students are referred to counseling through teacher or principal referrals and parent requests. Common topics for counseling include changing families, grief, anxiety and/or anger management, social skills and peer conflict/problem solving.

Another one of my responsibilities is to support the classroom teacher. I present lessons to whole classes on a variety of topics, which are tailored to the needs of each particular classroom. I also work collaboratively with teachers by consulting on students' behaviors in the classroom. When necessary, I observe students in their classrooms and provide recommendations to help improve student behavior.

As I know that parenting can be one of life's most daunting as well as joyful experiences, I am also here to meet with you and other family members to discuss strategies that may help you and your child. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the number or email address below.

I look forward to meeting you!

Maureen Duffy, MSW, LCSW

Phone: 860-250-2483

Email: mduffy@wethersfield.k12.ct.us

Health Tips

From Linda Ciarcia, BSN, RN

REMINDER to all sixth grade students: A letter went home recently reminding you about 6th grade physicals.

*All students must complete the necessary health assessment and required immunizations prior to **JUNE 1, 2013**. **If you had a physical done this summer hand it in now. 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, you can print one off of the EWPTO website (<http://ewpto.com/Health-Information.php>) or I can send one home with your child.*

A MATTER OF LICE

As a new year begins with new faces; some visitors are not always welcome, I mean those dreaded lice. I would like to provide you with the latest information about assessing and treating head lice.

Just the Facts

Lice are not dangerous; they don't spread disease and are not a sign of uncleanliness.

Lice do not fly or jump; the only way they can get from one person to the other is **DIRECT** head to head contact.

The sharing of clothing, bedding, combs/brushes and hats/hair accessories may spread them.

Schools are not the most common place where head lice are spread. Sleep-overs among friends and relatives are thought to be a common way they are passed from home to home.

School-wide head checks are not recommended. The most effective screening occurs when parents check their own children and treat as described below.

Letters are not sent home routinely regarding cases at school unless there are two or more active cases in a classroom.

The "gold" standard if infestation is the direct visualization of live bugs. Contact your pediatrician for Lice treatment options.

Health Tips *continued....*

From Linda Ciarcia, BSN, RN

If only nits or eggs are present, removing them with a special small toothed comb, is time consuming, but the **most** effective way to get rid of them. **DO THIS EVERY DAY UNTIL YOU NO LONGER SEE ANY.**

NEVER TREAT ANYONE “just in case”. Head lice products can be pesticides, which are toxic if overused and can be absorbed through the skin. If you do need to use them, **FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS EXACTLY.**

Shaving or cutting the hair is not necessary.

According to the National Assoc. of School Nurses, children found with live lice should be referred to parents for treatment. One of the biggest challenges is getting parents to communicate the problem to school and to other parents when they find head lice. This may prevent the passing back and forth of this problem.

As school nurses, we are your supportive advocate who can advise you about treatments and help you with checking and rechecking as you work to remove nits and lice from you child’s head. We do not judge and we handle lice cases in a *confidential* manner. Please just ask. Visit these links for valuable information and videos: www.headliceinfo.com and www.cdc.gov/lice

LOST & FOUND

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

NEW to Tiger Topics....Our “Classified Section”

Parents now have the ability to place classified advertisements in our school newsletter. We are currently only making space for 10 ads per month and are running them on a first come first serve basis. The ads are restricted to only school or child related topics. There is a 60 word maximum and we cannot accept pictures. The cost for running an ad is \$5 for 1 month. Payments must be made payable to “EWPTO” to the attention of Holly Dyjak, Treasurer. Please include a note identifying that the payment is for TT Classified and leave it in the EW main office prior to submitting your request to Tiger Topics. An email submission of your ad must be received by 10 AM on the Saturday following the most recent PTO meeting.

Looking for information? Check 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!

- Wethersfield High School Class of 1983 Reunion: Saturday, November 30th
- Holiday Store, Thursday November 21st!
- Wednesday, April 2, 2014 – Gr. 5 and Gr. 6 Parent Info Night, 6-7 pm, Upper Media Center
- Wednesday, April 23, 2014 – Friday, April 25 – Grade 6 to Camp Woodstock (3 days)
- Monday, April 28, 2014 – Friday, May 2 – Grade 5 to Camp Woodstock (5 days)

Box Tops for Education

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 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>

Target: Help Us Help Our School

There's an easy way to help us raise money for our school –for books, reading programs and anything else that can use extra funding. It's called Take Charge of Education, and it's helping our school right now. It's great for you too! REDcard holders receive a 5% discount on purchases, and free shipping on Target.com orders. Visit Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school, then use your REDcard whenever you shop. When you use your REDcardSM (Target® Visa® Credit Card, Target Credit Card® or Target Check Card®), Target will donate up to 1% of your purchases to the eligible K–12 school of your choice. Don't have a REDcard? Apply in person at any Target store or go to Target.com/redcard. 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.

Donate Your Unused Coupons

Wethersfield High School student Joseph Sottile is collecting expired and unused manufacturers' coupons to donate to U.S. military families in other countries. Military commissaries overseas accept expired coupons. Last year Joseph received the Board of Education's CABE award and a Youth in Action award for this project. Please drop off your coupon circulars or clipped coupons in the donation box at school, or to Joseph Sottile, in the bin on the front porch at 131 Cider Brook Drive.

Holiday Store

It's that time of year again! The Emerson-Williams Holiday Store will be held Thursday, November 21, 2013. If you are interested in participating in either event please contact:

Holiday Store Co-Chairs:

Lauren Barbara
snl0617@att.net
860-665-9448

Amber Kiniry
amberstark76@aol.com
860-424-2144

*Holiday Store is in need of wrapping paper, gift bags and tape.
We appreciate any donations!*



Attention United Way Donors!

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 John Kiniry for more information.



Volunteer

If you are interested in heading up one of our PTO committees OR simply want to join a committee to find a way to get involved, please contact John Kiniry or Paul LaPerriere as soon as possible. At the November PTO meeting, 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 and check out the committee list to see if anything matches your interests.

Babysitters Needed

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 John Kiniry at jtk038@aol.com or 860-424-2143.

Labels for Education

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 for a comprehensive list of participating products. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Koziol (skoziol2011@hotmail.com or 860-529-3562).

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Beautiful wooden violin for sale, excellent condition. Wonderful & Good Vibrations sound! Complete with wooden bow, lightweight case, (2) shoulder pads, and (2) rosin blocks. Bought new for \$350. Still like new & will sell for \$235. Please call if you have any questions.

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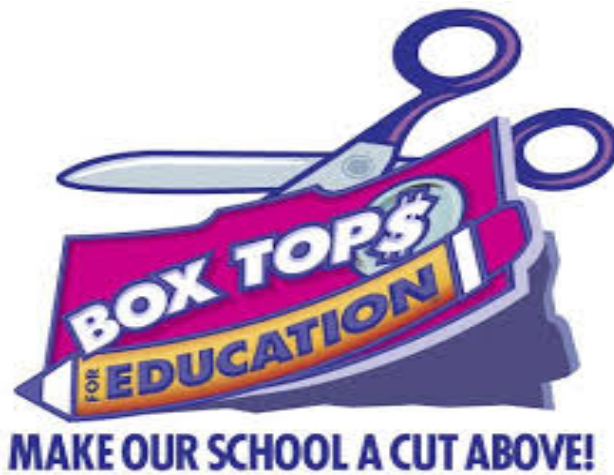
Date: Thursday, November 21st

Time: 5:30 pm. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: 461 Welles Street, Wethersfield, CT

Holiday Store: Gymnasium

Vendor Fair: Cafeteria



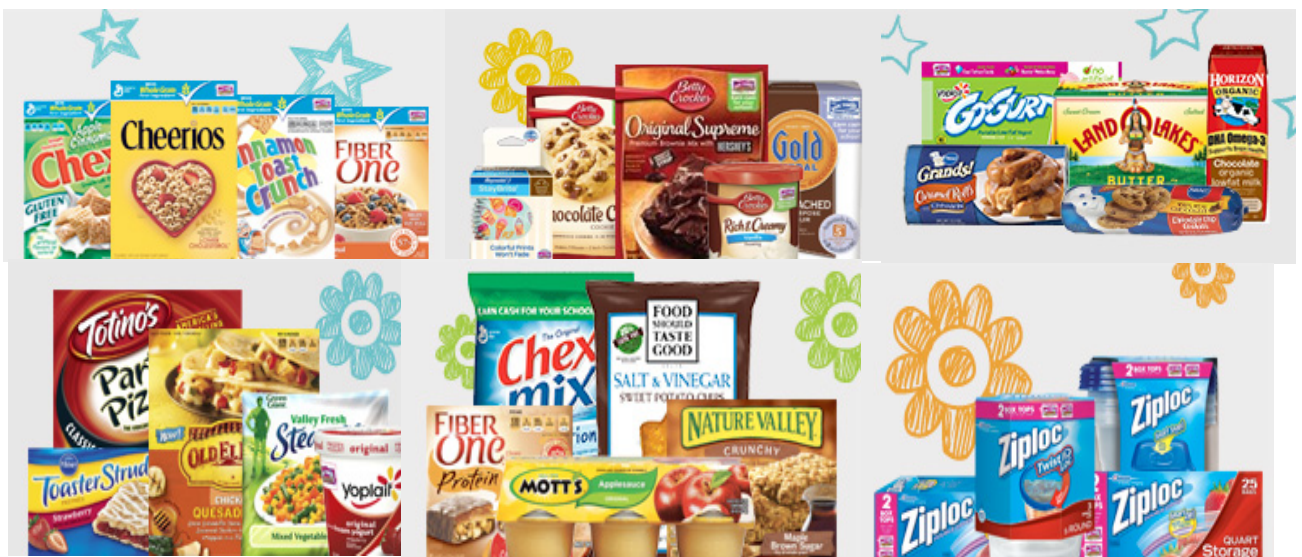
Help Emerson-Williams by clipping Box Tops!

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!

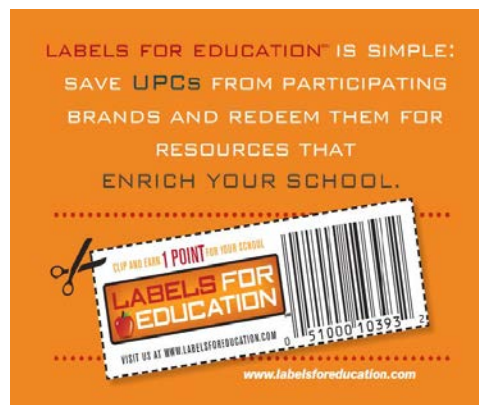
For more details about the Box Tops program, follow the link below.

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>





Clip Labels for Education from Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, Pop Secret, People Magazine (purchased at newsstands), Emerald Nuts, Glad products, Post Cereals, Dannon Danimals, Dannoninos, and Bic products.



If you cannot find the logo, simply clip the UPC code.

Visit www.labelsforeducation.com for a list of participating products.

Wethersfield Public Library Events

November 21st & 28th

December 5 & 12

6:30pm: READY, SET... READ, MATH, SCIENCE: 4-6 year olds

Specially designed activities that make reading, math or science come alive (topics alternate each week).

Registration is required

November 19th and December 17th

6:30pm: PIZZA & PAGES: 4th - 6th graders

Nutmeg Award Book Discussion Series with a light supper.

November Title: *Saving Arm Pit* by Natalie Hyde

December Title: *Wildfire Run* by Dee Garretson

Registration is required

December 3rd

7:00pm: MOTHER DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB: 3rd - 5th graders

Discuss great books with other moms & daughters

October Title: *No Talking* by Andrew Clements

November Title: *Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin

December Title: *11 Birthdays* by Wendy Mass

Creative Arts Council

The Wethersfield Creative Arts Council is proud to present Keith Deltano's Labels Lie program on November 13 at 8:45 AM. Grades 4-6 will be attending and the program will also run at the middle school. Labels Lie is about acceptance, making new friends by reaching out, and encouraging the audience to stop judging one another by outward appearance, speech, or economic status. Keith will inspire those that have been bullied and force the bullies to take a harsh look at why they do what they do. The students that have "caught it" because they learn differently or struggle academically and socially will come away especially inspired! Physical, verbal, and online bullying are all discussed.



SAVE THE DATE!!!



Emerson-Williams night at the Hartford Wolfpack

When: Saturday February 1st, 2014

Time: 7pm

Cost: \$10/ticket – 100 level seats valued at \$20/ticket

Scout night – every girl/boy scout will receive a free patch

**Gymnastics exhibition – entry to the American Gymnastics
tournament during the day**

Zamboni ride raffle entry with every ticket purchased

Emerson-Williams to be named on the jumbo-tron

Checks made payable to EW PTO

Questions please contact Lauren Barbara at [\(860\) 665-9448](tel:8606659448)

or snl0617@att.net

FULL FLYER WITH DETAILS TO COME

I can't wait to



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The feeling you get when you're with your friends and you're talking about all the fun things that could happen? We love that feeling! So let's do all the cool stuff you imagined—like exploring the outdoors, creating your own artistic masterpiece, or helping the community with new friends. We'll always be counting down to the next adventure—and the next one, and the next one—together.

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makes everybody
giggle
Be the star of
my own story
Be an explorer
on a real-life
adventure
Be a superhero
Be a Girl Scout

We're so excited you're excited!

Tell us more about yourself:

Name _____ Grade _____

School _____

Your three favorite activities:

How can we reach you?

Parent/Caregiver _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

(_____)
 Phone _____

Girl Scouting is a volunteer organization. May we contact you to discuss volunteering? (Training is available.) Yes

Thanks! We'll be in touch soon.



If you love science,
art, sports, or just telling stories,
you're ready for Girl Scouts.

At Girl Scouts, girls have new experiences that give them that super-excited, jumping, giggling, butterflies-in-the-stomach feeling. Experiences that get you so excited about your future that you can hardly wait.



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- tons of fun
- and more "wow" moments than you've ever imagined.

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Grade levels

- Kindergarten & Grade 1 Girl Scout Daisy
- Grades 2 & 3 Girl Scout Brownie
- Grades 4 & 5 Girl Scout Junior
- Grades 6, 7, & 8 Girl Scout Cadette
- Grades 9 & 10 Girl Scout Senior
- Grades 11 & 12 Girl Scout Ambassador

Membership Registration Cost

\$15.00 Annual Registration Fee plus

\$10.00 Council Service Fee

Registration aid is available for girls who need financial assistance.

Do not send money or check with this form.

Learn more about all the fun that's waiting for you!

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EMERSON~WILLIAMS 2013-2014 PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Please support the Emerson-Williams PTO by donating \$7.00 per child or \$10.00 per family. All parents and teachers are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly PTO meetings to share their thoughts and ideas. Many topics are discussed, including up-coming events and concerns. Becoming a member does not obligate you to attend monthly meetings, but you are always welcome to come listen and share your ideas.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Our Success cannot continue without your support!
Thank you for your anticipated support of our PTO!

Please return the form below to your child's teacher. Checks can be made payable to:

EMERSON~WILLIAMS PTO

Child(ren) Name (s)

Grade(s)

Teacher(s)

Parent/Guardian Name

Child \$7.00

Family \$10.00

Additional/Other
Donation _____

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