



Tiger Topics

October, 2009

School Newsletter

EMERSON-WILLIAMS

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2009-2010 PTO MEETING DATES:
(ALL PTO MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE UPPER MEDIA CENTER AT 7PM)

- November 12, 2009
- December 10, 2009
- 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

We have been very fortunate over the past two months to have such beautiful weather. There have only been two days to date that have required us to stay in for recess. The teachers and Mrs. Ciarcia are still reporting only positive comments about the recess before lunch schedule. During recess, the students have again renewed their interest in the Walking Club. There are two areas that have been measured on the upper and lower playgrounds for this Walking Club. The students walk or run laps and four times around the designated area equals one mile. You may have seen your child bring home a chain with plastic feet on it. The feet represent how many miles that they have walked. In September, one mile equaled one foot, but in October you must do 12 laps or 3 miles in order to earn a plastic foot. The students really seem to enjoy this activity.



Mr. Coursey, Physical Education teacher, has set up the Whittle equipment until the end of December. As most of you know, this equipment is used for climbing, coordination and gymnastic skills. Mr. Coursey is excited to teach this unit, and he is presenting a workshop on the Whittle equipment at a state conference later in the fall.



As noted in previous communication, the teachers are being trained in the Responsive Classroom during specific days in October, December and January. The Responsive Classroom is an approach that integrates the need to acknowledge students' social well being into daily classroom activities. This year, we are also implementing the Six Pillars of Character and our first pillar that we are emphasizing is Caring. Please look for a bulletin board display across from the office which will list all the ways that we show caring and concern for others at Emerson-Williams School.

Finally, National Education Week is scheduled for the week of November 15 through November 21st. A schedule of classroom visitation will be forthcoming. This is also the week when parent -teacher conferences are held. Please make sure that you are scheduled to meet with your child's teacher.



Please send topics or suggestions for the next issue of Tiger Topics to Kathy Zapor at zapkat@cox.net by Friday, November 13th.

IMPORTANT DATES

	
<u>November</u>	
3	NO SCHOOL—Professional Development
11	NO SCHOOL—Veteran’s Day
12	PTO Meeting—7 pm
16	Picture Retake Day—Smile again!
17	Early Dismissal—Parent Conferences
18	Early Dismissal—Parent Conferences
19	Early Dismissal—Parent Conferences
25	Early Dismissal—Thanksgiving Holiday
26-27	NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Holiday
	



Quick and Easy Sign Up for Parents

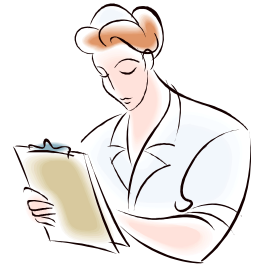
School is beginning and we know your time is limited. The following is a link to help you get signed up for the Big Y Education Express Program. Please check your receipts to confirm that they have our school designated to receive the points. Just click here at

<http://register.bigyeducationexpress.com/Default.aspx?sid=5880&t=c>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the program please contact Big Y at: 1-800-599-9017 or questions@bigyeducationexpress.com.

TIGER TOPICS HEALTH TIPS

BY LINDA CIARCIA, RN, BSN



With flu season upon us, it is important that we work together to keep our children healthy. Viruses spread easily among children in schools, and families with school-age children have more infections than others, with an average of one-third of these family members infected each year. You can help prevent the spread of flu or help your child get better if he/she does get sick by following a few simple steps:

- If possible, you and your child should get a flu shot
- Remind your child to cover his/her nose and mouth with a tissue when sneezing or coughing and dispose of the tissue immediately
- Have your child wash his/her hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Disinfect frequently-touched surfaces and shared items at least once a day
- Teach your child not to touch his/her mouth, nose and eyes
- If your child is sick and has a fever, **keep him/her at home** to prevent the spread of illness to others

If you are concerned about your child's flu symptoms, call your doctor early. Call your doctor immediately if your child has a chronic disease. Common symptoms of flu include high fever, severe headache, muscle and body aches, exhaustion, and dry cough. Additionally, children often exhibit other flu symptoms that are rare in adults, such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

It is recommended this year that all school age children receive the flu vaccine. There are two types available; the injection and the nasal spray. Both are said to be very effective.

REMINDER to all sixth grade students:

All students must have a physical 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!!

CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND! It would be helpful to put your child's name on jackets and lunchboxes. I try to return them to the kids if their name is there. If you should have any borrowed clothes, from EW, I would appreciate them back.
THANKS!

Emerson-Williams PTO Presents

THE THIRD ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT!!!!

Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new SMARTBOARD.
Technology for our Emerson-Williams Students

FEATURING: COMEDIAN JIM MCCUE



WHEN: Friday, November 13th
WHERE: Pitkin Community Center, Greenfield Street, Wethersfield
TIME: Doors Open at 7:00 PM
Show starts at 8:00 PM
Raffle called by 10:30 PM

This is a BYOB Event. Adult beverages are allowed.
PTO is NOT ALLOWED to serve adult beverages or prepare food.
Bring your own COOLER, Bring Your Own SNACKS, Bring Your Own ADULT FRIENDS!

BUY A TABLE of 6 for \$120.00 OR: Tickets EACH \$23.00 in advance, at the door, \$25.00

NAME.....

NUMBER OF TICKETS.....@ \$23.00

6 for \$ 120.00.....

TOTAL \$.....PHONE NUMBER

Pick up tickets from Michele Lavoie/Kat Zapor
Checks Payable to EW PTO. RETURN envelope to your child's teacher.
To **DONATE** a Raffle item, contact Janet Vasel 721-7090 or Michele Lavoie, 257-8030

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- **Clip** Box Top coupons from favorite products and send them to our school.
- **Shop** at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops MarketplaceSM (btfе.com/marketplace), and up to 8% of your qualifying purchase will automatically be donated to our school with no additional cost to you!
- **Purchase books** through the Box Tops Reading RoomSM at Barnes & Noble.

We've recently launched our 2009-2010 Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign. This year we've set a goal of earning \$1200.00 through Box Tops.

For 12 years, Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools raise over \$250 million to buy the things they need. The Box Tops for Education program offers three easy ways to make a difference for our school through everyday activities: buying groceries, shopping online and purchasing books. School budgets are tighter than ever, and Emerson-Williams is asking for the support of families and community members such as yourself.

Sign up to support our school at the Box Tops website (www.btfе.com). You'll get updates on our school's Box Tops earnings, money-saving coupons, family-pleasing recipes, chances to win Bonus Box Tops for our school and the latest Box Tops news!

For more information on how you can help our school earn cash through Box Tops for Education, contact Michelle Bosco or Isabel Tenney, our Box Tops coordinators, at 257-7140 or 257-1059 or visit btfе.com.

