

**2010-2011 PTO
MEETING
SCHEDULE**

November 18
December 9
January 13
February 10
March 10
April 14
May 12
June 9

All meetings take place at 7pm in the Upper Media Center and child care is available for school aged children.

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From the Principal's Desk

Elizabeth T. Catarius

October 8th was a Professional Development day throughout the district. The majority of teachers at Emerson-Williams participated in technology training. Teachers spent up to three hours learning how to use our newly acquired SMART Boards and an additional hour learning how to create website for their classrooms. The remainder of the time was spent developing Professional Growth Objectives that would improve student learning and improve our performance on the Connecticut Mastery Test.

In the spring of 2010, students in grades 3-6 took the Connecticut Mastery Test. If you have a student in grades 4-6, you have received your child's individual results. The CMT results for Emerson-Williams School are as follows:

Grade	At or above Goal	At or above Proficiency
Grade 3		
Math	69.4 %	88.9 %
Reading	57.7 %	73.2 %
Writing	69.2 %	87.5 %
Grade 4	At or above Goal	At or above Proficiency
Math	81.8 %	93.2%
Reading	73.3 %	84.4 %
Writing	82.2 %	93.3 %
Grade 5	At or above Goal	At or above Proficiency
Math	82.1 %	92.5 %
Reading	67.7 %	80.0 %
Writing	76.5 %	89.7%
Science	70.6%	94.1%
Grade 6	At or above Goal	At or above Proficiency
Math	78.6%	88.1 %
Reading	80.2 %	90.1%
Writing	61.6 %	86.0 %

We were above the state average at the *at or above goal* level in 12 out of the 13 areas measured. We still need to address specific weaknesses at every grade level. Should you have any questions in regard to your child's CMT score, please contact your child's teacher.

As a reminder, the weather is getting cooler and in order for your child to have a pleasant experience during outdoor recess, please make sure they come to school with the proper outdoor clothing.

Comedy Night Update

Purchase your tickets now to the Fourth Annual Emerson-Williams PTO Comedy Night! The event will take place on Friday night, November 12 at the Pitkin Community Center and will feature hypnotist & comedian **Jim Spinnato**. Tickets are available for \$20 each or \$150 for a table of 8. For tickets, contact Michele Lavoie at 860-944-6765.



PTO Highlights

Wow, what a month it has been!!! The 2010-2011 school year has gotten off to a great start with lots of fun programs and activities. We couldn't have done it without the help of many volunteers—turn to page 6 for some highlights. However, special recognition is due for Paul & Jackie LaPerriere for the spectacular job they did coordinating our 1st Annual E-W Golf Tournament. Through their efforts, we were able to raise approximately \$4,000 for the playscape fund! If you missed the event this year, make sure to plan for it next year.

Thanks to everyone who came out to support the PTO at our annual Book Fair! We were able to raise almost \$2,000 as well as provide some books for classroom libraries.

The Harvest Festival is coming! On Friday, October 22, we will be holding a harvest festival. All the details are listed on page 5, including the return of Dan Carsten, the wonderful face painter from the 2010 Strawberry Fest. Special thanks to Kelly Weinberg for coordinating this event.

When was the last time you enjoyed an evening out among friends (without the kids)? On November 12, we will be

holding our 4th Annual Comedy Night. Jim Spinnato is a comedian/hypnotist who has performed for and gotten rave reviews from many colleges and corporations, including UConn, Yale, IBM and General Electric. To view sample clips of his performances, visit www.jimspinnato.com. For tickets to the show, contact Michele Lavoie at 860-944-6765.

On November 30, we will be holding our annual holiday store. The sheer joy on the children's faces is worth all the time and effort put into this event. You can't imagine how much fun the kids have shopping for friends and family on their own. We hope you can join us for this feel-good family event.

Also, we would like to offer a very warm welcome back to Gretchen Tomaro in the office—we all missed you so very much and are thrilled that you are back!

As always, please feel free to contact either one of us with any PTO questions or concerns.

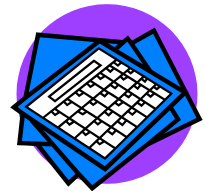
Regards,

Paula Heinzmann - 2nd year Co-President
Andrea Ginter - 1st year Co-President

Mark Your Calendars!

Take a look at what is coming up:

Friday, 10/22	Harvest Festival
Sunday, 10/24	Scrapbooking Day at WHS
Tuesday, 11/9	Fall Picture Re-Takes
Friday, 11/12	Comedy Night with Jim Spinnato
Thursday, 11/18	PTO Meeting
Tuesday, 11/30	Holiday Shopping Store for E-W Students
Friday, 12/3	Holiday Vendor and Craft Fair



For a full listing of all upcoming events, please visit www.ewpto.com.

Golf Tournament Update



Tournament chair Paul LaPerriere tees off.

Our 1st Annual Golf Tournament, held at Hartford's Goodwin Park on October 2nd, was a success. The weather conditions were absolutely perfect. Our field of 34 golfers, most unaffiliated with our school, were spread out on the course. The sounds of golfers swinging their clubs and echoes of the cheering foursomes resonated throughout the day.

The generous donations that we received from various businesses, as well as personal donations allowed us to field well over \$5,000 worth of raffle prizes.

Each person in the 1st place foursome walked away with an awesome prize of a full four-some of golf to a golf course of their choice. The group picked the following courses: Hartford Golf Club, Wintonbury Hills Golf Club, The Orchard's Golf Club, and Willimantic Country Club. The 2nd place team received \$50 cash each. More golf was raffled, as full four-somes to Gillette Ridge, Keeney Park, and Goodwin Park were handed out. Other prizes included a 40" LCD TV, 2 round-trip airfare tickets on jetBlue airways, \$150 Max gift card, and a plethora of \$50 gift cards to area restaurants. Please check www.ewpto.com for pictures from the days event.

With the goal of raising as much money as possible to go into our playscape fund, we have estimated walking away with

about \$4,000 from the tournament! This is a great start to kick off the 2010-2011 playscape fund, as well as a great start to our 1st ever tournament. Our PTO golf committee is already planning next year's tournament, and are looking forward to raising even more money for our playscape. It is our hope that more golfers from our Emerson-Williams families will come out and join us next year, as this tournament's primary focus is to provide our children with a brand new playscape. We were



Closest to the pin winner Steve Sargeant.

fortunate that we had a lot of golfers from outside of the school to make this as successful as it was. The date of the event as well as the host of the tournament will be announced in the upcoming months.

Thanks to all our sponsors, our committee members, as well as the golfers who attended our tournament. Our success from this tournament will help us build a deeper field and even more fantastic raffle giveaways for next year. I appreciated all the efforts of our committee to help us maximize our fund raising at this event. I am looking forward to next year, and hope that everyone will join us in a fun event for a great cause!

Paul LaPerriere
Emerson-Williams Golf Chairperson



Tournament winners Mike McKenna, Kevin Malizia, Jim Sullivan and Steve Ayers.



That's Entertainment!

Have you had a chance to look through the 2011 Entertainment Book that was sent home earlier this month? It is loaded with thousands of dollars in savings, which can be yours for only \$30!

Here's a small sampling of the retailers who offer savings:

- Safari Golf
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- TGIFriday's
- Catcher's
- Rainforest Café
- Mr. Sparkle Car Wash
- D'Angelo
- Sherwin Williams

If you would like to keep the Entertainment Book, simply send in a check for \$30 with the order form. If not, please return the book to school by October 21. Friends and family, regardless of where they live, can go online and order books as well! Use the link on www.ewpto.com to make sure that Emerson-Williams gets credit for the sale. Thanks!

The Holiday Store Is Coming!

In just over six weeks, one of our most popular events will be taking place—the Annual Holiday Store! On Tuesday, November 30 from 5:00–7:30, E-W students will have the chance to do some holiday shopping for friends and family. Gifts are priced at \$2 each, which includes gift wrapping service. In order to

keep the gifts secret, no parents are allowed in the shopping area. Parents, for you we will have pizza, snacks and beverages for sale while you wait for your shoppers.

As you can imagine, this event involves many volunteers in order to make the night run smoothly. If you would like to help out for

some portion of the evening, please contact Lauren Barbara at snl0617@cox.net.

In addition, we are seeking donations of small and medium holiday gift bags, as well as tissue paper. More details will be sent as the event draws near. See you then!

Presents For Paws—CT Humane Society

Emerson-Williams fourth grade Junior Girl Scout troop 10253 is collecting NEW cat and dog toys, treats, gently used or new blankets and towels for an event being held at the CT Humane Society. The goal is to provide each pet with a gift during the

holiday season and to meet the needs of the every day care of the all the animals in the shelter or until a suitable home is found.

All donations must be collected by October 26th. A collection box can be

found just outside the main office or you can contact Janet Vasel to pick up the items at ajavasel@cox.net or 860-721-7090.





EW Harvest Festival

Friday, October 22nd
6:30 - 8:30pm



Admission is FREE - but please bring a cleaning supply item to be donated to the Wethersfield Social Services Department.

Face

Painting by
Dan Carsten
\$1 each



Enter the Scarecrow Contest bring your prepared scarecrow for display and judging in the front circle - NO sharp objects or weapons, please

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Contests & Prizes



Line Dancing - Featuring
THRILLER
7:30-8pm

Refreshments

Musical Chairs
7-7:30pm



AND OTHER SURPRISES!!

Costume Contest

Student Recognition

Congratulations to Sully Garro. Sully's art work was chosen last June to represent Emerson-Williams School in the Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce/ Wethersfield Public School Youth Art appreciation Program. His art work was on display at Subway on the Silas Deane Highway from June through September.



School Address Directories

Address directories have been distributed to each family last week. If any information is incorrect, please contact Andrea Ginter at andrea.ginter@gmail.com. For those of you who would like an additional copy to keep at work, in the car, etc., we have a limited number available for \$1 each. If you are interested, please contact Andrea Ginter.

Have you re-registered your Stop & Shop card to help earn cash for Emerson-Williams? You must register your card EACH school year—so go do it now if you haven't already! Visit www.ewpto.com for the link.

A Few Final Notes of Thanks ...

A special thank you to Phoebe Ostergren for coordinating the September Teacher Appreciation event! The apples, cider and poem surely made for a sweet start to the school year.

Thanks to Paul & Jackie LaPerriere, Mary Wadsworth, Kathleen Peacock, Miss Discenza and Mrs. Krawciw for helping work the E-W booth at the Wethersfield Cornfest.

Thanks to Jenni Andrist, Cynthia Augustine, Lauren Barbara, Pete Bertucio, Sue Breglio, Martina Cacioli, Amy Chodorowski, Mimi Galusha, Greg Ginter, Ellen Goslicki, Paula Heinzmann, Seth Heinzmann, Zoja Hoda, Amber Kiniry, Martin Malicki, Janet Porriello, Alicia Schenkel, Ines Schroeder, Maureen Sullivan, Beth Thompson, Janet Vasel for volunteering at this year's Book Fair. Thanks also to the Augustine, Galusha, Ginter, Sullivan and Vasel kids for helping with set-up and take-down. And as always, thanks to Mr. Discenza for his assistance and to Mrs. Corsair for lending us use of the Upper Media Center for the week!

Thanks to Michele Livingston for making Picture Day run as smoothly as ever.

A very special thank you to the teachers and staff who came out to help promote Emerson-Williams at our Rita's fundraising event.

Thank you to the parents who have taken the 2-hour pledge to help our school, some of you have already fulfilled your commitment. Have you taken the pledge yet? If not, go online to www.ewpto.com and sign up today!

THANKS!