

2010-2011 PTO MEETING SCHEDULE

October 14
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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EMERSON-WILLIAMS

SEPTEMBER 2010

From the Principal's Desk

Elizabeth T. Catarius

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to welcome you and your children back to Emerson-Williams School for the 2010-2011 school year. Even though there are only 10 weeks between the closing of one school year and the opening of another, there have been many changes at Emerson-Williams.

We have welcomed many new students and have added some new staff: Mrs. Jennifer Clark, Special Education Teacher and Ms. Erica Nogueira, Art Teacher.

The district also made some additional purchases for our school. Each classroom in grades 3-6 and one second grade classroom (Mrs. LaFleche's room at Emerson-Williams) in every elementary school has a SMART Board permanently mounted. If you are not familiar with SMART Board technology, the SMART Board is an interactive, electronic whiteboard which can enhance learning. The SMART Board Notebook software makes it possible for teachers to create innovative and dynamic lessons in all content areas. The teachers and students are very excited about these new additions. With the

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One of our most important fundraisers is just a few weeks away, and we need your help to make it a success! The first annual Emerson-Williams Golf Tournament to benefit our playscape fund will take place on Saturday, October 2 at the Goodwin Park Golf Course in Hartford, CT. We are in need of both sponsors and golfers!

increase in the number of SMART boards, the 3 mobile SMART boards are now more available for the teachers in grades Kindergarten through 2. Emerson-Williams School also received new art tables which will certainly increase the productivity and creativity of our young artists. New cafeteria tables have also been added to the café.

By now, families in grades 4-6 should have received their child's Connecticut Mastery Test scores. Emerson-Williams scores reflect some areas of strength and some areas that need increased attention and focus. A report on the Connecticut Mastery Test scores will be presented at the October PTO meeting. Should you have any questions in regard to your child's scores, please contact your child's teacher.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff for a smooth opening to the school year. I would also like to express my gratitude to the PTO. Their spirit of energy and dedication is amazing. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year for our students, staff and families.



Don't golf? No problem! We have added a dinner-only option for non-golfers who would still like to support the event. We have some fantastic raffle items and prizes! For more information or to download the brochure, go to www.ewpto.com. Questions? Contact Paul LaPerriere at plaperriere@cox.net or 860-665-7089. Thanks and see you at the course!

PTO Highlights



Just some of the 50% more titles you'll find at this year's book fair.

Welcome back!! We hope you had a fun-tastic summer! Our PTO has been working hard coordinating lots of fun, family-friendly events. Our newest member to the PTO board is my new Co-President, Andrea Ginter, who was also our former Treasurer. We have her and her husband Greg to thank for the most amazing website in the Wethersfield school district (I'm a little biased, I can't help it!) Please visit www.ewpto.com for all the latest and most up-to-date information! Don't forget to check out "Stripes List" to see what our school members may need help with!

We began our school year with a PTO sponsored "Teacher's Luncheon" to help give our teachers an energetic boost to the new school year! Thank you to Phoebe Ostergren for coordinating that lovely event! We had a very successful transition for the new first graders as they made their way to the cafeteria for lunch. Our "First Grade Lunch Helpers" were very attentive to all of our children's needs as they learned the proper cafeteria procedures. Great job, "Helpers"!!

By now you have all received the Genevieve wrapping paper/gifts fundraiser, which runs until Sept. 22nd. It's not too soon to start buying gifts for the holidays, and it will be helping our school too! Darka Jara has done an excellent job coordinating that with Sue Breglio's help.

September is full of fun! From Book Fairs to Dinner on the Lawn, to Open House and Emerson-Williams night at Rita's, just to mention a few. Please refer to www.ewpto.com to get your up-to-date info from our online calendar!

I was thrilled with the turnout at our first PTO meeting! We had so many supportive parents and staff there and our volunteer sign-up sheets started filling up. There is still plenty of space for volunteers on all of our committees. Please check our website for a list of the committees and their descriptions, then just contact us and we'll sign you up! Our goal at meetings is for our co-chairs to give us brief updates in less than 3 minutes and to have short discussions as necessary. We will work very hard to keep our meeting to an hour so you can get the info you need and get home to your families. We know your time is valuable, and we appreciate all your effort.

Have a wonderful school year and please feel free to contact Andrea Ginter or myself with any PTO questions or concerns.

Regards,

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

Mark Your Calendars!

We have lots of things going on in the next several weeks, here is a peek:

Thursday, 9/16	Dinner on the Lawn
Saturday, 9/18	Wethersfield Cornfest (visit the Emerson-Williams booth!)
Tuesday, 9/21	E-W Night at Rita's
Thursday, 9/23	Picture Day!
Saturday, 10/2	1st Annual Emerson-Williams Golf Tournament
Thursday, 10/14	PTO Meeting

Later this fall ...

Sunday, 10/24	Scrapbooking Day at WHS
Friday, 11/12	Comedy Night with Jim Spinnato
Friday, 11/19	Holiday Vendor and Craft Fair
Tuesday, 11/30	Holiday Shopping Store for E-W Students



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

This week's Book Fair schedule:

Mon 9/13 6pm-9pm
Tues 9/14 3pm-6pm
Wed 9/15 6pm-9pm
Thur 9/16 5pm-7:30pm
Fri 9/17 11am-2pm

Picture Day!

Student and class pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 23. New this year – you can order and pay online, plus customize your package with multiple portrait looks. Get more details at www.ewpto.com.



Dinner on the Lawn

You are cordially invited to Dinner on the Lawn this Thursday, September 16 from 5:00pm–7:00pm. Pack a picnic (or grab a pizza), bring chairs or blankets, and come enjoy the fun! Each family is welcome to bring a dessert to share. Also new this year ... the Book Fair will be open in the

Upper Media Center from 5:00pm–7:30pm so families can shop together. The rain date for this event is Thursday, September 23.



Comedy Night Update

The Fourth Annual Emerson-Williams PTO Comedy Night will take place on Friday night, November 12 at the Pitkin Community Center and will feature hypnotist & comedian **Jim Spinnato**. This

amazing combination of comedy, hypnosis and audience participation have been greatly received at venues such as Foxwoods Resort & Casino, Mohegan Sun Casino, UConn, MIT and Trinity College as well

as at many corporate events. Tickets are available for \$20 each or \$150 for a table of 8. For tickets, contact Michele Lavoie at 860-944-6765. Full event details are available at www.ewpto.com.



Creative Arts Council Update

STICKS AND STONES

A program with Lyle Cogan coming in September for grades 1-6

Lyle is a polished professional with an incredible voice and tons of charisma and charm to win over any audience. **Sticks and Stones** is a new show by Lyle about life skills and social responsibility among children in the playground, on the school

bus, at lunchtime, or any time of the day. It is entirely interactive and paced for a young audience to follow and understand. It identifies and defines the fundamental behavior that is “bullyish”, and reinforces what we should do if someone is bullying us or if we see someone else being bullied. This is a performance of teachable moments.



*This program is sponsored by the town-wide Creative Arts Council which is only made possible with your generous help! Thank You!!!



SCRAPBOOK DAY FUNDRAISER

For Emerson-Williams Elementary School

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2010

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

WETHERSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Mark your calendars now to join us for an all day scrapbooking event to help benefit this school! We're offering hours of uninterrupted album making time to sit down and work on your albums, check out the newest product releases, enjoy the day with friends and earn money for your school! What can be better than that?!

We will have product on hand to purchase and a portion of the proceeds will go directly to Emerson-Williams. The fee for the day is \$25 which includes a pizza Lunch and water. Bring a snack to share and earn a raffle ticket! We have FABULOUS PRIZES to raffle off – products and services donated by local businesses (for example: Wood-n-Tap, Blades, Village Pizza, Alta Moda and much much more). Raffle tickets will also be sold at the event.

SPACE IS LIMITED so reserve your seat TODAY! Please contact Michelle Bosco at 257-7140 or Iris Strong at 667-0228 with any questions. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: IRIS STRONG

**PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED:
SCRAPBOOK FUNDRAISER, ATTN. MICHELLE BOSCO**

EMERSON-WILLIAMS SCRAPBOOK DAY FUNDRAISER

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

A great big special thanks to everyone in the Emerson-Williams community who made such wonderful donations towards the Strawberry Festival Raffle. The raffle would not have been successful without your generosity!

Some local and not so local businesses also helped in making the raffle a successful event.

On behalf of all the students of Emerson-Williams School, thank you for your support!

Bounce U in Rocky Hill, CT
 Pietros Pizza in Wethersfield, CT
 Monster Mini Golf in Windsor, CT
 Jump-N-Jammin in Bristol, CT
 Kidcity in Middletown, CT
 Kim's Flower Shop in Wethersfield, CT
 Hartford Funny Bone in Manchester, CT
 Good For You Girls, LLC in New Hartford CT
 Tastefully Simple- Mrs. Kathleen Peacock in Wethersfield, CT
 Monro Muffler/Brake and Service in Rocky Hill, CT
 Steve Songs
 Little Busy Bodies, Inc -Boogie Wipes
 Panera Bread
 Carvel Ice Cream
 Build A Bear Workshop
 The New Britian Rock Cats
 Lifetouch



Thanks to Home Depot in Berlin!



A big thanks to Home Depot in Berlin, as the staff significantly reduced the price of a storage shed that Emerson-Williams had to purchase. Mr. Coursey is now able to store much of his physical education equipment in this shed rather than storing it on the stage. We are grateful to Home Depot for their spirit of generosity.

Have you submitted your directory information yet???

Now is the time! Go to www.ewpto.com and click on the "School Directory Information" tab to submit your information for the annual school directory. Due to privacy concerns, directory information will not be viewable online. The directory will be distributed in hard copy to each Emerson-Williams family.