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WELCOME TO Emerson-Williams Elementary School

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EWPTO CO-PRESIDENTS

Hello to all the new parents and guardians of Emerson-Williams,

Congratulations, you have a new kindergartener. When did that happen, huh? Are you feeling anxious about sending your child off to kindergarten? It's a big milestone in their lives and in yours. Some parents cry, some sleep, some celebrate while others need to go off to work like any other day. One piece of advise, that you didn't ask for, is that kindergarten can be exhausting. Your little peach may be a bit grumpy by the time he or she gets home. My child was ALWAYS hungry when she got home. Have a snack ready. I guess I gave more than one piece of advise - my bad. Cut yourself some slack and cut your new kindergartener some slack too. It's a big change for the both of you.

So welcome to Emerson-Williams Elementary School. My name is Chrissy and I'm the newly appointed Co-President of the PTO. I wanted to inform you of upcoming events, PTO meeting dates, and a few other tidbits about the PTO.

About the PTO:

The Emerson-Williams PTO is a nonprofit organization established to serve the families of Emerson-Williams and to help support the students, staff and curriculum. The PTO takes a very active role in the enrichment activities of the school, while encouraging a feeling of community spirit among students, staff and parents. The PTO organizes and mobilizes the many parents that, through their volunteerism, make an active contribution to the school community. Funds to support all PTO-sponsored programs and purchases are generated through membership dues and through parent-coordinated fundraisers.

What we accomplished last year:

Events

- Box Tops Fundraising
- Someone Special Dance

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Did you miss the Lunch Helpers sign up sheet passed around during the Meet & Greet? Send an email to the Kindergarten Lunch Helpers Committee at <u>lunch.helpers@ewpto.com</u> to see if space is available.

The Kindergarten Hand Print Project is another awesome activity the PTO sponsors. A banner is created using each kindergartener to commemorate your child's first year at Emerson-Williams and then another hand print is obtained at sixth grade. Email <u>kindergarten.handprint@ewpto.com</u> to see how you can help.

2018-2019 PTO Meetings

Emerson-Williams Upper Media Center at Emerson-Williams at 7:00 p.m.

September 6, October 11, November 8, December 13, January 10, February 21, March 14, April 18, May 9, & June 13

EWPTO Event Calendar

August 28

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Incoming Kindergarten New Teacher Meet & Greet with ride on a school bus

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Incoming Grades I through 6 New Teacher Meet & Greet

August 30 First Day of School

September 6 EWPTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Media Center

September 8 Emerson-Williams' 2nd Annual Color Run, 10am to 12pm

September 10-14 Book Fair

September 12 Open House for Grades K through 3

September 13 Open House for Grades 4 through 6

September 21 Dinner on the Lawn, 5pm to 7pm

September 25 Vineyard Vines Fundraiser 6 pm to 9 pm at Westfarms Mall

September 26 Fall Picture Day



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- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Art Show
- Book Fair
- Picture Days
- Apparel Sale
- Color Run
- Talent Show
- Strawberry Festival
- Movie Night
- UConn Basketball
- Vendor Fair
- Holiday Store

School assemblies

- High Tech-High Touch (STEAM classroom assembly)
- Zumba for Kids
- Internet Safety Seminar for Staff & Parents
- Antonio Rocha "Story in Motion"

Classroom enhancements

- Read for the Record book purchase
- Lock box for children's medications
- Magnetic trays and storage boxes for Kindergarten and 1st grade classes and Literacy teachers
- Sensory games/tools/seats
- Math board games

Now is not the time to bombard you with why you should join the PTO because you are already going through so much. Here is a list of committees and their descriptions: http://www.ewpto.com/committees.html

Volunteering is a big component of the Emerson-Williams PTO and we hope you can offer your time. Even a small amount of time is welcomed because it all adds up in the end.

Lastly, my favorite slogan that I like to toss out there for us all to think about: Together we can do so much more for our children. I hope you and your child had a great time at the Meet & Greet.

If you have any questions, concerns, and/ or suggestions, please contact us.

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Do you have a suggestion or idea for the PTO? suggestionbox@ewpto.com



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