



Tiger Topics

EMERSON-WILLIAMS

2011 YEAR END

From the Principal's Desk

Elizabeth T. Catarius

Dear Families:

I would like to thank the PTO this year for all the amazing events that they provided the children and families of Emerson-Williams School. Without the PTO, these events would not occur.

It is bittersweet for us to say good-bye. As we bid farewell to the grade 6 students, we also extend a warm welcome to incoming Kindergarteners and their families.

I would also like to extend best wishes to the sixth graders who are leaving us to go to their next school experience.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer!

Paper Tiger Topics???

No, we're not going back to killing all those trees every month. There are several documents in this year-end issue that you would likely want to print out (next year's school calendar, etc.), so we did the work for you. Please do keep in mind, though, that next year it is likely that even more information will be passed to you by electronic means. If you are not already receiving e-mail communications from the PTO, please take a moment now to send us your e-mail address and we will add you to the list—please send it to andrea.ginter@gmail.com. That way, you won't miss out on important updates throughout the summer. Thanks!

School Supplies Donations

Per Board of Ed policy, teachers are not currently allowed to ask parents to provide necessary school supplies. But that doesn't mean that we can't donate them voluntarily! As you do your shopping this summer, you may notice that several stores have really big sales on certain school supply products, often with a maximum per person of many more than you need. If you are able, please consider picking up some extra school supplies to donate to the school when the stores have their "crazy sales" - notebooks for 10¢, crayons for 25¢, etc. You can either contact Andrea Ginter at 860-251-9125 and she will pick them up from you or you can drop them off at school. Thanks so much!

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PTO Highlights

Well, we did it—another successful year! Here is a summary of some of the things that the PTO was able to provide to the school because of your support:

- Performance by Amazing Hero Artist Rob Surette
- High Touch High Tech Enhancement Programs
- 10 copies of each Nutmeg Award Nominee book for the library
- Field trip/classroom enhancement donation for every student
- Poetry Night
- Substantial donation towards 6th grade activities
- TV Turn Off Week
- Fall Festival

In addition to these great programs and donations, we were able to raise over \$4,000 toward the cost of the new playscape at our October 2010 golf tournament. So if you ever wondered if your fundraiser purchases really matter, THEY DO!

As we wrap up this year, special thanks go out to all the committee chairs who donated their time and expertise to making this year great. And a big thank you to our outgoing PTO officers. Kathy Zapor is finishing her term as secretary and Paula Heinzmann is finishing her term as co-president. Both these ladies have made a lasting impact on our school—thank you!

If you are interested in getting involved with next year's PTO activities, we would love to have you! We are always looking for new ideas about how to make the Emerson-Williams community a better place.

We would also like to take a moment to thank the teachers and staff who give of themselves every day to make E-W such a great place—you are the best!

Regards,

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

Golf Tournament Update



We have already secured some great items for this year's golf tournament—including 4 one-day park hopper passes to Walt Disney World, restaurant gift cards and Yankee game tickets!

We need your help! We have created two different brochures—one for golfers and another for sponsors. Please take a moment to forward the link to the brochures by e-mail to all of your personal and business contacts, post the link to your Facebook profile, and spread the word about this great event.

The brochures can be found at <http://ewpto.com/2011-Golf-Brochures.php>. Please consider sending the tournament information to friends, relatives and business colleagues—it is not necessary to have a child at E-W to enjoy a fun day of golf or to promote your business. If you are in need of printed brochures for your workplace or to send to your employer's marketing/charitable contributions department, please contact Paul LaPerriere at golf@ewpto.com. Thanks and see you on the green!

Neighbor to Neighbor

Would you like to see a possible savings of \$150-\$250 annually on your energy costs? Then sign up for an energy assessment with the Neighbor to Neighbor program. Trained contractors will spend up to four hours in your home sealing up all the cracks and leaks, installing efficient light bulbs and water saving measures. This will cut back your energy use significantly. There is a \$75.00 fee for the assessment and \$25.00 of that goes towards the E-W playground fund. This is a great opportunity for you to save money on your energy bills and help contribute towards our future playground.

Keep Clipping!

Don't forget to keep clipping your Box Tops all summer long. This is a really fundraiser, and everyone can help. Pass the word along to family and friends who may not have children in school, they can help too!



Strawberry Fest Recap

Thanks to all the families who came out for the Emerson-Williams Strawberry Fest on June 11, it was great fun! It was wonderful to see such a big turnout, despite the poor weather.

Congratulations to all our raffle winners. Our big winners included Joey B., who won \$105 in the 50/50 raffle and Kelly S. who won the 2011 American Girl Doll of the Year.



We would not have been able to do it without the support of all the teachers, staff and E-W families who volunteered both in the months leading up to the fest and on the day of the fest. Congratulations to Ellen Goslicki, who was our winner of the volunteer raffle. She won a gift card to the Wood'n'Tap.

We are always looking for ways to improve our events and programs, so if you have any feedback regarding this year's fest, whether it's a comment or constructive criticism, we would love to hear it. Feel free to contact Paula (paulapto@yahoo.com) or Andrea (andrea.ginter@gmail.com) or use the Contact Us! feature on the website.



'11-'12 PTO Update

Congratulations to the 2011-2012 PTO officers: 2nd Year Co-President Andrea Ginter, 1st Year Co-President Martin Malicki, Treasurer David Schroeder and Secretary Paul LaPerriere. We are looking forward to another great year! If you are interested in serving on any of our PTO committees, please contact Andrea Ginter at 860-251-9125 or andrea.ginter@gmail.com to get involved.

Reminder!



Summer reading and math packets have been posted. You can find them on the Wethersfield Public School's website, and we will also have a link on the EWPTO website, www.ewpto.com.

Final Notes of Thanks ...

Thank you to Jackie LaPerriere for coordinating E-W Night at Rita's, what a perfect evening! And thanks to Stripes for coming for a visit.

Thanks to Michele Lavoie and Mr. Coursey for coordinating the June 3 Jog-a-Thon. Thanks also to all the parent volunteers who helped make the event a success.

Special thanks to all the room parents who coordinated classroom activities all year long.

Thanks to Michele Livingston and Kathy Zapor for heading up our 6th Grade Activities committee.

Special thanks to Lauren Barbara and Martina Cacioli for coordinating our cheer and teacher appreciation events all year.

Thank you to Mrs. Cookson, Mr. Coursey, Miss Discenza, Mrs. Kardys, Mrs. Mumford, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Shoemaker, Mrs. Vicente and Officer Knapp for donating their time to help us with the Strawberry Fest.

Most of all, thanks to you for being involved—it makes a world of difference!

Have a Great Summer!



Children's Department
JULY 2011

Collection on Display	<i>Dolls</i> by Lily Langdon
NOW SHOWING! (on flat screen located @ the Children's information desk)	<i>Slideshow of 2011 Summer Reading Program Kickoff with SteveSongs</i>
Themed displays: include booklists, coloring or activity sheets	<p><i>Listen Up!</i>: Exciting audio books and read-alongs for your own family's Reading Road Trip!</p> <p><i>Reading Road Trip</i>: Join us as we embark on a Reading Road Trip for the 2011 Summer Reading Program! Read great stories from across the U.S.A.</p> <p><i>Sensational Summer Stories</i>: Books perfect for your summer vacation!</p> <p><i>Super Heroes</i>: Check out books about Batman, Spider-man, and many more.</p> <p><i>Princess Tales</i>: Enchanting tales about princesses and royalty!</p>
Word of the Month	<p>Empiric Define the word and where it originated. All work must be completed in the library using library materials - no computers. If your answer is correct you will be entered in a drawing to win a free large, plain, pizza from <i>Village Pizza</i>.</p>
Wednesday July 20, 2011	<p><i>10:30am-noon: TOUCH-A-TRUCK</i> Climb on board to explore town vehicles which MAY include a backhoe; bulldozer; bobcat; dump truck; police car and more! Free event. No registration is required. Event will be held in the upper parking lot of the Silas Deane Middle School. Park at the library and walk over.</p>
Ongoing JULY Events	
June 27th - August 14th	<p><i>2011 Summer Reading Program: take a Reading Road Trip</i> Take a trip to the library to register for the summer reading program and win prizes just for reading 15 minutes each day!</p>
Mondays & Wednesdays July 11th, 13th, 18th & 20th	<p><i>3:00pm-4:00pm: PLAYING WITH ITALIAN</i>: Two-week introductory Italian language mini program for preschoolers ages 3-5 years old. Registration is required by Friday, July 5, 2011. Space is limited.</p>
Tuesday July 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th	<p><i>2:30pm: GAME DAY: for those entering K & up</i> Each week will feature a variety of interactive games including Wii, Minute-to-Win-It and more!</p>

Tuesday July 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th	<i>6:30pm: CHAT & CHEW: for those entering grades 4 & up</i> Chat about great reads, share your favorites, and go online to check out what's new with your favorite authors while enjoying yummy treats! <i>Registration required for both</i>
Wednesday July 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th	<i>10:30am: BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS: storytime for all ages</i> Theme-based stories, fingerplays, games & songs. <i>Drop-in program, no registration required</i>
Thursday July 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th	<i>2:30pm: ROAD TRIP CRAFTS: for ages 4 & up</i> Travel/road trip crafts with stories. <i>Registration is required</i>
Friday Year-round	<i>10am-12 noon: Drop-In Playtime; at 11:00am: Short & Sweet Storytime: all ages</i> Drop-in family fun with stories and songs. <i>All are welcome!</i>
Saturday Year-round	<i>10:30am: Saturday Stories: all ages</i> Drop-in fun with books, songs and movement for the whole family! <i>All are welcome!</i>
Coming Attractions	
Tuesday August 16th, 2011	2011 Summer Reading Program Grand Finale! Will include the principals' challenge: A Reading Road Trip RELAY!

WETHERSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Calendar 2011-2012

AUGUST 2011 (1 Day)

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22 ^N	23 ^N	24 ^N	25 ^N	26 ^N
29 ^O	WD	31		

SEPTEMBER (21 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
LD	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER (19 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	PD
CD	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26 ^B	27 ^B	28 ^C
31				

NOVEMBER (18 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	PD	9	10	VD
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23 ^A	Thanksgiving Recess	
28	29	30		

DECEMBER (17 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23 ^A
26	27	28	29	30

JANUARY 2012 (20 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
MLK	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

IMPORTANT DATES

August
 22-26 New Teacher Orientation
 29 Convocation/Teacher Preparation
 30 Teacher Work Day
 31 First Day of School for Students

September
 5 Labor Day

October
 7 Professional Development
 10 Columbus Day

November
 8 Professional Development (election day)
 11 Veterans Day
 24-25 Thanksgiving Recess

December
 Dec. 26-Jan. 2 Holiday Recess

January
 2 New Year's Day Holiday Observed
 16 Martin Luther King Day

February
 20-24 Winter Recess (20 - Presidents' Day)

April
 6 Good Friday
 16-20 Spring Recess
 24 Professional Development

May
 28 Memorial Day

June
 18 Last Day of School
 18 Tentative Graduation Date

Emergency Days If Required - June 19, 20, 21, 22 & 25

After five (5) school closings, the BOE reserves the right to modify the school calendar.

- * - Minimum School Day
- A - Minimum School Day All Schools PD
- B - Minimum School Day Elem Parent Conf. & Sec. PD
- C - Minimum School Day Elem Only Parent Conferences
- E - Emergency Days if Required
- F - Minimum School Day Elem Only PD
- O - Convocation
- N - New Teacher Orientation
- PD - Professional Development All Staff

FEBRUARY 2012 (16 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29		

MARCH (22 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22 ^B	23 ^B
26	27	28	29	30

APRIL (14 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	GF
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	PD	25	26	27
30				

MAY (22 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25 ^A
MD	29	30	31	

JUNE (12 DAYS)

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18 ^A	19 ^E	20 ^E	21 ^E	22 ^E
25 ^E	26	27	28	29



ADOPTED March 8, 2011
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182 Student Days
187 Staff Days