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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. Are you feeling anxious about sending your little one 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. Remember to cut yourself some slack and cut your new kindergartener some slack too. It's a big change for the both of you.

Welcome to Emerson-Williams Elementary School. My name is Chrissy and I'm the second-year 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 our school community. Funds to support all PTO-sponsored programs and purchases are generated through membership *(continued on back)*



Interested in becoming a Kindergarten Lunch Helper? Sign up on our website <u>www.ewpto.com</u> under the 'Get Involved' tab or contact the committee at <u>lunch.helpers@ewpto.com</u>.

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.

Keep an eye out during the fall and spring for Media Center reading volunteers. Sign up to read to students in Kindergarten through second grade.

2019-2020 PTO Meetings

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

September 5, October 10, November 14, January 9, February 6, March 12, April 2, May 14, & June 4

EWPTO Event Calendar

August 26 Welcome Back Luncheon for EW Staff

August 29 First Day of School

August 29 - September 5

Kindergartener Lunch Helpers

September 3 Membership Drive begins

September 5 EWPTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Media Center

September 9-13 Book Fair

September 10 - 30 Fall Spirit Wear sale

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September 12 Scholastic book fair open during Open House, 6pm to 9pm

September 25 Fall Picture Day

September 28 Emerson-Williams' 3rd Annual Color Run/Tiger Trot, 9:00 Check-in

October TBA Box Tops Collection

October 2 Walk/Bike to School Day

October 10 EWPTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Media Center

October 25 Yankee Candle fundraiser begins

Otis Spunkmeyer/Grandma's Cakes fundraiser begins

November 7 Read for the Record

November 8 Creative Arts Assembly (continued from front)

dues, events, and through parent-coordinated fund raisers.

Our accomplishments last year:

Events

- Color Run
- Community Outreach events
- Cultural Night
- Discounted Yankees tickets
- Dinner on the Lawn
- Fall & Spring Picture Days
- Hip-Hop Family Night
- Holiday Store
- Main Street Creamery
- Paint Night
- Puerto Vallarta Night
- Scholastic book fair
- Scoops & Sprinkles
- Someone Special Dance
- Strawberry Festival
- Talent Show
- Teacher Luncheons
- UConn Basketball
- Vendor Night
- Vineyard Vines
- Wolfpack game
- Yard Goats game

School assemblies

- Afternoon of poetry
- Creative Arts assemblies
- High Tech-High Touch
- (STEAM classroom assembly)

School & Classroom enhancements

- Art supplies
- Bathroom beautification
- Book club
- Gym mat cleaning
- Media center books
- Nutmeg books
- Parking cones
- Recess toys & recess bins
- Read for the Record books
- Staff wish list purchases

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. A list of committees can be found on our website (www.ewpto.com)

under the 'What We Do' tab.

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? Email it to us! suggestionbox@ewpto.com