



Tiger Topics
School Newsletter

EMERSON-WILLIAMS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

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EMERSON-WILLIAMS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EWPTO CO-PRESIDENTS

September was a busy month, wasn't it? Not only are you, your child, and your family getting back into the school groove, the PTO rolled out a bunch of activities and events as well. The Scholastic book fair already took place (rumor has it another book fair will happen in the spring), along with Fall Picture Day and the Tiger Trot Color Run. The PTO also had their membership drive; we thank everyone who submitted their donations to the Emerson-Williams PTO. Electronic receipts were emailed and gifts of thanks were distributed to teacher mailboxes.

Coming up in November is the **Rob Buyea assembly** brought to you by the Wethersfield Creative Arts Council. Are you aware the PTO sponsors to the Wethersfield Creative Arts Council every year? **Picture Retake Day** is on **Thursday, November 14th** and later on that day is our **PTO meeting at 7pm in the Upper Media Center**. Our beloved bylaws were amended and made available on our website; a vote will take place at that meeting. Will they pass? I know you're at the edge of your seat with wonder and excitement. I know, me too. In case you didn't read our emails, the amended bylaws can be found under the 'What We Do' tab if you haven't seen them already. Our Yankee Candle and Otis

Spunkmeyer (Grandma's Cakes and Miss Chocolate) fundraisers were distributed last month and will end in November. Apparently, the Yankee Candle catalog has a few scratch and sniff areas. Take a peak in the catalog. Take a whiff. Why not? See the Yankee Candle flyer located inside this newsletter for more details.

And then before Thanksgiving break, the **Holiday Store** will take place on **Thursday, November 21**. Most kids love this event. The gymnasium is transformed into the Holiday Store. Children enter through the gym doors near the school's main entrance and exit the store near the main office. Only children (and volunteers) are allowed to enter the store; there are sixth grade elves to assist the younger children with their shopping. The Holiday Store consists of a shopping

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2019-2020 PTO Meetings

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

November 14, January 9,
February 6, March 12,
April 2, May 14, & June 4

Staff Luncheon

- Please participate in the (staff-loved!) Thanksgiving Staff Luncheon scheduled for **Tuesday 11/18!**
- Volunteers are still needed to bring a cooked ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetable side dishes and turkey (last year 4 chickens were cooked instead and the EW Staff ate all the roasted chicken!) Cash donations via Venmo at Colleen Matatall or Paypal at Autumn Struk are welcome! Contact cheer committee to sign up at cheer.committee@ewpto.com or 860-490-8760.



Yankee Candle, Otis Spunkmeyer and Grandma's coffee cakes

- Yankee Candle, Otis spunkmeyer and Grandma's coffee cakes fundraiser is currently open. **Orders need to be submitted by 11/12.** Delivery is schedule for early/mid December, people will be notified for pick up when specific date/time is scheduled... likely the week of 12/9. If you have questions, email Colleen at colleenmattatall01@gmail.com or call 860-490-8760.

EWPTO Event Calendar

October 25

Yankee Candle fundraiser begins

Otis Spunkmeyer/Grandma's Cakes fundraiser begins

November - TBA

Restaurant Fundraiser Night

November 5

No School

November 7

Read for the Record

November 11

No School

November 14

Picture Re-Take Day

November 14

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

November 12

Yankee Candle fundraiser ends

November 15

Otis Spunkmeyer/Grandma's Cakes fundraiser ends

November 19

Staff Luncheon

November 21

Holiday Store

November 27

Half Day

November 28 & 29

No School

December 4

Half Day

December 6

Craft and Vendor Night, 5pm to 8:30pm

December 20

Half Day

December 23-January 1

No School

January 11

UConn Basketball vs Tulsa, 1pm

January 8

Half Day

January 9

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

January 20

No School

January 21

Karate at EW, after school
details coming soon

January 28

Karate at EW, after school
details coming soon

February TBA

Munson Chocolates fundraiser

February 4

Karate at EW, after school
details coming soon

February 6

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

February 7

Talent Show

February 11

Staff Luncheon

February 14

No School

February 17

No School

February 18

No School

March - TBA

Someone Special Dance

March 4

Half Day

March 6

Cultural Night, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

March 9

Boon Supply Fundraiser begins

March 12

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

March 24

Half Day

March 26

Half Day

March 27

Creative Arts assembly

March 30

Boon Supply Fundraiser ends

April - TBA

Spring Picture Day

April 1

Half Day

April 2

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

April 10-17

No School

April 27-29

Spring Book Fair

May - TBA

Poetry Afternoon

Box Tops Collection

May 5

Staff Luncheon

May 6

Half Day

Bike to School Day

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May 14

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

May 22

Half Day

May 25

No School

May 31

Yard Goats Game, 1:10pm

June - TBA

Strawberry Festival

June 2

Dollars for Scholars Awards Program

June 4

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

June 12

Tentative Last Day of School

Email Communication

The PTO is making an effort to reduce the amount of paper flyers sent home in your child's backpack. Please provide your email so we can keep you up-to-date on school events, volunteer opportunities, PTO events, and fundraising news.

Fill out the form included in this edition of Tiger Topics or go to our website at www.ewpto.com and click on the 'Subscribe' button. If you're using a tablet or cell phone, click on 'SUBSCRIBE' under the 'Get Involved' tab.

**GaGa Ball Pit**

Over the summer Zachary Centurelli (4th grader at Emerson-Williams) had a wish. He wished there was a GaGaball Pit at Emerson-Williams school. He had been playing GaGa ball at camp all summer and wondered if the PTO would buy one. So he wrote a letter:

Dear PTO

I am writing to the PTO in hopes that you will consider funding a GaGa pit for our school playground. For those that don't know what GaGa ball is, it's a game, similar to dodgeball while incorporating other favorites like four-square and tag. GaGa allows kids with different abilities to play and enjoy the game of GaGa. Not only does it allow everyone to participate, it is great exercise, it's a safe, quick game that teaches strategy and hand eye coordination. Most importantly, it is very fun!

I have enjoyed playing GaGa ball for years at my summer camp and want to experience this year-round with my Emerson friends. Thank you for reading my thoughts about getting a GaGa pit at Emerson-Williams.

*Thank you,
Zachary Centurelli*

Then Zack checked out the other GaGa ball pits in town. He gathered some adults who were interested in seeing it proceed. They spoke to the Webb PTO and Webb PE teacher, they asked Mrs Dalke to research the GaGa ball pit. Zack asked questions, problem solved issues that arose. He discussed what the pit should be made from (wood, manufactured wood or plastic), he carefully considered a



few locations the Gaga ball pit could be located. He identified a Boy Scout troop that would be instrumental in building the pit if it was approved. He got many questions answered and then he sat down and formally asked Ms Thakur if she would support a GaGa ball pit at school. And she said yes!!

Next was to research the cost of a GaGa ball pit and to formally ask the PTO. Zack attended the October PTO meeting, with supportive adults by his side and formally asked for a GaGa ball pit. And the PTO voted yes!

GaGa is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. The more players the better! Dubbed a kinder gentler version of dodge ball, the game is played with a soft foam ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees. Players need to keep moving to avoid getting hit by the ball. Fun and easy, everyone gets a serious workout.

With the support of Mrs Dalke who will incorporate a GaGa ball lesson into gym class so all of the students learn the rules and how to play safely, GaGa ball will be coming to Emerson-Williams in the spring! All because Zack had a wish and carried it through to reality. Thank you Zack!

EW PTO

Holiday Store

Thursday November 21th in the EW Gymnasium

This is a family event that gives your children an opportunity to enjoy shopping in the Holiday Store for their family and friends, have their items wrapped and ready to go for the holiday season while supporting your PTO. All items are \$2, a maximum of 10 items can be purchased. Sixth grade “elves” will assist the younger children. Envelopes and gift tags to prefill will be sent home closer to the event.

TWO START TIMES

To try to alleviate the long line early in the evening, there will be TWO store times. Completely NEW STOCK will be put out for the second time. Though you can come anytime throughout the evening, this will allow some families to come later, without worrying about the availability of items.

Times this year will be:

5:00pm and 6:30pm through 8:30pm

The PTO needs volunteers to assist with setup/cleanup/cashier/wrapping. Sign Up Genius will be set up on the EW PTO website. Please note that wrappers need to be high school or older and we will sign for community service hours for HS students.

The 6th Grade Committee will be selling pizza and drinks outside the gym during the Holiday Store.



Library Reading Volunteer Links (Grades K – 2 Only)

If you would like to volunteer to read to your child's class during library time (grades K - 2 only), please use the link to your child's class in the attached. Initially, please select only one date to allow other families a chance to sign up. If you have any questions, let us know!

The EW Media Center Committee
mediacenter.committee@ewpto.com

Kindergarten:

Dawson: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448aeac29a0f85-grade18>

Jahne: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448aeac29a0f85-grade20>

Yatrousis: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448aeac29a0f85-grade19>

1st Grade:

Copland: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448aeac29a0f85-grade22>

Hutter: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448aeac29a0f85-grade23>

Jones: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448aeac29a0f85-grade21>

2nd Grade:

Laskowski: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448aeac29a0f85-grade26>

Root: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448aeac29a0f85-grade25>

Shoemaker: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448aeac29a0f85-grade24>

Committees

Beautification: Collaborates with the principle on ideas or ways to improve the school's appearance and then implements those ideas.

Boon Supply (Mixed Bag Designs): Committee oversees distributing order forms, collecting payment, and then distributing purchased items to families.

Community Outreach: Members organize different community outreach opportunities with the Wethersfield Social Services or other local organizations.

Copy Crew: This committee is on call for printing copies when needed. Individuals who can come into the school and make copies for the entire school on an as-needed basis. Possible distribution to teacher mailboxes if the job warrants it. A random text or email will be sent to the committee and someone responds if they are available. *Please make copies before or after school if possible.*

Cultural: Committee members organize a cultural filled activity to embrace the different cultures within Emerson-Williams.

Family Fun: Members coordinate events that bring the EW families and community together.

Munson's Chocolates: Committee oversees distributing order forms, collecting payment, and then distributing purchased items to families.

Strawberry Festival: Members organize this fair like event, usually includes inflatables, DJ, games, etc. They also coordinate volunteers needed for event, set up and clean up. *This event usually occurs near the end of the school year.*

Tiger Topics Newsletter: Member is responsible for writing a monthly newsletter about school happenings, which is distributed to all families. Psst.... you are reading Tiger Topics.



Annual Emerson-Williams Elementary School Craft & Vendor Fair

Do you own a local business or sell products that make great gifts? If so, join us for our *Annual Craft & Vendor Fair* at Emerson-Williams on **Friday, December 6th**.

The PTO is looking for vendors!
A *non-refundable* table fee of \$25 is required to secure your spot.
Space is limited and on a first come first serve basis.

A donation of your choice* will be displayed to further promote your business and will be raffled off that evening.

All funds raised will benefit the Emerson-Williams Elementary School by helping to improve the educational experience of all students. We hope to support local businesses through the holiday season and we appreciate your continued support of the PTO.

Event will be advertised through digital media & local papers.

December 6th

5PM-8:30PM

\$25 non-refundable table fee** & raffle item are required for entry

Contact Courtney Harlow for more details

860.205.0852

vendor.night@ewpto.com

*must be valued at \$15 or more and approved by the Committee Chair 1 week prior to event

**Other price points available to suit your needs. Inquire before committing.


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area, cashier and wrapping area.

The Holiday Store is a child favorite as they have the freedom to shop for their loved ones. They will take their time shopping and enjoy the complimentary wrapping by parent and upper classmen volunteers. With your support, this event can be successful. It is a great opportunity to meet some wonderful families in the EW community. Please consider volunteering for this event.

The PTO ends December with our

Craft & Vendor Fair on December 6th. Support small businesses and local vendors conveniently located in EW's gym. We will also sell some Emerson-Williams products items so if you need a new car magnet or interested in a shopping bag, stop by.

Lastly, we hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Yours until further notice,

Chrissy Pikos, 2nd Year President

Rebecca Anderson, 1st Year President

Tiger Talk

Emerson-Williams Support Staff has created a blog (located at <https://ewtigertalk.blogspot.com/>) as a way to communicate with EW parents and families. The Resource Teachers, Speech Pathologist, School Psychologist, and School Social Worker will be providing information, tips, and techniques for families to use at home to support their student's academic, social, and emotional growth. This month's article is 7 Tips to Help Your Child Manage Stress: <https://psychcentral.com/lib/7-tips-for-helping-your-child-manage-stress/>

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Box Tops for Education

Do you have the all-new Box Tops app? If not, you're gonna want to get it now—Box Tops clips are being phased out of production and the program is going digital! Just scan your store receipt with the app and it will instantly identify participating products and automatically add those Box Tops to your school's earnings totals.



HOW TO EARN

Box Tops makes it easy. No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online.

Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs!

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

On October 29th, our October collection yielded 1,918 box tops for a total amount collected of \$191.80 for Emerson-Williams. Mrs. Jones' class brought in the most box tops with 189!

Thank you for your involvement!

PLEASE SUPPORT

EMERSON WILLIAMS ELEM SCHOOL

Group # 99718748

We're partnering with **Yankee Candle® Fundraising** to help achieve our goal this year. They are the world's #1 candle brand and they offer a wide range of premium candles, fragrances, and décor items at a very wide range of prices. But the most important thing to know is that **a percentage of every sale goes to us!**

To help support us, click on the link below and order items online. Your purchases ship directly to your home and our group receives profit on each and every sale. **This promotion is good through Wednesday, January 8, 2020.**

READY TO START SHOPPING NOW?

Click on the link below and you are on your way to helping our organization reach its fundraising goals:

[EMERSON WILLIAMS ELEM SCHOOL Yankee Candle Shopping Site](#)

If this link fails to take you to the shopping site, don't worry. Simply type in **www.yankeecandlefundraising.com** and enter your **Group Number 99718748** in the **"Start Shopping"** box there. Then you can shop for the same Yankee Candle Fundraising items and your purchases will still benefit our organization.

NOW OVER 500 ITEMS ONLINE!

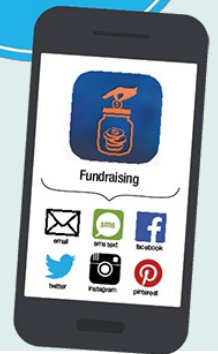
You can also enlist friends and family from out of town to help your organization reach its goals. Simply visit **www.yankeecandlefundraising.com** and click on the "Seller Login" button and fill out the "Sign up to be a seller" form; use your Group Number (above) to register. Their purchases will be delivered directly to them and your **organization earns additional profits!**

Sell across the country with our **Mobile App** - it's an easy way to invite phone and social contacts to shop online! **Sales tax and shipping charges may apply to online orders.**

Download Yankee Fundraising at:



Shop our fundraising website for Exclusive Online Products!



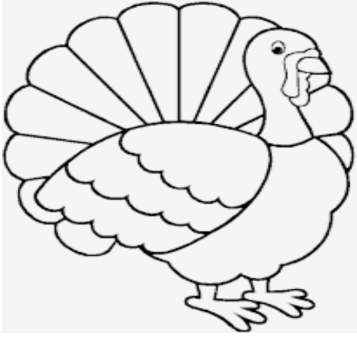
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TURKEY DINNER OUTREACH



The Wethersfield Food Bank, located in the Town Hall, provides non-perishable food and personal items to those in need in our community. We are so grateful for all life's blessings during this beautiful time of year. What a blessing it would be to share our harvest with Wethersfield residents. Please help us provide holiday meals to the Wethersfield Food Bank by donating items from the list below:

- K Boxed Stuffing**

- 1st Boxed Corn Bread Mix**

- 2nd Instant Potatoes**

- 3rd Canned Tuna or Chicken**

- 4th Canned Gravy**

- 5th Boxed Turkey or Chicken Broth**

- 6th Canned Cranberry Sauce**

- E-W Staff Canned Yams**

* Collection baskets for grades K - 3 will be in the Main Office hallway and labeled by grade.

* Collection baskets for grades 4 - 6 will be next to the Gymnasium and labeled by grade.

We invite all families to make and donate Thanksgiving cards to bring holiday cheer to our community. We also ask families to consider a \$2 donation towards the purchase of Thanksgiving turkeys.

Our school wide collection will begin on Tuesday, November 12 and end on Monday, November 25.

Thank you for supporting our school-wide Community Outreach project.

If you would like to donate more than your child can carry, please email the EWPTO Community Outreach Committee at community.outreach@ewpto.com to arrange a drop off or pick up.

Pilgrims on Park Avenue

Mrs. Walker's history class created a "first harvest" float for the Parktown Thanksgiving Day parade. As it passes by, harvest a carrot and **14** other objects hidden along the route.



hammer



banana



fishhook



needle



ladle



handbell



golf club



carrot



tack



teacup



crescent moon



snake



slice of bread



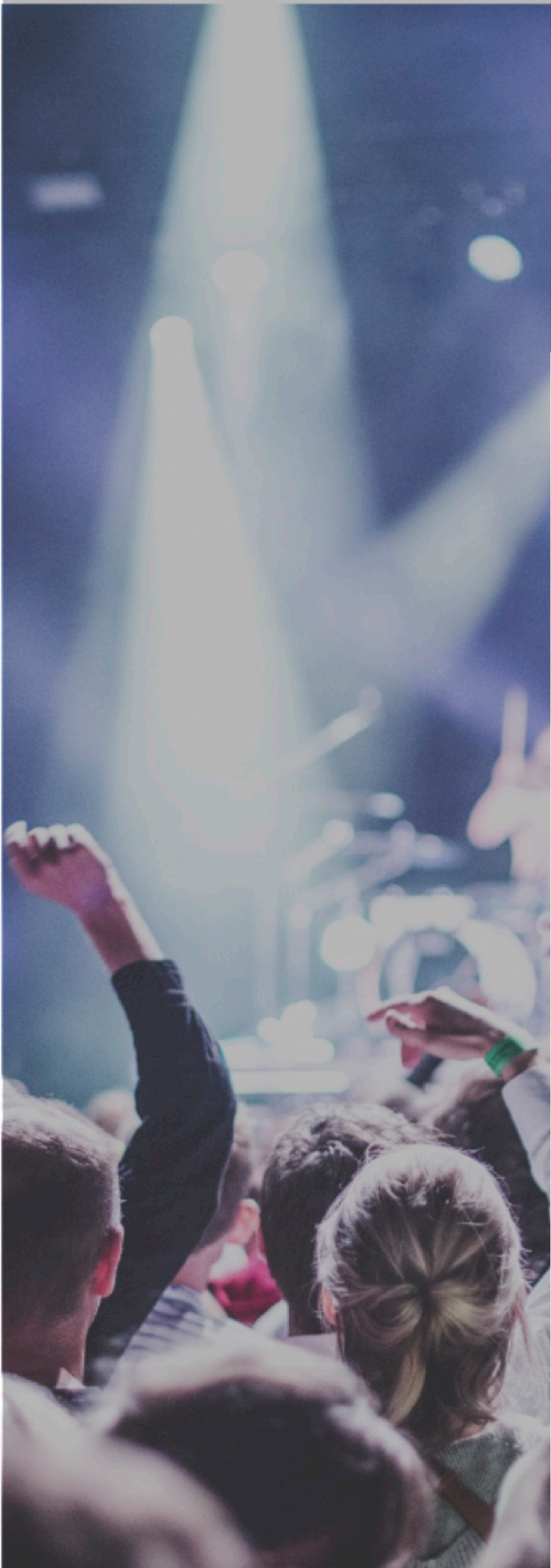
duck

toothbrush



Illustrated by R. Michael Pagan

Hidden Pictures



EMERSON-WILLIAMS TALENT SHOWCASE

**FEBRUARY 7, 2020
6 PM AT WEBB SCHOOL**

Acting, singing, dancing, juggling, playing a musical instrument...all special talents are welcome!

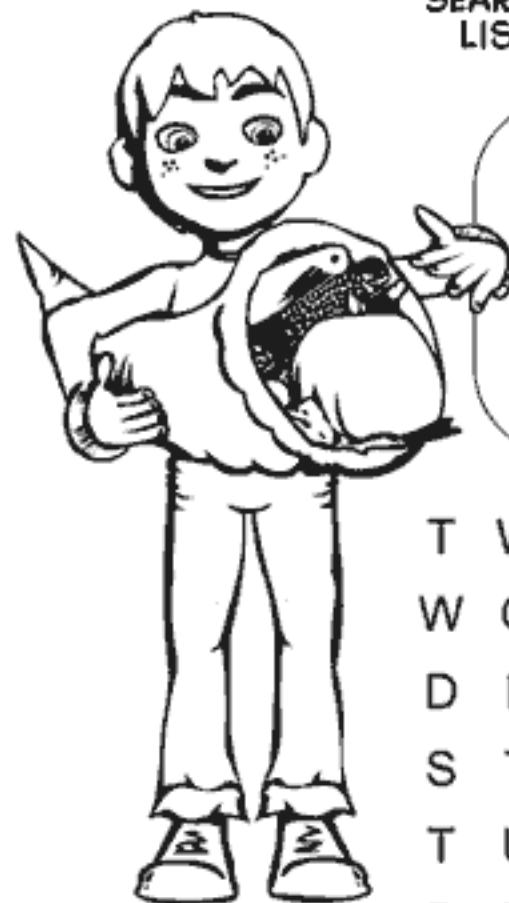
If you would like to showcase your talent, please complete the form that was sent by email to parents no later than **November 22, 2019**.

If you have any questions, send an email to talentshow@ewpto.com.



Harvest Fruit & Vegetables Search

SEARCH THE PUZZLE TO FIND AND CIRCLE THE WORDS IN THE WORD LIST. WORDS IN THIS PUZZLE ARE HIDDEN ACROSS AND DOWN.



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BEANS
BEETS
BROCCOLI
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CAULIFLOWER

CELERY
CORN
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ONIONS
PARSNIPS

PEARS
PEPPERS
POTATO
PUMPKIN
SQUASH
TURNIP
YAMS

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