

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

Hello Emerson-Williams community, Can you believe it's already December? My child is counting down the days until there is no school along with the number of days until Christmas. For those who celebrate, I imagine there are many traditions you may follow.

My father, who was born in Greece, would roast pork over an open spit. I tried to keep that tradition alive by having our main meal of pork in the oven (I really don't want to dig a hole in my yard. Plus, have you seen 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding'... pork in the front yard, I tell you. No thanks.).



I usually make a Greek dessert of 'Galaktoboureko', made of semolina custard in filo dough coated with sweet syrup, or 'bougatsa' which is similar sans the syrup. In Greece back in the day, presents were brought to children by Άγιος Βασίλης (Saint Basil) on the 1st January. There are many other traditions for the Christmas season, but I won't go on.

I bring this up because our Cultural

Night is coming up on **Friday, March 6th** and it makes me wonder what other families in our community do for the holidays. What do you celebrate? Chanukah (is that the correct spelling?) or Festivus or Christmas or Kwanzaa? There's probably more that I'm unaware of. Within this edition of Tiger Topics, you will find the Cultural Night flyer that has more information. We would love to hear what your culture does. You can sign up online at <https://form.jotform.com/93244588786172> or print out the flyer/form and hand it in to your child's teacher.

We hope you stopped into our Annual Craft & Vendor Fair on December 6th. It was a great place for holiday shopping while supporting local business. If you didn't go, you should check it out next year.

During the month of January, Emerson-Williams has been selected for Big Y's community bag. Stop into the Rocky Hill Big Y's World Class Market, purchase a community bag and \$1 is donated to the EWPTO. On Thursday, January 9th, is our first PTO meeting of the year. You're welcome to stop in and get informed with what we do.

On **January 11th**, Emerson-Williams has **UConn basketball** tickets

against Houston; more information can be found on the flyer included in this edition of Tiger Topics. Also coming up on **January 21th, 28th and February 4th**, there will be after school program/fundraiser available for students to give a try at karate. More details will come soon.

Finally, we would like to take a moment to thank our volunteers and supporters. Thank you for the time and energy our volunteers use to create these activities and events for the children of Emerson-Williams. Thank you for your support and donations which allows the Emerson-Williams PTO to fund these various undertakings. As this year comes to an end, we hope all the difficulties end; as the New Year dawns, we hope it brings all the successes and happiness for you and your family.

2019-2020 PTO Meetings

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

January 9,

February 6, March 12,

April 2, May 14, & June 4

EWPTO Event Calendar

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 Houston, 1pm

January 8

Half Day

Yankee Candle online fundraiser ends

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

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.

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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.

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.*

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.

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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.

Another collection will occur in May 2020.

Keep scanning those receipts!

BASKETBALL.

ITS A CONNECTICUT THING.

Emerson-Williams Elementary School Day

UConn Women's Basketball vs. Houston

Saturday, January 11, 2020 | 1:00 PM
XL Center, Hartford CT

- Great Seats Together!
- Video Board Recognition!
- Special Priced ticket for all Emerson-Williams Elementary students along with family and friends at the rate of \$12 per ticket!
- Chance to watch the Huskies take on their conference foe the Houston Cougars!

Emerson-Williams UConn Basketball Game – Ticket Order Form	
Ticket order deadline is 01/02/20 (100 tickets reserved)	
Student Name:	
Teacher & Grade:	
Email Address:	
Phone #:	
# of Tickets Requested:	
Amount Enclosed:	

Please contact James Langdo at
sportsgames@ewpto.com for more information.

UConnHuskies.com/Groups





We've been selected to participate in the

Big Y Community Bag Program

We will receive a \$1 donation when you buy
the Community Bag this month at the Big Y
located at:

Big Y World Class Market
1030-1040 W. Elm Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067
(860) 721-0692

Cultural Night Wants You!

Help us bring one or more aspects of your ethnic heritage to life for the students and families of E-W! We want to bring food, cultural arts, music, storytelling together to learn from one another and learn about the diverse culture of our school community.

Emerson-Williams Elementary School Gymnasium

March 6, 2020 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Snow Date March 13th



We are looking for Table Host Families. Our vision: the gym is outlined with tables, where E-W families can share photos, traditions, or experiences about their heritage and culture at their table. Visitors will travel around the world and explore new things. Kids can get their passport stamped from all the different countries represented.

Ideas to share: traditional legends, history and culture, read a famous story, share memories, display art, teach a dance, create a performance, give out food samples, decorate maps, wear traditional dress, show a flag, or teach the language.

The possibilities are endless, and it is what you and your family want to present to the school community. Contact culture@ewpto.com with questions.

What makes your culture unique?

Please return flyer by 12/19/19

Student & Family Name _____

Teacher's Name & Grade _____

Your Country _____

Phone Number _____

Email address _____

We would love to set up a table for Cultural Night at E-W.

We would love to perform for Cultural Night at E-W.

We would love to set up a table and perform for Cultural Night at E-W.

¡Comparta Su Cultura!

Ayúdanos a traer uno o más aspectos de su herencia étnica a la vida de los estudiantes y familias de E-W! Queremos traer comida, arte cultural, música, narración de cuentos juntos para aprender de uno al otro y aprender sobre la cultura diversa de nuestra comunidad escolar.



Emerson-Williams School
Gimnasio
6 de marzo 2020
6:30pm-8:30pm
Día de nevada 13 de marzo

Estamos buscando familias anfitrionas para presentar su cultura. Nuestra visión: el gimnasio está delineado con mesas, donde las familias de E-W pueden compartir fotos, tradiciones o experiencias sobre su patrimonio y cultura en su mesa. Los visitantes viajarán alrededor del mundo y explorarán cosas nuevas. Los niños pueden sellar su pasaporte de todos los diferentes países representados.

Ideas para compartir: leyendas tradicionales, historia y cultura, leer una historia famosa, compartir recuerdos, exhibir arte, enseñar un baile, crear una actuación, dar muestras de comida, decorar mapas, usar vestimenta tradicional, mostrar una bandera o enseñar el idioma .

Las posibilidades son infinitas, y es lo que usted y su familia quieren presentar a la comunidad escolar. Póngase en contacto con culture@ewpto.com con preguntas.

¿Qué hace que tu cultura sea única?

Por favor devuelva el folleto antes del 19/12/19

- Nos encantaría preparar una mesa para la Noche Cultural en E-W.
- Nos encantaría actuar para la Noche Cultural en E-W.
- Nos encantaría poner una mesa y actuar para la Noche Cultural en E-W.

Estudiante y apellido _____
Nombre y grado del maestro _____
Tu país _____
Número de teléfono _____
Dirección de correo electrónico _____

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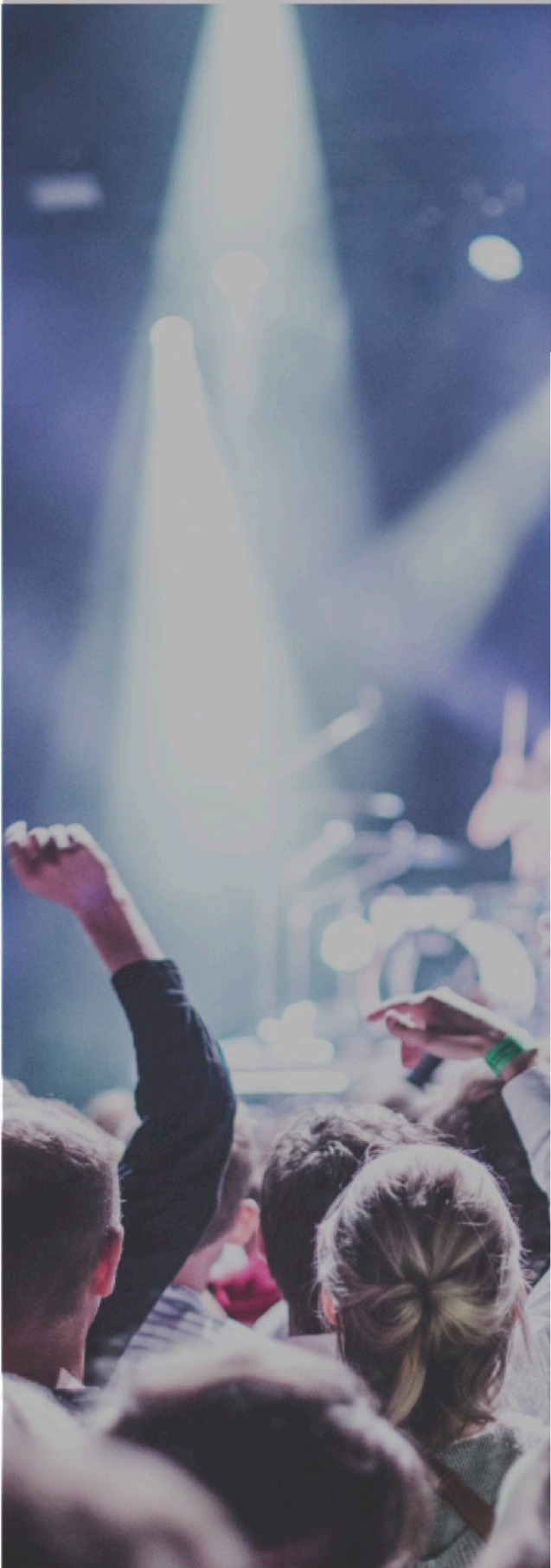


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EMERSON-WILLIAMS TALENT SHOWCASE

**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.

