



Tiger Topics  
School Newsletter

**EMERSON-WILLIAMS**  
**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO**

WELCOME TO  
EMERSON-WILLIAMS  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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[WWW.EWPTO.COM](http://WWW.EWPTO.COM)

**FROM THE DESK OF THE EWPTO CO-PRESIDENTS**

You may agree with me when I say there isn't enough time in the day to get everything done. Every one of us has responsibilities we must complete every day, every week, bi-weekly, or monthly... the list goes on. It never ends really. At the PTO, those who volunteer their time have responsibilities and time constraints as well. We are thankful for the time and energy our volunteers give to the kids, staff, and Emerson-Williams community. But as time goes on, children move onto higher grade levels and their parents leave our PTO. Without new faces volunteering their time, the PTO gets smaller and smaller. Unfortunately, it's been happening every year.

Much like last year, **there is a chance the Strawberry Festival will not occur.** With the lack of volunteers, it may not happen. I urge you, if you'd like to know what we do and how things get done, please stop by a PTO meeting. Can't make it on a Thursday night? Reach out to the Board at [ptoboard@ewpto.com](mailto:ptoboard@ewpto.com). At our last meeting, we had a new parent stop by and she volunteered her time to write an email on our behalf. For February's meeting, the entire PTO should be excited to hear the results of her efforts... for writing a few emails.

As president this year, I attempted to reduce some fundraisers the PTO has. My vision for the PTO would be for less selling fundraisers and more activity-like fundraisers. However, I don't have the opportunity to research other fundraisers and they can't be put into play until the following school year. It would be awesome for someone to help research other opportunities for fundraising without relying on grandma, grandpa, co-workers, sister, stepmom, that cousin with the extra toe, uncle, or aunt to buy unwanted wrapping paper. I mention this because this example could be a volunteer activity for someone could look into; during your own time frame while you still volunteer to the PTO. The kids benefit, you feel good for helping, and you don't need to bother that cousin with the sixth toe. Several volunteer opportunities are posted on Facebook, our website, or contact the Board at [ptoboard@ewpto.com](mailto:ptoboard@ewpto.com).

Lastly, we encourage you to attend a PTO meeting which occurs typically every month. We welcome new members at any meeting. While it is not necessary to attend EVERY meeting, when you attend it helps give you an idea of what's happening in the school. Additionally, you can

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**WSPC Volunteer Award**

Each year, we have an opportunity to look back at this school year and recognize a special parent or other volunteer that has gone above and beyond in our contribution to our school community. Too often we are so busy organizing events, fundraisers, meetings, and so many other things with the goal of making our school community a better place for our kids, families and teachers. The WSPC Volunteer Awards offers us a chance to stop to reflect and recognize the contributions that many of our volunteers make.

If you know of a volunteer at our school who deserves such recognition for all their hard work and contributions, please fill out the form found in this edition of Tiger Topics or email a message to our WSPC Reps that you would like to nominate that person. Our WSPC representatives are Colleen and Shana and their email is [wspc@ewpto.com](mailto:wspc@ewpto.com).

**2019-2020 PTO Meetings**



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

**February 6**

March 12, April 2,  
May 14, & June 4

## EWPTO Event Calendar

### 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

PTO Karate after school program,  
EW Gymnasium, 3:15pm to 3:45pm

### January 28

PTO Karate after school program,  
EW Gymnasium, 3:15pm to 3:45pm

### February 3

Munson Chocolates fundraiser begins

### February 4

PTO Karate after school program,  
EW Gymnasium, 3:15pm to 3:45pm

### February 6

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

### February 7

Talent Showcase  
Webb Elementary School, 6pm

### February 11

Staff Luncheon

### February 14

No School

### February 17

No School

### February 18

No School

### February 21

Munson Chocolates fundraiser ends

### March 4

Half Day

### March 6

Cultural Night, 6:30pm to 8:30pm  
Emerson-Williams gymnasium

### 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 20

Boon Supply fundraiser ends

### April 1

Half Day

### April 2

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

### April 3

Ivy the Frenchie Assembly  
(during school hours, times vary)

Someone Special Dance

EW gymnasium, TBA time

### April 4

Yankee vs Blue Jays Game  
Yankee Stadium (pending interest)

### April 10-17

No School

### April 27-29

Spring Book Fair, TBA

### May - TBA

Poetry Afternoon

Box Tops Collection

### May 5

Spring Picture Day

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  
Dunkin Donuts Field, 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](http://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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## Committee Volunteer Needs

**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.

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

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

## Box Tops for Education

The Box Tops program is going digital! 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.



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!**

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## 6th Grade Fundraiser

**Tuesday, 3/24/29 • 4:00 p.m. to close**

**Puerto Vallarta Restaurant | 2385 Berlin Turnpike | Newington, CT 06111**

**Have dinner at Puerto Vallarta Restaurant in Newington (including take out, bar, and restaurant) and Puerto Vallarta will generously donate 20% of the proceeds to support the E-W 6th Grade class. Thank you so much for your support!**





# ARTIST'S CORNER

**Show off your masterpiece at the  
Shining Stars Talent Showcase on  
February 7, 2020**

Submit an art piece to Mrs. Richard's classroom by Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Entries must be an original piece created outside of the classroom, no bigger than 16x20, and can be a painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, or ANYTHING! Let those creative juices flow! Be sure to fill out the form below and return with your entry.

## **Art Entry Form**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Artwork Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Winter Word Search

F S N O W M A N Y P V W R U E  
X I U E I L I G O F I A R H T  
U C R C T U O L D N G K L I A  
C S E E G I A Z T S O R F B R  
C N O N P R H E O M H Q C E G  
H M E P B L R W C Y P K M R I  
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L O A G T O Q C I Z U C P A U  
L R Z A K O C P E I J J D T Z  
Y T H O T C H O C O L A T E J



chilly  
fireplace  
frost  
hibernate  
hot chocolate  
migrate

penguin  
polar bear  
snowflake  
snowman  
white  
winter

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discover ways to pitch in and help whether it's creating new ideas or making suggestions. Your commitment level is what you chose to give.

Speaking of activity-like fundraisers, the EW PTO had their first (it's a series of three) **karate after school program**; we had roughly 44 kids sign up. It was super exciting to see all these kids participate with Master Gagnon. Coming up with our food fundraiser is **Munsons' chocolate** which people seemed to really like last year. Pamphlets will be distributed and will go from **February 1 to February 21**; orders should arrive before Easter on April 12.

Also, in February is **Emerson-Williams Talent Showcase** on **February 7th**. If you are looking for tickets, please see the flyer in this edition of Tiger Topics. Contestants earned their golden tickets and are ready to perform! There is also an artistic display of student artwork available for your viewing pleasure. All the action will take place at **Webb Elementary School at 6pm**.

Coming up on **February 11th** is the **Parisian-Style Staff Luncheon**. Check out <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ea4ac23a6f58-staff> to see how you could contribute. Can't drop off an item the day of the luncheon? Contact our Cheer Committee, perhaps arrangements can be made. Click on the envelope on the sign up genius page (link provided above) to email/contact the committee. Can't cook or don't wanna cook? Donations are always welcome.

Also, keep an eye out... EW PTO is teaming up with the 27-time World Champion New York Yankees with a day at Yankee Stadium. The game is on **Saturday, April 4** where the **Yankees play the Toronto Blue Jays at 1:05pm**. Seats will be located on the main level at \$50 a ticket (transportation is not included). This special ticket includes a game to the game, a New Era Yankees cap, a regular sized hot dog and your first beverage. There is a minimum amount of tickets we need to sell in order for the PTO to offer this special deal. Contact Carl at [sportsgames@ewpto.com](mailto:sportsgames@ewpto.com) if you are interested. More information to follow. This offer is NOT a fundraiser

but something the PTO offers to the Emerson-Williams community. And although I'm a Red Sox fan, I cannot deny is a good deal.

So that's all I got for now. I welcome anyone else to contribute an article or something to Tiger Topics because I imagine you're tired of dealing with just me. I try to be funny but sometimes there's only so much I can say in a 'G' format. Did you read this all the way to the end? Maybe I should post some weird image just to be sure you read to the end.



Remember to stay warm my friends.

Chrissy Pikos,  
2nd Year Co-President

Rebecca Anderson  
1st Year Co-President



# 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**

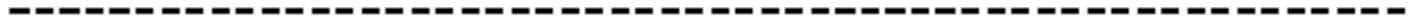


We are looking for Table Host Families. Our vision: the gym is outlined with tables, where E-W families can share photos, traditions, or experiences about their heritage and culture at their table. Visitors will travel around the world and explore new things. Kids can get their passport stamped from 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 [cultural.night@ewpto.com](mailto:cultural.night@ewpto.com) with questions.

**What makes your culture unique?**



**Please return flyer by 1/30/20**

Student & Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name & Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Your Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

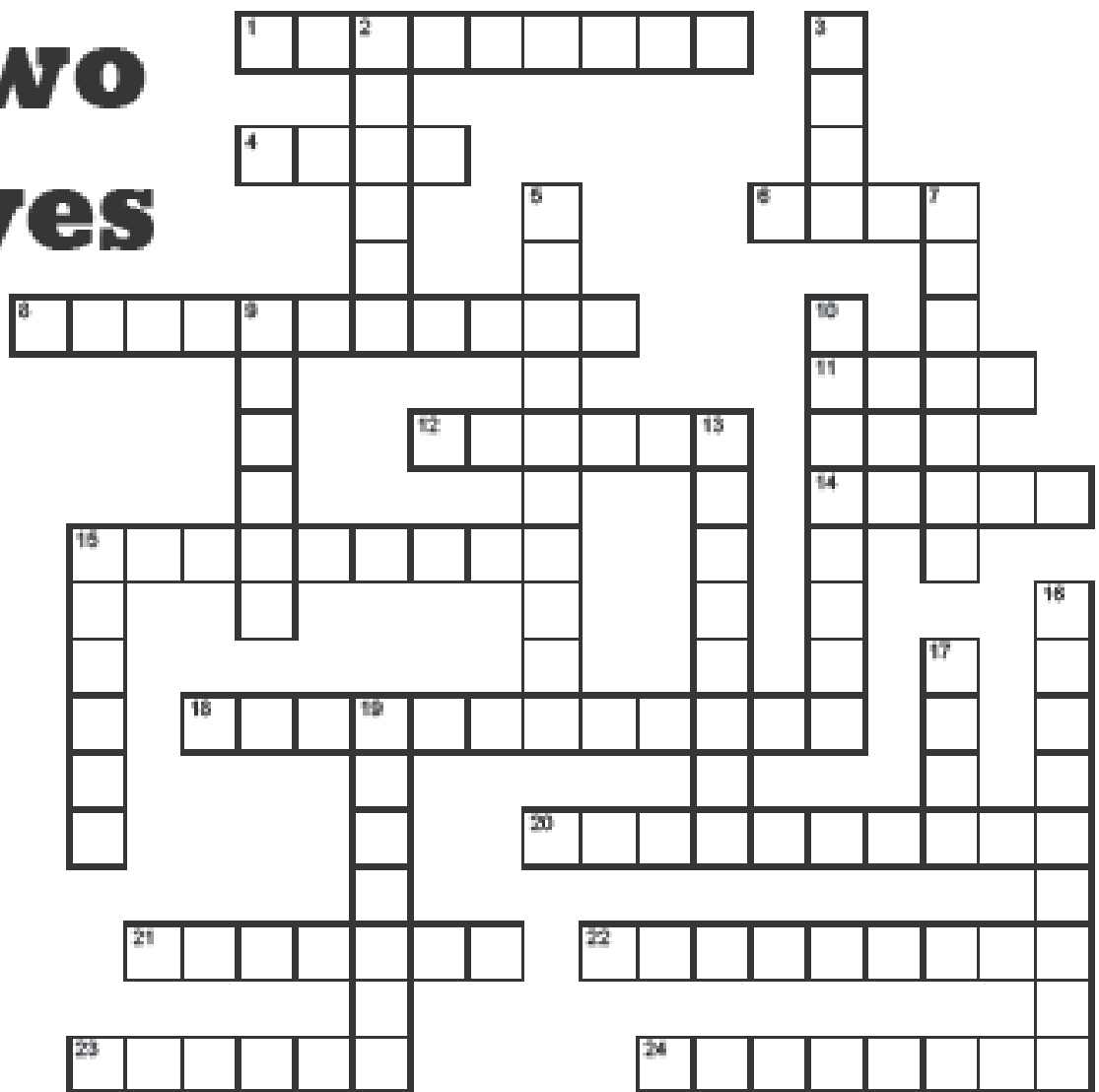
**We would love to set up a table for Cultural Night at E-W.**

**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.**



# A Game of Two Halves



## ACROSS

1. Area of play behind the line of scrimmage.
4. Drop kick used to relinquish possession.
6. Hike.
8. Tom Brady's position.
11. Any offensive play that does not involve a forward pass.
12. Broadway Joe.
14. An offensive series of plays.
15. Three point play.
18. Results in a turnover.
20. Defensive player.
21. Game opener.
22. Number of teams in the NFL.
23. Team gathering.
24. Site of annual college game played on January 1st.

## DOWN

2. He snaps the ball.
3. A team gets four of these each time they have possession.
5. Pass that hits the ground before possession.
7. Nickname for a football.
9. Take a player to the ground.
10. Field of play in American football.
13. Intermission with entertainment.
15. When a player loses the ball during a play.
16. Championship game.
17. Tackling the quarterback.
19. Area past the goal line.



# ¡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 [cultural.night@ewpto.com](mailto:cultural.night@ewpto.com) con preguntas.

## ¿Qué hace que tu cultura sea única?

Por favor devuelva el folleto antes del **30 de enero 2020**

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_



We're participating in the

# Community Bag Program



**Month of  
February**

We will receive a \$1 donation every time the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is sold this month at the Stop & Shop located at:

**Stop and Shop  
80 Town Line Road, Rocky Hill, CT 06067**



# **Emerson-Williams Talent Showcase 2020**

**When:** February 7, 2020

**Where:** Webb Elementary School Auditorium

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Cost:** \$2.00 per ticket. Emerson-Williams students are free.

\* Tickets will also be on sale at the door. \*

**Come out and see  
Emerson-Williams talent!**

\*\*\*\*\*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send back your ticket request by Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Checks can be made out to EW PTO



Wethersfield Schools Parent Council (WSPC)  
Volunteer Recognition Awards  
**2019-20 Nomination Form**

The WSPC Recognition Awards is intended to recognize individuals and organizations who have made a volunteer commitment to benefit the education or social experience of the children in the Wethersfield public school system. Each year, the WSPC recognizes: one individual from each public school for our Individual Award, and one individual (or organization) for our Community Award.

If you would like to nominate an individual or organization that has involved themselves above and beyond the expected role and is thereby identified as an asset to your school and/or the Wethersfield community through their efforts and/or volunteerism, please fill out the information below:

**I would like to nominate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Nomination:** \_\_\_\_ **Individual Award**    \_\_\_\_ **Community Award**

Does this person have children? If so, please list their names and schools they attend:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List volunteer committees this nominee serves on:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(please add pages as necessary)

I feel this nominee meets the requirements for this year's WSPC Recognition Award because:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(please add pages as necessary)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*WSPC reserves the right to evaluate and approve each application to ensure nominees meet all requirements.

*Nominations for the 2019-2020 WSPC Recognition Awards should be returned to your WSPC school representative by/before the March PTO meeting. Please plan to attend that meeting to support your nomination. Or submit this form to your school in an envelope marked "WSPC Volunteer Award."*

**WSPC Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony will be held: Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Webb Auditorium**