

FALL HAS ARRIVED! BRRRR!

It's a great time to volunteer to help the Emerson-Williams PTO!

We still need volunteers for Room Parents, Tiger Topics Editor, and Committee Chairs to run our touchless fundraisers, such as Restaurant Night.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EWPTO CO-PRESIDENTS

OCTOBER 2020

Dear Emerson-Williams Community,

Can you believe we have already completed the 42nd day of school this year? Whether you're full remote, hybrid, or maybe you've chosen to homeschool, we celebrate you. Your kids are amazing learners, our E-W Teachers and Staff are phenomenal, and all of our parents/guardians/families at home are doing a fantastic job. Give yourselves a round of applause for this truly awesome accomplishment. It is well deserved!

With the beginning of Fall comes all the experiences families enjoy doing together. There are so many activities to choose from... apple picking, bonfires or fireplaces with s'mores, hot apple cider, candy apples, camping, pumpkins and baking. Treasure these moments together and take photos to share with us. E-W loves to see what our Tigers are doing at home.

Another thing that we notice this time of year is folks are lighting candles and as some of you may know, Yankee Candle fundraising was 'snuffed out' due to the pandemic. So, the EWPTO Board went on a search for the next best thing. And we found it! From the

son of the founder of Yankee Candle, we proudly present, Kringle & Country Candle! They use the same quality recipes you have come to love over the years, and come right from Bernardston, MA. We hope you'll enjoy this 100% touchless online fundraiser supporting EWPTO, October 25-November 12.

Coming soon in November - a Spiritwear/Apparel online fundraiser! Brought to you by Yours Personally, LLC of Wethersfield, CT complete with new logos and merchandise. The Spiritwear online fundraiser is scheduled to begin November 15. All orders must in prior to Thanksgiving break to ensure holiday direct ship delivery.

The clipped Box Tops collection is wrapping up and will be mailed soon. Any others will still be collected and mailed in the Spring. Every Box Top earns EWPTO \$0.10. Our 1st ever virtual book fair went well and we hope that you enjoyed it too! Thank you all for supporting a love of reading! And speaking of books, recently a purchase was made at *The Key Bookstore* in Hartford, CT of 41 hardcover children's books listed on *The Conscious Kids* website that support conversations on

race, racism, and resistance. Ms. Thakur has assured us that this donation of books from EWPTO – essentially, all of you! – will support the E-W *Courageous Conversations Committee*. Teachers will receive training on how to use them appropriately in class lessons. What an awesome gift for our school! Remember those funds used to support this purchase comes from you and your efforts supporting EWPTO fundraising and volunteering. We appreciate you, always!

Volunteers are always welcome, but the most important is a new Board Member for Treasurer. If you have a love of numbers and balancing a checkbook, let us know. To express your interest, email ptboard@ewpto.com to let us know. Wishing you a fabulous Fall season full of great big leaf piles for the kids to jump into!

Enjoy the rest of your today, and have a great big beautiful tomorrow!

Your EWPTO Co-Presidents –
Rebecca Anderson & Leslie Williams

Contact the entire EWPTO Board by sending an email to ptboard@ewpto.com

EWPTO Event Calendar

October 25

Kringle and Country Candle online fundraiser begins.

October 30

Spirit Day – Wear Orange and Black

November 3

Professional Development – No School

November 11

Veteran's Day – No School

November 12

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. virtually via Free Conference Call

November 15

Spiritwear/apparel online fundraiser with Yours Personally, LLC begins.

November 25

Minimum School Day – Dismissal at 12:55 p.m.

November 26-27

Thanksgiving Recess – No School

December 23

Minimum School Day – Dismissal at 12:55 p.m.

December 24 – 31

December Recess – No School

January 1

New Year's Day – No School

January 6

Minimum School Day – Dismissal at 12:55 p.m. for Professional Development

January 7

EWPTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. virtually via Free Conference Call

2020 PTO MEETINGS

7:00 p.m. on the following Thursdays held virtually:

November 12, January 7, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 6, and June 3

Free Conference Call

Meeting Link:

<https://www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/2yrpress>

Online Meeting ID: 2yrpress5

Call-in Number: 1 (602) 580-9324

Access Code: 5944553

School Nurse News You Can Use

By Kathleen Maffuid, BSN, RN, NCSN



Reminder: Please continue to follow the practice of the three W's to keep ourselves, our family and our community healthy:

1. **Wear a Mask**
2. **Watch your distance**
3. **Wash your hands frequently.**

COVID-19 cases are rising in our state and we all have to continue to do our part in helping to keep everyone safe.

Please also review the "Key Steps When Waiting For COVID Test Results" from the CDC for important information.

3 Key Steps to Take While Waiting for Your COVID-19 Test Result

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, take these **3 key steps NOW** while waiting for your test results:

1 Stay home and monitor your health.

Stay home and monitor your health to help protect your friends, family, and others from possibly getting COVID-19 from you.

Stay home and away from others:

- If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19, such as older adults and people with other medical conditions.
- If you have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, stay home and away from others for 14 days after your last contact with that person.
- If you have a fever, cough or other symptoms of COVID-19, stay home and away from others (except to get medical care).



Monitor your health:

- Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. Remember, symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to COVID-19 and can include:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Tiredness
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea



2 Think about the people you have recently been around.

If you are diagnosed with COVID-19, a public health worker may call you to check on your health, discuss who you have been around, and ask where you spent time while you may have been able to spread COVID-19 to others. While you wait for your COVID-19 test result, think about everyone you have been around recently. This will be important information to give health workers if your test is positive.

Complete the information on the back of this page to help you remember everyone you have been around.

3 Answer the phone call from the health department.

If a public health worker calls you, answer the call to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in your community.

- Discussions with health department staff are **confidential**. This means that your personal and medical information will be kept private and only shared with those who may need to know, like your health care provider.
- Your name will not be shared with those you came in contact with. The health department will only notify people you were in close contact with (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) that they might have been exposed to COVID-19.



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Think About The People You Have Recently Been Around

If you test positive and are diagnosed with COVID-19, someone from the health department may call to check-in on your health, discuss who you have been around, and ask where you spent time while you may have been able to spread COVID-19 to others. This form can help you think about people you have recently been around so you will be ready if a public health worker calls you.

Things to think about. Have you:

- Gone to work or school?
- Gotten together with others (eaten out at a restaurant, gone out for drinks, exercised with others or gone to a gym, had friends or family over to your house, volunteered, gone to a party, pool, or park)?
- Gone to a store in person (e.g., grocery store, mall)?
- Gone to in-person appointments (e.g., salon, barber, doctor's or dentist's office)?
- Ridden in a car with others (e.g., Uber or Lyft) or took public transportation?
- Been inside a church, synagogue, mosque or other places of worship?



Who lives with you?

Who have you been around (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) in the last 10 days? (You may have more people to list than the space provided. If so, write on the front of this sheet or a separate piece of paper.)

Name	Phone Number	Date you last saw them	Where you last saw them
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What have you done in the last 10 days with other people?

Activity	Location	Date
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Did your flashlight batteries die? Then, you need candles!

NOW through 11/12/2020 is our Kringle and Country Candle online fundraiser sponsored by Meadow Farms Fundraising. Go to <https://meadowfarms.com> and click register, enter EWPTO's School ID MF1035218, then follow the on-screen directions to build and share your online store. Your support is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Contact Free Fundraising

REGISTER USING OUR APP OR VISIT

www.meadowfarms.com

SCHOOL NAME:

Emerson-Williams School PTO

SALE DATES:

10/25/20-11/12/20



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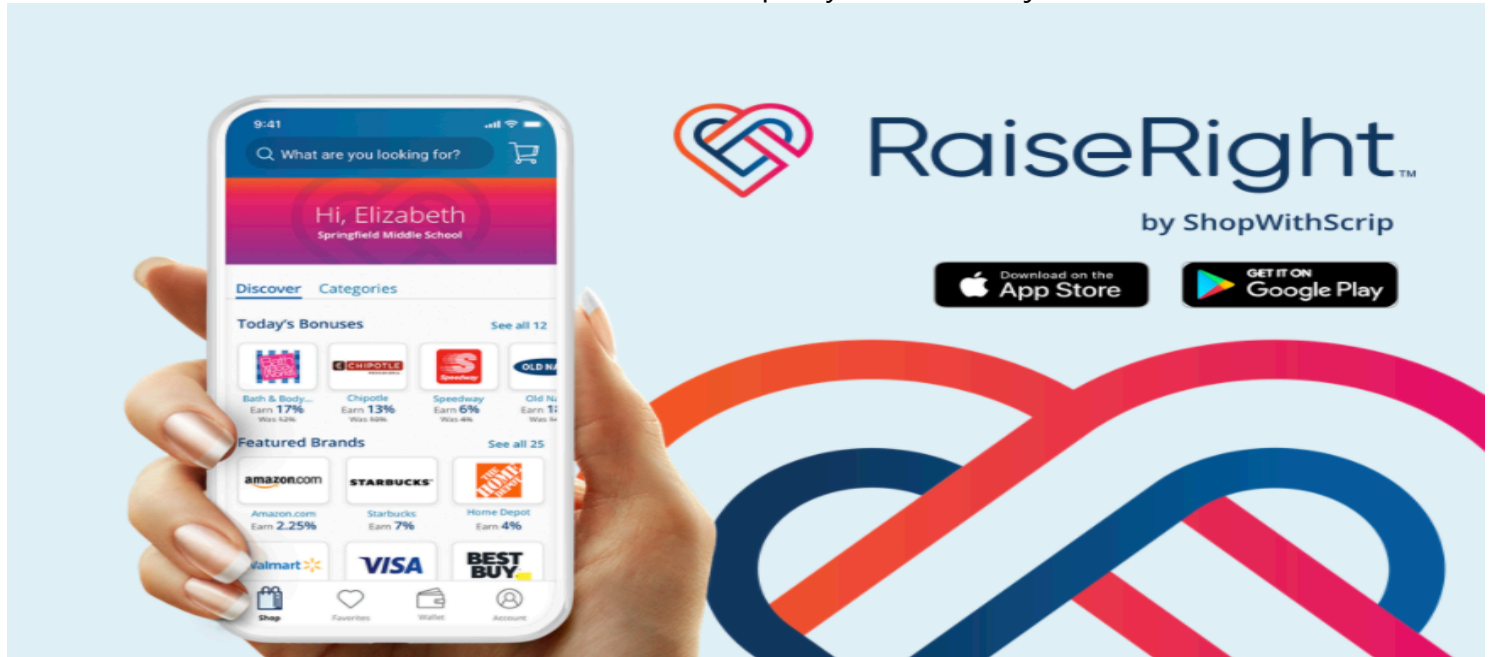


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ShopWithScrip – Gift Card Fundraising!

It's the easiest way to earn funds for EWPTO. Earn on everyday trips to Target, Wal-Mart, Ulta, Starbucks, CVS, Dunkin' and Lowe's. Disney fanatic, like your PTO Co-Presidents? Then, Disney gift cards are for you! Earn even when you're shopping home with Amazon and Grub Hub. Wanna get away? Southwest Airline eGift card can get you there. New iPhone? Apple eGift Card is a click away.

Shop with Scrip makes it simple to #EarnForEW when you download the Raise Right app so you can earn on the go shopping with eGift cards instantly! Download the Raise Right App today! Use the E-W Enrollment Code: 7FBED8827LL13. Check it out at <https://youtu.be/IPD4jn7FYvY>



Wethersfield Early Childhood Collaborative (WECC)



Did you know that WECC has a website? Well go to <http://wethersfieldchildhood.com> where you can access tons of resources for anything you may need, such as childcare, food banks, community news, health tips, and early childhood education. Check it out and sign up for their email distribution list to remain in the loop.

Sponsors of EWPTO

Do you own your own business or know someone that does? Would you or a friend like to make a tax-deductible donation to the EWPTO for advertising in our Tiger Topics school newsletter? Place your ad here! Email tigertopics@ewpto.com for more info.

**Join the Wethersfield Creative Arts Committee's
annual Puerto Vallarta Fundraiser, Monday 11/16!**



**And help bring more Performing Arts Programming to
Wethersfield Students and Schools!**

Date: Monday, November 16, 2020

Whether you go for lunch, dinner, or order take out,

**Our generous friends at Puerto Vallarta will donate
20% of the proceeds to Wethersfield Creative Arts Council
for performing arts programming!**

Thank you all for your support! Muchas Gracias!

Room Parents – We Need Volunteers

Thank you to the 17 parents that have volunteered to be a Room Parent! Volunteers for Room Parent are **STILL NEEDED** for the following Teachers:

Kindergarten - Sanford

Grade 1 - Boyd

Grade 2 - Laskowski

Grade 3 - Keel

Grade 4 - Charbonneau and Cookson

Grade 6 - Bubser



to support the classroom teacher. Although this year it may be as small as locating a volunteer to read a book virtually to a class or ask parents for a supply donation to do a craft with the kids. It is hard to say what it will truly entail given the pandemic. However, it will be no less important even if it's only to let your teacher know that he/she is supported when/if needed. Until things change, it will not include coming into the school building.

Please email questions to roomparents.committee@ewpto.com or ask your child's teacher. To learn a bit more and/or to sign up to become a Room Parent, please go to our website at <https://www.ewpto.com/room-parent-sign-up/>.

We received a report of a Room Parent sign up that was not received. The online sign up works best on a desktop or laptop. Please don't hesitate to email us if you think your request was not received.

Emerson-Williams Elementary School Mission

At Emerson-Williams Elementary School, we strongly believe in the joy of learning. Ours is a caring, compassionate environment that respects and supports the dignity of the whole child. We work hand-in-hand with families and the community to develop lifelong learners and contributing members of our changing society.

Virtual EWPTO Meeting – Thursday, 11/12/2020

You are all invited to the next virtual EWPTO meeting on Thursday 11/12/2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Free Conference Call, Meeting Link: <https://www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/2yrpres5> using online **Meeting ID: 2yrpres5** or via Call-in Number: 1 (602) 580-9324, Access Code: 5944553.

We plan to dedicate a large portion of the meeting to discussion of how school is going for your kiddos whether full remote or hybrid, any tips you may have for learning success, questions for our Principal regarding eventually reopening school for 4 days in-school with remote Wednesdays, or simply how your family is doing during the pandemic. We are a community that cares and we want to support one another. We hope to see new faces and/or voices at the meeting.

Steps to Take When Trick or Treating



Make Trick-Or-Treating Safer



- Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Give out treats outdoors, if possible.
- Set up a station with individually bagged treats for kids to take.
- Wash hands before handling treats.
- Wear a mask.



Traditional Halloween activities are fun, but some can increase the risk of getting or spreading COVID-19 or influenza. Plan alternate ways to participate in Halloween.

Wear A Mask



- Make your cloth mask part of your costume.
- A costume mask is **NOT** a substitute for a cloth mask.
- Do **NOT** wear a costume mask over a cloth mask. It can make breathing more difficult.
- Masks should **NOT** be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing.



Wash Your Hands



- Bring hand sanitizer with you and use it after touching objects or other people.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Parents: supervise young children using hand sanitizer.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home and before you eat any treats.



Keep Your Distance



- Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you
- Indoors and outdoors, you are more likely to get or spread COVID-19 when you are in close contact with others for a long time.

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