



Welcome back  
students, teachers  
and staff!

SEPTEMBER 2020

## FROM THE DESK OF THE EWPTO CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear Emerson-Williams Families,

Hello to our E-W O'hana!  
We are ever so grateful you have decided to join us on this journey called 2020. The beginning of this school year looks nothing at all like we hoped or anticipated it would, but we know that together we can do anything!

Our June PTO meeting was held on Thursday June 4th. At this meeting, we said "Happy Trails" to:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Co-President, **Chrissy Pikos**.
- Treasurer for the last 2 years, **Amy Burlingame**.
- Secretary for the last 2 years, **Fran Schwartzhaupt**.

We also said "Aloha" to our new EWPTO Board, effective July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021:

- **Rebecca Anderson**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Co-President
- **Leslie Williams**, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Co-President

During our first EWPTO meeting of the year on September 10, 2020 we welcomed our new Secretary, **Stephanie Carvalho**. We are however, still looking to fill the position of Treasurer. Interested candidates are asked to send their intentions, or a friend nomination, to [nominations@ewpto.com](mailto:nominations@ewpto.com).

This upcoming school year may look a little different on the

surface, but by no means are we any less excited! Our 100% touchless Book Fair is already well underway as is our *Shop with Scrip* gift card program. We have many other 'touchless' surprises in store, including gorgeous locally sourced Spirit Wear, new candles and more!

As you know, no outside visitors are allowed in the building for any reason until further notice. Ms. Thakur will let the Board know when and if this changes. Due to this pandemic rule, no in-person PTO events are being promoted between students and parents/guardians, however, touchless fundraisers are 100% ok!

Also, all communication stemming from EWPTO will be digital this year, so if you are not signed up to be on our mailing list please do so or else you may miss out on some vital information. Go to [ewpto.com](http://ewpto.com) and click the 'Subscribe' button in the upper right to join our email list.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your today, and have a great big beautiful tomorrow!

Rebecca Anderson & Leslie Williams  
PTOPresidents@ewpto.com

## EWPTO Event Calendar

### September 21

Fantastic Book Fair begins  
<https://fantasticbookfairs.com/pages/emersonwilliams>

### October 4

Fantastic Book Fair ends

### October 6

Deadline to sign up to be a Room Parent -  
<https://www.ewpto.com/room-parent-sign-up/>

### October 7

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

### October 8

Virtual EWPTO Meeting, 7 p.m.

### October 12

No School – Columbus Day

### October 7

Minimum School Day –  
Elementary School Conferences:  
Dismissal 12:55 p.m.

## 2020-2021 EWPTO Meeting Dates – Mark Your Calendar!

EWPTO meetings are at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted, on the following Thursdays  
**Dates:** October 8, November 12, January 7, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 6, and June 3  
Meetings are held virtually in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order

### Free Conference Call

**Meeting Link:** <https://www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/2yrpress5>

**Online Meeting ID:** 2yrpress5

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

**Access Code:** 5944553

## 2020-2021 Committee Chairs Needed

We have several Committees that are in need of talented people to chair them! If one or more looks exciting, please click the link below, scroll to find the committee, and click 'Sign-Up For Committee' to help out. <https://www.ewpto.com/what-we-do/#committees>  
Please note, the Student Directory **will not** be completed this year if we do not have a Chairperson.

Apparel/Spiritwear, Book Fair (virtual), Candles, Room Parents, Student Directory (address/phone/email), Tiger Topics (what you're reading right now!).

## 2020-2021 Membership Drive

Fundraising is crucial to the EWPTO as it helps bring great programs to our school for all students. We are so grateful for your annual donations to our Membership Drive.

All donation amounts are welcome. Being a "Member" of the EWPTO allows you to make a motion and vote at PTO meetings as well as know you are supporting a worthy cause and enhancing your child's experience at Emerson-Williams Elementary School.

To become an EWPTO Member with or without donating, please use our online membership form: <https://www.ewpto.com/what-we-do/#membershipdrive>

## 2020-2021 Room Parents

Ever wonder what goes on in your child's classroom? Interested in building a relationship with your child(ren)'s teacher(s)? What's that? You said, "YES?" Well, have we got an opportunity for you!

Sign up to become a Room Parent for your child's classroom. Network with other parents in your child's classroom and other parents in your child's grade. Share ideas with other Room Parents of all grade levels within our EWPTO Room Parent Facebook community. Everyone is super nice and loves to help! Sign up today at <https://www.ewpto.com/room-parent-sign-up/>



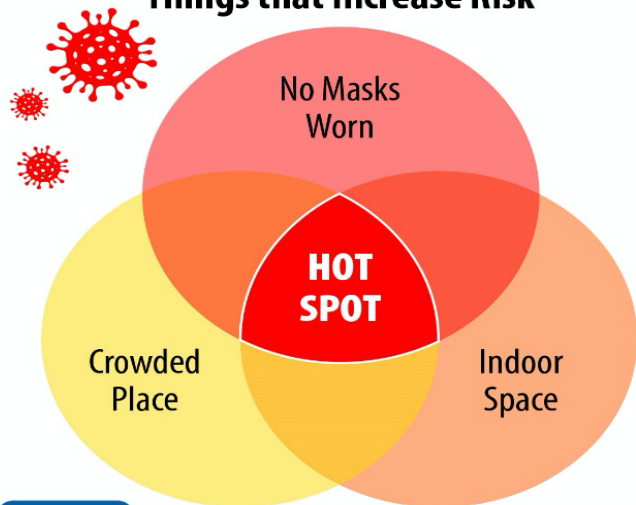
**ANNUAL FLU VACCINATIONS** are available at several CVS or Walgreens pharmacy locations, as well as Stop & Shop and Walmart so please remember to get vaccinated this year. Also, CCHD is holding a “Drive-Thru” flu clinic at the Wethersfield Community Center on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-6pm and October 15 from 9am–1pm. For more information please go to the CCHD’s site (<https://www.ccthd.org/flu-clinics>).

**MASKS:** Getting a mask to stay up over our nose or stay out our mouth, especially when we talk, can be a challenge. It may take trying a few different styles of masks to find the ones that work. Pleated masks help to keep the mask away from the mouth and ear loops that have adjusters can help to tighten the mask in order to prevent it from falling down below the nose. Remember to wash the masks daily after use and to remind your children and family to carry an extra mask as a backup.

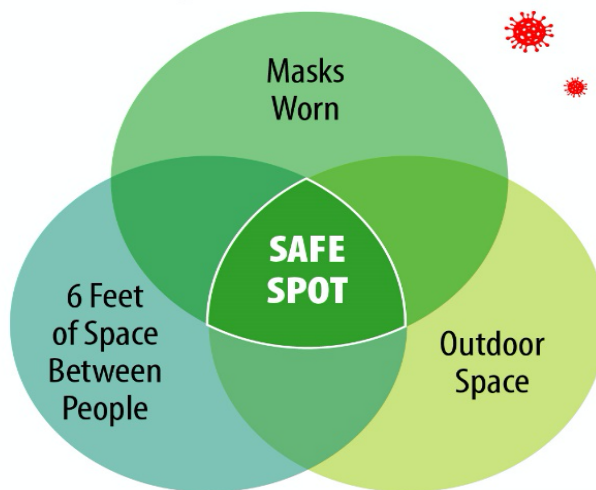
**Reminder about SOCIAL GATHERINGS:** Wearing a mask and keeping proper distance between each other is still a recommendation when gathering with friends and family that are outside of our household. Even though we know and trust our family and friends, we need to continue to practice these precautions. This is particularly important as the weather starts to get cooler and we start to spend more time inside rather than out. The graph below is a good reference to keep in mind as we gather with our extended family and friends:

## Tips for Reducing Risk of Getting COVID-19

### Things that Increase Risk



### Things that Decrease Risk



[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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For further information, questions or concerns, please reach out to the school nurse:  
 Kathleen Maffuid, BSN, RN, NCSN  
[KMaffuid@wethersfield.me](mailto:KMaffuid@wethersfield.me)

# Chromebook Shortcuts

Ctrl	A	Select all	Ctrl	R	Refresh	
Ctrl	B	Bold	Ctrl	T	New tab	
Ctrl	C	Copy	Ctrl	U	Underline	
Ctrl	F	Find	Ctrl	V	Paste	
Ctrl	I	Italicize	Ctrl	W	Close tab	
Ctrl	K	Create a link	Ctrl	X	Cut (to paste)	
Ctrl	L	Omnibox text	Ctrl	Z	Undo	
Ctrl	N	New window	Ctrl	1-9	Go to a tab	
Ctrl	⌵	Caps lock	Ctrl	0	Reset zoom	
Ctrl	+	Zoom in	Ctrl	-	Zoom out	
Ctrl	⌘	Screenshot	Ctrl	Shift	⌘	Screenshot (partial screen)

Tip: Press Ctrl + Alt + ? to see a map of these shortcuts on your screen.

🔍	Search	🗑️	Hide tabs
⬅️	Go back	🖥️	Show all windows
➡️	Go forward	🌙	Dim screen
🔄	Refresh	☀️	Brighten screen



Eagle Scout **Jack Kulpa** and his team are seen here earlier this summer finishing up building the Gaga Ball pit that EWPTO purchased for our school at the request of **Zachary Centurelli** last year when he was in 4th Grade.

Thank you, **Jack Kulpa**! And thank you Tony and Kathy Centurelli for encouraging Zachary to share his love of the game with the Emerson-Williams community.

Are you excited? We sure are! Hopefully we can all play soon!



Do you have something exciting to share in our Student News section? Submit your story to [TigerTopics@ewpto.com](mailto:TigerTopics@ewpto.com) to see your story here!

## WETHERSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AVAILABILITY EFFECTIVE 9/9/20 THROUGH 12/31/20

Wethersfield Public Schools and Chartwells Dining Services are pleased to offer **FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FOR ALL WETHERSFIELD CHILDREN AGE 18 AND UNDER**. This service is available to all students, whether present in a school or learning from home.

For remote learners and on days without in person instruction, children and their parents/guardians can visit Wethersfield High between 10:30 am and 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday, to pick up a prepared lunch along with breakfast for the subsequent day. **ONE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PER CHILD PER DAY.**

Children and their parents/guardians will enter and exit Wethersfield High via the community entrance off Jay Street. **AN ONLINE ORDER FORM MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO PICK UP** and can be accessed using the link below, which is available from 3 PM the day prior until 8:30 AM the day of service.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6xIcMHSp2DS9iPuSi0v8JB7iiSDX6mjj653KcftO0sR2ozg/viewform>



### Wethersfield Public Schools | 2020-2021 Cohort Calendar

**1** 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School  
**7** Labor Day – NO SCHOOL

Cohort 1 In Person Learning Days- 1, 2, 8, 9, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29  
Cohort 2 In Person Learning Days- 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25

SEPTEMBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	LD	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**7** Minimum School Day- All Schools PD (A)  
**12** Columbus Day  
**14** SAT/PSAT Day  
\* (Gr. 9 & 10 Remote Learning)  
**20** Minimum School Day- Elem. Conferences Only (B)  
**21** Minimum School Day- Elem. Conferences Only (B)  
**22** Minimum School Day- Elem. Conferences Only (B)

Cohort 1 In Person Learning Days- 5, 6, 13, 14, 19, 20, 26, 27  
Cohort 2 In Person Learning Days- 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30

SAT/PSAT In-School Grades 11&12- 14<sup>th</sup>

OCTOBER '20						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 <sup>A</sup>	8	9	10
11	CD	13	14 <sup>*</sup>	15	16	17
18	19	20 <sup>B</sup>	21 <sup>B</sup>	22 <sup>B</sup>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**Cohort 1 (Last Names A – K) – Highlighted in GREEN**  
**Cohort 2 (Last Names L – Z) – Highlighted BLUE**  
**Remote Learning Days – Highlighted in ORANGE**

**A-** Minimum School Day, All Schools Professional Development  
**B-** Minimum School Day, Elementary Conferences Only

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