



Next PTO meeting  
October 17th  
6:30pm  
in the Music Room

FROM THE DESK OF THE EWPTO SECOND YEAR CO-PRESIDENT

A message  
to our  
Community.

WHOA! How is it October already? Our first PTO meeting was amazing- so many wonderful new faces! We discussed the many happenings of the PTO in September as well as started planning for the middle part of the school year.

There was a discussion about bringing back the **holiday store!** I heard some discussions about a parents only **Trivia Night**. We will be having a **Talent Show** this year, stay tuned for all these exciting activities.

If you are interested in helping out but don't know how or where to start feel free to email Lauren, Andrea and me at [PTOpresidents@ewpto.com](mailto:PTOpresidents@ewpto.com) and we can help you find a way to get involved.

Thank you for being incredible and supporting the PTO!  
From, Colleen Mattatall

Thank You!

*The PPTs for performing at the Dinner on the Lawn! And thank you to the families for coming!*

*Anthony Uccello for running a Soccer Night Out at Hartford Athletics!*

*Andrea Hernandez for organizing and running the Spiritwear Fund raiser.*

*Karla Pelarinos and Alyssa Sanzaro for organizing the amazing Tiger Trot event!*

*Amy Burlingame for organizing the Scholastic Bookfair!*

*Shana Smith and Lauren Rhines for running a successful School Photo session!*

*To all the parents who signed up to be Room Parents- thank you so much.*



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October 17th at 6:30

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# PTO Meeting Schedule! New Day, Time and Location!

PTO meetings are at 6:30 p.m on Mondays

**Dates:** October 17, November 21, January 9, February 13, March 20, April 17, May 15, and June 5

Meetings are held in person ONLY in the **MUSIC** room (Mrs McLean/Miss Fortuna's classroom), signs will be posted in the school for directions.

## Subscribe to the Emerson-Williams PTO Calendar

Overwhelmed by the amount of cool stuff the PTO has planned? Us too! Subscribe to the PTO calendar and sync it up with your Google Calendar! It's so easy and Picture Day or those random half days won't sneak up on you again! Go to [www.ewpto.com/calendar](http://www.ewpto.com/calendar) to get instructions to subscribe and make it easier for yourself!

## PTO Volunteer Highlight Leslie Williams



Hello! My name is Leslie Williams. I work part time during the school day in the financial services industry and I'm the lucky Mom of two beautiful daughters, Haley and Avery, and our feisty dog, Bella. Haley graduated from E-W at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and is now a Freshman at WHS taking all honors courses while also on the Girls JV Cross Country Team. Avery is in Mrs. Cookson's 4th grade class at Emerson-Williams. Avery loves Math and is an advanced white belt karate student (so very close to being a provisional green belt) and she recently joined the E-W band starting flute lessons with Ms. Caravella. I'm so proud of my girls! I'm also the wife to awesome John Williams, who once was EWPTO Treasurer for a year. John supports his lovely wife and family while working full-time and is currently working toward his MBA. John gets the privilege to say he's the husband of the 2017 WSPC Volunteer Award recipient, a former EWPTO Co-President, and the current EWPTO Webmaster.

What's a Webmaster you ask? A Webmaster maintains the website. EWPTO uses Wordpress and [ewpto.com](http://ewpto.com) is our web address. Are you interested in being a Webmaster too? It's easy! You can reach me at

[webmaster@ewpto.com](mailto:webmaster@ewpto.com) to volunteer. Do you know that section of the website called Digital Backpack? Well, I am the one who puts most of those flyer links on there. And do you know that Google calendar on [ewpto.com](http://ewpto.com)? You do!?!? I'm the one who updates that cool information. Sometimes, I also help out with EWPTO Facebook posting too. I volunteered more than once for at least half of the EWPTO committees offered and have over 9 years of volunteer experience at E-W and also Girl Scouts of CT. I'm currently a Co-Leader of a Junior Girl Scouts Troop. Why all this volunteering? Maybe I'm crazy... nah, that's not it. Though, some may say otherwise as I don't drink coffee. LOL! I know, how do I survive? In the end it's simple, I volunteer because I care and want the best for our E-W Tigers. I love our community's generosity and willingness to help when our school needs us. Thank you E-W community for all you do!

# PTO Volunteer Highlight

## Kim Cheever



My name is Kim Cheever. I'm a school social worker and have lived in Wethersfield for 3 1/2 years. My son Derek is a 3rd grader at EW. I also have a daughter in 8th grade at SDMS. My kids started at EW in November 2019 when Derek was in kindergarten. Four months into a new school and the world shut down. Even though we were a newer family to the school, my kids always felt connected and like valued members of the EW community.

Fast forward to August 2022 when an ask for help came out from the PTO regarding the Facebook page. Helping organize the posts felt like a concrete task I could take on to help keep families connected to school events and activities. I can't imagine making a commitment of time that the board and other PTO members make - they're doing the hard work!!!



## Message from the School Nurse

The school nurse will be conducting **hearing screenings** starting in October for the following grades: Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th. If you have any questions or concerns with regards to having your child being screened at school, please contact the school nurse, Kathleen Maffuid, RN by phone: 860-571-8360 option #7 or by email: [kmaffuid@wethersfield.me](mailto:kmaffuid@wethersfield.me).

The Central Connecticut Health District is hosting **Flu Shot clinics**. Please go to this website to schedule yours today!  
<https://www.ccthd.org/book-appointment>

Also, below is a reminder regarding the Wethersfield Public School's COVID Guidance. Please remember to check your child with a home COVID test if they are experiencing mild cold or allergy symptoms or are not feeling well prior to sending them to school. Test kits are available for pick up by

contacting the school nurse or main office. **Please note the expiration date of the kits has been extended and now have an expiration date of January 2023.**

### COVID and Sick Guidance

#### Test-Mask-Go Strategy

With allergy seasons and New England Winters we will utilize this strategy for **MILD** respiratory symptoms to continue to attend school:

- **Fever free** <100°
- Wear a mask consistently and correctly
- Test negative everyday that they have symptoms prior to reporting to school, as well as one final test when symptoms have resolved

*Mild symptoms: infrequent cough, congestion, runny nose, sore throat, etc.*

**TEST KITS AVAILABLE!!!**

#### Fever >100°:

- Must stay home until fever free for 24 hours without medication
- Must have a negative test

If your child is sick, please keep them home for the health and safety of all students and staff.

**Positive** COVID cases still need to isolate. Please let the school nurse know and she will provide guidance.

If you are unsure if you should send them to school, please contact the school nurse.

Kathleen Maffuid, BSN, RN, NCSN

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Join us for a flavorful FUNdraising event!

Cut and share the vouchers to family and friends. Just bring in the voucher, present it to your server and **10%** of your check will be donated to **Emerson Williams PTO!**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022 (all-day)**

**Buffalo Wild Wings**  
 1267 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT  
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**(860) 571-9464** STORE HOURS: 11AM to 11PM



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