



**Next PTO Meeting
April 17th @ 6:30
in the Music Room**

APRIL 2023

Hello Emerson Williams Community!

Can you believe we are only two months from the end of the school year?! The Emerson-Williams community, and the EWPTO have done so many amazing things to support our children and staff this year!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our first **Parents' Night Out Trivia Night**; it was a fun time and we are already planning next year!

Our end of February **Talent Show** was an amazing display of the variety of talents of our students (and staff!). Most of our acts presented in front of their peers and teachers at a Town Hall meeting during the first week of March. Thank you, Christen Sousa, Christina Carreiro & Amy Gallagher-Cuadras!

The **Butter Braids fundraiser** was a success bringing in roughly \$1,500 in profit to help fund our PTO expenses. Thanks to Leslie Williams for running this!

At the March 20th PTO Meeting, the members unanimously voted to update our **Bylaws** by amending Article IX and codifying our financial controls and the ways that our volunteers can spend money to fulfill their committee objectives.

We also heard from Dawn Campbell (K-6 Instructional

Supervisor) about the WPS **Reading program/curriculum**; and that the decision of the final math program to be used in our schools will be presented to the Board of Ed. this spring. All regular Board of Education Meetings (2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month) begin at 7:00 PM.

Nominating Committee Positions are OPEN! The EWPTO will need 2 Members of the General Membership, signed up no later than the onset of the May meeting, to help us find a 1st Year President (2-year term). These members cannot be nominated themselves for the upcoming officer vacancies for the 2023-2024 school year.

Each year the Wethersfield Schools Parent Council awards a **Volunteer of the Year** for each school and one (person or company/organization) for our community. To nominate someone, use this online form: [bit.ly/WSPCvolunteernominee](https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cam?go=w.manageSignUp#41676704/slots/) Multiple nominations will be brought to a vote on 4/17. Winners announced in May.

Volunteers are needed to help mount artwork for our **Art Show**. Sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cam?go=w.manageSignUp#41676704/slots/> or contact Mrs. Richard.

The EWPTO **Budget cycle** will also begin in April with a Budget Committee meeting to draft a

budget to present to the membership at the May meeting. To sign up for the Budget Committee, go to www.ewpto.com and navigate to the Committee page. Look for more info to be sent separately.

Spring Pictures will take place on April 19th and the last day to register your child(ren) is April 16th. And, we are bringing back sibling photos for EW students!

Also, don't miss the return of our **Someone Special Dance 4/28** – theme is Under the Sea! Flyer to be sent home soon with pricing & details! Cash concessions will also be sold!

Finally, we are seeking raffle donations for **Strawberry Fest** (June 2nd). Email me at laurenjisk@yahoo.com if you are interested in donating a raffle prize!

Hope to see you at our exciting events coming up between now and June!

Thank you!
Lauren Rhines
First Year Co-President
Emerson Williams PTO

PTO Calendar:

April 4th –
School Librarian Day

April 5th –
Paraprofessional Appreciation
Day

Early Dismissal Day

April 7th –
No School

April 10th – 14th –
April Break

April 12th –
Luna Pizza Fundraiser

April 16th –
Spring Pictures registration
deadline

April 17th –
PTO mtg: Music Room

April 19th –
Spring Picture Day

April 20th – School Volunteer
Appreciation Day

April 25th – School Bus Driver
Appreciation Day

April 26th – Administrative
Professionals Day

April 27th –
Crazy Sock Spirit Day

April 28th –
Someone Special Dance

May 1st – 5th –
Teacher & Staff Appreciation
Week

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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 to get instructions to subscribe and make it easier for yourself!

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