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September and October 2024

Welcome Back!

PTO News!

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! The PTO Board is so excited to continue the momentum of last years' events and programs!

This year, one main goal of the PTO Board is increased community involvement. One way we are doing this is by decreasing the number of PTO meetings compared to past years with the hopes that more families will be able to attend knowing that larger chunks of information will be discussed at each meeting.

Our meetings will be held, in person, on Mondays, the first one being September 23 at 6:00 in the music room. Feel free to pop in after it has started or leave early.

We will continue to try to arrange for a high school volunteer to provide childcare (Elementary age children only) during the meeting.

Also, we want to bring attention to an outlet for suggestions (can be anonymous by leaving 'name' field blank) at the PTO's website- QR Code above.

We wish all of our students and staff members a fantastic year! And can't wait see so many of you at our events!

Lift Up & Shout-Out

Huge thanks to **Sigrid Almeida** for running the EW Kindergarten Readiness Playdates with WECC!

All of the volunteers who came in to help our K students acclimate to their new lunch schedule!

The **Welcome Back Luncheon Committee (Lauren Rhines, Andrea Hernandez, Brandy Kerns)**, our set-up crew and all our families who donated food and funds!

Last but not least, teachers and staff for an awesome Meet & Greet AND our students, especially those who are nervous about this **upcoming school year – you got this!**

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CALENDAR

September 2

No School- Happy Labor Day!

September 10

Board of Ed. Meeting 7pm

September 14

Wethersfield Cornfest

September 17

Open House

Grades 3-6 5:45pm-6:45pm

Grades K-2 6:15pm- 7:15PM

September 16- 20

Scholastic Book Fair

September 23

EW PTO Meeting 6pm

September 24

Picture Day K-2

September 25

Picture Day 3-6

October 2

Minimum School Day- Professional Devel.

October 8

Board of Ed. Meeting 7pm

October 14

No School- Happy Columbus Day!

October 22

Minimum School Day

October 23

Minimum School Day

October 24

Minimum School Day

October 4- 18

Lyman Orchards Pie Fundraiser



OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE NOW!

- Volunteers Needed
 - **Book Fair** will run 9/16– 9/20 and volunteers are needed during the day and evening shopping times (flyer included with more details)
- Chair Needed
 - Our students are big fans of our **Holiday Store**, which we hope to run in November. If you are looking to have some fun and bring joy to our community, please consider chairing this activity.

Please visit EWPTO.com or reach out to our PTO Board for more fun opportunities!

WHO WE ARE!



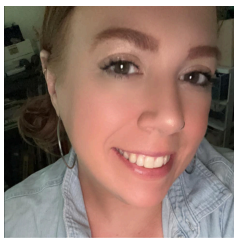
The EWPTO is organized for the purpose of supporting the education of the children of Emerson-Williams Elementary School by fostering relationships between the school, parents/legal guardians, and teachers. We strive to create an environment that fosters parental involvement to help build a better educational experience for our children, and, that promotes a community where our staff is supported through our resources and volunteer hours.

The PTO is **open to any parent, legal guardian or other adult standing in loco parentis** (in the place of a parent) for any Emerson-Williams Elementary School student; and the Principal and any teacher or paraprofessional employed at Emerson-Williams may be a member. Be sure to check out the membership flyer in this packet for more info on how to register!

PTO BOARD



Laura Neville
2nd Yr Co-Pres
Students:
Savannah, Gr. 3
Cheyanne, Gr. 2



Sarrah Hughes
1stYrCo-Pres
Student: Zachary, Gr. 5



Katherine Patnaude
Treasurer
Student: James, Gr. 1






Wanted
Secretary
To Complete Dream
Team

HOW WE SUCCEED:

By collaborating with our families, with our staff and administrators, and, funding programs and events that enrich the lives of our children! Our PTO provides information and resources through email, newsletters, family programs, parent meetings, and other communication channels.

So, we need parental involvement! There are many ways our parents can help that fit different levels of availability. By volunteering, you will get to enjoy interacting with the kids, become friends with other parents, and accomplish things that truly make a difference. Even if you only have 30 minutes to give us, your ideas, your time, and your talents are truly needed. We promise that the time you give our group, and the school, will be worth your while—and fun!

SO MANY REASONS TO JOIN THE EWPTO - HERE ARE A FEW:

-  **Your children benefit** - Research shows that participating in your child's school and showing engagement helps them perform better academically.
-  **The school benefits** - PTO supports Emerson-Williams staff, which in turn creates a positive and caring environment for our school community.
-  **You benefit** - Joining allows you to make connections with other parents and staff; and volunteering is fun and rewarding!



NEXT STEPS:

- BECOME A MEMBER:**

Join the PTO by returning this form to your child's teacher, or by completing the form online <https://www.ewpto.com/membership/>. It's free to join! But if you can....

- DONATE TO THE PTO (CIRCLE ONE):**

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE & ANY DONATION ENTERS YOU INTO OUR DRAWING FOR 4 FRONT-ROW SEATS AT THE WINTER CONCERT!!

\$ ____ Here is my donation! I'm excited to be a member and continue to support EW! I'll still fundraise throughout the year!

\$25 - For what I would have spent on cookie dough.

\$50 - Anything ending in "thon" is not in my vocabulary.

\$75 - I want to walk into local businesses without asking for raffle donations.

\$100+ - Please accept my gratitude for being exempt from baking, selling, or cleaning up anything this year!

Please make all **checks payable to EWPTO** or issue payment through our new **PayPal account (top of page)**, please label "membership"

Deadline to be entered in the drawing is **October 11th**.

Questions: membership.committee@ewpto.com

Parent Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Phone : _____

Child Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Additional Children can be listed on the back side.



ARE YOU A BUSINESS OWNER?
DO YOU KNOW A LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER?
GROW YOUR BUSINESS WITH THE HELP OF EW PTO!

Stripes Package: \$150

Includes business card on EW PTO website, featured on our Facebook page, and included in at least 5 Tiger Topics newsletters. Plus featured in emails to parents and in our Sponsorship Spotlight.

Tigress Package: \$100

Business card on EW PTO website, and featured in emails to parents.

Cub Package: \$25

Business card on EW PTO website.

To reserve your ad space, email

2yrpres@ewpto.com

We accept business cards or jpeg/pdf files

Checks payable to Emerson-Williams PTO

Send to:

EW PTO

461 Wells Rd.

Wethersfield, CT 06109

Attn: Laura Neville



Room Parent Needed

What is a Room Parent?

Room parents gain insight into what their child's teacher's needs are and assist accordingly

A Room Parent Assists with:

- Coordinate parent volunteers for classroom events/activities
- Organize Teacher Appreciation Week gifts/Holiday gifts
- Solicit Strawberry Festival raffle basket donations for the class
- Additional opportunities as they arise during the year

A Room Parent should:

- Delegate and encourage other parents/guardians and their family to help
- Maintain a positive morale and attitude towards other parents
- Communicate with the classroom parents to keep them informed
- Share PTO information with parents as it becomes available

How can I volunteer?

- Complete and return the form to your child's teacher
- Or visit <https://www.ewpto.com/room-parent-sign-up/> and fill out the online form.

For further details or questions

Email the Room Parents Committee at roomparents.committee@ewpto.com

Room Parent form

Please complete and return by September 22nd to your child's teacher

Yes, I want to be an Emerson-Williams Room Parent!

Parent Name:

Parent Phone Number:

Parent Email:

Student 1 Name:

Student 1 Teacher and Grade:

Student 2 Name:

Student 2 Teacher and Grade:

Student 3 Name:

Student 3 Teacher and Grade:



Dear Families:

We are excited to announce that our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, which will take place from September 16, 2024 to September 20, 2024 in the gymnasium.

The schedule will be as follows:

Monday, September 16, 2024: Students Preview Fair and Create Wishlists

Tuesday, September 17, 2024: Open to Public 3:30PM- 8:00PM

Wednesday, September 18, 2024: Open to Public 3:30PM-7:00PM

Thursday, September 19, 2024: Shopping During School Hours for 4th-6th Grades

Friday, September 20, 2024: Shopping During School Hours for K- 3rd Grades

For students, it's one of the most anticipated events of the school year—but we need volunteers to make it happen. We hope that you can offer your time and talents to help students experience Bookjoy firsthand! And every purchase at the Fair directly benefits our school. So, it's a win-win!

If you're available to lend a hand at this upcoming event, please contact either Andrea Hernandez or Laura Neville (information below) or volunteer through link forthcoming on ParentSquare and on EWPTO's Facebook page. We appreciate any and all help.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully,

Laura Neville and Andrea Hernandez

Book Fair Hosts

Lneville820@gmail.com and jackhl1214@aol.com