



## **Butter Braid Fundraiser Is Here!**

Get ready to fill your freezer with delicious, flaky Butter Braids while supporting our fundraiser! These crowd-favorite pastries are perfect for breakfast, brunch, or an easy treat anytime.

 **Important Dates to Know:**

 **Paper Order Forms Due:** 02/23

 **Online Sales Open Until:** 02/27

 **Pick-Up Details:**

 Monday, 03/24/2026

 5:15–7:15 PM

 151 Crest St

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser—and don't forget to grab an extra (or two 😊) for the freezer. Butter Braids disappear fast! ❤️👉

 Be sure to check your child's backpack for a paper order form! Or you can order online here

 <https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/YQ62>

## **Volunteers Needed: Spring Book Fair!**

We're getting ready for our Spring Book Fair, and we're looking for volunteers to help make it a success—**especially someone willing to take the lead on this project!**

The Book Fair Lead would work to:

- Work with Scholastic to choose products/books for the sale
- Coordinate scheduling of book fair dates, location and class shopping with principal
- Promote book fair through flyers and advertising
- Manage finances
- Solicit and manage volunteers for set up and shopping

This is a fun and rewarding way to support literacy at our school, and you won't be doing it alone—we'll make sure you have support along the way!

If you're interested in leading the Book Fair or volunteering during the event, please reach out to the Board at [ptoboard@ewpto.com](mailto:ptoboard@ewpto.com)

## **Mark Your Calendars — PTO Events Coming Up at EW!**

 **No Mames Restaurant Night PTO Fundraiser** – Tuesday, 3/3

 **Someone Special Dance** — Friday, 4/24 from 6:00–7:30 PM in the EW gym

 **Parents Night Out** — Friday, 4/10 from 6:00–9:00 PM

More information to come!

 Find all the details and flyers in the PTO's **Digital Backpack:**

 [www.ewpto.com/digital-backpack](http://www.ewpto.com/digital-backpack)



Last year, many Wethersfield families chose to sign the **Wait Until 8th** pledge—a collective commitment to delay giving children a **smartphone** until at least the end of 8th grade. The strength of this pledge is in its community approach: once **10 families in the same grade** sign on, the pledge becomes active for that grade level. In other words, families aren't doing this alone.

It's important to note that this pledge applies to **smartphones only**. Families can still choose a basic phone or a watch for communication and safety without opening the door to the distractions and pressures that come with smartphones.

This year, **The Balance Project: Wethersfield** is leading a town-wide effort to activate the pledge across **all grade levels through 8th grade**. Whether you are new to the pledge or already signed last year (no need to re-sign), we encourage families to consider joining this shared effort today at [waituntil8th.org](http://waituntil8th.org).

#### **Why consider signing the pledge?**

- Smartphones do not need to be the norm for children as young as 4th grade
- Smartphones were not designed with kids in mind
- Smartphones are intentionally built to be addictive
- Young minds are increasingly struggling with attention, anxiety, and sleep
- Smartphones can crowd out real-life play, relationships, and creativity
- Saying “*not yet*” makes room for what truly matters in childhood

At EW, we believe childhood deserves protection, presence, and space to grow. By acting together, families can shift the norm and give kids more time to be kids.