



Welcome Back, EW Families!

A new school year is here, and we can't wait to see our Emerson-Williams families! We're looking forward to another year of bringing our school community together, supporting our teachers and staff, and creating fun experiences for our students.

Save the Dates

We're kicking off the school year with some fun events for our EW community! **Mark your calendars now — more information and volunteer opportunities will be coming soon.**

Dinner on the Lawn: September 11th 5:30 – 7:30pm

Join us for a fun evening on the EW lawn as we kick off the new school year together!

<https://www.ewpto.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Dinner-on-the-lawn-9-11-26.pdf>

WSPC Movie Night at Cove Park: September 18th 5-9pm

<https://www.ewpto.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/WSPC-movie-night-9-18-26.pdf>

EW Book Fair: Week of September 28th;

After School Shopping 9/30 and 10/1 3:30 – 6:30pm

We are looking for volunteers

- Help set up for the fair after school on 9/25
- Help with wish list and in school shopping during the school day on 9/28 and 9/29
- Help with after school shopping on 9/30 and 10/1 3:30 – 6:30pm
- Help breaking down the book fair on 10/1 6:00 – 7:30pm

Please email Joella Thombs (mrsthombs@gmail.com) if you are able to help

Food Drive: Week of September 28th

The food drive is part of the food security initiative with the School Community and the Town's Social and Youth Services. More information to follow.

Picture Day: October 5th (Retakes – October 29th)

<https://www.ewpto.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/EW-Picture-Day-Fall-2026.pdf>

Karate After School Program: 10/27, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24 3:15-3:45 in the EW Gym

Graduation 12/4 at 5:00pm at Villari's of Newington

<https://asp.villaristudios.com/p/emerson-williams-2026/register>

Become a Member

When you join the **EWPTO**, you're helping us provide experiences, resources, and special moments that make Emerson-Williams a great place to learn and grow.

Your support helps fund:

School Assemblies & Experiences

Bringing exciting educational experiences to EW students – like the Skydome experience last spring!

6th Grade Field Trips & Events

Helping our 6th graders make special memories and celebrate their final year at Emerson-Williams.

School Beautification

Making our school a fun and welcoming place for students – including projects like the hopscotch courts around the school.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation

Showing our incredible teachers and staff how much our school community appreciates everything they do.

Teacher Wishlist

Providing teachers with additional classroom supplies and resources that support learning throughout the school year.

Fun Events for Our Kids

Supporting events and activities that bring our students together – including the Color Run, Trunk or Treat and other exciting EWPTO-sponsored events throughout the year.

Join the EWPTO. Become a sponsor. Volunteer. Attend an event.

There are so many ways to support our school community — and every bit makes a difference! It's free to join, but if you can, donate to the PTO...Your support helps make these opportunities possible for every EW student. All donations are tax deductible and any donation enters you into our drawing for front-row seats at the winter concert! Deadline to be entered into the drawing is September 30th.

👉 Join here: <https://www.ewpto.com/membership/>

Donate here: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/SYU7BRCX85H3Y>

Join Us at a PTO Meeting

Everyone is welcome! Whether you're a returning PTO member or joining us for the first time, we'd love to have you at our meetings. Come hear what's happening at EW, learn about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, and share your ideas.

EW Music Room

 **6:30 PM**

2026–2027 PTO Meeting Dates

- September 14, 2026
- October 5, 2026
- November 9, 2026
- December 14, 2026
- January 11, 2027
- February 8, 2027
- March 8, 2027
- April 5, 2027
- May 10, 2027
- June 7, 2027

There will be child care available (for EW students only)

Even if you can't make it, we want to hear from you!

Please fill out our survey and make your opinion heard: <https://forms.gle/p38xihLUsvKLYJ77>

Calling all Volunteers

We have a few committees we are still looking for chairs for:

- Family Fun Committee – plan and coordinate fun, family-friendly events throughout the year
- Color Run Committee – plan and coordinate a run around the school while parents and staff throw colored corn starch at the runners
- Cultural Night Committee – organize a culturally enriched activity evening which embraces the various cultures represented within our EW community

If you can't commit to a chair position but still want to help, please sign up as a member, our committee chairs can always use a helping hand!

Check out our committees and sign up here: <https://www.ewpto.com/what-we-do/#committees>

There is also still time to become a Room Parent!

Sign up here: <https://www.ewpto.com/room-parent-sign-up/>