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# EMS PARENT NEWSLETTER

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December 8, 2017

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## Mark Your Calendar

### December

- 8 Early Dismissal - Student Portfolio Presentations  
Last Day of Book Fair
- 10 Special EMS Day at Barnes & Noble Buckland Hills Mall, Manchester
- 19 Band Winter Concert 7:00 pm - Gymnasium
- 22 Early Dismissal - Winter Recess
- 25-29 No School - Winter Recess

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### School Counseling Corner

#### Rockville Vo-Ag (ASTE-(Agricultural Science and Technology Education Program) Applications:

All applications for Rockville Vo-Ag Early Decision are **due into Guidance by 12/14/17.**

Please see Mrs. Shaw or Mr. Raiola if you have any questions.

### Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Save the date! Sunday, December 10th The EMS Vocal Ensemble will be performing at 2pm at Barnes and Noble, Buckland Hills Mall in Manchester. Come to hear our students perform and stay to shop and support our school! Vouchers are available at <https://goo.gl/rRrQye> or mention EMS when you are ready to make your purchase.

You can also shop online! Share with family and friends. Anyone can shop December 10th - December 15th use code 12270989 when you are ready to submit your order.

Thank you for supporting our wonderful readers!

### New Staff Bio

Hello my name is Katie Wojtkowiak and I am the new admin assistant in the front office, I am very excited to be working at Ellington Middle School, I have spent the past 10+ years working in the medical field so this is a whole new chapter for me and I am truly loving it! Just a little info about me I have been with my husband now for 13 years and together we have an 11 year old son who keeps me super busy with sports and afterschool activities, we also have a 3 year old pup named Annabelle. In the little bit of free time I do have I enjoy reading, visiting with family and friends and finding new adventures to go on with my family, such as a visit to a museum or function we've never been to or a day trip to some quaint little New England town, especially in the Fall when the leaves are changing! Every summer my family and I vacation in our favorite beach town in Maine and yes the water is cold, but the beach is clean and the locals are super friendly, there is very limited access to electronics here so it is our week to unplug and enjoy each other's company, at least that's what I tell my 11 year old :) but in all honestly it is the most stress free and fun week of the year! I thank you all for the warm welcome and look forward to getting to know everyone throughout the year!

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### Fill our Makerspace Instead of your Recycle Bin

Before you recycle empty wrapping paper tubes or ribbon cores, please consider donating them to the EMS

Makerspace! Here is a link to the full list of supplies we are hoping to collect. <https://goo.gl/6qtasP> If you have any of these items that you no longer need, please consider donating to the school. You can send donated items in with your child and please attach a note that says the items are for the Makerspace. If you have any questions, please contact [Lisa Polack](#). Thank you for your support!



## EMS Food Drive

48.8 million Americans, including 16.2 million children, live in households that lack the means to get enough nutritious food on a regular basis. As a result, they struggle with hunger at times during the year. That figure seems rather large, but it is a growing trend. Even right here in Ellington there is a need for food donations. The Crystal Lake Community Food Pantry, located at the Community United Methodist Church on Route 140, helps those who need assistance by providing food for approximately 30 families in the local area.

Many people donate over the Thanksgiving holiday, and while all donations are a good thing, we want to be able to keep their shelves full longer. Therefore, we will be running our EMS food drive from December 4<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup>.

To make it easier for families to participate and shop we've decided to assign specific groups of items to each homeroom. You will find the homeroom [list attached](#). As always, EMS would like thank you for your continuous support and kindness.



## Helping Children in Guatemala

In Spanish classes, we learned about life in Nicaragua and Guatemala, and how many children don't have access to education because they can't afford it. Students decided they wanted to make a difference, to help children in Guatemala. For the past 15 years, we have worked with *Common Hope*, a midwest organization which helps twelve extremely poor villages in Guatemala. The money raised in Spanish classes will go towards continuing to sponsor Jacqueline and Carlos. Our sponsorship would pay for Jacqueline and Carlos' schooling as well as doctor and dentist visits for their families.



Any additional money raised would also go towards helping children and families in need in Guatemala. In the past, our students have elected to provide access to fresh water for a section of the village, purchase a new roof for a family whose present roof is made of mud and sticks, provide birthday and holiday gifts for Jacqueline, Carlos and their families, a nutrition treatment for one malnourished child in the village and make five dental check-ups and four cancer screenings available to anyone in need of these services.

We will be raising money until Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Again, thank you so much for all your support! Miss. Overton & Mr. Sparano

## Student Council News

Our Turkey Fundraiser was a HUGE success! Thank to all who helped their child participate. We raised a total of \$913! The 7th grade Panther Team won with the highest donation amount of almost \$450!

The Crystal Lake Food Pantry was overjoyed at the huge donation from our school, and they even have enough extra money to help with Christmas. Bill and Cathy said, "With grateful hearts, we thank you for your kindness and your generous donation of \$913.50 to the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. You can't imagine my shock when I saw the amount. Please let all the children and parents know how pleased and surprised we were. What would we have done with 45+ Turkeys if I had asked for turkeys (instead of money)!"

Thank you everyone for your community support. The current fundraiser is a food drive. Each homeroom is collecting a specific food item.

### Looking Ahead

Next Meeting: Wednesday December 13th from 2:30pm-3:15pm

Next Dance: Friday January 19th from 7pm-9:30pm

Next Fundraiser: Coat Drive starting at the return from December break.

## EMSPTO News

### Planning Ahead...

Even though EMSPTO's Craft & Vendor fair just recently occurred, we are already thinking about next year's event since there is so much involved in making it a success. Many of our current parent volunteers will be moving on, so therefore, we are looking for new parents to take over responsibility for various aspects of the fair — including concessions, the raffle and also management of the vendors. If you are interested in taking on one of these chairperson roles or if you would just like more information, please contact Martha Allegue via email at [martha.allegue@mac.com](mailto:martha.allegue@mac.com).

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### Scholastic Book Fair

Everyone loves a new book! Shop our book fair!



The EMS library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair until December 8th. The fair will be open during school hours and some of the Student Portfolio Presentation hours. Students may visit the fair throughout the day with the permission of their teacher. **If sending in a check, please have it payable to EMS Activity Fund.**

Thank you for supporting our amazing culture of reading here at EMS!

## Box Tops for Education

A reminder that Ellington Middle School participates in the Box Tops for Education program. Send your box tops in with your child so that EMS can collect the money. This money funds programs that are important to our school, including the purchase of technology for students and teachers. The program runs all year long and we accept box tops from the partial list of products below. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Nature Valley Cereals  
Land O Lakes Dairy Products  
Boise Polaris Printer Paper  
Annie's Products (including organic)  
Pillsbury Products  
Lysol Disinfecting Wipes  
AND MANY OTHER PRODUCTS



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# Middle School Lunch Menu

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DAILY LUNCH PRICE: \$2.75  
 MONTHLY LUNCH PRICE: \$33.00  
 Milk Price: \$0.60



# December 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Prepaid Accounts</b>                      When making a lunch payment please include students school, students name, grade and teachers name to assure accounts are updated properly.</p> <p>Checks Should be made to Ellington Food Services</p>	<p>Milk Offered Everyday</p> <p>1% , Skim, and Fat Free Flavored</p> <p>Milk Subject to Change without Notice</p>	<p>Please contact Christine Powers at cpowers@ellingtonschools.net with questions and comments concerning school lunch.</p>	<p>Did you know you can view your child's account balance, set up recurring deposits and view what your child purchases on-line</p> <p>Register at PayForIt.net</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Choice of:                      Easy-Bread Bowl                      Chili/Cheese/Salsa/Sour Cream                      Garlic French Bread Pizza                      Plain or Pepperoni                      Yogurt &amp; Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Chocolate Chip Cookie Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Choice of:                      Chicken Fryz w/ Dinner Roll                      Toasted Cheese Sandwich                      Yogurt &amp; Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Tomato Soup                      Assorted Vegetable Tray                      Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Choice of:                      Steak &amp; Cheese on Crown Roll                      Cheese Pizza w or w/o pepperoni                      Yogurt &amp; Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Oven Baked French Fries                      Steamed Corn                      Assorted Vegetable Tray                      Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Cafeteria will be open for Breakfast at 7:40 am                      Muffins, Cereal, Danish                      All Breakfast items can be purchased as a meal or a la carte.                      Prepaid accounts can be used.</p> <p>Early Dismissal                      No Lunch Served</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Cafeteria will be open for Breakfast at 7:40 am                      Muffins, Cereal, Danish                      All Breakfast items can be purchased as a meal or a la carte.                      Prepaid accounts can be used.</p> <p>Early Dismissal                      No Lunch Served</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Cafeteria will be open for Breakfast at 7:40 am                      Muffins, Cereal, Danish                      All Breakfast items can be purchased as a meal or a la carte.                      Prepaid accounts can be used.</p> <p>Early Dismissal                      No Lunch Served</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Choice of:                      Chocolate Chip French Toast                      Sausage Links &amp; Syrup                      Chicken Nuggets w/ Pretzel Knot                      Yogurt &amp; Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Oven Baked Potato Wedges                      Chilled Vegetable Juice                      Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Choice of:                      Chicken Patty Farm                      Cheese Pizza w or w/o pepperoni                      Yogurt &amp; Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Baked Beans                      Steamed Broccoli                      Assorted Vegetable Tray                      Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Choice of:                      Nacho Chip Lunch                      Chili/Cheese/Salsa/Sour Cream                      Chicken Nuggets w/ Pretzel Knot                      Yogurt &amp; Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Assorted Vegetable Tray                      Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Choice of:                      Homemade Mac &amp; Cheese                      Warm Biscuit                      Chicken Nuggets w/ Pretzel Knot                      Yogurt &amp; Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Steamed Green Beans                      Assorted Vegetable Tray                      Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Choice of:                      Wild Mike's Cheese Pizza w or w/o pepperoni                      Chicken Nuggets w/ Pretzel Knot                      Yogurt &amp; Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Baked Beans                      Assorted Vegetable Tray                      Assorted Fruit Tray</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Choice of:                      Mozzarella Sticks                      Mini Ham Buns                      Chicken Nuggets w/ Pretzel Knot                      Yogurt &amp; Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Assorted Vegetable Tray                      Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Choice of:                      Buffalo Chicken Nuggets w/ Dinner Roll                      Cheese Pizza w or w/o pepperoni                      Yogurt &amp; Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Oven Baked Crinkle Cut Fries                      Steamed Broccoli                      Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Choice of:                      Baked Potato Bar                      Chili/Cheese/Sour Cream                      Chicken Nuggets                      Yogurt &amp; Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Donut Hole                      Assorted Vegetable Tray                      Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Choice of:                      Pasta Day w/ Meatballs &amp; Sauce                      Garlic Toast                      Cheese Pizza w or w/o pepperoni                      Yogurt &amp; Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Pudding Cup w/ Topping                      Assorted Vegetable Tray                      Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Cafeteria will be open for Breakfast at 7:40 am                      Muffins, Cereal, Danish                      All Breakfast items can be purchased as a meal or a la carte.                      Prepaid accounts can be used.</p> <p>Early Dismissal                      No Lunch Served</p>

