
EMS PARENT NEWSLETTER

January 18, 2018

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Mark Your Calendar

January

- 18 **Mid-Winter Festival of Arts 6:00 pm - Gymnasium**
- 19 **School Dance 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm - Gymnasium**
- 22 **The ZONE - Session 2 Begins**
- 26 **EHS Student Orientation**
- 29 **PTO Meeting - 7:00 pm Media Center**
- 30 **Acoustic Festival - 7:00 pm Cafeteria**

Mid-Winter Festival of Arts

Come one! Come all!... to the Mid-Winter Festival of Arts on Thursday, January 18th, featuring the EMS grade 7 and 8 Choruses, EMS Vocal Ensemble and the EMS Visual Artists. The festivities begin at 6:00 pm with an Art Walk. At 6:45, there will be an induction ceremony of the EMS Chapter of the National Junior Art Honor Society. To make the evening complete, our Winter Chorus Concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. This is an evening of student creation that you will not want to miss!

Snowball Bash!

- The next Student Council dance will take place on Friday, January 19th from 7-9:30PM in the gymnasium.
- Students can choose to wear either casual blue and white or formal attire to the dance.
- The snow date is the following Friday evening (January 26th).
- Snacks will be provided.

Ellington Youth Services

Join us on Friday, February 2nd from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Youth Services and help us make hearts of hope for The Peyton Heart Project. This is a free night of making hearts out of felt or yarn and attaching an inspiring quote. The hearts will then be placed around the community. Please email Debbie Stauffer to register at dstauffer@ellington-ct.gov. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Visit our website for more details at youth.ellington-ct.gov



DON'T MISS THE PARENT DANCE NIGHT FILM SERIES!

Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age

*Friday January 19th,
7:15-9:15 pm - EMS Library*

Screenagers is an in-depth documentary film produced by physician Delaney Ruston. The film examines the impact of screen time on children and offers practical strategies for parents managing their child's digital world. Join us as we watch and discuss the film together!

Student Council Meetings

All meetings are held after school in the library until 3:15 pm.

- February 7th
- April 18th
- May 16th

Ellington Gallery Night

Ellington Gallery Night will be held on Saturday, February 10th from 4-7pm at the Ellington Senior Center. Students who wish to participate in this event should bring their artwork to Mrs. Griffin by February 2nd. You may also submit your artwork directly to Rise Above using the information from the flyer.

EMSPTO News

Next EMSPTO Meeting — Monday
January 29th:

Please consider joining us for the next EMSPTO meeting; it will be held on Monday, January 29th, in the EMS Media Center from 7:00pm - 7:45pm. Our main topics of discussion will be the results of our November and December snack sales as well as discussion of our upcoming events for the rest of this school year. All EMS families are welcome, and refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

The Zone

The second session of The Zone After School Program for the 2017-2018 school year is available for sign ups! This winter session will run **January 22th through March 9, 2018**. The choices include podcasting, [tennis](#), Magic the Gathering, and many other fun activities. This program is a great way for students to learn new skills, have fun in a positive environment, and meet new friends that enjoy the same sports, academics, activities and interests. We went digital. Here is [the link to the sign-up form](#) that has all the information in a linked handout. Please make checks payable to EMS. **The deadline for sign-ups and payment is January 22nd.**



EHS Student Orientation

Friday January 26, 2018 - 10:30am

Attention Eighth Grade Parents:

Due to several snow days, the original 8th grade orientation date of Monday, January 22nd has been moved to Friday, January 26th. The annual EHS Student Orientation for the class of 2022 will now be held on Friday, January 26th from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm at EHS. During the orientation, students will meet with EHS staff and students to hear more about their upcoming high school experience. Topics include: navigating the hallways, course selection, extracurricular activities, and more! During the orientation, students will also receive a copy of the 2018-2019 Program of Studies to bring home and begin thinking about the courses they'd like to take next year. Students will eat lunch at EHS that day, so they should either bring a bagged lunch or \$3.00 (cash only) to purchase lunch at the high school. Please note, students cannot use their school lunch accounts to purchase lunch that day. The cafeteria menu for that day is posted on the EHS Food Services section of the Ellington Schools website. Please contact your child's school counselor should you have any questions.



EHS Parent Orientation

February 6, 2018 - 6:00pm

Attention Eighth Grade Parents:

The annual EHS Parent Orientation for the class of 2022 will be held on Tuesday, February 6th from 6:00-8:00 pm at EHS. This is a great opportunity to get a preview of the high school, meet EHS staff members, and ask questions. We encourage all parents to attend! Please contact the EHS Counseling Department should you have any questions.

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.

Green Giant Fresh Vegetables
Land O Lakes Dairy Products
FINISH Dishwashing Products
Annie's Products (including organic)
All flavors of Cheerios
Lysol Disinfecting Wipes
AND MANY OTHER PRODUCTS



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Help us make hearts of hope!

We will make small hearts from felt and yarn. Each heart will have a tag with a message of hope attached to it. The hearts will be placed around the community.

The Peyton Heart Project was inspired by several stories including that of a 13-year-old boy named Peyton James who died by suicide in 2014.

Friday, February 2nd

6:30 to 8:00 pm

Free!

31 Arbor Way

Free!

Refreshments Served

All ages and skill levels welcome!

Several varieties of hearts will be made. Knit and crochet patterns will be available as well for those with that skill. We will supply the yarn.

To register, contact Debbie Stauffer at dstauffer@ellington-ct.gov or call Ellington Youth Services at 860-870-3130

By January 29th

www.thepeytonheartproject.org



Call for Artists

Showcase Your Artwork!

Local artists of all ages, using any medium, are invited to display their art at our 4th annual community-wide Gallery Night. This night will include art displays, live music and refreshments.

Gallery
night

Saturday, February 10th

4pm-7pm

Ellington Senior Center

(40 Maple Street)

Interested artists should contact Tin, Gallery Night Chairperson, at EllingtonGalleryNight@gmail.com

This free event is hosted by **Rise Above**, a Youth Services student leadership group.

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