
EMS PARENT NEWSLETTER

November 16, 2017

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Mark Your Calendar

November

- 17 Drama Troupe Fall Performance - 7:00 pm Gymnasium**
- 20 Butter Braid Fundraiser Pick Up 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm**
- 22 Early Dismissal - Thanksgiving Holiday**
- 23-24 No School - Thanksgiving Holiday**
- 27 PTO Meeting - 7:00 pm Media Center**

Next EMSPTO Meeting — Monday November 27th

Please consider joining us for the second EMSPTO meeting of the school year; it will be held on Monday, November 27th, in the EMS Media Center from 7:00pm - 7:45pm. Our main topics of discussion will be the results of last Saturday's Craft & Vendor Fair and also our upcoming snack sales. All EMS families are welcome, and refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

Winter Dance Date

Friday, January 19th, 7PM-9:30PM
(SNOW DATE: Friday, January 26th, 7PM-9PM)

Student Council Thanksgiving Fundraiser

Our Student Council turkey fundraiser for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry will be ending tomorrow! We will be accepting funds during all lunch waves in the cafeteria. The fundraiser is a turkey-building battle between the teams! The more donations each team gets, the more complete their "team turkey" on display in the school lobby will be. The winning team will receive a movie prize! Please participate in this charitable, seasonal fun!



Barnes and 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 will be available on our library website as we get closer to the event.

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!

Meet the New Staff

Hello! My name is Christine Zaremski, and I am filling in as a long-term substitute for seventh and eighth grade math intervention. I am looking forward to working with small groups of students to improve and strengthen their math skills, as well as supporting the curriculum presented in the classroom.

I am a graduate of Salve Regina College, and received my Master's Degree at the University of Connecticut. I had a long and rewarding career as a fifth grade teacher at Windermere School for 33 years. Following my retirement in 2012, I have continued to substitute at Windermere School, where I have had several long term assignments. Even in my retirement, I love working with children and am looking forward to the challenges of this new assignment.

This summer I visited Pennsylvania, where I toured the Amish country, as well as my favorite amusement park, Knoebel's. In my spare time I love to read, garden, and go to concerts. Collecting dolls, coins, stamps, postcards and Christmas ornaments are other favorite pastimes of mine.

Thank you for welcoming me to EMS!

The 2017 EMSPTO Craft & Vendor Fair was a HUGE SUCCESS!

The EMSPTO Craft & Vendor Fair, which was held this past Saturday, was a huge success — we expect to make about \$7,000 in profit that will go towards completing Phase II of the new Innovation Zone! We couldn't have done it without the help of so many students, staff members, parents and others who either donated their time or food-related items for our concession stand. On behalf of the EMSPTO Officers (Martha Allegue, Kim Bocchino, Sharon Johndrow, and Karl Stocker — all of whom worked very hard to make the fair happen), we wish to thank:

the EMS Staff, especially Mr. Pearson, Mrs. Kalagher, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Caron, Mrs. Dio-Rand, Mr. Maupin, and Mr. Healey.

local businesses who provided delicious food for our concession stand including Casey's Cafe, Hometown Pizza, and The Vernon Diner.

EMS parents who donated food items for our concession stand — especially the Shreidi family who provided us with 200 fresh Dunkin' Donuts — and also including Melissa Abbruzzese, Elisa Bartlett, Julie Bauman, Alyssa Benedict, Bethany Bingham, Nancy Budd, Lori Caron, Rachel Dio-Rand, Tracy Elsass, Carol Feindel, Rosalie Guerette, Lori Holden, Ann Johnson, Kerri Killoran, Tammy Krawczynski, Maureen Mandeville, Angie Moser, Michelle Pack, Kendra Roy, and Karen Zahner.

EMS Students who helped out on Friday and/or Saturday including Olivia Ambrosi, Ashira Andrews, Ava Andrews, Simon Barone, Mallory Bartlett, Anna Bocchino, Jessica Brunelle, Ava Caron, Gianna Chiarenza, Molly Deptula, Christian Derosier, Brooke Diwinsky, Abby Griffin, Peyton Holden, Shaye Holden, Megan Johndrow, Jack Kidney, Mason Krawczynski, Taylor Murphy, Tori Naumec, Shayla Regan, Alex Repass, Elliott Shannon, Lia Shaw, and Maddie Willett.

EHS Students who volunteered during the fair including Julia Buceivicius, Noah Madore, and Rebecca Samson.

EMS Parents and other family members who helped out on Friday and/or Saturday including Terry Barone (Raffle Chairperson), Bethany Bingham, Linda Cohen, Kristen Deptula, Lana DiCorcia, Shay Drake, Becky Einsiedel (Concessions Co-Chair), Kati Einsiedel, Lori Holden, Sue Kalagher, Noele Kidney, Susie Mitton-Shannon, Victoria Pina, and Nwal Sara.

Last — but not least — we cannot forget to thank Brenda Samson, former fair organizer, who patiently answered all of our fair-related questions and her husband Stephen who helped us to map out all of the booth spaces for this year's fair. Every one of the people mentioned here was vital to the success of the fair. With a team like this, we can accomplish great things!

THANK YOU!

Volunteers & Donations Needed for EMSPTO Snack Sale - 11/22

EMSPTO still needs both volunteers and donations for our first "early release day" snack sale of the year, which will be held on the day before Thanksgiving — Wednesday November 22nd. If you are able to help us on the 22nd or if you can donate beverages for the sale, please click on either of the following links.

Link to Volunteer Sign-up for 11/22 Snack Sale:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044CA5AE2AA20-emssnack1>

Link to Beverage Donations for 11/22 Snack Sale:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044CA5AE2AA20-beverage3>



Scholastic Book Fair

The EMS library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from December 5th to 8th. The fair will be open during school hours and some of the Portfolio Presentation Conferences hours. 7th Grade LA classes will visit the fair on Tuesday, December 5th and 8th Grade LA classes will visit the fair on Thursday, December 7th. Students may also 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.



We are still looking for Volunteers! We especially need help: Wednesday, December 6th from 5-7pm & Thursday, December 7th from 5-7pm

If you are available and interested in helping out for 2-3 hours, please contact Lisa Polack at lpolack@ellingtonschools.net Thank you for supporting our amazing culture of reading here at EMS!

Butter Braid Pickup

Butter Braids will be delivered to the school on Monday, November 20th. Students with six or less butter braids will bring their orders home with them. **Orders having seven or more items must be picked up here at the school.** Butter Braid pick up will be at the lower entrance, from 2:30pm to 5:00pm. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser!

Student Council Meetings

The next few Student Council meetings will be on the following dates. All students are invited to attend. All meeting will be held in the library.

Wednesday, December 13th - 2:30-3:15

Wednesday, January 3rd - 2:30-3:15

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!



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.

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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<https://goo.gl/fA5ydg>
<https://goo.gl/Da2C9G>

Veterans Day Ceremony

This past Thursday, November 9th, the EMS Student Council took part in a Veterans Day ceremony in the gymnasium. Several students spoke to an audience of their peers, VFW veterans, and district administration. Students raised the flag, read poems, letters, and essays they had written to the veterans, and honored the veterans with their praise and admiration. The EMS chorus and select band members also sang and played music for the audience and veterans. Afterwards a light breakfast was served while the veterans and students enjoyed conversations with one another. Thank you to all students who participated and to the veterans that were involved!



EMS Drama Troupe presents...

An Evening of Storytelling



*Starring members of the EMS Drama Troupe
With the help of the EMS Drama Tech ZONE*

Friday, November 17, 2017 7:00 pm

Mrs. Mary Walsh, Director

Ms. Emma Czaplinski, Associate Director

Tickets on sale during lunch and at the door:

Adults \$4

Seniors, children, students \$2

Student Society Members: FREE



**FREE DANCE CLINIC
for Children with
Special Needs,
Ages 5-14**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH , 2-3:30 pm



ELLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL, Ellington CT

Children with special needs and their parents are invited to spend an afternoon learning ballet, jazz and hip hop. Come have refreshments, play dance games and make new friends. Area dance instructors will be on staff as well as special guests.

Non-Residents Welcome!

Each child will receive a T-shirt!

Pre-Register at: www.decidetobekind.com (events)

Questions: email spiritdance5678@gmail.com

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