

EMS PARENT NEWSLETTER

November 9, 2017

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Mark Your Calendar

November

- 11 EMSPTO Craft & Vendor Fair - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 13 Butter Braid Fundraiser Forms Due
NJAHS Meeting - 2:30 pm
Art Room
- 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

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

Student Council Thanksgiving Fundraiser

Be on the lookout for our Thanksgiving turkey fundraiser! We will be accepting funds for a local food bank between Thursday, November 9th and Friday, November 17th. 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. Please participate in this charitable, seasonal fun!



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

EMSPTO 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 - 8th and we are 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!

Winter Dance Date

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

Lost and Found

The lost and found table is piled high! If your child is missing anything, please have them check the lost and found table. It is located in front of the main office. On Friday, November 10th all remaining items will be donated to a local charity.



EMS Makerspace Looking for Donations

Thanks to successful fundraisers and the generosity of the PTO, we are establishing our exciting new Innovation Zone! This year our efforts are focused on building up our Makerspace so students can build, design, tinker, plan, and create. In addition to the materials we hope to purchase, we are also looking for some donations. This is an opportunity to clean up your craft supplies and toys, or give your recyclables a new purpose.

Here is a link to the list of supplies we are hoping to collect.

<https://goo.gl/6qtasP> This week's featured items we are collecting are shoe boxes and paper towel cores. We will keep this list updated so you know when we have enough of a certain item. 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!



REMINDER! The 8th Grade Butter Braid Fundraiser has been extended to November 13th!!

All order forms MUST be in on Monday, 11/13. Remember - ALL PROFITS from each student's Butter Braid sales will go directly to his/her individual account for the Washington, DC field trip in June. Our Butter Braid Fundraiser is a great opportunity for your student to earn credit that will reduce the cost of this trip. Items will be delivered to Ellington Middle School on Monday, November 20th – just in time for the holiday season. Thank you!

EMSPTO News

EMSPTO's annual Craft & Vendor Fair is THIS SATURDAY and WE STILL NEED MORE HELP! We are still looking for parent volunteers to assist with the fair as well as donations for the concession stand. If you are able to help, please click on the following links. This is EMSPTO's ONE MAJOR fundraiser for the school year, and we need YOUR help to make it a success so that we can fund the completion of Phase II of the new Innovation Zone.

Parent Volunteer Sign Up for EMSPTO Craft & Vendor Fair:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A4AF2CA3FF2-emspto5>

Student Volunteer Sign Up for EMSPTO Craft & Vendor Fair:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A4AF2CA3FF2-student3>

Concession Stand Donation Sign Up

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A4AF2CA3FF2-consession>



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/wyxmZY>
<https://goo.gl/Mzp7kl>
<https://goo.gl/Tn9uiS>
<https://goo.gl/HEVHF1>

Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, November 11

9-2

Ellington Middle School



- ♥ Handcrafted Items
- ♥ Local Business Showcase and Sale
 - ♥ Free admission and parking
 - ♥ Concession—come have lunch or coffee and shop!

For more information, please contact us at:

<http://www.ellingtonpublicschools.org/schools/ellington-middle-school/student-services/pto>

or

EMSFair@gmail.com

All proceeds benefit the Ellington Middle School Parent Teacher Organization



**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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