

# EMS PARENT NEWSLETTER

October 12, 2017

Ellington Middle School - 46 Middle Butcher Road - Ellington, CT 06029 - (860) 896-2339 [EMS Website](#)



## Mark Your Calendar

### October

- 19 School Picture Retakes  
Rockville ASTE Open  
House 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm -  
Rockville High School**
- 20 & 21 Music All Night 6:00  
pm - 7:00 am - Gym**
- 23 Butter Braid Fundraiser  
Begins**
- 24 Band Field Trip - Coast  
Guard Academy**
- 27 School Dance - 7:00 pm -  
9:30 pm - Gymnasium**

### Student Council News

The Student Council will be holding three evening dances this year:

- Friday, October 27th
- Friday, January 19th (snow date of January 26th)
- Friday, May 4th

All dances are held in the school gym from 7:00-9:30 pm. More specific details for each individual dance will be communicated via the weekly school newsletter for parents and to students via email & morning announcements. If you have any questions please contact the school.

### 8th Grade Parents

Is your child in the process of applying to an alternative high school? Here at EMS, we fully support finding the best fit for each and every student. While the majority of Ellington Middle School students move on to Ellington High School after 8th grade, every year a small number of students elect to attend private, technical, and magnet schools. The applications for these schools often involve requests for recommendations, test scores, report cards, and more. To ensure every student's application receives the full attention that it deserves, please abide by the following guidelines...

- Please make sure to communicate directly with the EMS Counseling Department about your child's application. Many applications use software services that notify schools of pending applications. While convenient, these automatic emails often get filtered into "spam" or "junk" email folders and go unnoticed.
- In order to ensure your child's application gets the full attention it deserves, please allow for at least 10 full school days for staff to process applications, gather relevant data, and write recommendations.

Should you have any questions, please contact the EMS School Counseling Department at (860) 896-2339 or visit our website at [www.ellingtonpublicschools.org](http://www.ellingtonpublicschools.org)  
Thank you, and have a great day!

### School Counseling Corner

#### **Rockville ASTE (Agricultural Science and Technology Education Program) OPEN HOUSE:**

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents who would like to find out more about Agricultural Science and Technology Program at Rockville High School (Rockville Vo-Ag) are invited to attend their OPEN HOUSE on **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 – 8:00 pm.** 70 Loveland Hill Road, Vernon, Connecticut 06066. (860) 870-6050.

#### **National Junior Art Honor Society**

Are you passionate about art? Do you wish you could make art all year long? Well, the good news is you can! We will be launching an EMS chapter of the National Junior Art Honor Society! You do not need to have taken art at the middle school in order to participate and there is no minimum grade requirement. See Mrs. Griffin or email her at [kgriffin@ellingtonschools.net](mailto:kgriffin@ellingtonschools.net) for an informational handout and application. Applications are due October 17th.



## Prudential Spirit of Community Award

DOES ANYONE WANT \$1,000??? Well then this is the reminder that you have been waiting for! All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have participated in volunteer activities are encouraged to submit an application for the 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Applications can be found at <http://spirit.prudential.com>

Students who complete the application may not only qualify for recognition on a school and State-wide level, but may also qualify for an award of up to \$1000, (which may be spent anyway that you choose) an engraved medallion and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent to Washington, D. C. National Honorees receive an additional \$5,000, engraved gold medallions and crystal trophies for their schools.

We are proud of the volunteer work that our EMS students do and we want to recognize them for a job well done! Students MUST complete their applications ONLINE by Tuesday, November 7, 2017. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Shaw in Guidance.

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## Cheney Tech / Rockville Vo-ag Applications

Applications for Cheney Tech and Rockville Vo-ag are now available in the EMS Counseling Office for any 8th grade student interested in applying. Applications must be completed and submitted to the EMS Counseling Office no later than December 11th. Students are encouraged to visit each school's website for details about the application process.

## Student Council Elections

Student Council Elections are well underway! Signups are over and now students are campaigning throughout the building.



IF YOU ARE CAMPAIGNING:

\*If you did not hand in a running form to Miss Lipman by Wednesday September 27th, you may not continue campaigning\*

- Students who are running should be working on campaign posters. They are allowed to have five posters placed in designated areas throughout the building.
- All posters must be approved by Miss Lipman or Miss Czaplinski
- Speeches are due by end of day Friday October 6th to Miss Lipman
- The elections will be held on Friday, October 13th

REMINDER:

- All Student Council meetings will be held on Wednesdays after school - approximately once a month. Students will be asked to stay after until 3:15 pm.
- Any student who is running for an elected position needs to be aware of the Wednesday meeting date; there are currently no late buses provided by EMS for after-school transportation.
- You can still be in Student Council without running for a position! More information to come once the officials have been elected
- Contact person: Miss Czaplinski ext. 203

## EMSPTO News

It's almost time for EMSPTO's annual Craft & Vendor Fair! This year's fair will be held on Saturday, November 11th from 9:00am until 2:00pm. But in order to make this event a success, we need LOTS of help! We are looking for both parent and student volunteers to assist with set up, clean up, concessions, a raffle, advertising/publicity as well as helping out shoppers and vendors during the fair itself. If you would like to help, please click on the following links:

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>



## Tech Talk

Ellington Youth Services and Ellington Middle School are teaming together again to provide two nights of technology presentations for parents with discussion to help our teens navigate their smartphones, apps and other technology. These Tech Talk nights are offered to parents at the same time as the middle school dances. While students are enjoying the dance, parents can learn, discuss and enjoy refreshments.

Social Media Trends and Tips to Help Parents Regain Control – Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm - Ellington Middle School Library

Is social media taking over your child? South Windsor School Resource Officer Tina Roy will present the newest trends and discuss ways to regain control.

Screenagers The Movie: Growing up in The Digital Age – Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 7:15 pm to 9:15 pm - Ellington Middle School Library  
Back by popular demand, an in-depth documentary that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life. Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists, solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.

Admission is free. To reserve your spot, please email Debbie Stauffer at Youth Services at [dstauffer@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:dstauffer@ellington-ct.gov)



## 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.

### Cheerios

Land O Lakes Dairy Products  
Boise Polaris Printer Paper  
Annie's Refrigerated Dough  
Old El Paso Products  
Lysol Disinfecting Wipes  
AND MANY OTHER PRODUCTS



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While the students are at the dance in the gym, parents will be in the Middle School library.

All parents are invited to attend, not just middle school parents.

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**Refreshments each night**

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*Call Ellington Youth Services at 860-870-3130*

