

EMS PARENT NEWSLETTER

October 26, 2017

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Mark Your Calendar

October

- 26 **Cheney Tech Open House**
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Cheney
Tech High School
- 27 **School Dance - 2:30 pm -**
4:30 pm - Gymnasium

November

- 06-07 **No School - Teacher Prof.**
Learning
- 07 **Acoustic Festival - 7:00 pm**
Cafeteria
- 08 **Fall Sports Awards -**
5:00 pm - Gymnasium
- 09 **Veteran's Day Ceremony -**
8:00 am - 9:00 am -
Gymnasium
Butter Braid Fundraiser
Ends
- 11 **EMSPTO Craft & Vendor**
Fair - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 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

Veterans Day Ceremony

The Ellington Middle School Student Council will be holding its annual Veterans Day ceremony on Thursday, November 9th at 8 am. The ceremony will be held indoors in the gymnasium. This ceremony will be in honor of all veterans of past and present wars and is run completely by students. An informal conversation with a small group of students is held after the ceremony & a light breakfast will be served for the veterans. If you or any of your family members are veterans, we would be honored if you attended the ceremony at EMS. Please contact [Jenn Reynolds](#) if you are interested or need more information.



Scholastic Book Fair

The EMS library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from December 5th - 8th and we are looking for **Volunteers!**

December 5th 7:00 - 2:30
December 6th 7:30 - 2:30 & 5-7
December 7th 7:30 - 2:30 & 5-7
December 8th 7:30 - 2

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!

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.

Fall Sports Awards

Fall Sports Awards will be on Wednesday November 8th at 5:00 pm in the middle school gymnasium!

Thank you PTO!

The EMS staff would like to thank the PTO for their recent purchase of a Keurig Coffee Maker for Team Room C. A special thank you to the President of the PTO, Martha Allegue, for purchasing coffee pods as well! EMS appreciates everything the PTO does.

**THANK
YOU!**

Student Council News

The first Student Council sponsored event will be our first dance of the year held **Friday, October 27th from 2:30-4:30 pm.** The day of the dance falls on our Betty Rae Kirby Day, so **wear pink to show your support for cancer research.** \$1 of each ticket sale proceeds will go towards the Betty Rae Kirby Memorial Scholarship Fund. Below please find some other reminders about dances here at EMS:



-Snacks & water will be provided for the students in the cafeteria only. Water will also be provided down by the gym for students.

-All students are welcome to attend the dance, but the dance is for EMS students only—no guests are allowed.

-Please remember that the dress code for the dance is the same as the dress code during the school day—**NO SHORT OR SPANDEX ATHLETIC SHORTS SHOULD BE WORN TO THE DANCE**

-**Students will need to remain in school the entire school day in order to attend the dance. Extenuating circumstances must be approved by the building principal PRIOR to the day of the dance.**

-Students need to be picked up on time: **the dance ends at 4:30 pm.** Prompt pickup of your child is greatly appreciated. Any student picked up more than a half hour after the end of the dance will forfeit the opportunity to attend the next dance.

-Students need to stay for the duration of the entire dance—unless prior arrangements are made.

-Cell phones may be brought to the dance however, **cell phone use is not allowed** during the dance. If a cell phone is being used during the dance, it will be taken from the student and returned at the end of the event.

-Due to the fact that this dance is occurring directly after school, students will be given space in the cafeteria to store their coats and backpacks. Bring all belonging down to the cafeteria with you.

Yearbook Club

The 2017-2018 Yearbook Club is starting and all 7th and 8th grade students are encouraged to be part of our team. Most meetings will take place after school through May, on Mondays from 2:30-3:15 and students with many commitments are still eligible to join as much of the work is completed outside of those hours. If your student is interested in joining, please encourage them to email Mrs. Shaw directly at bshaw@ellingtonschools.net.



Music All Night

The Music All Night event last Friday evening was a great success! The event raised a total of \$731 for the CT Chapter of the SPCA and shelters. The money raised will help animals who were separated from their families due to the recent hurricanes. The students enjoyed rehearsing, playing dodgeball, watching the movie *Sing* and sleeping overnight at the school.

EMSPTO News

EMSPTO's annual Craft & Vendor Fair is only two weeks away and **WE STILL NEED LOTS OF HELP!** This year's fair will be held on Saturday, November 11th from 9:00am until 2:00pm. We are looking for additional parent and student 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. *Parents, please be the ones to sign up your student(s) to volunteer at the fair — this way we know that they have your permission to participate!*

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-concession>



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> 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!



Youth Services Fall Prevention Newsletter

We are now digital! Please visit the link <http://joom.ag/hweL> to view our Fall 2017 Prevention newsletter. You can also access it from our website <http://youth.ellington-ct.gov/>. You will find some important information for parents in this newsletter regarding our children and alcohol, addiction, vaping and depression. For questions, please contact Debbie Stauffer at Ellington Youth Services at dstauffer@ellington-ct.gov or call 860-870-3130.

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/Mzp7kl>
<https://goo.gl/Tn9uiS>
<https://goo.gl/RVYNN3>

Middle School Lunch Menu


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DAILY LUNCH PRICE: \$2.75

MONTHLY LUNCH PRICE: \$46.75

Milk Price: \$0.60

November 2017


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Parent Accounts When making a lunch payment please include students school, students name, grade and teacher's 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>1</p> <p>Choice of: Chicken Fritas Cheese/Balsic/Sour Cream Cheese Pizza w/ or w/o pepperoni Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Peppers & Onions Baked Beans Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Choice of: Pasta Day w/ Meatballs & Sauce Garden of Eatin' Cheese Pizza w/ or w/o pepperoni Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Choice of: Cheese Fizza Sticks Buffalo Style or Marinara Sauce Chicken Nuggets/Dinner Roll Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</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>NO SCHOOL</p>		<p>8</p> <p>Choice of: BBQ Pork Rib Sandwich French Bread Pizza w/ or w/o pepperoni Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Oven Baked French Fries Steamed Broccoli Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Choice of: Chicken Tacos Cheese/Balsic/Sour Cream French Bread Pizza w/ or w/o pepperoni Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Choice of: Uno's Pizza Buffalo Chicken, Plain, or Pepperoni Chicken Nuggets/WG Dinner Roll Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Choice of: Chicken Tenders/Hot Rod Spicy or Not Cheese Pizza w/ or w/o pepperoni Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Baked Beans Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Choice of: Corn Dog Nuggets Cheese Pizza w/ or w/o pepperoni Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Oven Baked Sweet Potato Fries Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Choice of: Homemade Mac & Cheese Warm Seat Turkey Grinder w/ chips Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Mashed Potatoes Gravy Seasoned Corn Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Apple Fruit Turnover Assorted Fruit Tray or Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Choice of: Wild Mike's Cheese Pizza w/ or w/o pepperoni Turkey Grinder w/ chips Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Choice of: Baked Potato Bar w/ choice of Chili/Cheese/Sour Cream Cold Cut Grinder w/ chips Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Choice of: Buffalo Chicken Nuggets WG Dinner Roll Cheese Pizza w/ or w/o pepperoni Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Oven Baked Crinkle Cut Fries Steamed Green Beans 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>	 <p>Thanksgiving Break No School</p>	
<p>27</p> <p>Choice of: Chicken Quesadilla Sour Cream/Balsic Cheese Pizza w/ or w/o pepperoni Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Peppers & Onions Baked Beans Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Choice of: Cheeseburger on WW Bun Cheese Pizza w/ or w/o pepperoni Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Oven Baked French Fries Steamed Corn Baked Beans / Pickles Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Choice of: Nacho Chip Lunch Chili/Nacho Cheese/Balsic/Sour Cream Chicken Nuggets/Dinner Roll Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Choice of: Pasta Day w/ Meatballs & Sauce Garden of Eatin' Chicken Nuggets/Hot Rod Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>Please contact Christine Powers at cpowers@ellingtonschools.net with questions and comments concerning school lunch.</p>



Middle School One Night Programs!

(860) -870-3130

<http://youth.ellington-ct.gov/>

Programs	Sketch Night at LuAnn's	Popsicle Stick Art	Kindness Rock Painting	All About Me Ball	Paint Night
When & Where	Thursday October 5th 6-7:30pm LuAnn's Bakery	Thursday October 26th 6-7:30pm 31 Arbor Way	Thursday November 2nd 6-7pm 31 Arbor Way	Thursday November 16th 6-7:30pm 31 Arbor Way	Thursday November 30th 6-7:30 pm 31 Arbor Way
Price	\$25	\$5	FREE	\$25	\$20
Age	7th and 8th graders				
Registration	You can register for individual programs or all. Register on our website through Activenet				
Descriptions	<p>Come to LuAnn's Bakery and enjoy a pastry, then be guided on drawing your very own piece of art work. All skill levels are welcomed!</p> 	<p>We will be using Popsicle sticks and paint to create amazing pieces of art work</p>	<p>Help us make our kindness garden grow! Come create some kindness rocks</p>	<p>We will be using a real soccer ball to express yourself on each hexagon. Doodle, experiment and have fun!</p>	<p>Be guided on painting your very own painting that you will take home that night! All skill levels welcomed</p>