

EMS PARENT NEWSLETTER

October 5, 2017

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



Mark Your Calendar

October

- 9 No School - Columbus Day
- 11 The ZONE - Session 1 Begins
- 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

School Counseling Corner

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

All 7th and 8th 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 19th at 6:00 - 8:00 pm.** 70 Loveland Hill Road, Vernon, Connecticut 06066. (860) 870-6050.

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
Thank you, and have a great day!

TO OUR EMS FAMILIES – THANK YOU!

Our fall fundraiser (Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough and Lyman Orchards Crisps) has been a huge success, with sales totaling \$23,936! EMS students earned \$7,978 in credits, which will be used against the cost of their 8th grade field trip to Washington, D.C. The middle school has earned \$4,000 – which will be used to purchase supplies for our new Innovation Zone in the Media Center. Thank you for your support of Ellington Middle School!

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 for an informational handout and application. Applications are due October 17th.



Tardy Notice

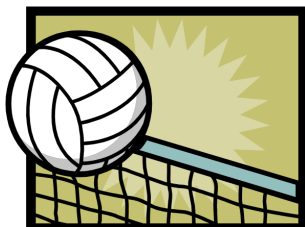
All students are expected to be in their homeroom by 7:42am. Students who are not in homeroom by that time are tardy. Unexcused tardies include instances such as oversleeping, missing the bus, and getting stuck in traffic. Excused tardies do not count against a student, however a doctor's/dentist's/etc., note must be submitted to the office upon arrival. **Additionally, parents are required to sign their child into the main office.**

After School ZONE Program

The first session of The Zone After School Program for the 2017-2018 school year is available for sign ups! This fall session will run October 10th through November 21, 2017. A few of the choices include podcasting, volleyball, and claymation. Please click on the [sign up form](#) to see the complete line-up of offerings this fall.

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 are now digital -here is [sign-up form](#) that has all the necessary information.

The deadline for all sign-up and payment is October 6th. Please make checks out to EMS Activity Fund. Have your child hand them to the office or to Mrs. Dio-Rand in room 8. Any questions please email [Mrs. Dio-Rand](#).



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

Student Council News

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

- Friday, October 27th
- Friday, January 1st (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.

EMSPTO News

Fall is finally here — which means 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 more information at this time, please contact Martha Allegue by email at martha.allegue@mac.com or look for more information including an electronic sign-up in next week's newsletter. We hope to hear from you!



Substitute Paraprofessionals

Ellington Public Schools is hiring substitute paraprofessionals for various grades. The pay rate for this position is \$12.50 per hour. For more information and to apply, please visit the link below.

<https://www.ellingtonpublicschools.org/district-information/departments/human-resources/employment>

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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Dear Ellington Middle School Community Members,

My name is Steve Donovan and, in addition to being a member of the faculty here at EMS, I work as the coordinator for our annual trip to Washington, D.C. This year we have a unique opportunity to honor some true heroes. We have an appointment to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 10:30 AM. This ceremony is one of the highlights of our trip each year and the ability to do this on the anniversary of the D-Day invasion enhances its meaning for our students. This invasion is widely regarded as the turning point in World War II.

Traditionally, the wreath that is placed on the Tomb bears the signatures of the entire eighth grade class, as a symbol of our deep respect and gratitude to those who have given their lives in defense of our country and the values for which it stands. This year we would like to specifically honor anyone connected to the Ellington community who participated in the D-Day invasion. I am asking for the help of all of you who are connected to our school to reach out and find these heroes. At the very least, we would like to include their names on the wreath. This is the least we can do to honor these people.

Veterans of World War II are passing from our midst in ever increasing numbers and we would like to preserve their memories. We are also hoping that, somehow, we can find a way to give our students opportunities to interact with veterans of World War II - so they can develop a deeper appreciation of the reasons why they are popularly regarded as the "Greatest Generation".

Please contact me via email at sdonovan@ellingtonschools.net if there is any way that you can help us achieve our goal of honoring and learning from these heroes.

Thank you,

Steve Donovan, Ed.D

sdonovan@ellingtonschools.net

Washington, D.C. Trip Coordinator

MIDDLE SCHOOL Breakfast Menu

Menu Subject to
Change without
Notice

Regular Breakfast Price: \$2.25
Reduced Breakfast Price: \$0.30
Milk Price (ala-carte): \$0.60

Cook Manager: Chris Powers
cpowers@ellingtonschools.net

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Offered Every Monday</p> <p>Choice of:</p> <p>Assorted Breakfast Breads</p> <p>Cream Cheese Mini Bagels</p> <p>Assortment of Cereal</p> <p>Assortment of Muffins</p> <p>Students may choose up to two additional fruit and/or milk to accompany their breakfast</p> <p><i>Additional Choice of:</i> Fresh Seasonal Fruit Chilled Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice</p> <p><i>Along with Choice of:</i> 1%, Skim, and Fat Free Flavored Milk</p>	<p>Offered Every Tuesday:</p> <p>Choice of:</p> <p>Warm Pancakes or Waffles with Baked in Syrup</p> <p>Mini Cinnis Danish</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Assortment of Cereal</p> <p>Assortment of Muffins</p> <p>Students may choose up to two additional fruit and/or milk to accompany their breakfast</p> <p><i>Additional Choice of:</i> Fresh Seasonal Fruit Chilled Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice</p> <p><i>Along with Choice of:</i> 1%, Skim, and Fat Free Flavored Milk</p>	<p>Offered Every Wednesday</p> <p>Choice of:</p> <p>Assorted Breakfast Breads</p> <p>Cream Cheese Mini Bagels</p> <p>Assortment of Cereal</p> <p>Assortment of Muffins</p> <p>Students may choose up to two additional fruit and/or milk to accompany their breakfast</p> <p><i>Additional Choice of:</i> Fresh Seasonal Fruit Chilled Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice</p> <p><i>Along with Choice of:</i> 1%, Skim, and Fat Free Flavored Milk</p>	<p>Offered Every Thursday</p> <p>Choice of:</p> <p>Warm Pancakes or Waffles with Baked in Syrup</p> <p>Mini Cinnis Danish</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Assortment of Cereal</p> <p>Assortment of Muffins</p> <p>Students may choose up to two additional fruit and/or milk to accompany their breakfast</p> <p><i>Additional Choice of:</i> Fresh Seasonal Fruit Chilled Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice</p> <p><i>Along with Choice of:</i> 1%, Skim, and Fat Free Flavored Milk</p>	<p>Offered Every Friday</p> <p>Choice of:</p> <p>Assorted Breakfast Breads</p> <p>Cream Cheese Mini Bagels</p> <p>Assortment of Cereal</p> <p>Assortment of Muffins</p> <p>Students may choose up to two additional fruit and/or milk to accompany their breakfast</p> <p><i>Additional Choice of:</i> Fresh Seasonal Fruit Chilled Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice</p> <p><i>Along with Choice of:</i> 1%, Skim, and Fat Free Flavored Milk</p>

A LA CARTE pricing for Breakfast Menu:

Cereal Bowl	\$0.75	Warm Pancakes	\$1.50
Fruit Choice	\$0.75	100% Fruit Juice 4oz	\$0.50
Milk Choice	\$0.60	Warm Waffles	\$1.50
Breakfast Breads	\$1.50	Mini Cinni s Danish	\$1.50
Cream Cheese Bagels	\$1.50	Large Muffins	\$1.50

Did you know you can pay for your child's breakfast and/or lunch on a monthly basis? A amount will be deposited into your child's personal account.

Cash or checks made payable to "Ellington Food Services."

Students qualifying for free or reduced lunch receive free or reduced breakfast meals.