
EMS PARENT NEWSLETTER

September 28, 2017

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Mark Your Calendar

October

- 3 **Cookie Dough Fundraiser Pick Up**
- 4 **Cheney Tech Visit - X Block**
- 9 **No School - Columbus Day**
- 11 **The ZONE - Session 1 Begins**
- 19 **School Picture Retakes**
- 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

CHENEY TECH VISITS EMS: A representative from Howell Cheney Technical High School will be visiting us at Ellington Middle School on Wednesday, October 4, during X-Block.

Any 7th or 8th grader who is interested in attending this informational session **must sign up in Guidance**. Please see Mrs. Shaw or Mr. Raiola if you have any questions.

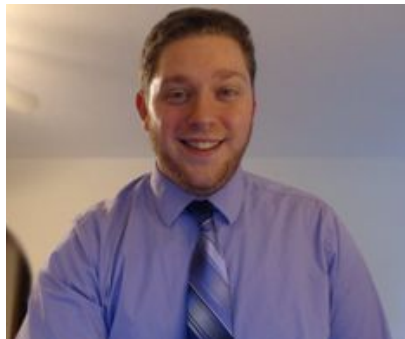
For your information, applications and information can also be found at www.cttech.org/cheney.

Meet the New Staff

Hi, my name is Chris Stapleton and I am the new 8th grade Social Studies teacher at Ellington Middle School. I am excited to work with the Lions team this year to bring history to life for the students of EMS!

I currently hold a Bachelor's of Secondary Education and I am pursuing a Master's degree in Educational Technologies through Central Connecticut State University. My work at CCSU has allowed me to study abroad in Ireland to discover the country's past, study an in-depth review of Lincoln and the Civil War in Washington D.C., as well as gain valuable experience working with students from a variety of districts.

I have worked in school districts such as Watertown, Southington, Hartford, and Cheshire, CT. Bringing in what I've learned from all of these positions, I hope to have a great year with the students and hope they learn to enjoy history as much as I do!



Hello, my name is Robert Gannon and I will be working in Katie Raphael's room this year as a Paraprofessional. Previously I worked at Ellington High School as a part-time paraprofessional.

I am originally from Washingtonville, New York where I was born and raised. I graduated from high school and then attended SUNY Potsdam where I earned a degree in History. After graduating in 2012 I moved out to Connecticut where I took a job with the town of Vernon in their after-school program. I love working with kids of all ages and am excited for this upcoming school year. In my spare time I enjoy sports including tennis and bowling.

EMSPTO News

What is EMSPTO all about? Check out our web page to get a better idea of who we are and what we do. You can reach it from the Ellington Middle School home page by clicking on "Student Services" and then choosing "PTO" at the bottom of the list or by simply clicking on the following link:

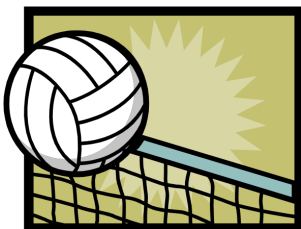
<http://www.ellingtonpublicschools.org/schools/ellington-middle-school/student-services/pto>

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

Ski & Snowboard Club (Zone)

Beginning to think about great holiday gift ideas?

Well, look no further - Ellington Middle School Ski & Snowboard Club is back for the 2017-2018 school year and is already filling up! If you would like to make this a **surprise** for the holidays please feel free to call Mrs. Shaw at 860-896-2339, and I would be happy to get a packet out to you secretly!

We will be going to Ski Sundown six (6) times this winter on Wednesdays, (1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31 and 2/7) with a make-up date of February 14th. Interested students can take a registration packet from the guidance office.

*****Any student that misses a week due to other obligations will still be given a 4-hour lift pass to use on their own** on any other Monday-Friday during the ski season.

We have MANY first-time skiers and snowboarders. This is a great opportunity for your child to learn a new skill and create a hobby that can last a lifetime! Our Club departs in a coach bus from EMS directly after school and returns to EMS at 8:30pm.



Pick Up Reminder - Cookie Dough/Crisps

The Fall Fundraiser orders will be arriving on Tuesday, October 3rd!

Students who sold six or less items can bring their items home on the bus. **Students who sold seven or more items will need parent help in picking up their frozen cookie dough/crisps at EMS between the hours of 2:30pm and 5:30pm.** The pickup area is in the gymnasium lobby. All orders will be pre-sorted, so pickup should be quick and easy. Thank you!



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.**

School Counseling Corner

Please have your student apply for a 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Award!

The search is on for Ellington Middle School students who complete volunteer work!

Does your child want \$1,000? DO THEY VOLUNTEER? If so, then we want to hear from them!!!! We invite all 7th and 8th grade students who do volunteer work to apply for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Students who complete the application may not only qualify for recognition on a school and state-wide level, but may also qualify for **an unrestricted award of up to \$1,000**, an engraved gold 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.

Information about the award and the application is posted outside the Guidance Office. Please encourage them to stop in to see Mrs. Shaw for information or go directly to <http://spirit.prudential.com> to fill out the ONLINE application.

The deadline for submitting a completed application for certification is **November 7, 2017.**

We are proud of the volunteer work that our students do and we want to recognize them for a job well done!

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



Clipart from

<https://goo.gl/fzmZxr>
<https://goo.gl/mztfBj>
<https://goo.gl/8mzJNW>

<https://goo.gl/wyxmZY>
<https://goo.gl/sZ6eRL>
<https://goo.gl/Ks9y6U>

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

School Counselor Corner:

Our Open House was well attended and we hope that families found it valuable to have a glimpse into our student's day. We would like to thank the following students for spending their evening with us to lead our Open House as EMS Student Ambassadors. Students helped parents navigate our hallways, locate classrooms, and made announcements throughout the evening to keep us on pace.

Thank you for your leadership!

Jessica Brunelle
Ryan Cantin
Gianna Chiarenza
Jonelle Dacres
Riley Giordano
Jeffery Gordon
Meagan Hartley
Nicolas Monteleone
Taylor Murphy
Easha Patel
Alex Repass
Rachel Shaw
Eric Thibert



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.

