

EMS PARENT NEWSLETTER

November 30, 2017

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Mark Your Calendar

December

- 5 EMS Book Fair Begins
- 6 Dads & Donuts 7:00 - 7:30 am - Media Center
Early Dismissal - Student Portfolio Presentations
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Last Day of Book Fair
- 10 Special EMS Day at Barnes & Noble Buckland Hills Mall, Manchester
- 19 Band Winter Concert 7:00 pm - Gymnasium
- 22 Early Dismissal - Winter Recess
- 25-29 No School - Winter Recess

Winter Coat Drive

Information will be coming soon on a Student Council Coat Drive! Coat drive donations will be in conjunction with the winter dance on January 19th. Stay tuned for more information!

Winter Dance Date

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

Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Save the date! Sunday, December 10th The EMS Vocal Ensemble will be performing at 2pm at Barnes and Noble, Buckland Hills Mall in Manchester. Come to hear our students perform and stay to shop and support our school! Vouchers are available at <https://goo.gl/rRrQye> or mention EMS when you are ready to make your purchase.

You can also shop online! Share with family and friends. Anyone can shop December 10th - December 15th use code 12270989 when you are ready to submit your order.

Thank you for supporting our wonderful readers!

Hour of Code

On December 5th, all students in Ellington Public Schools will be participating in the Hour of Code. The Hour of Code is a worldwide event that encourages students to explore the areas of computer science. Here at EMS students will be participating in code based activities on December 5th. All students will have the opportunity to explore coding and computer science activities provided on <https://code.org/>. Additional options will be provided to students looking for a coding challenge. Please check out <https://hourofcode.com/us> for more information!

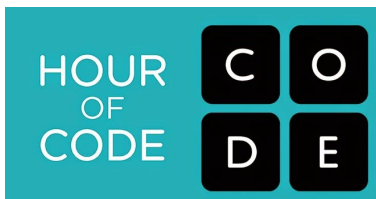
Meet the New Staff

Hi, everyone! My name is Cam Forman and I am student teaching here at the middle school with Mrs. Walsh in her Choir and General Music classes.

I am almost finished with my studies at the Hartt School of Music and will be graduating this December after my time at EMS! I am a fellow Nutmegger hailing from Simsbury, so I'm a local boy at heart. So far I've gotten to teach through the Hartt School in Simsbury, West Hartford, and East Hartford, but I also have taught over the summer at the University of Hartford's Summer Place!

When I'm not worrying about my big projects, lesson planning, and my impending debt, I like to watch any TV show or movie with a good story, and dream about someday owning a car that I enjoy driving.

I am really enjoying EMS so far and I am excited to get teaching. Thanks for having me!



EMS Food Drive

48.8 million Americans, including 16.2 million children, live in households that lack the means to get enough nutritious food on a regular basis. As a result, they struggle with hunger at times during the year. That figure seems rather large, but it is a growing trend. Even right here in Ellington there is a need for food donations. The Crystal Lake Community Food Pantry, located at the Community United Methodist Church on Route 140, helps those who need assistance by providing food for approximately 30 families in the local area.

Many people donate over the Thanksgiving holiday, and while all donations are a good thing, we want to be able to keep their shelves full longer. Therefore, we will be running our EMS food drive from December 4th through December 21st.

To make it easier for families to participate and shop we've decided to assign specific groups of items to each homeroom. You will find the homeroom [list attached](#). As always, EMS would like thank you for your continuous support and kindness.



Fill our Makerspace Instead of your Recycle Bin

Before you recycle empty wrapping paper tubes or ribbon cores, please consider donating them to the EMS Makerspace! Here is a link to the full list of supplies we are hoping to collect. <https://goo.gl/6qtasP> 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!



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

EMSPTO News

[Volunteers & Donations Needed for EMSPTO Snack Sales — 12/6, 12/7 & 12/8:](#)

EMSPTO NEEDS YOUR HELP! We are looking for both volunteers and donations for our December snack sales, which will take place on the mornings of Wednesday December 6th, Thursday December 7th, and Friday December 8th. If you are able to help us on any of those days, or if you can donate beverages for the sale, please click on either of the following links. Proceeds from the sales will go towards funding Phase II of the Innovation Zone!

Link to December Snack Sales Signup:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044CA5AE2AA20-emspto2>

Link to Beverage Donations Signup:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044CA5AE2AA20-beverage4>



Scholastic Book Fair

Everyone loves a new book! Shop our book fair!



The EMS library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from December 5th to 8th.

The fair will be open during school hours and some of the Student Portfolio Presentation hours. 7th Grade LA classes will visit the fair on Tuesday, December 5th and 8th Grade LA classes will visit the fair on Thursday, December 7th. Students may also visit the fair throughout the day with the permission of their teacher. **If sending in a check, please have it payable to EMS Activity Fund.**

DADS and DONUTS! (Moms are welcome too!)

**Wednesday, December 6th
7:00 - 7:30am**

We are still looking for Volunteers! We especially need help: Wednesday, December 6th 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!

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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Middle School Lunch Menu

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DAILY LUNCH PRICE: \$2.75
 MONTHLY LUNCH PRICE: \$33.00
 Milk Price: \$0.60

December 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Prepaid Accounts When making a lunch payment please include students school, students name, grade and teachers 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>Please contact Christine Powers at cpowers@ellingtonschools.net with questions and comments concerning school lunch.</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>1</p> <p>Choice of: Easy-Bread Bowl Chili/Cheese/Salsa/Sour Cream Garlic French Bread Pizza Plain or Pepperoni Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Chocolate Chip Cookie Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Choice of: Chicken Fry w/ Dinner Roll Toasted Cheese Sandwich Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Tomato Soup Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Choice of: Steak & Cheese on Crown Roll Cheese Pizza w or w/o pepperoni Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Oven Baked French Fries Steamed Corn Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Cafeteria will be open for Breakfast at 7:40 am Muffin, 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>7</p> <p>Cafeteria will be open for Breakfast at 7:40 am Muffin, 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>8</p> <p>Cafeteria will be open for Breakfast at 7:40 am Muffin, 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>11</p> <p>Choice of: Chocolate Chip French Toast Sausage Links & Syrup Chicken Nuggets w/ Frenchie Knot Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Oven Baked Potato Wedges Chilled Vegetable Juice Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Choice of: Chicken Patty Farm Cheese Pizza w or w/o pepperoni Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Choice of: Nacho Chip Lunch Chili/Cheese/Salsa/Sour Cream Chicken Nuggets w/ Frenchie Knot Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Choice of: Homemade Mac & Cheese Warm Biscuit Chicken Nuggets w/ Frenchie Knot Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Steamed Green Beans Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Choice of: Wild Mike's Cheese Pizza w or w/o pepperoni Chicken Nuggets w/ Frenchie Knot Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Baked Beans Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Choice of: Mozzarella Sticks Mini Ham Buns Chicken Nuggets w/ Frenchie Knot Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Choice of: Buffalo Chicken Nuggets w/ 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 Broccoli Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Choice of: Baked Potato Bar Chili/Cheese/Sour Cream Chicken Nuggets Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Donut Hole Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Choice of: Pasta Day w/ Meatballs & Sauce Garlic Toast Cheese Pizza w or w/o pepperoni Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/ Cereal Bowl or Muffin</p> <p>Pudding Cup w/ Topping Assorted Vegetable Tray Assorted Fruit Tray</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Cafeteria will be open for Breakfast at 7:40 am Muffin, 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>

