

East Lyme Middle School

Friday, March 31, 2023

Dates to Remember

4/7-4/16 – Spring Break

4/18 – PTA Meeting; 5:00pm

4/27 – Early Dismissal at 11:55; Staff Professional Day

5/8-5/9 & 5/15-5/16 – SBAC Testing

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A Note from the Principal

ELMS Parents and Guardians,

This past January I wrote about the production of Shrek and the benefits to students associated with a comprehensive drama program like we have here at ELMS. Clubs and activities are an important part of student life at any middle school. Here at ELMS, we are fortunate to offer a wide range of opportunities for students to explore their interests. In addition to the advantages, I have mentioned in the past... “gaining a sense of confidence, increasing self-esteem, and learning through patience and perseverance,” clubs are also a great way to establish a connection to school, create long-lasting memories, and develop strong and positive relationships with their peers and mentors. We are excited to have the following clubs and activities up and running this spring:

- Running & Conditioning Club (Mr. Allen)
- 5/6 Camp ELMS (Mrs. Kovalanka)
- 7/8 Camp ELMS (Mrs. Amaral & Mr. Wilkinson)
- Gardening Club (Mr. Cruz)
- Leaders Club (Mrs. Ciacchero and Ms. Berry)
- 7/8 Volleyball Club (Ms. Ennis)
- Intramural Basketball (Mr. Coderre and Mr. Cunningham)
- Art Club (Mr. Bohman)
- Writing Club (Mrs. Mazzella)

A big thanks to all our advisors for engaging students in these meaningful opportunities!

Just a reminder that spring break starts next Friday, April 7th and runs through Sunday, April 16th.

Thanks again for all your support!

All My Best,

Jason

April Update from the ELMS PTA:

Dear Families,

A big thanks to all who donated to the butter braids fundraiser; we raised over \$1200 for our students! Again, these fundraising efforts support Teacher Appreciation Day, assemblies, and special upcoming events. As a reminder, the town budget is still under deliberation; here are some important dates to remember should you want to share your input and/or hear discussions:

- April 24: BOF Public Hearing
- May 8: Annual Town Meeting

As a reminder, we have 2 PTA subcommittees. The dance subcommittee met and planned two upcoming dances - Friday, April 21st from 5:30-7:00 for grades 5 and 6 and 7:30-9:00 for grades 7 and 8! Flier is forthcoming!

The faculty wish list committee also met and respectfully asks for your support on this initiative by purchasing an item on our Amazon Wish List on or before May 1st. All items will ship directly to the school. For more information go to:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/33EYOX2DLVBD6?ref_=wl_share



Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, April 18 from 5:00-6:00 PM in the ELMS lobby. Hope to see you there!

As always, please remember you can always reach out to any PTA board members with questions or ideas:

President: Kate Caristo-Scalora

Vice President: Maia Vargas

Treasurer: Danielle Deeble

Secretary: Rita Quiles-Glover

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