

January 05, 2024

A Note from the Interim Principal

Happy
New Year

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East Lyme Middle School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back from the Holiday break! I hope you had a joyful and restful time with family, friends, and loved ones. As we kick off the New Year, we are excited to share a wonderful upcoming event with you.

Our talented middle school students have been hard at work for months, preparing for the drama production of “Legally Blonde Jr.: The Musical.” When stopping in and observing the rehearsals, this show promises to be a spectacular performance filled with laughter, heart, and incredible scenes from our budding actors and actresses.

Please save the following dates for the show and join us in supporting our students as they bring this story to life on the stage. The show will take place at East Lyme Middle School Café/stage as follows:

Friday, January 12, 2024 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 13, 2024 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 14, 2024 2:00-4:00 p.m.

The cost of tickets is \$10 for students, \$12 for adults, children under age 5 are free. Tickets may be purchased at the door on the day of the show. Please have cash or a check payable to ELMS Activity Fund.

We look forward to your continued support and cannot wait to see you at the show!

Regards,

Claudine Kelly

Pick-up Drop-off reminder:

A safety and security issue has been brought to my attention regarding the well-being of our students. It seems that many children are being dropped off in the morning and are being picked up at the end of the day at the Youth Center. When this occurs, no adult is there to monitor the children in the lot or manage the cars. I kindly ask that parents use the back of ELMS for the allocated drop off/pick up procedures. While I recognize that a line may form at times, the well-being of our children and the supervision and management of safety measures is of utmost importance. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation. - Claudine Kelly



Families,

We wish you the warmest wishes for a joyous holiday season and a happy New Year! Please remember you can always reach out to any board members with questions or ideas. We welcome all ideas and suggestions to help support all students at ELMS.

Exciting Happenings:

NEXT MEETING - Our January meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 18 from 6:30-7:30 PM** in the ELMS cafeteria. We will not be meeting in February due to the shortened month.

SPIRIT Wear - Thank you for supporting the holiday fundraiser. We raised additional funds that will go directly towards student activities such as the dance. Our next PTA-sponsored spirit day is Friday, January 12- kiva color day - [PTA Spirit Day - Color Kiva](#). The student leadership team met with PTA officers and a survey was provided to all students gathering information on what spirit days they would like to have! They will help to promote this spirited day!

February Dance - The PTA-sponsored dance is scheduled for February 9th! More information is forthcoming but if you are interested in helping, please join us for virtual planning committee meeting on Wednesday January 10 at 6:30 - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xaf-prww-dxi> Or dial: (US) +1 513-783-1602 PIN: 317 984 894#

8th Grade Committee - A big thank you to Lindsay Adams, 8th grade parent, who will be leading this committee. Please reach out to her at Lindseya.adams@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping to organize this important event!

MEMBERSHIP/NEW MEMBERSHIP SITE - Please complete the [membership form](#) and return it with your child. You can still be a member. This is required in order to volunteer at PTA-sponsored events and vote on any items. We are very excited to share that our membership form has gone digital! You can now become a member without sending in checks. Please visit <https://elmspta1.memberhub.com/> to join us today. The digital payment platform has a small fee (less than \$2).

FUNDRAISERS - Our next fundraising event will be butter braids which will be happening in late February with delivery in time for Easter.

If you'd like to opt out of fundraisers and just donate funds towards the PTA-sponsored activities, please consider using the alternative PTA form - [Alternate Fundraising Form](#) or donate digitally <https://schoolfundr.org/fund/elmsptaaltfundraiser>

PTA SPONSORED ASSEMBLY - We are looking to sponsor a spring assembly. If you have ideas for a motivational speaker or presentation appropriate for middle school students, please contact us!

Volunteer Forms: Forms are required to be completed to help with events, per school policy - [Volunteer Process Forms](#)

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You can always reach us on the East Lyme Middle School PTA Facebook page too! As always, please remember you can always reach out to any PTA board members with questions or ideas!

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