

January 19, 2024



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East Lyme Middle School

## *A Note from the Interim Principal*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the past two weeks, the administrators at East Lyme Middle School met with all students and teams to review new guidelines regarding expectations and consequences for school-sponsored events/activities/field trips. At each meeting, time was allocated to answering questions and clarifying the changes going into effect. These standards are designed to encourage positive behavior and responsible conduct amongst our students during any school-sponsored event or activity. The aim of these guidelines is meant to promote a safe and positive experience for all participants, recognizing and having our students realize that field trips are a privilege, and considering each child's individual needs and maturity level at each grade level. These new guidelines will go into effect on January 22, 2024.

As always, it is critical for students, parents, staff, and administrators to collaborate to support our student growth and development while at ELMS. There is a parental component, so please take the time to review the following link so you are cognizant of the changes and expectations moving forward.

### [ELMS Field Trip Guidelines](#)

A big congratulations to the cast and crew of *Legally Blonde Jr. the Musical* for three wonderful performances this past weekend. ELMS is so fortunate to have such talent and dedication from our students. I am grateful to our families for the support, time commitment, and dedication. I would like to recognize Ms. Wendelin and Ms. Renski who devoted countless hours and guidance to our students. The combined collaboration of all made for a truly moving weekend of amazing shows.

Regards,

*Claudine Kelly*

# East Lyme Middle School

## Dates to Remember

January 25th	Student Early Dismissal; 11:55 AM Staff Professional Day
January 31st	Last Day for Yearbook Purchases
February 15th	Student Early Dismissal; 11:55 AM Staff Professional Day
February 19th & 20th	School Holiday

Counseling Office Link



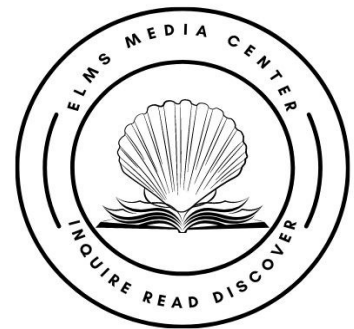
## ELMS 23/24 Yearbooks On Sale Now!



SCAN HERE TO ORDER TODAY

# Only a few weeks left to buy!!

## Media Center Link

EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2024-2025 CALENDAR

# Click here to see the

# 2024-2025

# ELPS Calendar

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Adopted by the Board of Education on November 20, 2023.

### 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

# Around Town

## Wear your favorite sports jersey on Friday, February 9, 2024 to benefit **THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF SOUTHEASTERN CT**



All monies raised will go towards  
Phase III of our Miracle League Field,  
a fully accessible playground!

Donations can be turned in at school or via PayPal

For more info about the Miracle League SECT visit:  
[www.miracleleaguesect.org](http://www.miracleleaguesect.org)

Every child deserves...  
...a chance to play.



Wednesday  
March 20  
3:00 - 4:00  
at the  
East Lyme  
Public Library  
Ages 9 and up  
Pre-registration required  
860-739-6926 ext. 2



East Lyme Scholarship Association, Inc.

Help us recognize the amazing work our ELHS graduates have accomplished  
by helping to sponsor a scholarship.

Donations of less than \$500 go toward East Lyme Scholarship Association  
Scholarships. Scholarships are awarded based on criteria which might  
include: financial need, academic achievement, intended career path,  
community service, or participation in extracurricular activities.

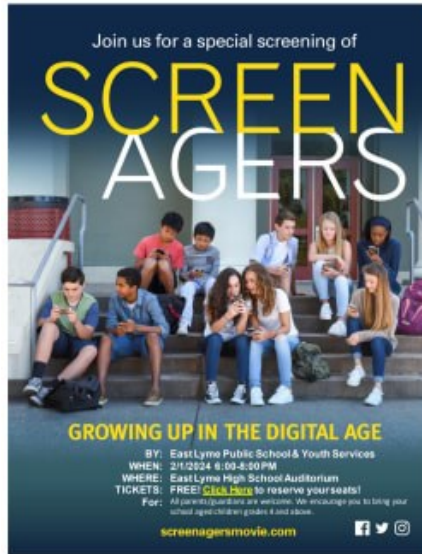
Donations of \$500 or more can be used to establish a new scholarship; the donor  
can choose the criteria and the name of the scholarship.

For more information visit our website:  
[www.eastlymescholarship.org](http://www.eastlymescholarship.org)  
Or email us at: [info@eastlymescholarship.org](mailto:info@eastlymescholarship.org)

Or send your donation to:  
East Lyme Scholarship Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 150  
Niantic CT 06357



The East Lyme Scholarship Association is a 501(c)(3) corporation. Although legally independent of  
East Lyme High School, the Association's primary purpose is to administer and award fully taxable  
scholarship funds to selected members of the senior class at East Lyme High School. Over 3000  
scholarships have been awarded since the inception of the organization in 1969.



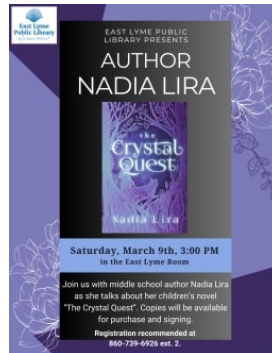
Join us for a special screening of

## SCREENAGERS

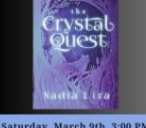
GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

BY: East Lyme Public School & Youth Services  
WHERE: 2/1/2024 6:00-8:00 PM  
WHERE: East Lyme High School Auditorium  
TICKETS: FREE! [Click here](https://www.eastlymepubliclibrary.org) to reserve your seats!  
For: All parents/guardians and students. No charge for bringing your  
school-issued children's book and tablet.

[screenagersmovie.com](http://screenagersmovie.com)



AUTHOR  
NADIA LIRA



Saturday, March 9th, 3:00 PM  
in the East Lyme Room

Join us with middle school author Nadia Lira  
as she talks about her children's novel  
"The Crystal Quest". Copies will be available  
for purchase and signing.  
Registration recommended at  
860-739-6926 ext. 2.



EAST LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY  
PRESENTS  
**ACROBAT LI LIU**

Li Liu will amaze you with her balancing and  
acrobatic tricks. She began her circus career in  
China where she practiced for eight hours a day  
since she was six years old.

SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 21ST  
2:00 - 2:45 pm  
Community Center  
Activity Room

For more information, please visit our website:  
<http://www.eastlymepubliclibrary.org>  
or follow us @east\_lyme\_public\_library



## LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The leadership program engages students in  
promoting positive social change through  
transformative learning, community  
engagement and leadership development.

Starting: Tuesday, January 9, 2024

2:30PM - 3:30PM - HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENTS

3:45PM - 4:45PM - MIDDLE  
SCHOOL STUDENTS

Location:  
Community Center -  
Oliver Chertal Meeting Room  
41 Society Road  
Niantic, CT 06357

Register now at:  
[elearning@eastlyme.org](http://elearning@eastlyme.org)

Funded in partnership with SAMHSA's STOP Act grant



## Join a Girls Circle

For girls and youth who identify with female  
development. Our group brings girls together  
to strengthen each other and share our  
stories, truth, wisdom and possibilities!

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Girls Circle is a place  
where girls can:

- Listen to and support one another
- Develop self-relationships with self and peers
- Voice their ideas and opinions in a safe environment

Where: Community Center -  
Oliver Chertal Meeting Room  
41 Society Road,  
Niantic, CT 06357

When: Mondays 2:30pm-  
3:30pm HIGH SCHOOL/2:30pm-  
3:45pm MIDDLE SCHOOL/3:45pm-4:45pm MIDDLE SCHOOL/4:45pm-5:45pm MIDDLE SCHOOL/5:45pm-6:45pm MIDDLE SCHOOL

Start date: January 8, 2024

Topics & Activities include:

- Body image
- Relationships
- Goal setting
- Assertiveness
- Journaling
- Poetry



For more information/registration contact:  
[elearning@eastlyme.org](mailto:elearning@eastlyme.org)

Participants MUST register, commit  
to all seven sessions,  
and SPACE IS LIMITED!



## Try It Lacrosse Clinic



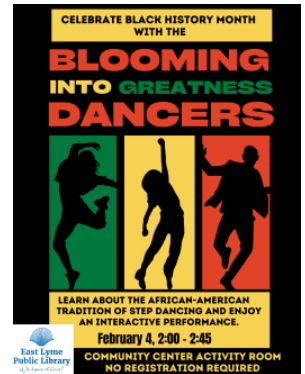
Sponsored by East Lyme Lacrosse Association and  
run by the East Lyme High School Lacrosse Teams

When: Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024  
Sessions: Girls 1-2:15 Boys 2:30-3:45  
Where: Lillie B. Haynes Gym

Cost: Free

- Open to any East Lyme or Salem residents in Grades K-8.
- Come and have fun! You do not need any playing experience or any equipment.
- Learn the basics of the great game of lacrosse
- Clinic will be run by East Lyme High School coaches and players
- Current ELLA players can attend and bring a friend to show them how it is done!

Register at <https://ella.sportnngin.com/>



CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
WITH THE

## BLOOMING INTO GREATNESS DANCERS



LEARN ABOUT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
TRADITION OF STEP DANCING AND ENJOY  
AN INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCE.

February 4, 2:00 - 2:45

COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITY ROOM  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



East Lyme  
Public Library  
We have it all!

## The Clubhouse

Come join us and be a part of our inaugural after school program  
during the winter months at The Clubhouse!

The Clubhouse is located at 36 Industrial Road, adjacent to East Lyme Middle School, offering  
the perfect opportunity for students interested in sport performance training after school!  
Take advantage of this opportunity to keep your children off their devices and get them  
moving!

Our After School Program will run from 3:15 to 4:30PM, Monday thru Thursday (full school  
days only) starting on Tuesday January 2nd. Each class will be taught by a certified personal  
trainer from G's Fitness (Christian Brown). This athletic training program will be centered  
around balance, speed, strength, and agility training/conditioning, and is not an open gym  
concept.

Christian Brown is the director of Sports Performance training at G's Fitness. He is a certified  
personal trainer and specializes in the training of youth, high school, and college  
athletes. Christian's passion in the field of strength and conditioning along with his experience  
helps his athletes with up-to-date training methods. His custom training programs for speed,  
strength, and agility have proven to improve performance in his athletes.

\*Classes 5 thru 8

\*Spots will be limited

\*Sitting discounts offered

PORTION OF REGISTRATION FEES TO BENEFIT ELLS ATHLETIC FUND  
[www.clubhousect.com/afterschool](http://www.clubhousect.com/afterschool)

16 dates (January 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31)

Cost: \$150

February Sessions:

14 dates (February 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29)

Cost: \$115

SPECIAL OFFER: Sign up now for both sessions (January and February, 30 total dates) and receive  
special pricing - 2-month package (30 sessions).  
Cost: \$265



## TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY!

Saturday, February 3  
Visit our Children's Room  
for a free prize from 9am - 4pm







Families,

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 was held on **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. Spirit day was 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 reach out to one of the PTA Officers.

**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 [Lindseyadams@yahoo.com](mailto:Lindseyadams@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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Don't forget to join our East Lyme Middle School facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1042924832497235/>

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!

