March 08, 2024

East Lyme Middle School

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A Note from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the first week of March. Daylight savings is this weekend, and I am hopeful for some sunshine, warmer weather, and additional hours of sunlight at days end. I readily await the presence of spring with flowers and the return of blossoms and the ability to open windows for fresh air! Spring also marks a plethora of events and activities at East Lyme Middle School and within the district. To me, it always seems that the rate and pace of the school year just flies by.

Many of our after-school clubs for the spring session will begin soon. Permission slips are available outside the cafeteria and have been shared via Infinite Campus as clubs become available.

On March 13th, ELMS will host a Parent/Guardian Information Night and Tour for our 2024-2025 grade 5 parents and guardians. Parents and Guardians will be presented with an overview of our school, programs, and the opportunities which ELMS offers. A tour will be given by our Student Leader representatives. Please share this update with any grade 4 families who will be with us at ELMS next year. Communication has been shared with our elementary schools and families; however, word of mouth is always helpful.

School will be in session on Monday, March 11th. This was originally marked as a snowflake day, but due to our last snow day, school will be open. The start of Trimester 3 will begin on Monday, March 11th and report cards will be issued on Friday, March 15th.

Lastly, sign-up links for Student-Led Conferences were sent to families via Infinite Campus this past Tuesday, March 5th. Our conferences are scheduled for the afternoons of March 18th and 19th. Please be sure to visit with your child on these dates. We look forward to having you in the building and having the children share their portfolios and explain their work. Thank you in advance for supporting the children and their learning.

Regards,

Claudine Kelly

Dates to Remember

Monday, March 11th	SCHOOL IS IN SESSION
Wednesday, March 13th 6:00-7:00 pm	Incoming Grade 5 Parent/Guardian Information Night & Tour
March 18th - 19th	Early Dismissal for Students (11:55) Student-Led Conferences (12:45-2:45)
March 20th	Early Dismissal for Students (11:55) Professional Development for Staff
March 22nd	PTA Sponsored Spirit Day
March 29th	No School - School Holiday

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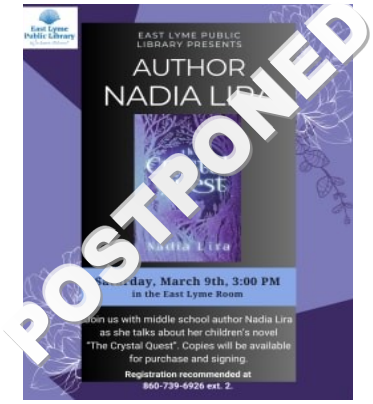

ELMS PTA March 2024

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Families,

First and foremost, we'd like to thank ALL the volunteers who helped organize our PTA-sponsored dance and for all the donations! As many of you are aware, the school was not affiliated with this dance and so without the volunteers and donations this event would not have been possible - thank you, thank you!

The PTA is also sponsoring an upcoming assembly on March 25 which combines amazing BMX bike tricks with educational character messages for all students. Your donations and fundraising efforts help to make this event happen - so thank you.

The town is still deliberating on the school budget. Recently, the Superintendent presented a proposed 2024-2025 budget to the Board of Education and the PTA proposing a 5.77% increase over the current fiscal year. Here are upcoming events to help support the BOE budget:

March 25: 5:30 PM Presentation to the Board of Finance at Town Hall

Upcoming PTA Events:

Next Meeting Date - Tuesday, March 21 from 6:30-7:30PM in the ELMS cafeteria. Hope to see you there!

Final Fundraiser: Our final fundraiser is Butterbraids! Purchase desserts and pastries just in time for Easter. Order forms were sent home, and the fundraiser ends on March 4! Orders will be delivered to the school for pickup on Monday, March 18 (Parent-Teacher Conference day)! Here is the link for information - https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/ZYJR 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

Spring Book Fair: The book fair is back! The dates will be March 18-22. A big thank you to Maura Ament for taking the lead in organizing this great event! Although students will have an opportunity to shop during the school day, the fair will also be open during parent-teacher conferences! **We will need volunteers.** Please use this link and scroll down to the volunteer link - Scholastic Book Fair

Spirit Day: In addition, PTA along with the student leadership team will be providing our students with another spirit day - Decade Day on Friday, March 22 - Spirit Day - Decade Day

Teacher Appreciation Day: On May 7 we will be organizing a luncheon for our fantastic teachers. This will be a focus of conversation at the next meeting. We will need help. Please consider donating or being part of the committee when information goes out.

8th Grade Committee - A big thank you to Lindsey 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! She will be scheduling meetings in April. More to come!

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

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