March 22, 2024

East Lyme Middle School

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A Note from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for attending our recent Student-Led Conferences. I hope you were able to see the outstanding instruction your children receive at East Lyme Middle School through their work samples. I had the opportunity to view many amazing projects, essays, and lab summaries utilizing the concepts of claim, evidence, and reasoning. Walking through a team exemplifies the student work and the high standards shown. I hope you enjoyed viewing the student work that surrounds the walls of the classrooms and hallways.

I have included a link for your feedback after your visit. Please take a moment to share your experience with us. We are always looking for ways to improve future visits. Student-Led Conference Feedback

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The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success this week and has been a significant event at ELMS for many years. We owe this success to the dedication and volunteer efforts of our PTA. We are fortunate to have such a committed PTA that strives to provide our students with the best experiences. A portion of the book fair's proceeds help with funding these experiences. On Monday, March 25th, the PTA is sponsoring a presentation by Mannie Nogueira, a professional BMX athlete. His message will focus on “anti-bullying, living out your dreams, achieving goals through dedication, or healthy eating.” A BIG THANK YOU for this opportunity.

As a reminder, school will not be in session next Friday, March 29th. Please enjoy the long weekend with your families.

Regards,

Claudine Kelly

Dates to Remember

March 28th	Grade 4 Music Expo, 6:00 PM, ELMS Gym
March 29th	No School - School Holiday
April 2nd	No School - Professional Development
April 8th-12th	No School - School Holiday

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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:

Final Fundraiser: Our final fundraiser was Butterbraids! Order forms were sent home, and the fundraiser ended on March 4!

Spring Book Fair: The book fair was held this past week, March 18-22. A big thank you to Maura Ament for taking the lead in organizing this great event! Students had the opportunity to shop during the school day, and the fair will was open during parent-teacher conferences!

Spirit Day: In addition, PTA along with the student leadership team provided our students with another spirit day - Decade Day was 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.

VOLUNTEER FORMS: Forms are required to be completed to help with events, per school policy - Volunteer Process Forms

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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