

A Note from the Principal

May 3, 2024



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East Lyme Middle School

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe we are already entering May. I want to take a moment to share some highlights and updates of occurrences here at East Lyme Middle School. Our students have been involved in a range of engaging activities and events, and I am happy to share them with you!

SBAC assessments are scheduled for the following dates: May 7, 9, 14, 15, 16. NGSS assessments are May 21st and 23rd. The assessment window will run from approximately 8:40-10:00am on these days. I am asking if you can support us from home by making sure that your child comes to school with their device fully charged. It would be greatly appreciated if families would schedule appointments outside the testing times. Though these are only one measure of student progress, please discuss with your students the importance of these assessments.

The **Gardening Club** has done a wonderful job enhancing our school grounds; the planter out front is a colorful and vibrant welcome to the entry of our building. Also, the students have helped with the upkeep of several established gardens around the building. This includes the Butterfly Garden, The Memorial Reflecting Garden, The Veteran's Memorial, and the 9/11 Garden. Not only did our students enhance the flora around ELMS, but they provided our birds with a bird nesting apparatus, helping to provide nest building materials to the wildlife. A big thank you to Mr. Cruz and the members of our Gardening Club!



Our grade 8 students on the **Whelks** and **Big Blue** recently hosted **Inertialand!** Students worked during their science classes and presented their creative amusement park ride models to other grade levels and their former teachers. The children shared their knowledge of the physics of amusement park rides. The information acquired during the physics and motion unit will be utilized at an off-site arena, as students are expected to apply aspects of what they learned while they are on the upcoming Quassy field trip.

Additionally, our students will be showcasing their musical talents at our upcoming spring concerts. We look forward to seeing you at the shows: May 30th - Choir at ELMS, and June 4th - Orchestra, June 5th - Band at East Lyme High School. All performances will begin at 6:00pm.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education. We look forward to many more exciting experiences and opportunities in the coming weeks.

Regards,

Claudine Kelly

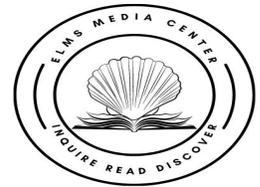
Dates to Remember

May 24 th	No School - Snowflake Day
May 27 th	No School - School Holiday
May 31 st	Spirit Day - School Colors
June 6 th	Grade 8 - Class Day / Grades 5,6,7 - Fun Day
June 12 th	Grade 8 Class Night
June 13 th	Early Dismissal (11:55) - Last Day Of School

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When: August 12th to 16th, 2024
Location: East Lyme Middle School

Registration Contact: For information or questions about this bike camp please email Dave Putnam at dpmileect@gmail.com or call 860-550-4163. Please scan the QR Code below for price, session times, and to register.

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Families,

This will be our last newsletter for the school year! We appreciate all of your support this school year. We were able to accomplish so much with your support - Spirit days, fall and spring assemblies, supporting implementation of a new water fountain for Earth day, supported 8th grade event, school-wide dance, supported field day, teacher appreciation day, to just name a few!



Exciting Events

We had a few exciting events this past month. In addition to the Earth day spirit day, on March 22, PTA sponsored a donation towards a new water fountain for easy and efficient use of filling water bottles - both in the cafeteria and the gym!



Upcoming Events

Teacher Appreciation Day

PTA will provide all staff with a luncheon and flowers on Tuesday, May 7 during Teacher Appreciation Week. PTA funds will cover the major costs of the luncheon, however we had incredibly generous families also purchase some needed items such as paper goods, raffle Amazon gift cards, and flowers. We are incredibly grateful and will surely share pictures on our facebook page after the event! In addition, we asked faculty to identify items that would enhance classroom instruction and student growth. We used this information to create an **East Lyme Middle School Wish List**. With your help, we would like to fulfill all of these wishes for Teacher Appreciation Week. Please consider supporting this initiative by purchasing an item on our Amazon Wish List as soon as possible! We are hoping to have all the items in the week of Teacher Appreciation week! All items will ship directly to the school. For more information go to: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/33EYOX2DLVBD6?ref=wl_share



Nomination Committee/Positions Opened

It is time to nominate individuals to serve on the 2024-2025 PTA Board. The following new position is vacant - president-elect. The president-elect aids the president and vice president, performs the duties of the president in the president's absence or inability to serve, and performs such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the president, the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee. Nominations can be sent to Kate Caristo at katecaristoscalora@gmail.com by May 10. You can nominate yourself or someone else. A formal vote by current PTA members will be held on May 16, 2024. If you have any further questions about the roles and responsibilities of this position, please contact the PTA president, Rita Quiles-Glover at ritaglover@sbcglobal.net. Serving as an officer of the PTA is a great way to become involved and support your student(s) and school. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help our school community.

Join the PTA!



LAST Spirit Day - All School Spirit day on Friday, May 31

Let's celebrate our final spirit day wearing school colors and ELMS spirit wear on May 31. We are also doing our final spirit wear sale for this Spring. All items must be purchased by May 16 and will be delivered to your house! New items have been added for the Spring - Please use this [link](#) if interested and have your order in no later than May 16th.



8th Grade Subcommittee

A big thank you to Lindsey Adams, 8th grade parent, who will be leading this committee. More information is forthcoming from the committee who met this past month. Please contact Lindseya.adams@yahoo.com if you are interested in more information or getting involved!

LAST Meeting Date - Thursday, May 16 from 6:30-7:30PM in the cafeteria. Don't forget when you attend you get an opportunity to win a gift card! Each meeting there is a teacher representative who provides updates, as well as administration. Nominations for open board positions will be accepted. Please let us know if you are interested in the President-Elect board position. Hope to see you there!



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

President: Rita Quiles-Glover: ritaglover@sbcglobal.net

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