

A Note from the Principal

May 17, 2024

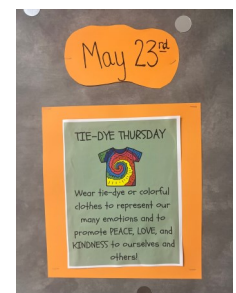
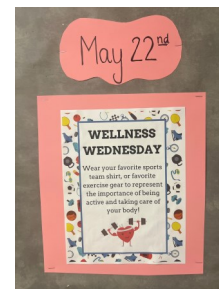
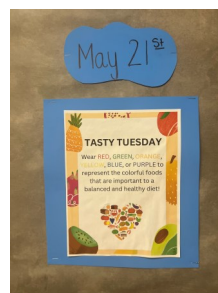
Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our East Lyme Middle School Girls' Basketball Team was bestowed with an enormous honor this past week. The team was selected as the 2023-2024 recipients of the Roger LaFrancois Sr. Sportsmanship Award.

The girls' team was recognized for their outstanding demonstration of sportsmanship throughout their season of play. The IAABO, Board 8 Basketball Referees Association selected the ELMS girls' basketball team from a pool of over thirty middle school teams within Connecticut. Not only were our girls successful with the regular season, but they earned a spot in this year's tournament finals as well as conducted themselves and represented ELMS with positivity, grace, and respect for themselves, their opponents, as well as the officials of the game! Congratulations to Coach Asciolla and her players. Way to go!!!!



As part of Mental Health Awareness month, next week our school will host a variety of "spirit days" to promote wellness. Please see the themes for each day below and assist us in reminding our students to participate to bring an alertness to this cause:



Warm Regards,

Claudine Kelly

@eastlymems



East Lyme Middle School

Dates to Remember

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

EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2024-2025 CALENDAR

[Click here to see the 2024-2025 ELPS Calendar](#)

Adopted by the Board of Education on November 20, 2023

Around Town

EAST LYME YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

KIDS NIGHT

FRIDAY | 6P-9P | MAY 31ST
A NIGHT OF GAMES, MOVIES, PIZZA & FRIENDS

LOCATION: EAST LYME YOUTH CENTER
COST: \$30 PER CHILD
OPEN TO GRADES 1ST-8TH

REGISTER ONLINE THROUGH REC DESK OR IN PERSON AT THE PARK AND REC OFFICE
SPACE IS LIMITED



East Lyme Crew Team fundraiser!

Round up or donate at the register when shopping at **Tri-Town, May 12 - 25**

Winners of the 2023 State Cup!
We compete in 2024 States later this month.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM
East Lyme Public Library

Young Adult Pride Month Book Discussion and Craft: Too Bright to See by Kyle Lukoff

Join us as we talk about *Too Bright to See* by Kyle Lukoff and craft rainbow bracelets!

Wednesday, June 26 at 3:00 pm
East Lyme Public Library
To register call 860-739-6926 ext. 2 or email rsotcka@ely.lioninc.org

Summer at the Library!
Registration starts June 13!

ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY.

Summer Reading for Birth through Tweens:

- Sign up at the Library and pick up your summer reading log on or after June 13.
- Show us your reading progress and earn a new prize each week!

Weekly Summer Programming:

- STEAM Workshops for Pre-K and Grades 1-8 at the Library
- Storytime for All Ages at Hole-in-the-Wall Beach
- Baby Storytime at the Library

Free Family Fun Shows at McCook's Point Park co-sponsored by East Lyme Parks and Recreation

Storybook Trail at Samuel M. Peretz Park at Bridebrook. Tell us the password within the story and win a small prize!

Check out an adventure with our Nature Backpacks and Story Puppet Kits!

For more information visit our website or follow us @east_lyme_public_library

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ELRA Summer Camp 2024

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 provided all staff with a luncheon and flowers on Tuesday, May 7 during Teacher Appreciation Week. PTA funds covered 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

May 10th was the deadline 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. A formal vote by current PTA members was held on May 16, 2024.

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 have been purchased by May 16. Delivered will be made to your house!



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 Lindsey.adams@yahoo.com if you are interested in more information or getting involved!

LAST Meeting Date - Thursday, May 16th was the last meeting date for this school year.



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

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