FALL 2026 SEASONAL NEWSLETTER

Ellington Youth Services

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HOURS: Monday: 8:00-6:30, Tuesday-Thursday: 8:00-4:30, Friday: Closed

Stay Connected With Us!

Ellington Unified

Ellington Unified and EYS connect families, schools, and the community to foster belonging and support youth with different abilities and their families.

To keep up with the latest updates, be sure to follow us on social media:

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Developing Positive Youth Culture

Established in 1996, the Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture (DPYC) works with the community, schools, and town agencies to create and sustain a positive culture for Ellington's youth.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:
Meetings alternate at Ellington Middle School and Hall Memorial Library
September 21 • 2:45pm @ EMS
October 19 • 6:00pm @ HML
November 16 • 2:45pm @ EMS

To join DPYC and learn more, visit: youth.ellington-ct.gov
{click DPYC button on homepage}

EYS Alliance

EYS Alliance is an EYS student-based group connecting them with their community while developing leadership through service, education, and advocacy.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:
All meetings take place at the Ellington Senior Center from 6:30-7:30pm
September 14 • October 5 • November 2
January 11 • March 1

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The Balance Project

The Balance Project unites parents, educators, and community leaders to support youth well-being and encourage a balanced approach to technology.

Interested in being part of the change?
All meetings take place at Ellington Middle School at 6pm
August 25 • September 29 • October 27
November 24 • January 29 • February 23
March 30 • April 27 • May 25

The Balance Project

September 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21 Sensory Chef · 3-6 · 5-6pm	22 K-2 · 5-6pm	23	24 Wild Faces Workshop 3-6 · 5-6pm	25 Ellington Unified 5:30-6:30pm · RTP
28 DIY Jewelry And Accesories · Teen 5-6pm	29 K-2 · 5-6pm	30 Leaf Crafting B-5 · 5-6pm Sibling Game Night		

October 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Through The Generations 3-6 · 5-6pm	2 Ellington Unified
5	6 K-2 · 5-6pm	7 Pipe Cleaner Crafts B-5 · 5-6pm Sibling Game Night	8	9 Ellington Unified
12	13 K-2 · 5-6pm	14 DIY Paper Pizzas B-5 · 5-6pm Sibling Game Night	15	16 Ellington Unified 5:30-6:30pm · CLS
19	20 K-2 · 5-6pm	21 Macaroni Names B-5 · 5-6pm Sibling Game Night	22 Capture The Flag 3-6 · 5-6pm · Center School Gym	23 Ellington Unified
26	27 K-2 · 5-6pm	28 Candy Corn Sorting B-5 · 5-6pm Sibling Game Night	29 Handball 3-6 · 5-6pm · CSG	30 Ellington Unified Halloween Party 5:30-6:30pm · SC

November 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Minecraft Build Battle Ages 8+ · 4:30-6pm Character Creation in Pixel Art · Ages 8+ · 6:15-7:45pm	3	4 Safe Sitter · 9-2:30pm Fingerpainting Fun B-5 · 5-6pm Sibling Game Night	5 Obstacle Course Fun 3-6 · 5-6pm · CSG	6 Ellington Unified 5:30-6:30pm · CLS
9 Minecraft Build Battle 6-8 · 4:30-6pm Character Creation in Pixel Art · Ages 8+ · 6:15-7:45pm	10 Tree Painting B-5 · 5-6pm Sibling Game Night	11	12 Knights World Cup 3-6 · 5-6pm · CSG	13
16 Minecraft Build Battle Ages 8+ · 4:30-6pm Character Creation in Pixel Art · Ages 8+ · 6:15-7:45pm	17 Slime Time B-5 · 5-6pm Sibling Game Night	18 Creative Knight Crafts Beaded Corn Crafts K-2 · 5-6pm	19 Dodgeball · 3-6 5-6pm · CSG	20
23 Band Together · Teen 5-6pm	24 Worry Stones B-5 · 5-6pm Sibling Game Night	25	26	27
30 Minecraft Build Battle Ages 8+ · 4:30-6pm Character Creation in Pixel Art · Ages 8+ · 6:15-7:45pm				

December 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Kinetic Sandcastles B-5 · 5-6pm Sibling Game Night	2 Safe at Home · 1-2:30pm Creative Knight Crafts Paper Plate Pies K-2 · 5-6pm	3 DIY Cardboard Wreaths Teen · 5-6pm	4 Crafts and Sensory Fun 5:30-6:30pm · Ellington Youth Services
7 Minecraft Build Battle Ages 8+ · 4:30-6pm Character Creation in Pixel Art · Ages 8+ · 6:15-7:45pm	8 Jellyfish Swarm B-5 · 5-6pm Sibling Game Night	9 Creative Knight Crafts Holiday Crafts K-2 · 5-6pm	10	11 Ellington Unified Holiday Party 5:30-6:30pm · SC

We handle the mess… so you don't have to! Kids create, discover, squish, sprinkle, swirl, and craft their way through playful projects that change weekly and keep them engaged from start to finish. Parent attendance required for programs.

Adventure Explorers invites students to investigate the world around them through hands-on activities, creative challenges, and playful exploration. Perfect for curious kids who love to try new things and jump into action.

Classes that encourage creativity & embrace mess! Each week of this session will have a special theme and project. Students will learn art techniques and use different supplies.

Knights at Play is an engaging physical activity program designed to help children build confidence and teamwork through active play. Kids will enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor games, fitness challenges, and skill building, in a fun and supportive environment. All events will take place in the Center School gymnasium.

Minecraft Build Battle

Minecraft Build Battle provides a structured, creative environment where students complete themed building challenges while developing planning, communication, problem-solving, and teamwork skills. Through individual or team builds, students practice time management, respectful competition, giving and receiving feedback, and celebrating creativity and effort—all while enjoying Minecraft as a positive, guided social experience.

11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7 • Ages 8+ • 4:30-6pm • $75

Character Creation In Pixel Art

Character Creation in Pixel Art gives students the opportunity to design, outfit, and animate their own unique characters. Participants will create digital art and GIFs featuring movements, victories, defeats, and more while building creativity, confidence, and digital art skills in a fun, beginner-friendly environment.

11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7 • Ages 8+
6:15-7:45pm • $75

Tuesday 11/4
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
GRADES 6-8
$75
EYS (31 ARBOR WAY)

Safe Sitter

Safe Sitter essentials with CPR is a class designed to prepare students to be safe when they are home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. **Bring a lunch!**

Wednesday 12/2
1:00-2:30 PM
GRADES 4-6
$50
EYS (31 ARBOR WAY)

Safe @ Home

This one day program is designed to prepare students to be safe when they are home alone.

ALL PROGRAMS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION ON ACTIVENET

All programs are open to all residents regardless of economic status.
We are here to help! Contact us for information on assistance.