

ELMS

East Lyme Middle School

OCTOBER 2, 2009



PICTURE DAYS: OCTOBER 8TH AND 9TH



Parents, Students, Teachers and Staff: The **Magazine Drive** was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who ordered or renewed magazine subscriptions. Gross sales amount as this time is approximately \$30,000. Actual earnings will be determined at a later point.

Please remember that you can continue to order magazines on-line. ELMS will receive credit for those orders. Go to "QSP.com". ELMS account number is 425007953.

A special thank you to Flavia, Paula, Terri, Janine, Christie, Carolyn, Diana and Kim—I could not have gotten through order forms, checks, and prize distribution without you. A special thanks to the custodial staff for making sure that I had everything I needed to "set up shop."

To the students, I hope you enjoyed the crazy hats, the disappearing neckties, and visits from Dakota the Husky. I want to commend you on your patience while waiting in the long prize lines, your politeness, your promptness in returning your homebase envelopes, and above all your honesty concerning prizes. I look forward to working with you all again next year.

To the staff "in the trenches" - thanks for wearing the hats and the disappearing neckties, moving Dakota, making announcements, controlling the crowds (on prize day), and fielding questions.

Thank you again for all your support. **HAPPY READING AND LISTENING!**
Rosemary Littlefield, Magazine Drive Chair

If your student is going on a different bus or walking to another location after school, please send them in with a note for the morning. We will not allow your student to call home during the day to make these arrangements. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

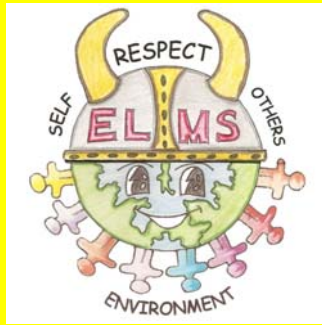
The Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessment will be administered to all students beginning next week. Students are tested in four areas: low back flexibility, upper body strength, abdominal strength, and cardiovascular endurance. The mile run will take place during the week of October 5th. The tests will be given during the students' regular Physical Education class. Parents will receive a copy of their child's Fitness scores later this year. Feel free to contact your child's Physical Education teacher with any questions.



SAVE THE DATE!
5/6th grade Halloween
Social
Friday, October 30th, 6 -8 pm. in the cafeteria



PBS (Positive Behavior Support)



East Lyme Middle School has implemented a new program in order to ensure the success of all students. All staff are involved including teachers, custodians, secretaries, instructional assistants, cafeteria staff, and bus drivers. The emphasis of this school-wide program is to encourage students to:

Respect Self

Respect Others

Respect Environment

PBS encourages staff and parents to share 4 positive comments with children for every 1 negative comment. Students are acknowledged for positive behavior that connects to these expectations, sometimes with tickets called Viking Vouchers, while other times students are given verbal praise. These tickets may be used at the school store to redeem items or to enter into raffles.

Since the beginning of the school year, students have been doing a great job and we appreciate all the enthusiasm from students and parents for this new program. Please feel free to talk to your children about PBS.

TEAM NEWS:

Neptunes: October's monthly newsletter is being sent home today. A permission slip for a November field trip was sent home last Friday. Please ask your child for these items!

Field trip permission slip for Plimoth Plantation are due for the **Sea Hawks** team by Wednesday, October 7th.

Physical Education news: all students in grades 5-8 will take the Connecticut Fitness Assessment during their PE class. The assessments include: back save sit and reach, curl ups, pushups and the mile run. Parents will receive a copy of their child's test scores later this year.

Save the date: "Taste of the Arts" will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2009 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. You will have a chance to meet your child's Life Arts teachers and see what students are learning. Students will be showcased in a variety of events throughout the festivities. The Leaders Club will hold a Bake Sale in the main foyer during the Taste of the Arts program. Your Life Arts teachers are looking forward to another extraordinary event!



REMINDER TO PARENTS ABOUT NOTES :

When you send a note in with your student about an early dismissal, etc. please make sure both first and last name of the student is included. Thank you!

East Lyme Youth Services

**45 Society Rd, Niantic, CT 06357
860-739-6788**

2009-2010 Activities Application

(one application per person)

Child's Name _____ Age _____ School _____ Grade entering _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ E-mail Address _____

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____ Guardian(s) _____

Employer (Mother) _____ Phone _____ Employer (Father) _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact (other than parent) _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____ Parent/Guardian(s) Cell Phone Number _____

Please list any medical restrictions including allergies that your child may have: _____

Family Medical/Health Plan Name _____ Policy/Group Number _____

Optional Information

Family Income Level: Below \$14,350 _____ \$14,350-\$26,550 _____ \$26,550-\$40,000 _____ Above \$40,000 _____

Ethnic/Racial Origin: Asian _____ Black _____ Hispanic _____ White _____ Other _____

I, _____ give my son/daughter _____ permission to participate in the East Lyme Youth Services Association (ELYSA) activities. I further understand that the ELYSA is not **responsible for the time or manner in which my child arrives or leaves the Youth Center and/or off site events.**

I give my child permission to walk or be transported to the event associated with ELYS. I understand that ELYS and its personnel are not responsible for personal injury or loss of property. I give permission for photographs of my child at the event to be used in any and all marketing materials produced by the ELYS. I also understand that my child is expected to follow the ELYS rules and his/her participation can be suspended or revoked at any time without refund of fees.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the ELYS activities, the undersigned acknowledges, and agrees that: The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program may be significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and I knowingly and freely assume all such risk, both known and unknown.

I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release and hold harmless East Lyme Youth Services, its employees, volunteers, directors, sponsoring agencies, and advertisers with respect to any and all injury, disability, or death incurred while traveling to or from or participating in these activities.

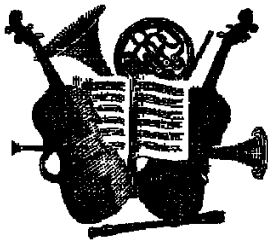
I certify that my child is in good physical condition and fully able to participate in all activities.

Taste of the Arts - "Middle School Style"

6:30-6:40 **Introduction to: "Taste of the Arts Night"** - Viewed at your first period room on

	Music	Phys Ed.	Life Skills	Tech Ed.	Visual Arts	World Language
6:40-6:55	Gr. 5 IPAS Band Demo @ Mariners Kiva Gr.5 Orchestra on Stage	Phys. Ed. Open House gr. 5-8	Gr. 6 Baking @ Rm. 157	Tech. Ed Grade 7- 8 Presentation @ Rm. 151	OPEN STUDIO @ RM 118/119	OPEN HOUSE @ MEETING HOUSE HILL KIVA
7:01-7:16	Gr. 8- Transition to HS Band @ Band Rm. 103	Swing Dance @ Gym Gr. 7 & 8	Life Skills Open House @ Rm. 155 gr. 5-8	Tech. Ed Grade 5-6 Presentation @ Rm. 151	OPEN STUDIO @ RM 118/119	OPEN HOUSE @ MEETING HOUSE HILL KIVA
7:22-7:37	Grade 5 - Choir @ Stage	Phys. Ed. Open House gr. 5-8	Hand Sewing Grade 7 @ Rm. 154	Tech Ed Open House gr. 5-8	OPEN STUDIO @ RM 118/119	OPEN HOUSE @ MEETING HOUSE HILL KIVA
7:43-7:58	Grade 5 - 8 General Music— Rm. 105	LINE DANCE @ GYM Grade 5 & 6	Life Skills Open House @ Rm. 154 gr. 5-8	Tech Ed Open House gr. 5-8	STUDIO CLEAN-UP	OPEN HOUSE @ MEETING HOUSE HILL KIVA

The Leaders Club is holding a Bake Sale!



Parents, Caregivers, Staff, and Students,

It is hard to believe that October is here. I would like to remind you all that ELMS participates in the Box Tops for Education Program. Every year, Box Tops adds new products to the hundreds already carrying those familiar pink logos. Be sure to check baking mixes, beverages, cereals, frozen foods, meals and side dishes, refrigerated and dairy items, snacks, baby and child care items, school and office supplies, storage bags and containers, personal care items, disposable tableware and cookware items, and waste bags.

In times like these, schools need all the help they can get. Our Box Tops program can make a significant contribution to our school's bottom line, providing thousands of dollars to spend any way it needs—in fact, up to \$20,000 each from the Clip, Marketplace and Reading Room programs!

Box Tops Clips - Look for Box Top coupons on hundreds of products in grocery, discount, and club stores.

Box Tops Marketplace - The Marketplace is an online shopping program where school supporters can shop at more than 100 favorite online retailers. **A percentage of all qualifying purchases will be automatically credited to your school.** All shoppers need to do is start their shopping trip at the Marketplace on btfe.com and click on their selected retailer.

Box Tops Reading Room - Box Tops and Barnes & Noble have teamed to create the Reading Room, which is an online shopping program with an emphasis on children's books, including seasonal recommendations and Top 10 lists. **When school supporters buy books through the Box Tops Reading Room at btfe.com, your school automatically earns 6% on new book purchases and 3% on all other purchases.**

My Class Essentials - The new "My Class Essentials" program is an exciting new way to earn cash for your schools with Box Tops - up to \$20,000 each year - while helping your school's children get the learning tools and classroom essentials they need. Tell your school's teachers to sign up for the program at btfe.com and create a "My Class Essentials" registry for classroom items that they need. School supporters can log on to befe.com to view their teacher's registry and make purchases to help their classroom. Two percent of their "My Class Essentials" registry purchases will be credited to your school's Box Tops program.

Our first submission date for the year is October 29th. This date is fast approaching, please send your Box Tops to school with your student or drop by the main office and place them in the Box Tops box. Students in Mrs. DePaola's class will be sorting, cutting, and preparing the Box Tops for submission. This is a huge job. On behalf of the entire school, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Did you know... Thomas Edison invented the light bulb on October 21, 1879. *Be sure to check to see if light bulb packages have Box Tops offers.*

If you have any questions about Box Tops or would like to find more information, go to www.btfe.com. Be sure to select East Lyme Middle School (ELMS) when making online purchases. Look for more valuable tips in the newsletters throughout the year.

Thank you for supporting this valuable program. *Rosemary Littlefield, Box Tops Coordinator*