



Mission: *“The East Windsor Public Schools provide a climate that inspires the school community to achieve their full potential through continuous improvement, mutual trust and respect. A rigorous curriculum, taught by outstanding educators, motivates students to acquire fundamental, critical thinking and problem solving skills necessary to become life-long learners and productive members of a global and diverse society.”*



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

John V. Pica-Sneeden

The 2006-2007 school year is coming to an end. I can't believe how fast the school year went. We have had a great time. So many wonderful things have happened. A dozen high school seniors spent March 7 at the Education Day on Capitol Hill. They had the opportunity to meet Governor Jodi Rell and hear her speak about education, and even had their picture taken with the governor.



The boys' varsity basketball team took the state championship. I'm proud of all of our athletes who do their very best with style and sportsmanship.

There were two great drama productions--**Snow White** at the East Windsor Middle School and **Grease** at the High School. Concerts and art shows are coming up this month.

I had the pleasure of going to the National School Boards Conference in April. I met many board of education members from around the country. I found out that we are doing a great job here in East Windsor. We are ahead of many school districts around the country.

We welcomed our new superintendent of schools Mr. Timothy Howes. Mr. Howes has worked in East Windsor in many capacities over a number of years. We are proud to have him as the leader of our school family.

I would like to congratulate all the eighth graders who will be going on to high school in September and the seniors in the Class of 2007. Whether you are going on to a trade school, two or four-year college, into the military or job force, I hope you will look back on East Windsor with fond memories. Good luck in all of your future endeavors. Have a great summer.

From the Desk of the Superintendent of Schools

Timothy S. Howes

The spring season is in full swing and we are certainly busy here at the schools. This is the time of year when it seems that everything is going on all at once. Graduation is just around the corner and the high school is preparing for this wonderful event. This year's graduation is our 50th graduation for the high school. Students first entered the high school in the fall of 1955 and two years later we had the first graduation with the class of 1957. In 1957, Eisenhower was president, Dr Seuss' published the "The Cat in the Hat", the FBI arrested Jimmy Hoffa, the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles, the Red Sox still had not won a World Series and gas was about 27 cents a gallon. Fast forward fifty years later; we have our 50th graduating class, Bush is the President, the Dodgers are still in Los Angeles, the Red Sox finally won a World Series and gas is over \$3.00 a gallon. What has remained the same is that we have students graduating into the world to accomplish wonderful things, the school was proud of its graduates then and we are proud of our graduates now.

This spring we celebrated the town's 239th birthday at the 19th annual Community Day festival. The Community Day festival is an exciting event which showcases all the great things that make up East Windsor. The Community Day Committee, which was chaired by JoAnn Kubick, did a fantastic job organizing the event, and we would like to thank them for their work coordinating the events.

This year the Middle School participated in "The Atlantic Salmon Project", and they raised salmon for release in Connecticut's rivers and streams. Mr. Paradise has a great article in this issue which details the history behind the restoration project.

The spring weather is here and it is a nice time to be outside playing sports and enjoying the day. Ms. Dugas, the Director of Curriculum, has a great column on TV watching in America. The favorite past time for Americans today is TV watching and Ms. Dugas' article has some convincing statistics regarding TV watching. So turn off the TV, read her column and get outside and enjoy the nice spring weather.

We in the school system are very appreciative of the support we get from the town and the community and would like to thank East Windsor residents for your help and assistance. Without you, we could not do all the wonderful things that we do.



Broad Brook Elementary School

Local Author Visits Broad Brook School

In April the students in grades two, three and four were lucky to spend time with local author Pegi Deitz Shea. Pegi has written picture books, novels, and nonfiction texts. She shared her newest nonfiction book, Patience Wright: America's First Sculptor and Revolutionary Spy, with the third and fourth grade students and Ten Mice for Tet with the second grade students. Pegi shared the historical and cultural setting of her books through a slide presentation.

She reinforced the practice of revision and the creative rewards of rewriting. Pegi has never had a book go to press in fewer than 10 drafts! She showed the children first drafts and final drafts of her writing and illustrations. They discussed the similarity and differences and how the illustrations and word choice need to be factual and match the text. Pegi also talked about the importance of research and how she does research while writing a nonfiction text. The second grade students were able to make character connections by playing Vietnamese musical instruments in their own parade at Broad Brook School.

The children asked her compelling questions about her life as an author:

How do you get your ideas for your books? What is your favorite book you have written and why? Is it hard to keep revising your work? What is the next book you are working on?

Look for her next book on Noah Webster in January 2008!



East Windsor Middle School

Middle School Activities

Some seventh and eighth grade Middle School students participated in History Day. This event invited students throughout the state to develop history projects related to the theme of "Triumph and Tragedy in History". We are proud of the work completed by Nick Parker, Kaleigh Pirolo, Alexandra and Rebecca George, Patrick O'Konis, and Dan Topazio. In addition, there were some students who placed in their division and should be congratulated: McKensie Collins, Jamie Kesler, Billy Kehoe and Kevin O'Donnell.

In addition, our Future Problem Solvers demonstrated excellent skills and were invited to participate in the State Conference. We were one of the best out of 39 teams in the state. Members included Joe Couture, Kevin O'Donnell, Omar Sarwar and Alexandra George.

April conferences were completed just before vacation. Teachers reported over 90% of the parents communicated with the child's teacher during this period.

The eighth grade completed an extensive interdisciplinary unit on the novel The Giver. Students worked in teams to develop their own society. They developed an economic system, a government, a constitution, and a way of life for the citizens of their new world. All of the eighth grade teachers did an outstanding job helping the students develop their society.

The sixth grade science fair was another huge success. Thanks to all the students who participated and to Ms. Mastrangelo who organized the event once again.

The sixth grade completed the Salmon Recovery Project and returned the hatched eggs to the Salmon River in Colchester. Students spent the day examining the natural habitat of the region and learned more about the ecosystem that supports the Salmon River.



East Windsor High School

We have just entered into the fourth quarter of the school year and we are amazed at how the time has flown by. The administration is planning a series of conversations with each class to remind students about behavior and academic expectations for the fourth quarter. We are continuing to stress the importance of our curriculum and the teaching and learning that has driven our learning community this year. The administrative team has been creating conversations around the concept of increasing the rigor and relevance of our curriculum while simultaneously increasing the quality of the instruction that our students receive. Additionally, we are using the concept of Professional Learning Communities to foster alignment between daily lesson objectives and the state standards, which our students are held accountable for on the CAPT.

I am extremely excited about the **PRIDE** that has developed among the faculty, staff, parents and students. I believe that we have a specific duty to perform in order to make sure that all students feel successful upon graduation. We all have a duty to perform as we make the lives of our students the top priority.

In the month of April we were able to resurrect East Windsor High School's student-led and student-run newspaper, the Prowler. In its inaugural edition, Meagan Reichle, editor and chief, played upon an idea to bring a voice back to the students of East Windsor. Meagan has plans to expand the influence of the paper into all sectors of the school community. Presently, there are approximately fifteen members on the newspaper staff and it is growing. The next issue is scheduled to go to print by the middle of May.

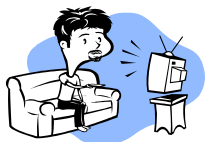
Community service continues to be a vital part of a cohesive school community. This past weekend several students joined together with members of the Scantic Church to collect canned food items. The drive was conducted between 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Saturday April 28. We are currently planning to participate in another drive during the week of May 8.

In March, East Windsor Public Schools participated in the East of the River Teacher Recruitment Fair. We are continuing the teacher recruitment process during May and June. Our goal is to create a pool of highly qualified candidates to choose from as we fill potential vacancies. To date, I have conducted several conversations with applicants in the areas of science, social studies, and world language.

Pre-CAPT scoring and results are being examined and we are in the process of assessing the implications of the results for next year.

CURRICULUM CORNER

by Diane Dugas, Curriculum Director



Turn off the Tube, Turn on Your Mind

Did you know that surfing channels has become America's greatest pastime? Although the average American household has 2.55 people living in each home, each household averages 2.73 TV's. That's more TV's than people per house!

We all love television, so why turn off the TV? National research has found that TV watching cuts into family time, harms our children's ability to read and succeed in school, and contributes to unhealthy lifestyles and obesity. Here are a few facts:

- ✧ On average, children in the United States will spend more time in front of the television (1,023 hours) than in school this year (900 hours).
- ✧ The more TV preschoolers watch, the less they will do academically in the first grade; also, the more TV preschoolers watch, the less well-socialized they are in the first grade.
- ✧ Children in households where the TV is on "always" or "most of the time" are less likely to read than children in other homes.
- ✧ Children six-years and under spend an average of two-hours a day using screen media, well over the amount they spend reading or being read to (39 minutes).
- ✧ The average home watches 4 hours and 35 minutes of TV per day. (Research 2003-2007)

Founded in 1994, the TV-Turn-Off Network is dedicated to the idea that each of us has the power to determine the role TV plays in our lives. Rather than channel surf, I challenge East Windsor to turn off the TV to read and spend quality time with family and friends.

A springboard for alternative ideas to TV watching is the book written by Julie Goulis, [The Things a String Can Be](#). It is about a boy and his friend who use nothing but their imaginations and a piece of string to dream up adventures.

THE ATLANTIC SALMON RESTORATION PROJECT

by Mark Paradise, Art Teacher

Attempts were made in the late 1800's to restore Atlantic salmon to the Connecticut River by the four states that bordered the river- Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire. Unfortunately, these efforts failed. It wasn't until 1967 that the four states, combined with the federal government, pooled their resources to begin to work toward the restoration of the Atlantic salmon to the river. A total of more than 5500 adult Atlantic salmon have been documented returning up the Connecticut River and into her tributaries.

At the beginning of the year I was very fortunate to meet Mrs. Jones, the mother of fifth grader Ethan Jones, during our annual open house. She had heard me mention that I sponsored a fly tying club. Mrs. Jones told me that her father-in-law was the president of the *Connecticut River Salmon Association* here in Connecticut. This intrigued me because I had recently read in the newspaper that this association has involved hundreds of school children from all over New England in their efforts to restore the Atlantic salmon to one of their historically natural habitats-- the Connecticut River. Teachers and students from Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire have been raising Atlantic salmon from eggs for years, and then stocking the fry in various Connecticut River tributaries. It was my intent to explore the possibility of getting students from East Windsor Middle School involved in this worthwhile project.

After contacting Mr. Jones, I realized that I needed funding due to the cost of the aquarium apparatus and the chiller needed to cool the water to the low temperatures that the salmon eggs would need to stay alive. Through a fortuitous chain of events, Mr. Jones connected me with the *Connecticut Fly-Fishing Association* and Mr. Robert Winot, and the CFFA graciously agreed to donate the money necessary to fund the project.

Mrs. Mastrangelo, the 6th grade science teacher and Ms. Grosse, a 5th grade teacher, agreed to work with me on the project. The three of us went to a basics of the project and how to raise the eggs. We decided that the sixth grade would control the project and that the fifth grade would observe this year.

Mr. Robert Winot, of the CFFA, and Mr. James Carroll, of the CRSA, delivered the eggs in December. In all, we were given a total of 200 Atlantic salmon eggs from the National Hatchery located in New Hampshire. The peach colored eggs were very small, but students were able to see each egg's eyes and spinal cord.

Since that time, the 6th grade science students have been keeping journals about the growth status of the eggs by taking daily water temperature readings and determining their growth progress through a mathematical formula known as the D.I. or the Developmental Index.

On Friday, March 2, the first five eggs hatched. The following Monday morning brought a great surprise to us when we discovered that nearly 90% of the remaining eggs hatched over the weekend. Our 6th graders were now the proud parents of nearly 200 Atlantic salmon fry!

For the next 8 weeks or so, the fry will feed off of their attached egg sac and continue to grow. Sixth grade students will continue to record their scientific observations and enjoy learning about the life cycle of the Atlantic salmon. On April 26, the entire 6th grade traveled to the Salmon River in Colchester in order to stock their home grown Atlantic salmon fry with high hopes that many grow to adult size and someday reach the high seas.

CLASS OF 1957 CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The East Windsor High School's Class of 1957 is hard at work planning its 50th reunion for the weekend of September 21, 2007. They plan to join fellow students of Ellsworth Memorial High School to make this an event that will be remembered! A website has been set up where you can access information about the weekend. You will find information at www.eastwindsorschools.org. Click on the "Class of 1957" link. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Wyatt (email: Wyattbuddy1@wmconnect.com 860-627-8018) or Sandi Dion (email: Lenandsandi@cox.net 860-254-5129).

**EAST WINDSOR EDUCATION
FOUNDATION**
by Laura Foxx, Assistant Principal

The East Windsor Education Foundation celebrated its one year anniversary by awarding mini-grants totaling \$1,000. The grant recipients will be announced in the summer edition of the Education Quarterly and in local newspapers.

The EWEF is pleased to announce that EWSH alumni and author Michael C. White will return to East Windsor on October 15, 2007. The foundation is planning an evening fundraiser during which Mr. White will be available to autograph his novels and discuss his writings. More information will be coming. You could visit the Warehouse Point Library to borrow or Broad Brook Books and Stuff to purchase Michael C. White's novels.

Thank you to everyone who has donated Geissler's Supermarket receipts to the EWEF. As of March 1, Geissler's Supermarket donated over \$2,000. Based on the overwhelming response to this fundraiser, we anticipate receiving another large donation from Geissler's for the receipts collected in March and April.

Please continue to support the EWEF. It is only through your efforts and generosity that the foundation will be able to fulfill its goals and continue to award grants. You can help the EWEF raise funds two ways:

1. Give us your Geissler's Supermarket receipts that total more than \$30.00 (not including alcohol or tobacco). Drop boxes are located in the Town Hall, Senior Center, Warehouse Point Library, Scantic Church, Enfield Federal Savings Bank in Broad Brook, Broad Brook Books and Stuff and in each school office.
2. Send us a cash donation and encourage friends and family to do the same. Cash donations may be mailed to: EWEF, 70 S. Main Street, East Windsor, CT 06088.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time and effort to the foundation please contact a member of the EWEF Board of Directors directly or by email at

EWEF@ewindsor.k12.ct.us. Members of the EWEF Board of Directors are: Jim Richards, Vincent Bologna, Judy Destro, Steve Kulscar, Laura Foxx, Gil Hayes, Tim Howes, and John Pica-Sneedan.

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS
by Kristine Hudock, TAG Teacher

In September, Alexavier Estrada approached me and asked if we could have a Future Problem Solving team at the high school. He pulled together a team consisting of Elizabeth Hoang, Stephanie Piekos and Walker Seaver. I signed on as the volunteer coach. As a result of their hard work and commitment, they earned an invitation to the State Bowl. At the State Bowl, they placed second in their division and received an invitation to the International Conference. This year, it will be held at Colorado State University from May 30-June 3.

Future Problem Solving is an international competition. The Future Problem Solving Program engages students in creative problem solving. FPS stimulates critical and creative thinking skills and encourages students to develop a vision of the future.

Each year, students research current issues in order to create solutions related to problems of the future. This year, themes included: Fundraising & Charity Giving; Protection of National Treasures; Cultural Prejudice; and Caring for our Elders. The topic for the International Conference will be Privacy. Students will be researching the Patriot Act, national identification cards, wiretapping, identify theft, HIPPA laws, etc.

We hope to arrive in Colorado on Thursday, May 30th. On Friday, students will work to complete their solution to the "Privacy" challenge. They will gather to develop a skit to illustrate the action plan of their best solution. The day ends with a presentation of all skits. On Saturday morning, students will attend the skits' finals. They will have Saturday afternoon free. The awards ceremony is scheduled for Sunday morning. At the Conference, our students will be able to meet with other FPSers from the U.S., as well as students from Australia, New Zealand, Korea and other countries.

Our middle school team was awesome at the state conference, too.

Congratulations to Joe Couture, Alexandra George, Kevin O'Donnell and Omar Sarwar.

**EAST WINDSOR FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTER NEWS**
by Midge Pych, Director

The East Windsor Family Resource Center (FRC) will be celebrating its tenth anniversary in September. Thanks to the original Birth to School Committee under the leadership of former Superintendent of Schools Phil Morton, a very successful program has grown over the years. The FRC is now one of 62 state-funded programs in the State of Connecticut. It is located in Broad Brook School and offers many services to families of young children in the community. School-age childcare (4 years to 12 years) is offered between the hours of 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM. In addition, daily playgroups are provided for families who have children between the ages of birth to 5 years old. The national "Parents as Teachers" home visit program is also provided free to new parents who reside in East Windsor. Parent education programs are also provided throughout the year. Call the FRC office at 627-9741 for information.

This will be the 7th year that the FRC will be sponsoring a summer program, which is held at Scout Hall in East Windsor for children ages 5 to 12 years old. Twice-a-week field trips are included in the weekly tuition. The hours of operation during the summer are 7 AM to 6 PM, with two different time and price choices: 9 AM to 3 PM for \$110 per week and 7 AM to 6 PM for \$155 per week. Parents can enroll their children for just one week or for as many weeks as they need. The weeks will run from July 9 to August 24, 2007.

Many of the counselors have worked for the FRC Summer Program for several years and have as much fun as the children do. The Summer Program Director will be Bill Delaney who is a certified teacher, and the program coordinators will be Melanie Joslin and Lisa Norcross. BBS physical education teacher Elissa Podd will again be providing archery lessons and other programs. BBS art teacher Gail Rusiecki will be providing many arts and crafts activities. Due to its popularity last year, we will be providing a "Sock Hop" for the members of the East Windsor Senior Center on Friday, August 17. Both our seniors and the children had a wonderful time and look forward to sharing the 1950's music together.

Applications will be available in May, so please stop by the office or telephone 627-9741. A 20% "early bird" discount will be given for the first week the child is enrolled if the application is received by May 25.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER



Vicky Audet is a perfect example of a student who fits all three criteria categories of the Outstanding Student Award recipient. This person must be a student in excellent academic standing, must be a leader on and off the field, court, or playing field. Finally, this person must be considered to be a citizen in good standing.

Vicky Audet fits this description perfectly. Vicky is an excellent student and is outstanding in her academic achievement. Vicky is a leader in all of the activities that she participates in such as sports activities, community activities, and school activities.

Vicky is a caring, committed, and compassionate person who makes others better just by being around her. Vicky personifies all that we hope to find in our students as young educated leaders.

Jaime Kessler has been an exemplary student from the beginning of the school year. She is an excellent role model both academically and socially. She is diligent with her studies and performs to the best of her ability in every class that she takes. She goes above and beyond what is expected of her in Algebra, an honors level course, as well as her other classes. Jamie has been able to highlight her skills as a student leader through her participation in student council this year. She, along with the other officers, have been vital in the organization and planning of all student council activities. Her level of commitment to her education and to the climate of East Windsor Middle School is outstanding. We are proud of Jamie and all of her accomplishments and look forward to her continued success as both a student and leader at East Windsor High School next year.

Chelsea Morin was the outstanding student for the second quarter at BBS. Chelsea is a third grade student in Mrs. Schwartz's class. She is a wonderful role model for other students. Chelsea is kind and caring, works hard in all subject areas and has done very well academically.

Chelsea's hobbies include basketball, gymnastics, ballet, art and writing. She also collects American Girl dolls. Chelsea says she is anxious to try hockey next year. When she grows up, Chelsea would like to become a pediatric nurse because she loves children.

Calendar of Events

(Dates, times and locations are subject to change.)

MAY	MAY	JUNE
<p>Thursday, May 17 Future School Facilities Mtg. BOE Office - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting EWS, Room D-4 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, May 18 Grade 7 & 8 Dance @ EWMS Junior Prom @ Chez Josef</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">You are Cordially Invited to Attend East Windsor's K-12 District-wide Art Show Opening Reception</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date: Monday May 21 Time: 6:30 – 8:00 Place: East Windsor Middle School Auditorium</p> <p>Come enjoy East Windsor students' creative fine arts talent representing work from kindergarten through grade twelve.</p> <p>Light refreshments and music by the EWS Ensemble</p> <p>Tuesday, May 22 Kindergarten Orientation BBS - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, May 23 Middle School Concert EWMS - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Monday, May 28 Memorial Day Observed No School/Offices Closed</p> <p>Tuesday, May 29 High School Concert EWS - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">JUNE</p> <p>Friday, June 1 Senior Banquet Bradley Sheraton - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, June 2 Mr. East Windsor All-Stars EWS Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, June 4 EWS Sports Awards EWS - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>EWS Sports Awards EWS - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, June 6 Booster Club Meeting EWS Library - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, June 7 EWS Principal's Let's Talk EWS Library - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Outstanding Student Reception EWS, Room D-2 - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting EWS, Room D-4 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, June 11 High School Honors Night EWS - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 13 Graduate & Celebrate Committee EWS Library - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, June 14 PTO Meeting EWMS - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, June 15 District Retirement Dinner Maneely's - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, June 20 Eighth Grade Graduation EWS Auditorium - 6:30 p.m. Followed by 8th grade dance</p> <p>Thursday, June 21 Last Day of School Shortened Day Schedule</p> <p>Future School Facilities Committee BOE Office - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting EWS, Room D-4 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, June 22 High School Graduation EWS Track or Auditorium - 6:00 (depending on weather)</p> <p>Graduate & Celebrate Party for Class of 2007 EWS</p> <p>Thursday, June 28 Board of Education Meeting EWS, Room D-4 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

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All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in the East Windsor High School, Room D-4, 76 South Main Street, East Windsor, Connecticut.

May 17
June 7
June 21
June 28
August 30
September 6
September 20
October 4
October 18
November 1
November 15
December 6
December 20 (if needed)



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East Windsor Middle School	623-4488
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Athletic Director	627-6006
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On the Web: www.eastwindsorschools.org

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