To: Linda Loretz  
From: Carole McCombe  
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**Field Trips:**
- Grades K/1 and 2 will visit Ekonk Turkey Farm in Voluntown on October 15.
- Grades 3, 4, and 5 will see a performance of “Doktor Kaboom and the Wheel of Science” at the Center for the Arts at Woodstock Academy on October 16.
- Grades 3, 4, and 5 will travel to Bluff Point on October 18 as part of a Mystic Aquarium Grant program.
- Grades 3 and 4 will visit Wadsworth Atheneum and the Old State House on October 25.
- Grades 6-8 will visit Mystic Aquarium as part of a grant program on November 1.
- Grade 8 Washington DC trip is scheduled for May 14 through May 17, 2019.
- Grades PK, K and grade 3 will visit the Eastford Public Library on a monthly basis.
- Grades PK, K and K/1 will visit the Eastford Fire Company for a tour of the fire house and to explore the fire safety equipment.

**High School Visits** - Grade 8 will visit the following campuses:
- The Woodstock Academy on October 16
- Ellis Tech and Killingly Ag-Ed on October 12
- Quinebaug Middle College on November 7.

**Virtual Field Trips:**
- October 19, grade 8 - *Young America: Smithsonian American Art Museum*
- December 21, grade 3 – *Pioneer Christmas with Charles Ingalls: The Sheffield Museum of Rural Life*

**Eastford Readiness Program:**
The Readiness Program is full with 17 students. Mrs. Kopplin is attending training on the use of the Documentation and Observation for Teaching System (DOTS). This will be used to observe and evaluate student progress toward skills and standards and will replace the Preschool Assessment Framework (PAF). DOTS uses two reporting periods, one at the mid year and one at the end of the school year instead of the three reporting periods that have typically been used.

**Eastford Readiness Council Update:**
The Council met on October 2. They are working on revising and aligning policies to include all components for School Readiness and NAEYC. The Council will meet next on November 6 at 5:30 pm.
Data on Student Progress:
Teachers are working to complete grade appropriate, fall formative assessments with students. NWEA reports will be sent home with mid-term progress notes on October 15. Staff are discussing and developing goals and adjusting instructional practices to increase student academic growth. Educator Evaluation and professional development goals will be set in the next few weeks.

Professional Development:
- Melissa Lessard will attend the Google for Education Connecticut Summit sponsored by Ed Tech Team on October 13, 2018.
- Melissa Lessard will attend Best New Young Adult Books of 2018 conference sponsored by TTL Seminars on November 27, 2018.
- Carole McCombe is participating in a six session webinar series on using our Professional Learning Management System.
- Patricia Moran completed TEAM mentor training.
- Carole McCombe, Melissa Lessard and Lori Crocker-Lincoln will participate in an NWEA webinar on analyzing student growth on October 4.
- Beth Harrington will attend training called Addressing Inequities on October 4.
- Beth Harrington will attend training on Conducting Investigations and Report Writing on October 23.
- Carole McCombe will attend training in Conducting Investigations on October 29.
- Carole McCombe, Melissa Lessard and Lori Crocker-Lincoln will attend Rethinking How We Measure Growth on October 24.

Fundraising:
The Middle School Fundraising group continues to meet regularly to plan for this year’s auction. The auction is set for November 17, 2018.

The PTO fall fundraiser will conclude on October 12. The PTO continues to collect Box Tops for Education to earn funds for items to support students and school programs. Last year, Box Tops raised $639. PTO would like to combine that with this year’s funds to purchase a piece of equipment for the playground to replace the dome climbing structure.

Community and Other Events:
- Students in grades 6-8 have been invited to a Harvest themed dance at Union School on October 26. Our student council will alternate planning dances with Union and return the invite.
- Volunteers continue to offer after school activities for students and to assist at the after school homework club. Recent activities include Zentangle pumpkin carving and Board games.
• A 3-D printer Robotic Hand Building session is being offered to students in grades 5-8 through the UCONN School of Engineering on November 14.
• FRESH mentors from The Woodstock Academy have volunteered to assist students with homework during our after school homework club. They plan to begin in the next few weeks.
• Mr. Kernan has arranged a series of events for grade 8 students through Roseland Cottage. The activities are free of charge and a Roseland Cottage grant will fund the cost of a bus to transport students to Roseland Cottage. Two events will be held at EES and two will be held at Roseland Cottage.
• On Wednesday, November 7, the local Lions Club will conduct a free vision screening program for all students.
• Putnam Elks Lodge would like to donate grant money to EES to purchase books for the school library and they have volunteers who would like to come and read to our grade 3 students.
• The Eastford Fire Company will come to school for their annual Fire Prevention Awareness program. Students in PK-grade 3 will participate in a program, explore the fire trucks and learn about fire safety. We will have a fire drill and receive feedback from the Fire Company.
• We have applied for the Primary Mental Health Program Grant again this year. We have requested $14,219.40 in funds to support the continuation of our PALS program. We will also be applying for the LPC grant again.
• Life Touch picture retakes will be on November 6.