Field Trips:
- 8th Grade Washington, DC trip is scheduled for May 15 through May 18, 2018
- Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will attend a performance of *A Christmas Carol* at Hartford Stage on Thursday, December 21, 2017 from 9:00 am – 1:30 pm
- Grades 3 and PK will each walk to the Eastford Public Library on separate dates, scheduled monthly, beginning in September

Virtual Field Trips:
- September 19 – (Grade 6) – *Putting Art on the Map*
- September 21 – (Grade 8) – *The Constitution at Work*
- September 28 – (Grades 6 and 7) – *Africa (Mali)*
- October 31 – (Grade 3) – *Spooktacular Math and Mammals*
- November 13 – (Grade 3) – *Pilgrims of Plymouth*

High School Visits:
Melissa Lessard, grade 8 advisor, has begun scheduling visits from our local high school options. She has also asked for a representative to attend our Open House on September 12, or at least provide information that can be available for families to help inform their decision. She has shared the dates and times below with families so they can attend presentations with their child.

**Arts at the Capitol Theater High School (ACT)** – will visit with students on Tuesday September 19 at 2:05 pm

**Quinebaug Middle College (QMC)** – will visit on September 21 at 1:00 pm

**Ellis Tech** – a visit is planned for September 27 at 2:05 pm

**Killingly High School** – will visit on October 3 at 11:15 am. Kevin Marcoux, guidance counselor, will be here to present information at Open House.

**Putnam High School** – will visit with students on Monday, October 2 at 2:05 and they will drop off information that we can share with families at Open House.

**Woodstock Academy** – students will visit campus in October and a representative will be here to provide information at Open House.

**Eastford Readiness Program** – The Eastford School Readiness Program currently has seventeen (17) students enrolled. Four (4) of these students are partial day students. We have three (3) students on the waiting list.

**Readiness Council Update:** The Council will meet next on September 11. We received notification that we were awarded the Readiness Grant for the 2017-18 school year.
Grants

- We are waiting to hear from the state regarding funding for the Primary Mental Health Project. This is on hold at the state level pending the outcome of the state budget. This grant funds our Playing and Learning Support (P.A.L.S.) program.
- We have applied for, and are waiting to hear about, the Local Prevention Council Grant (LPC). This is used to fund our after school enrichment programs.

Current Enrollment (as of September 7, 2017):

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**Whole School Goal:** We have had preliminary discussion about keeping the same whole school goal as we had last year: *The Eastford Elementary School staff will promote developmentally appropriate standards of behavior that support a productive learning environment, intellectual risk taking, and academic resiliency for all students, and add by developing and using common language across settings and establishing clear expectations for all students.*

We will also be developing individual goals around improving our instructional practices and standardized math scores. Teachers have had a chance to look at our 2016-2017 SBAC results for trends and areas of weakness and we will continue to have conversations around what this means and how we can support each other in developing student skills while using the new Envision 2.0 math materials. The RTI team will also be involved in analyzing student work and assessment results with teachers to identify and support students in need of math intervention as early as possible. All grades are working on completing beginning of the year baseline assessments in reading, writing and math and will complete the fall cycle of NWEA before the end of September. This data will be used to assist in developing goals and areas of focus for student improvement.

Professional Development:

- Melissa Lessard will attend a *Google Classroom Summit* workshop over a weekend in October. She will have an opportunity to share her learning with staff when she returns from leave.
• I will be working with a mentor Principal, Michael Larkin from Crystal Lake School in Ellington. We will meet twice a month through December, and perhaps just once month for the remainder of the year. We will also phone conference as needed throughout the year. I will visit Crystal Lake School on September 19 and 28.

August Professional Development Day:
A representative from SERC (State Education Resource Center) provided a three-hour workshop to all staff on a multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) for behavior that focused on behavior, character education and building relationships. Staff surveys indicate that this was a positive and timely workshop and that staff would like continued opportunities to work on building community and supporting students. Some comments from the evaluations include, "Best PD day yet! Thank you." "The 5:1 ratio of praise to correction was very eye opening for me." "I learned the importance of reinforcing expectations to help set students up for success."

Stipend Positions:
• Athletic Director- Melissa Lessard (Charlie Kernan will fill in while she is on leave)
• Coach- Girls Soccer, Girls Basketball – Stephanie Bulan
• Track – Tyler Bridgewater
• Coach- Boys Soccer and Boys Basketball- Thomas Ayer
• Field Trip Coordinator- Melissa Lessard
• 8th Grade Advisor- Melissa Lessard
• Yearbook Advisor- Melissa Lessard
• LPC Position- currently open
• Head Teacher- Lori Reynolds
• Technical Assistant- Michelle Bibeault
• Library Liaison – Michelle Bibeault
• SAT/RTI Facilitator- Lori Crocker-Lincoln
• PPT and Special Ed Report Facilitator- Julie Fox
• Washington DC planner/chaperone – currently open
• Washington DC trip chaperone- currently open
• Homework Club- Candice Mead, Lori Reynolds, Lori Crocker-Lincoln
• Event Chaperone – Candice Mead
• Student Council- Candice Mead, Lori Reynolds
• TEAM Mentor – Lori Crocker-Lincoln

Community:
• Charlie Kernan is planning a Veterans Day recognition ceremony to be held at the Veterans’ Memorial at the center of town. This will take place at 2:00 pm on November 10, 2017. All veterans are welcome to attend. Charlie
Kernan has filed paperwork with the CT National Guard Bureau to have an Honor Guard present the flag in a flag folding ceremony. He has invited Senator Tony Guglielmo and Representative Pat Boyd. To date, Senator Guglielmo has accepted. He has also invited Diane Barlow and the Woodstock Orchestra and Choir to perform a stanza from each of the songs for each branch of the military, which is something they did during the town’s Memorial Day celebration. He also plans to follow up with our new art and music teachers about possible art and song from the students that can be presented to the Veterans who attend.

- Charlie Kernan and the students in grades 6-8, will be hosting a visit from Daoud, a guest from Mali, Africa on September 15. Daoud and his 13 year old son are visiting local church groups in the United States, including Pastor Moran here in Eastford, who have helped him bring clean drinking water, basic health training, a pharmacy and a local language radio station to his people. This has dramatically improved the quality of life in his village. He wants to share his story with the students of Eastford so they can learn more about the culture and way of life in Mali. See attached flyer for additional information.

**Fundraisers:**

- The PTO is again sponsoring a Jeannine fundraiser from September 12 – September 29. They will sell wrapping paper, pies and cookie dough.
- The Annual Goods and Services Auction will take place on Saturday, November 18, 2017.
- Student Council will sponsor a “Penny Power” fundraising event. Two thirds (2/3) of the proceeds will go toward hurricane relief and one third (1/3) will go toward student activities.