

## **Emmett O'Brien Technical High School**

#### October 7-11, 2019

## Electrical Students Meet Former Graduate!

Former EOB graduate Tom Buckles was a guest speaker for our Electrical students.

Tom spoke about how he attended UCONN for

Business and then took his E1 Exam. He recently opened his own electrical contractor company.

We are very proud of Tom and his accomplishments and happy that he was able to share that with our students.



# Welcome Kristen Sural Our new Social Studies Teacher.

Kristen Sura has been teaching Social Studies for ten years in our District and was previously at Abbott Tech. in Danbury. She lives in Beacon Falls with my husband and one year old daughter, and they have another baby on the way. Kristen is currently teaching 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders but has taught 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the past. She loves traveling and spending time with friends. We warmly welcome Kristen to the EOB family.



#### <u>Precision Machine Technology and Mechanical Design</u> <u>and Engineering</u> <u>Students Participate in Interviews!</u>

Representatives from Forum Plastics LLC visited Emmett O'Brien on October 3, 2019 to interview students for apprenticeships and a Quality Inspection position. Student will have second interviews sometime later this month. Good luck to all the students interviewing!



## MDET Students Re-Design Engine for <u>PMT</u>

Mrs. Marra and Mr. Sekulski are collaborating with a cross curricular project. The Junior MDET students were busy this past cycle re-designing a single cylinder oscillating steam engine for the Sophomore PMT students to use as a project. They learned to solid model, assemble, document, and add motion all to ASME Y14.5 standards. They students tackled the additional challenge of converting all components from Metric to customary units of measurement. Next cycle will be working on the tolerances involved to guarantee a working engine. Additionally, the selection from McMaster Carr of standard fasteners and additional components were required for documentation and assembly purposes. Both groups of students will need to collaborate to de-



termine the standard fasteners and tolerance appropriateness. These students will be able to work with the PMT students and see the assembly become reality.





# **Congratulations Kathy Radin!**

Recently Kathy Radin was honored by the Valley Women's Health Initiative for her professionalism and volunteering contributions in the Valley.



As many of you know, Kathy's remains actively involved with EOB's PFO, even after her son



graduated almost two years ago. She is the force behind our Bingo Nights which has raised a significant amount of dollars for our student body. She has been very

generous with her time and support to EOB, not to mention her talent for the many beautiful gift baskets she has made to either sell, raffle-off or give as prizes along the way.

Kathy is truly making an impact here at EOB and we are so proud that she was recognized as a "Woman Making a Difference in the Valley!" We couldn't be happier for her achievement!

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# **Coffee with the Principal**

On October 8th, Mrs. Mrs. LeBouthillier welcomed parents and thanked them for taking time out of their schedules to join her for "Coffee with the Principal". She provided a brief overview as to the purpose of the meeting and that they are scheduled monthly.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- Review of Mission Statement
- Vacancies and teaching positions:
  - SS & English filled
  - SPED, PMT, IST, School Psychologist and secretarial support are vacant
- Communication: Website, "Condor Flyer", Principal Flyer, Coffee with the Principal Minutes, Parent Square, Power School Parent Portal
- Parent Climate Survey—expectations to increase parent participation; from 36% to 40%
- Upcoming events: Veterans Day Breakfast Holiday luncheon, Hero Box Collections, EOB Goes Pink, Toys 4 Kids, Blood Drives
- PSAT on October 16th- students encouraged to bring their own calculators
- Bullying presentation on Oct. 11th
- SC fundraiser: A Supernatural Night
- In-house Survey results taken by students shared and parents asked to take written survey

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## PFO Updates:

- PFO fundraiser distributed on Oct. 7th
- Bingo Night on Oct. 9th and 30th
- Parents were asked to attend at least 1 PFO meeting this year
- Shop A Roo informational page ; Shop Rite, Target

# **Questions/Concerns/Comments**

- Is vaping a concern? This year, we have seen less vaping and we believe the back packs have assisted with the decrease.
- Can Student pay for lunch or bring items for Hero Boxes when they enter the school in the morning? Students can come down after Homeroom to make payments and collection boxes for donated items are located in the hallway for students to drop donations.
- Are the surveys anonymous? Yes
- Are there approved chrome book covers? SC in process of getting samples; school store will be up and running in the near future.

Culinary offerings by Chef Valle

# **Upcoming Happenings at EOB!**

- ⇒ Hero Boxes: Donations continue through October 25th
- ⇒ October 16—PSAT Testing—Grades 10 and 11
- ⇒ October 24—Open House—Grade 7 & 8 Students and Parents
- ⇒ October 25— Student Council Fundraiser— Night of the Supernatural
- ⇒ November 1 —-EOB Goes Pink Volleyball Tournament