



The Staples Scoop



Wednesday, October 20th, 2010



CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Through	SSES Book Fair; Small Gym
Fri., Oct. 22	
Thurs., Oct. 21	EARLY DISMISSAL; Prof. Development; 1 pm; (HKMS at 12:10 pm)
Fri., Oct. 22	School Spirit Day; "Bring Your Favorite Book to School"; School Store open
Fri., Oct. 29	Halloween Parades; 9:30 am for Pre-K- 2 nd grade; 10:30 am for Grades 3-5
Tues., Nov. 9	Principal's Coffee; 9:15 am; Cafetorium
Tues., Nov. 9	Picture Retakes; 9:30 – 11:30 am; Small Gym
Thurs., Nov. 11	EARLY DISMISSAL; Prof. Development; 1 pm (also is Veteran's Day)
Tues., Nov. 16 –	EARLY DISMISSAL; Parent-Teacher Conferences; 1 pm
Fri., Nov. 19	
Dec. 17	Principal's Coffee; 9:15 am; (<i>note change of date</i>); Cafetorium

Dismissal Information from the Office

As some of you might know, our cut-off time for picking your child up in the school office before the end of the school day is 3:15 p.m. This deadline allows us to call into your child's classroom before the teachers begin their end-of-day instruction and homework distribution. Interruption after 3:15 p.m. can interfere with dismissal for your child's entire classroom.

Should you need to pick your child up for an appointment before the end of the school day, please do so prior to 3:15 p.m. We appreciate your help in keeping dismissal running as smoothly as possible for everyone.

The Halloween Scoop

Come one come all

and enjoy the Halloween parade on Friday, Oct. 29th in the traffic loop in front of the school. Pre-school to Grade 2 will be from 9:30 - 10 am, and Grades 3-5 march from 10:30 – 11 am. A reminder that **costumes with blood, gore or weapons are always prohibited.**

For parents and other spectators, Easton SEPTA (Special Ed PTA) will again be selling baked goods and hot coffee, tea and cocoa.

THE PTA SCOOP



Pick a Pumpkin at SSES!

The pumpkins you have watched grow in the fields in front of SSES will be for sale on Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 23 & 24, and 30 & 31, from 10 am to 5 pm. 35% of the proceeds will be split between the PTA and ELF. Thanks to the Popp family and Sport Hill Farm for sharing this experience with our students!

School Store is Open This Friday

The School Store will be open this Friday the 22nd from 11:30 am to 2 pm. We do not foresee opening it in November, due to Thanksgiving, conference week, etc. So please plan accordingly!

Wrapping Paper Update

If you ordered wrapping paper or other items, it/they will be delivered in the next couple of weeks. Please watch for a PTA Listserv email announcing dates and times for pick-up.

School Photo Make-up/Retake Day is Tues., Nov. 9th

Photos will be taken in the small gym from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Students and staff that were absent on the Photo Day should bring their completed form (extras are available in the office) and payment with them. Students wanting to have their photo re-taken should bring their pictures (minus class photo) with them to return.

Pies Sale Continues

Choose from six delicious varieties that will be delivered frozen and will be ready to heat and serve. All pies are \$12 and will be available for pick-up in the Keller Cafeteria, on Monday, Nov. 22nd from 2:30-5 pm.

Please order by Nov. 5, using the form at

<http://www.eastonpta.com/pdf/Pie%20Info%20and%20Order%20Form.pdf> Proceeds benefit Samuel Staples and Helen Keller student enrichment programs. Questions to Diane Karazulas at 203.268.2305 or pkarazulas@optonline.net

Been Meaning To Have Your Family's Photo Taken?

The PTA is offering a great deal through Capitol Photo Interactive. It's easy:



- You schedule the session at your convenience – indoors in their Fairfield studio or outdoors at Sasco Beach or with fall foliage.
- For only \$185 (which includes a \$25 donation to the PTA), you get all the proofs, plus one 8x10 and two 5x7s prints.

For more information please see: http://www.eastonpta.com/pdf/Photo_fundraiser10.pdf. Questions to Cathy Dunsby at cdunsby@yahoo.com



It's Book Fair Week!

Through Fri., Oct. 22nd in the Small Gym.

It's that time of year again for books, books and more books. Students will be previewing books and writing up wish lists to bring home to parents. Parents can choose books from the list and send in payment (checks made out to Easton PTA) or

come into the Fair when the students return for purchasing. And don't forget **CELEBRATION OF BOOKS** - a special program for teachers to set aside books at the Fair which you can purchase and offer as a gift on behalf of your child. For questions about the Book Fair, or to volunteer, please contact Beth Gomolak (bethbg@optonline.net) or Laura T. Jones (stonebell@sbcglobal.net).

"I can't remember if I joined the PTA..... I know I had the form on my desk, but then...."

Is this you? That's OK, we hear that a lot and we are happy to tell you! Please contact Rachel Rios at rachelrios01@sbcglobal.net.

The Scoop Scoop

The Scoop is published every other Wednesday (for the most part) and distributed by SSES' email Listserv. **Next issue: Wednesday, Nov. 10.** Please submit any information – in MS Word format -- by the Saturday evening preceding publication.

To add or change your email information go to www.er9.org/sses/ and click on "Join Our Listserv". Please be sure to inform the school office of any changes to your email address.

Questions and submissions to Cathy Dunsby at ssesscoop@yahoo.com

THE TOWN SCOOP

Donate Outgrown Kids' Winter Clothes to Mercy Learning Center

Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport will be glad to have any winter clothes, jackets, boots, etc. for sizes 18 months to 5T. Any questions, please contact Cathy Alfandre at cava@sprintmail.com, or 203-452-8438. She can also bring your donations to the Center. Mercy Learning Center provides basic literacy and life skills training to low-income women. To learn more, visit: <http://mercylearningcenter.org/>.

ECC – Please call 203.459.9700 to register for the below:

- Wiffle Ball & Dodgeball: Co-ed for ages 10 and up.
- Parents' Nights Out: Fridays, Oct. 22, Nov. 12; Dec. 3; 6:30 – 10 pm; games, + pizza dinner for ages 4-12.
- Haunted Hallway; Fri., Oct. 29th, 3:30-5:30 pm; Stop by for this free event for ages 1-6; please wear your costume and enjoy this “non-scary” event with candy and the big inflatable slide.
- Family Movie Night; Friday, Nov. 5th; “Toy Story 3”

ELF Scoop

- You are invited to an Open House to view the new Engineering & Innovation Lab on Sunday, October 24th from 1–3 pm in room 105 at Helen Keller Middle School. This is the first year of the lab, which ELF funded as part of a five-year grant, so all SSES students from 2nd to 5th grades will benefit.
- ELF's Holiday Cocktail Party will be Friday, December 3rd at Brooklawn Country Club. Fabulous gifts for everyone on your list. If you have something to donate to our silent auction, please contact Cathy Dunsby at cdunsby@yahoo.com. No sitter? No problem: The ECC will be hosting a Parents' Night Out that evening. For more information on ELF, visit <http://www.eastonlearningfoundation.org/>

Easton's Historic Bradley Hubbell House Clean-Up Day Planned for this Saturday

The Historical Society of Easton is looking for volunteers ages 12 and older to help with Fall leaf removal, window and interior house cleaning at the Bradley-Hubbell House on Saturday, October 23rd beginning at 9 AM. The house is located at 535 Black Rock Turnpike. Students who need to fulfill community service hours are encouraged to attend. Contact Lisa Burghardt for further information. (203) 581-0850 or HSEastonCT@gmail.com

Visit the Enchanted Castle!



Visit The Enchanted Castle at Burr Homestead Through Oct. 31st

With its colorful storybook-theme rooms and friendly costumed characters, the Enchanted Castle provides a non-threatening, entertaining Halloween experience for young children ages 2–10 with an adult. (*No strollers, please.*) All their favorite storybook characters will be in person including Aladdin, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella, the Little Mermaid, Pirates of the Caribbean and the Wizard of Oz. Admission is \$5 and benefits Ahlbin Rehabilitation Centers at Bridgeport Hospital. For more

information and hours, go to www.enchantedcastle.org

Go Green This Halloween

The PTA's Green Task Force invites you to be a part of Green Halloween, October 31st from 4-6 pm at the Westport Historical Society (25 Avery Place, Westport). It is an eco-friendly event with healthy, delicious snacks, old-fashioned games for the kids, and biodynamic wines for adults! Whole foods will provide all bio-degradable paperware, Izzy B's will provide allergen-free cupcakes and there will be other free samples from various local green companies. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Kiko Teed at ksteed@optonline.net For additional information visit www.greenhalloween.org