



The Staples Scoop



Wednesday, October 6th, 2010



CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

- Fri., Oct. 8 NO SCHOOL – Staff Development Day
- Mon., Oct. 11 NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
- Wed., Oct. 13 Principal's Coffee; 9:15 am; Cafetorium
- Fri., Oct. 15 October PTA Meeting; 9:15 am; Easton Library Comm. Room
- Fri., Oct. 15 SSES Square Dance; 6-8 pm; Cafetorium
- Fri., Oct. 15 - SSES Book Fair; Small Gym
- Fri., Oct. 22
- Sat., Oct. 16 Easton Library Book Parade; 2 pm
- Mon., Oct. 18 Parent Seminar on Student Executive Functioning; 7 pm ; SSES Media Center
- Thurs., Oct. 21 EARLY DISMISSAL; Prof. Development; 1 pm
- Fri., Oct. 29 Halloween Parades; 9:30 am for Pre-K- 2nd grade; 10:30 am for Grades 3-5
- Tues., Nov. 9 Principal's Coffee (*note change of date*); 9:15 am; Cafetorium
- Tues., Nov. 9 Picture Retake Day (additional forms are in the office)
- 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

The Physical Education Scoop

All 4th grade students are continuing to prepare for this year's Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessment. The tests will take place between now and Nov. 13th during physical education classes. The four tests include: the one mile run, sit and reach, curl-ups, and push-ups. If you have any questions about the tests, please refer to the parent letter that was recently sent home, contact your child's 4th grade physical education teacher, or visit the Connecticut State Department of Education web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=320980>.

THE PTA SCOOP

October PTA Meeting is Fri., Oct. 15

Please join us in the Easton Library Community Room at 9:15 am. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Michael Cicchetti.

Pies Are Coming!



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 or watch for the flyer in your youngest or only child's back pack . Questions to Cathy Dunsby at cdunsby@yahoo.com



Fall SSES Scholastic Book Fair

October 15 - 22 in the SSES 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. ***Please watch for a flyer to come home in your child's backpack with details on when his/her class will visit the Book Fair.***

Also, **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!** Please consider offering an hour or two during the week of the Book Fair - it's a fun, interesting way to spend volunteer time in the school.

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.

Lastly, we are selling now and during the Fair **GIFT CERTIFICATES**. Purchase one for any amount you choose and offer to your child's friends for birthday gifts to be used during the Fair.

For questions about the Book Fair, or to volunteer, please contact Beth Gomolak (bethbg@optonline.net) or Laura T. Jones (stoneybell@sbcglobal.net).

Thank Yous...

The PTA has been busy with the start of the school year and we wish to acknowledge all that our volunteers have done so far. Thank you so much, we could not do it without all of your dedication and commitment!

- Christine Calvert-School Supplies
- Rachel Rios and Heather Scully-back to school luncheon for the teachers
- Amy Hugo- Kindergarten Tea and the Kindergarten Book club
- Donna Viselli-Kindergarten Tea
- Claire-Anne Meskers, Denise Lynch, Dyan Griffen, Julie Dawid, Christine Calvert, Sharon Stemme, Stephanie Frangenes, Mary Colacurcio, Ellen Geaney-School Store
- Kathleen Wasmer and Maura Eustace-Fall Fundraiser
- Christine and Shannon Calvert-the Calendar
- Michele Koubeck-Media Volunteers
- Claire-Anne Meskers, Sharon Stemme, Stephanie Frangenes, Nadeen Tichy, Mary Johnson, Mohani Salvatore, Rita Roman, Nico Pickerstein, Barbara Ann Lambo, Bernadette Brady, Claire-Wilkes and Lisa Colosante -Picture Day
- Karen Marchetti-Box Tops
- Jodi Forte, Lynn Kocis and Monica Chioffi - Room Parent Coordinators
- Cathy Dunsby-The Scoop
- Jeanne Fones-Website
- Christine Wegener-Listserv
- Rachel Rios-Membership

And thanks to *all the parents that have volunteered to be room parents*, you are a great support to the teachers and it is appreciated!!!

Have YOU Joined the PTA Yet?

We have 363 families who have joined at SSES, which is 77% participation. If you're one of those families -- thank you! If not, please don't miss out on the many benefits for you and children. (You're reading this Staples Scoop, which is produced by the PTA!) Please send in your membership. It's not too late! An application is at the end of this newsletter.

SEPTA Presents Free Lecture on Executive Functioning

Easton parents are invited to a free discussion of "Executive Functioning in Your Child" on Monday, October 18th from 7 – 9 pm in the SSES Media Center. "What IS executive functioning?" It is the skills that enable one to manage life tasks of all types, like organizing a trip, a research project, or a school assignment. Just in time for the new school year, Dr. Lydia Soifer will provide parents with guidance on how to help their students be better organized learners. For more information on Dr. Soifer, visit: <http://www.soifercenter.com/>. Questions to Allegra Herman (legs@optonline.net)

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

The Scoop Scoop

The Scoop is published every other Wednesday (for the most part) and distributed by SSES' email Listserv. Next two issues: Wednesdays, Oct. 20 and 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

Important Websites

www.samuelstaplesps.org

www.eastonpta.com

www.er9.org

THE TOWN SCOOP

Easton Library's 19th Annual Book Parade is Sat., Oct. 16th

You're invited to march dressed as your favorite book character, or review the parade along the parade route (Morehouse Rd. from Samuel Staples to the library). Parade registration and judge's viewing at SSES at 1:30 pm; parade steps-off at 2 pm. Activities, including pumpkin decorating, crafts and refreshments, follow at the library. All costumes and all marchers welcomed! Prizes for the best costumes in many categories. Rain or shine! For more info., contact the library at 203.261.0134.



Last Chance to Sign up for Fall Lacrosse

Open to all girls and boys in grades K-8. Anyone interested in learning the game, this is a good teaching time. Girls will be playing Saturday afternoons at Staples: K-3 play from 3 to 4 pm, 4th - 8th play from 2 to 3 pm. Boys will be playing Saturday afternoon at Staples (EXCEPT 3rd and 4th graders). K-2 play 1 to 2 pm, 5th - 8th play from 2 to 3 pm, *3rd and 4th play SUNDAY at RCC2 3 to 4pm. September 18 to November 7 (or 14th, weather dependent). Cost: \$65.00 per player (multi family member player discounts apply). Questions to peter.wasmer@lionhillcapital.com.

Register Now for RELAX Late Fall INDOOR Lacrosse at Newtown Youth Sports Academy

For boys and girls, grades 3-8. For complete information visit: <http://www.re-lax.org/>.

Bradley Hubbell Museum Hosts Final Two Open Houses

The Bradley-Hubbell Museum will be open on Sundays, October 10th and 24th from 2-4 pm, before closing for the season. Take a guided tour through the house, gardens and barn. Adults \$5; Children always free. All proceeds support the Campaign to Restore the Bradley-Hubbell Barn. 535 Black Rock Turnpike. For information, contact Lisa Burghardt at 203-581-0850 or visit www.Hsect.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, arts & crafts + pizza dinner for ages 4-12.

Comedy Night Supports Mikey's Way

The Mikey's Way Foundation will hold its first fundraising event, "An Evening with Robert Klein", on Saturday, November 6th at the Westport Country Playhouse. Mikey Friedman was an SSES graduate and lifelong Easton resident who sadly lost a battle against cancer in 2008 while he was a college student. The foundation continues Mikey's legacy: supplying electronics to entertain children undergoing treatment for life threatening illnesses. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.mikeysway.org/>

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/>

SSES HARVEST SQUARE DANCE

"Swing your partner, Do-Si-Do"



Friday, October 15th

6 – 8 pm in the SSES Cafetorium

Featuring renowned local bluegrass band

LOST DOG

Amazing Vocals, a Mandolin, an Upright Bass, a Fiddle, and a Five-String Banjo

With Patricia Campbell, Professional Caller!

A **Free Event** for your family

(The **SSES Book Fair** will be open that evening as well!)

sponsored by the

PTA and ACES (Arts, Culture, Education & Science) Committee

Please join SSES families in celebrating Easton's beautiful Harvest time. Listen to live, authentic New England folk music, and participate with your children in this truly American form of "social dancing".

Music teachers at SSES are currently teaching square dancing techniques and music to your children! They will be ready and able to show you the moves!

Refreshments available for purchase include hot dogs, fries & chicken nuggets.

