

# Cougar Connection

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*"One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar."*  
— Helen A. Keller



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**Cougar Connection Deadline**—The Cougar Connection is a monthly publication of Helen Keller Middle School and the Easton PTA. We welcome submissions from the HKMS community. Send your school-related and PTA-related articles to Lisa DeVoto at [lisadevoto@optonline.net](mailto:lisadevoto@optonline.net) one week before the first of the month. Previous issues of the Cougar Connection can be found on the Helen Keller Middle School website at <http://www.helenkellerps.org> and the Easton PTA website at <http://www.eastonpta.com>.

## Principal's Pen

Dear Parents:

I am keenly aware of the financial stress we all face in these economic times. I pray daily that all our Keller families will weather this storm and for peace of mind to be returned to all.

Over the course of these difficult months, I have been frequently asked by parents "What kinds of experiences do high performing middle schools offer their students?" My answer always emphasizes the need to provide rigorous coursework, to encourage academic achievement, to develop students' "soft skills" (such as sociability, punctuality, conscientiousness) as well as to develop an ability to get along well with others through participation in **extracurricular activities**.

**Academic achievement is part of the story but you have to have the social skills and work habits to back up those achievements.**

Indeed, accordingly to University of Illinois professor Christy Lieras who studies the sociology of education, students who were rated by their teachers as having good social skills and work habits, and who participated in extracurricular activities, made more money and completed higher levels of education 10 years later than their classmates who had similar standardized test scores but were less socially adroit and participated in fewer extracurricular activities. "Soft skills" such as sociability, punctuality, conscientiousness and an ability to get along well with others, along with participation in extracurricular activities, are better predictors of earnings and higher educational achievement later in life than having good grades and high standardized test scores. She stresses that our young adults today are entering a

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workforce that's very different from what it was 30 years ago. It's a very tenuous, volatile market, especially for graduates of schools who are not providing enough opportunities to develop the skills, habits and knowledge we know are going to be rewarded.

So, what can we all take away from Ms. Lieras's research?

**Helen Keller Middle School needs extracurricular activities.**

Sincerely,

—*Joan C. Parker,*  
*Helen Keller Middle School Principal*



## News from the PTA Presidents

### Thank You!

We would like to thank the following people for volunteering to help support the PTA and our children:

- **Lisa Burghardt** for a successful and FUN ski club season
- **Phil LiCatri** for his dedication to the wrestling club
- **Annie Scrivani** for a wonderful field hockey season

### Budget Information

#### How the Easton Budget Process Works

Easton is governed by town meetings and town votes. There is NO town charter or other government body that determines if SCHOOL AND TOWN BUDGETS pass or fail.

Because we are not governed by charter – each year, a town budget referendum is held – it usually takes place the first Tuesday in May. **If that referendum (or vote) fails, then the town will continue to hold as many referenda as it takes to get the budget passed.** In recent years – **budgets have either passed/failed by as few as 8 or 19 votes** – so each vote counts!

Easton also shares a high school with our neighboring town, Redding. Joel Barlow High School (JBHS) is part of the Region 9 school district. The Region 9 School District budget is decided by a second referendum question, and passes by a majority of the **combined** vote in Easton and Redding.

#### How does the Total Town budget break down?

The total Easton budget has several components.

- The **budget for the town** pays for Town Hall services, and other departments such as Public Works, Police, Senior Center, Fire Fighters, EMS and Library. It also covers any new equipment, vehicles, or office supplies, etc.

## Nursing Notes

### Attention to Grade 6 Parents:

The grade 6 Health Assessment is due by the last day of school, which is now June 18<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who have not handed in the form, please be aware of this due date. Doctor's offices fill up quickly in the spring, so it is recommended that you make your appointments early. The Health Assessment form can be printed from the HKMS website (go to [www.helenkellerps.org/Nurse/Health\\_Assessment.htm](http://www.helenkellerps.org/Nurse/Health_Assessment.htm)). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the school nurse, Mary Jane Bellenot, at 268-8651, extension 6.

Thank you very much,

—*Mary Jane Bellenot, RN,*  
*HKMS Nurse*

- The **Easton school budget** funds both the Helen Keller Middle School and Samuel Staples Elementary School. This funding is included in the referendum question on the town budget.
- The **Region 9 school budget** (for JBHS) is decided by a **separate** referendum question.

All of the school budgets include teachers' salaries (which are negotiated every three years with their union), school administrators' salaries, school supplies, special education requirements mandated by the state, building costs and maintenance, buses, health insurance, etc.

### Important Dates for Budget Meetings

Please consider attending to voice your concerns regarding education. For more information, please contact Melanie St. Raymond at [melaniestraymond@yahoo.com](mailto:melaniestraymond@yahoo.com).

- **April 27, 8 PM, SSES:** Annual Town Meeting. All budgets, education and town, are presented. Parent attendance is important as a motion can be made from the floor to reduce the education budget.
- **May 5, 6 AM–8 PM, SSES:** Referendum on the town budget. **GETTING out to VOTE is CRITICAL.** As stated above – budgets have passed/failed by 8 or 19 votes!

### Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

Easton Board of Education meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at HKMS and are open to the public. Upcoming dates for Easton Board of Education meetings:

- April 21
- May 19
- June 9

Check the ER9.org website for agendas, minutes and changes to the schedule at [www.er9.org/boe/EastonBOE/Easton%20BOE.html](http://www.er9.org/boe/EastonBOE/Easton%20BOE.html).

### Nominating Committee 2009

Thank you to Joni Ballas, Tina Cortina, Tina Salzberg, and Michele Koubeck for agreeing to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. Please call Michele Koubeck (member) or email [mkoubeck@optonline.net](mailto:mkoubeck@optonline.net) if you are interested in an Executive Board position. Vacancies are available for President at HKMS, Co-President at SSES, Recording Secretary, Membership, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. The slate will be presented at the April meeting by the Nominating Committee.

### Open Positions for 2009–2010

The PTA will have several openings for the 2009–2010 school year in the Executive Board as well as chair people positions for events and fundraisers. If you are interested in learning more about these positions, please contact Kathleen Wasmer at 452-8211 or Margot Abrams at 459-4759.

### Volunteers Needed for EdCom

Budget season is upon us and EdCom needs your help! The PTA's Education Committee (EdCom) is dedicated to supporting and enhancing Easton's public schools, with respect for the needs of the entire community. (See [www.eastonpta.com/edcom.html](http://www.eastonpta.com/edcom.html).) EdCom is committed to providing factual information to the public to ensure that voters make informed decisions on education issues. We encourage participation of all segments of Easton's population, because we believe that the well-being of the whole town depends on the health of its schools. A good public education is not only Easton's obligation to its children, but also the town's gift to the future. Please contact Melanie St. Raymond at 372-0233 or [sstraymond@aol.com](mailto:sstraymond@aol.com) if you are interested in volunteering. Help is needed in the following areas: research and dissemination of education issues, representation at town meetings, phone calls, and signage.

### Upcoming PTA Meetings

Future planned PTA meetings are as follows:

April 24	9:15 AM	Easton Town Library Community Room
May 15	9:15 AM	Easton Town Library Community Room
June 5	9:15 AM	Easton Town Library Community Room

### Legacy Bricks are Back at HKMS!

Help expand the HKMS Walk of Fame around the flagpole at the "pick-up" area.

- Honor someone special
- Advertise your business
- Remember a loved one
- Recognize achievement
- Thank a mentor
- Commemorate a special occasion
- Support students and enrichment programs at HKMS

If you would like to help on this project or purchase a brick, please email Nancy Rosenthal at [nancyr@greenhosp.org](mailto:nancyr@greenhosp.org).

### Spring Bulb Fundraiser

The spring bulb sale order forms are available in the main office at HKMS. The orders are due by April 1. The bulbs will be in by the end of April. The PTA receives 50% profit on all bulbs sold. Please contact Sharon Stemme at [sharonstemme@earthlink.net](mailto:sharonstemme@earthlink.net) or 371-4491 if you have any questions. Thanks for your support!

### Big Y

Please remember to choose our school when you shop at the BIG Y. We earn points which we can exchange for supplies.

### Shopping Online?

Please think Box Tops and start at [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com)! When you link through the Box Tops for Education Marketplace, you save time and energy and earn cash for our school, too. HKMS will receive a donation of up to 8% back on every qualifying purchase, at no additional cost to you. Some of the dozens of participating retailers are Lands' End, Pottery Barn Kids, Gap, Williams Sonoma!

### Support Group for Families with Children with Autism

Anyone interested in participating or for more information please contact Stacy Varvaro 373-9411 or [pvsav@optonline.net](mailto:pvsav@optonline.net).

### Reflections Winner

Congratulations to all our participants! 6<sup>th</sup> grader **Juliet Meskers** received a state-level Honorable Mention for her Literature piece.

### Parent University

There will be a Parent University on Thursday, April 23, at SSES with Elizabeth Driscoll presenting "Starting to talk to your kids about drugs" and Dr. Louisa Milevoj presenting "Starting to talk to your kids about sex."

## Connecticut Association for the Gifted (CAG) Minds in Motion

See the schedule of events at <http://www.ctgifted.org/events.htm>

For more information, call Anne Manusky at 374-7972 or email Anne at [anne.e.man@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anne.e.man@sbcglobal.net)

### New PTA List Serv

We are now using a different list serv company to send PTA emails. (We are now using the same company SSES and HKMS use.) Anyone who was on the old list serv has been transferred over to the new list serv automatically.

- If you have already been receiving the PTA emails, you do not need to do anything—you will continue to receive PTA emails.
- If you are not on the PTA email list and you would like to start receiving PTA emails, sign up at <http://mailer.offsitelow.net/lists/>. (Select **Easton PTA**.)
- If you have been receiving the PTA emails, and no longer want to receive them, go to <http://mailer.offsitelow.net/lists/> and select **Unsubscribe from our Newsletters** (under **Easton PTA**).

If you have any questions on the PTA list serv, please email Margot Abrams at [margot184@optonline.net](mailto:margot184@optonline.net).

### Supernanny

Are your children driving you nuts? Had enough sassy back talk, disrespect and shenanigans? Call Supernanny Casting at 1-323-904-4680 or email [CNazzaro@Shedmediaus.com](mailto:CNazzaro@Shedmediaus.com). ABC is looking for families with children (toddlers to teens) to take part in the hit television series featuring Jo Frost, America's #1 nanny!



## ELF News

News from the Easton Learning Foundation:

### First Annual Town-wide Trivia BEE

ELF First Annual Town-wide Trivia BEE: Thursday, May 14, 7–9 PM at the SSES Cafetorium

BEE curious on our website:

<http://www.eastonlearningfoundation.org/bee.html>

ELF is looking for worker bees. If you are interested in helping, please call Ann Leibell at 371-4940.

### Treasurer Needed

The Easton Learning Foundation (ELF) is seeking a new treasurer. For more information, see <http://eastonlearningfoundation.org/seekingbd.html>.

### Donate for Annual Sports Sale

Time to pack up those skis and skates? Lots of winter equipment is too small for next year. We will help you clean the garage! PLEASE donate your gently used winter gear to Easton Learning Foundation for our annual Sports Sale which will be held in September. We will happily pick up your gently used items and give you a receipt for your 2009 tax deduction.

Contact Barbie Powell at [bgpowell@optonline.net](mailto:bgpowell@optonline.net). Collection for the Sport Sale is ongoing, so gather your gear, and donate today!

### PTA Team for ELF Trivia Bee

The Easton PTA is sponsoring a team for the ELF Trivia Bee taking place on Thursday, May 14, 2009, 7–9 PM at SSES. We are looking for three PTA members to make up our team. Please contact Margot Abrams (call 459-4759 or email [margot184@optonline.net](mailto:margot184@optonline.net)) if you would like to be on the team.

For more information about the Trivia Bee, see <http://eastonlearningfoundation.org/bee.html>.

### Teacher Appreciation

NEEDED: Parents to help with Teacher Appreciation Week: We need some side salads for a Teacher/Staff lunch on Monday, May 4, and again on Wednesday, May 6, and we need some baked goods for a breakfast on Tuesday, May 5. Anyone interested in providing any of these items for our HKMS teachers and staff, please contact Laura T. Jones at [stonebell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stonebell@sbcglobal.net).

Also needed are parents to supervise the lunch period for your child's grade one or more days of the week so that the teachers can be relieved of this duty. If interested, please contact Eleanor Burns at [eab1962@optonline.net](mailto:eab1962@optonline.net).

Your help is greatly appreciated!

### PTA Spring Social

The PTA Spring Social will be on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Gray's Farm here in Easton. We will be hosting an outdoor concert featuring Fairfield county's own "Tangled Vine" on a beautiful horse farm. Please save the date for a guaranteed fun filled night of music, dancing, and socializing under the stars.

—Margot Abrams  
([margotaz@optonline.net](mailto:margotaz@optonline.net))  
and Kathleen Wasmer  
([kathleenmom@optonline.net](mailto:kathleenmom@optonline.net)),  
Easton PTA HKMS Co-Presidents

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Government

Save the Date!

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Government 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Date: FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

Seatings: 6 PM, 7 PM, and 8 PM

Theme: Heroes and Villains

Order your tickets NOW and visit the book fair while you're here!

Tickets are \$6.00 each for spaghetti, salad, bread, and drinks. Tickets available through any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, by contacting [SBroas@eastonps.org](mailto:SBroas@eastonps.org), or you can buy them at the door!

## Media Center Update

### Media Center Summer Reading Book Fair

This year's book fair will be stocked with affordable books for even the tightest budget. We will have juvenile bestsellers and Nutmeg award winners selected with your children's Summer Reading requirements in mind. Take a look at our SPECIAL SALE table for the very best selections reduced just for Keller families. We'll have adult bestsellers, cookbooks for novice chefs, and special interest books for the sports and history buffs in your family.

Book Fair hours are Tuesday, April 28, through Monday, May 4, 8:30 AM–3 PM.

Extended hours on Tuesday, April 28, 8:30 AM–5 PM and Friday, May 1, 6–9 PM (during the Spaghetti Dinner).

For more information, contact Carol Weinschel.

### Take a Walk in My Shoes

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Families – Save the Date – May 19

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade will hold an international food extravaganza in the Easton Town Library Community Room on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30–7 PM. Students will share the ethnic dishes they have researched for "Take a Walk in My Shoes," an integrated technology and curriculum-based project. This is a collaborative effort run through 21<sup>st</sup> Century and the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade World Geography class. We will need parent volunteers to help oversee and clean up after the event. Students are being asked to prepare the recipe from the country that they studied. More information will follow.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Carol Weinschel.

—*Carol Weinschel,*  
*Director, Learning Resources and Technology*  
([cweinschel@eastonps.org](mailto:cweinschel@eastonps.org))

## Keller Teller Newspaper

The Newspaper Club meets Monday mornings before school in the Media Center, 7:30–8 AM. The club publishes the *Keller Teller* several times during the school year. Copies of the newspaper are distributed to the HKMS community. (See previous issues at [http://www.eastonpta.com/committees\\_a\\_i.html#newspaperclub](http://www.eastonpta.com/committees_a_i.html#newspaperclub).)

Our second issue was distributed last week, and we are working on our third issue of the school year now. All students are welcome to submit an article to the Keller Teller mailbox in the main office.

—*Lisa DeVoto,*  
*Newspaper Club Parent Advisor*

## Soles for Souls

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in a fundraising initiative for Soles 4 Souls, an organization dedicated to helping people by collecting and distributing gently worn shoes for those in need. New clogs and flip flops can also be purchased through the organization. This is an excellent way to recycle old shoes and to help those less fortunate. The organization will be delivering shoes throughout Mexico and Guatemala this spring, summer, and fall. This region was part of our third quarter unit on Latin America, another reason this organization is a perfect fit, so to speak. Domestically, shoes are also provided to homeless shelters, inner city hospitals, areas devastated by disaster, Native Indian reserves, and The Appalachia's, etc. Shoes will be collected in school April 20–May 18. For 7<sup>th</sup> graders, a perfect time to bring in a pair or two of shoes would be at the "Take a Walk in My Shoes" evening on May 19 at the Easton Library. There will also be a collection box at the Easton Public Library. More details to come!

—*Mrs. Rose,*  
*7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher*

## Kids Against Cancer

### Kids Against Cancer to Hold Mother's Day Bake Sale

7<sup>th</sup> grader Jennifer Riccio will host the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Kids Against Cancer Bake Sale, to be held on Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine, to raise money and awareness for The Skin Cancer Foundation and PanCan (the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network). This year's bake sale will be held on the corner of Judd and Maple Roads 9 AM–5 PM. Come early for the best selection of premium baked goods generously donated by area residents, bakeries and supermarkets! Also for sale will be Mother's Day plants, flowers, and herb baskets. Kayleigh's Decorative Soap Dispensers will also be available for purchase. Any middle school students interested in helping out at the bake sale (by baking, making signs, or working a shift) can call Cindy Riccio at 268-5322 to volunteer. For those students in need of community service hours, you can earn them by helping out! Please help us reach our goal of raising a minimum of \$1,200 for these two very worthy causes, while at the same time treating your mom, wife, sister, aunt, or grandma to some delicious goodies for Mother's Day! We hope to see you all there!

## Town Library Events

The following events are coming up at the Easton Town Library.

### Easton's Family Fun Night

WHEN: Friday, April 24th 2009, 6 PM

WHERE: The Easton Public Library's Community Room

WHAT: The Tanglewood Marionettes, from Ware, MA, to perform the show "Dragon King" using life size puppets. (For more information, please visit [www.tanglewoodmarionettes.com](http://www.tanglewoodmarionettes.com).)

Pizza and salad dinner, 6–6:45 PM, followed by the 50 minute performance, and then dessert. Note: Each family is asked to bring a dessert to share at the end of the show.

Families must be members of Friends of the Library to attend. To become a member, complete a registration card available at the Library Front Desk. (Registration cards were mailed to Easton residents too.) Admittance to show is on a first come first served basis. To reserve a spot, please call the Library's Front Desk at 261-0134.

### Murder 203 - Connecticut's Mystery Festival

Murder 203 – Connecticut's Mystery Festival takes place April 18 and 19. For details, see <http://www.murder203.com/> and <http://www.eastonlibrary.org/home/files/murder203.pdf>.

### **JBHS 5K Spring Cross Country Run and 1K Kids Fun Run**

*Sunday, April 26, 2009*

*To support Joel Barlow High School's  
Indoor Track Team. See details at*

[http://www.joelbarlowps.org/athletics/flver\\_R.pdf](http://www.joelbarlowps.org/athletics/flver_R.pdf)

## JBHS Cheer Tryouts

Tryouts for the 2009–2010 JBHS Varsity Cheerleading team are June 1–5, 3:30–5:30 PM, in the upper gym at JBHS.

## Easton Garden Mart

The Easton Garden Club is having their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Garden Mart:

**Saturday, May 9, 9 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Easton Firehouse Green**  
**(the intersection of Center and Sport Hill Roads)**  
**(rain or shine)**

Annuals • Perennials  
 Baked Goods • Produce from Local Farmers


Featuring the Introduction of Easton's First Farm Map

Mother's Day Gifts and Teacher Gifts


### **Easton Volunteer Fire Co.'s 74<sup>th</sup> Carnival**

*Looking for some warm thoughts  
to get you through the chill?  
Think SUMMER and mark your calendars!  
Easton Volunteer Fire Co's 74th Carnival  
July 28–August 1, 2009*

# April 2009

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24	25 <b>NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)</b>	26 <b>C</b> 7:30–8 AM—8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Govt 7:35–8 AM—Select Choir	27 <b>D</b> 2:45–3:45 PM—Debate Club 2:45–3:45 PM— Weather Club	28 <b>E</b>	29 <b>F</b> 7:30–8 AM—Gang Green 7:30–8 AM—Jazz Band 7:30 AM—Kids Who Care	30
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<b>(tentative last day of school: Thursday, June 18)</b>						