



The Staples Scoop



Wednesday, September 22, 2010



CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Wed., Sept. 22	Parent Night for Pre-K through Grade 2; 7 pm
Thurs., Sept. 23	Parent Night for Grades 3, 4 & 5; 7 pm
Fri., Sept. 24	School Spirit Day; Wear SSES colors of blue & gold!
Fri., Sept. 24	EARLY DISMISSAL – Professional Development; 1 pm, (HKMS also)
Sat., Sept. 25	ELF Used Sporting Goods Super Sale; 9 am – 3 pm; HKMS Tennis Courts
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
Mon., Oct. 18	Parent Seminar on Student Organizational Skills; 7 pm
Thurs., Oct. 21	EARLY DISMISSAL; Prof. Development; 1 pm
Tues., Nov. 9	Principal's Coffee (<i>note change of date from Nov. 10</i>); Cafetorium; 9:15 am
Thurs., Nov. 11	EARLY DISMISSAL; Prof. Development; 1 pm (also is Veteran's Day)

PRINCIPAL'S SCOOP by Kimberly Fox-Santora

Providing timely, reliable communication between home and school has remained a priority for Samuel Staples Elementary School. We value partnerships with all families and believe a positive connection with home significantly contributes to a student's success.

As a faculty, we always share best practices, and establishing positive relationships with parents frequently takes center stage. Teachers appreciate easy, practical strategies to help develop and maintain trustworthy relationships with parents. Know that we hold our partnerships with you in high regard.

At SSES, we encourage families to be actively involved in their child's education. Depending on the grade level and area, we offer a variety of volunteer opportunities, including Mystery Reader, I Love to Read, Shelf Elf, Room Parent, and Guest Teacher. We hope that you accept our invitations to volunteer in the classroom.

In addition to the communications that occur in e-mail and phone calls, parent-teacher conferences are offered in the fall and spring which allow teachers and parents to share information about student performance and also compare each child's performance against district standards. Monthly principal's coffees are also available to parents to discuss contemporary issues in the field of education, as well as to provide parents a venue in which to ask questions of me.

I look forward to working with you this year.

A couple items from the school office....

If you have not yet returned your child's Emergency Form, please make this a priority in the next day or so. Even if you haven't any changes, it is important that we hear back from you so that we can verify each child's record. Along those lines, please remember to notify the school office of any changes to your home/cell/work numbers or e-mail addresses.

PRINCIPAL'S SCOOP (cont.)

Please also remember to notify the school nurse whenever your child is absent from school. Attendance record-keeping is done by the nurse, and it is critical that she be informed so that she does not need to contact the classroom teacher and interrupt teaching.

It's Harvest Time at SSES

After school on Wednesday September 29th, Sport Hill Farm's "Farm Gal Patti" will be at SSES for those interested in walking the fields to see what is growing, then help decorate SSES for the fall. Cornstalks, pumpkins & mums will make the perfect back drop for the annual Halloween Parade. She is looking for some adult volunteers for that afternoon with the children. Any student is welcome to stay with parental permission. Please e-mail Patti Popp if you are interested: farmgal596@yahoo.com .

THE PTA SCOOP

Submit Fall Fundraiser Orders By Friday

The Innisbrook Fall Fundraiser ends this Friday. It's easy to go online and place your own order. Please contact Kathleen Wasmer at Kathleenmom@optonline.net with any questions.

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 the end of this edition. 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

Intro to BoxTops and Labels

SSES participates in four different programs. These programs provide SSES with either cash or points for free supplies. Please help us by saving the labels from items you purchase and turn them in to your teacher in an envelope or ziplock. Please make sure to write your teacher's name and make sure any labels are not "expired". The top earning class for each program will earn a party at the end of the school year.

1) BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: New products this year are: Land O' Lakes, Progresso Soups, Avery, Juicy Juice, Kleenex, Huggies, Kotex, Hefty Kitchen bags, and much more. Check the list at www.boxtops4education.com.

2) CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION: Earn points when you save proof of purchase from Bic's and Pop Secret Microwave popcorn plus over 150 products; (ie. V8 Splash, Campbell's Supper Bake and select Campbell's soup). Check the website www.labelsforeducation.com for the entire list. Remember please send in only the UPCs from the soup cans, Pepperidge Farm breads, bagels, Goldfish crackers--the only exception are the V8 Splash Juice and Smoothies which only the LID is valid.

3) **TYSON PROJECT A+ LABEL COLLECTION PROGRAM:** Tyson Labels also now appear in their bacon products. Please remember to send in the entire box bottom. In the case of the family size plastic bags please send in the entire end piece with the logo intact. You can visit their website at www.ProjectAplus.tyson.com.

4) **STOP & SHOP A+ Bonus Bucks:** Every time you shop with your Stop & Shop card beginning October 8, 2010, you will earn A+ Bonus Bucks points for SSES to use. Be sure to register you Stop & Shop card at www.stopandshop.com/aplus and designate SSES. ***You must register every year, even if you have participated before.***

Fall Book Fair Is Oct. 15-22

Mark your calendars... The Fall Scholastic Book Fair will be held at SSES Small Gym October 15-22! Please look for more details to follow. Feel free to contact the Chairpeople with questions or if you are interested in volunteering (Beth Gomolak, bethbg@optonline.net or Laura T. Jones, stonebell@sbcglobal.net).

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)

THE TOWN SCOOP

ELF's Super Sporting Goods Sale is This Saturday

ELF's annual mega-sale will take place at the HKMS tennis courts on Sat., Sept. 25th from 9 am to 3 pm. All proceeds support the Easton Learning Foundation.



2nd Annual County Fair to Benefit Library Is Saturday Afternoon

The Friends of the Easton Public Library will present the second annual Country Fair and Cow Chip Raffle on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the library. A pie-eating contest, potato-sack races, pony rides and face painting, "penny candy" and other food items will be available.



Recycle Your Electronics on Saturday Morning

Easton residents may safely discard their unwanted electronic items for free on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 9 am to noon at the Easton public works garage. Among the items that will be accepted are computer monitors, towers, laptops, keyboards and mice; cell phones; fax machines; stereo systems; speakers; telephones; televisions; plasma, CRT and LCD screens; copy machines; calculators; and household appliances. For more information call eReclaim at 203-687-4445 or visit e-reclaim.com.

Easton Concert Series at the Gazebo – "The Final Jam" is This Sunday

Grab your friends and neighbors and your lawn chairs and come enjoy the final FREE concert of the Gazebo's inaugural season: This Sunday, September 26th; 4-7 pm: Come hear local high school bands, including HERT, whose members are all SSES alumni.



Annual Easton EMS Women's Tennis Tournament, Lunch & Silent Auction

Come out for some round robin doubles on Tuesday, October 5th; 9 am at the Easton Racquet Club. Tennis, lunch, prizes, fun! Come for tennis, or just for lunch, but please come! To register, please contact Heidi Adair at hadair@optonline.net.

Bradley Hubbell Museum Announces Open Houses on Three Sundays

The Bradley-Hubbell Museum will be open on Sundays, September 26th, October 10th and 24th from 2-4 pm. 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.



Register for Girl Scouts September 27th at EPL

Registration for Girl Scouts will be held at the Easton Public Library Community Room next Monday, September 27th from 6:30pm – 8pm, following an information session for parents of new Girl Scouts at 6 pm. For more information contact Leigh Hardisty at hardisty@optonline.net or Nicole Parkhurst, Girl Scouts of CT at nparkhurst@gsofct.org or 203-334-3145.

ECC Parents' Nights Out

Fridays, Oct. 1, Oct. 22, Nov. 12; Dec. 3; 6:30 – 10 pm; games, arts & crafts + pizza dinner for ages 4-12. Please call 203.459.9700 to register.

Save the Date:

- **ELF Holiday Cocktail Party:** 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.

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. 6 and 20. 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



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Important Websites

www.samuelstaplesps.org

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www.er9.org

Easton PTA Pie Sale

Student's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Teacher: _____

Ask relatives, friends, and neighbors for support. Do not go door to door for orders.

Make checks payable to: Easton PTA

All pies cost \$12.

Name						#	\$
	Blueberry	Peach	Chocolate Cream	Pumpkin	Fruit of the Forest	Apple	Sold

Total Each Column

Please return by Nov. 5th to PTA Pie Sale.