



The Staples Scoop



November 1st, 2011



CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Thurs., Nov. 3 Photo Retake Day
 Thurs., Nov. 3 Candidates' Forum; 7 pm; HKMS Media Center
 Wed., Nov. 9 Principal's Coffee; 9:15 am; Cafetorium
 Wed., Nov. 9 EARLY DISMISSAL; Prof. Development; 1 pm
 Mon., Nov. 14 Annual "Turkey Trot" Food Collection
 Week of Nov. 14 Food Bank Week
 Tues., Nov. 15 – EARLY DISMISSAL; 1 pm; Parent-Teacher Conferences
 Fri., Nov. 18
 Tues., Nov. 15 Easton Board of Ed Meeting; 7:30 pm; HKMS

Picture Re-Takes Are This Thursday

Bring the original package minus the class photo on Thursday and you will be called to take your photograph. If you need a photo taken for the first time, there are order forms in the main office.



School Calendar

The current (tentative!) last day of school for this academic year will be Thurs., June 21, 2012. Complete information on how any future emergency school closings will impact the school calendar is here:

<http://www.er9.org/Calendars/Revised2011-2012SchoolYearCalendar.PDF>

Time for "Turkey Trot" + Food Bank Week

This year our annual Turkey Trot will be Mon., Nov. 14th from 2:40-3:15 pm. Each student is asked to donate one non-perishable food item (their ticket to trot) at the beginning of the event. K-2 students will trot on the lower field, while Grades 3-5 will trot on the upper field. All of the food will be donated to the Easton Senior Center, and with the help of Easton, Redding, and Joel Barlow students, will be made into 75 food baskets for needy local families.



The week of November 14-18 will be **Food Bank Week** – we ask our school community to fill the base of the lobby staircase with donated food so that the food bank has a reserve supply.

"Choosing the Right Books for Your Student" to be Topic of Principal's Coffee

Join Kim Fox-Santora for her Principal's Coffee on Wed., Nov. 9th at 9:15 am in the Cafetorium. Her guest speaker will be Media Specialist Lynne Duffy. The "School Library Journal" recently published an article about the demise of picture books for young children. "The economy isn't the only reason why fewer picture books are being published and displayed in bookstores. **Apparently, a significant contributing factor to the decline of the picture book is parents thinking that pushing young children to read text-heavier chapter books will help their children become better readers faster.**" Mrs. Duffy would like to help parents in their search for "Just Right" books for their children.

Samuel Staples Pre-School Accepting Applications For Next School Year

For more information on SSES' full-day pre-school programs for 3- and 4-year olds, please contact sbarnard@eastonps.org or (203) 459-9689.

THE PTA SCOOP

Odyssey of the Mind

At the first PTA meeting of the year, parents asked Dr. Josefsburg why we don't have more math opportunities for our students. You asked for it, you got it!... The PTA is willing to sponsor Odyssey of The Mind for both SSES and HKMS, **but we need parents and teachers to help!** Odyssey of the Mind teaches students how to think "outside of the box" by providing open-ended problems that appeal to a wide range of interests. SSES and HKMS each need a team leader(s) to help the students to enter the regional competitions in our area. Time is of the essence so that we can compete this school year! Please consider this fabulous and positive opportunity for our community! Volunteers and questions/comments please contact: Stephanie Frangenes Loo at sfrangenes@yahoo.com

Thanks to:

- Maggie Silverstein and her committee: Jenn Broadbin, Caroline D'Agostino, and Claire-Anne Meskers for the PTA directory;
- Rachel Rios and Robyn Kornblatt for the fall fundraiser;
- Claire Wilkes for the School Store and her volunteers: Claire Wilkes, Alina Bogdan, Shannon Barnett, Soo Rasmussen, Larisa Cooper, Dyan Griffin, jodi Forte, Roshanai Ghavami, Jill Jarvis, Michele Keenan, Sharon Stemme and Stephanie Frangenes;
- Beth Gomolak and Jeanine Jones for chairing the book fair and to all the volunteers during the week who helped make it a success.

It's PTA Reflections Time Again!

"Put on your dancing shoes, grab a camera, or pick up a pen or paintbrush, and create! It'll be fun! The PTA's REFLECTIONS PROGRAM has begun!" What a difference the arts make. For math skills, social skills, creative thinking, self esteem, etc. Encourage your child's artistic exploration. Each year, the National PTA Reflections Arts Achievement Program challenges students to create art that relates to a specific theme. This year's theme is "DIVERSITY MEANS ...". Participation can be in six arts areas; Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Dance Choreography, Musical Composition and Film Production. You may enter a piece of work in more than one category, and you may have more than one entry in the same category. Entries are critiqued against children in the same grade division. Learn more by visiting PTAreflections.org.

The Easton PTA will be hosting the Reflections Program for all students, from pre-school to eighth grade (high school entries are submitted to Joel Barlow High School PTSA). To participate, entries will be received in the main office at SSES and HKMS until January 4, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.. For a copy of the entry form, and to find out the program rules, please visit our website at www.eastonpta.com. Please read the rules carefully. All forms must be submitted to be considered for the next level of competition. Copies of the entry form and the program rules will also be available in the main office at SSES and HKMS. If you have any questions, please contact your Reflections Chair, Claire-Anne Meskers, at meskers@optonline.net or 203-374-5566.

We Did It!

Thanks to your votes, the PTA won \$500 in the Better School Bonanza on thedailyeaston.com!

Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program

Through March 29, 2012, SSES will have the opportunity to earn cash through your purchases at Stop & Shop. All you have to do is grab your Stop & Shop Rewards card and either:

1. Go to www.stopandshop.com/aplus; or
2. Call 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

Even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register for SSES to receive credit. Your grocery receipt will tell you how many points you've earned for SSES. *Peapod purchases count, too!* At



the end of the program, SSES will receive a check to be used for any of our school's educational needs. Samuel Staples Elementary School's ID is #05774.

THE TOWN SCOOP

Easton Cub Scout Pack 166 Hosting Food Drive through Nov. 10th



Please help the Webelos I Den 2 earn their citizenship award by donating canned food items. The den has placed boxes at the front of Samuel Staples Elementary School in the vestibule, the Easton Public Library and the Easton Senior Center to collect canned food for the local food pantries. Please make your donation before November 10th. Items such as canned vegetables, soups, rice, are welcome. Thank you for helping us help folks in need.

Barlow PTSA and Redding Library Present Documentary Screening with Film's Director

"BUCK, was created to move people to make changes in how they deal with horses and life's challenges. Buck Brannaman is a true cowboy who has overcome tremendous personal odds. This film intends to inspire, motivate and teach through principles of respect, partnership and trust rather than anger, fear and intimidation."

The JBHS PTSA and The Mark Twain Library are co-sponsoring a screening of the Award-Winning documentary BUCK on Tuesday, November 29 at 7 pm at JBHS. BUCK was directed and produced by Cindy Meehl, a Redding resident and mother of two Barlow Grads. Cindy will attend and stay for a Q & A following the screening. Tickets are available at: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=etk86ncab&oeidk=a07e55ir24d5745bbcd>

At the ECC:

- **Pub Night:** For adults, to benefit the ECC; this Sat., Nov. 5th from 7-11 pm. \$40 per person. Tickets at <http://eccpubnight.eventbrite.com>. Event is close to being sold out, so purchasing tickets in advance is recommended!

Mark Your Calendar:

- Annual 8th Grade Pancake Breakfast is Sat., Dec. 3rd at HKMS. The theme is "Board games"!
- *Change of date!* ELF's Holiday Cocktail Party and Silent Auction is Saturday, Dec. 10th at Aspetuck Valley Country Club. We welcome items for our silent auction. For more info: mkarenobrien@yahoo.com

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The Scoop Scoop

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

Candidates Forum

Join us for an opportunity to meet the candidates for

BOARD of EDUCATION,

Region 9 BOARD of EDUCATION, and

BOARD of FINANCE

And have YOUR questions answered!

As parents, residents and voters of Easton, it is critical that we know the philosophies and priorities of the candidates that will be representing our town and making budget decisions that will affect the future of our children's education.

Submit questions in advance for the candidates to answer to

eastonforum2011@yahoo.com

Thursday, November 3rd 7:00 pm
HKMS Media Center

1) Board of Education:

Dan Underberger (D)	Jeff Parker (R)
Regina Bobroske (D)	
Vida Peskay (D)	

2) Region 9 Board of Education:

Margot Z. Abrams(D)	Todd Johnston (R)
Paul Coppinger (D)	Carolyn Colangelo (R)
	J. Vance Hancock (R)

3) Board of Finance:

Claire Gold(D)	Christian Griffin(R)
Paul Lindoerfer (D)	C. Lee Hanson(R)
Louis Rosamilia (D)	Fred Knopf (R)

PTA[®] Reflections unleashes your artistic talents

Dance Choreography

Photography

Film Production

Musical Composition

Literature

Visual Arts

2011-2012 Theme: **“Diversity Means...”**

Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

Deadline for entries:

For details, contact

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