



# The Staples Scoop



Wed., Jan. 6th, 2010



## CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Tues., Jan. 12	EARLY DISMISSAL; Prof. Development; 1 pm for SSES; 12:10 pm for HKMS
Tues., Jan. 12	Easton Board of Ed Mtg.; 7:30 pm; HKMS
Fri., Jan 15	Easton PTA Meeting; 9:30 am; Library Community Room; all welcome
Mon., Jan. 18	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Wed., Jan. 20	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choral Concert; 7 pm
Mon., Jan. 25	NO SCHOOL – Staff Day
Mon., Feb 15 –	NO SCHOOL – February Break
Fri., Feb 19	
Wed., Feb. 24	EARLY DISMISSAL; Prof. Development; 1 pm

## THE PRINCIPAL'S SCOOP *by Kimberly Fox-Santora*

There is nothing more rejuvenating than a vacation. Reconnecting with family and friends, sleeping late, and reading for pleasure are what I needed to fortify my soul. Everyone looks well-rested and eager to return to their daily routines.

I had the distinct opportunity to deliver the toys and coats to Cross Elementary and Read Elementary just days before our holiday vacation began. With the help of Mrs. Meskers, Mrs. Chabannes, and Mrs. Petronella, sorting coats and packing boxes was never more personally fulfilling. The overwhelming generosity of our community left each of us inspired by the spirit of good will. Although there were too many to count, each school received well over 30 coats (most were new with tags) and many boxes of new and gently used toys.

When the convoy of filled vehicles arrived at each school, the expressions from those who met us will undoubtedly stay with us for a lifetime. Bridgeport students and staff were very impressed and extended warm messages of gratitude to the Easton families who made a donation.

Certainly one of my most joyful experiences as an educator, I wish to thank the many families and staff who helped make this winter toy and coat drive such a marvelous success.

Best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy and productive new year.



### Winter Choral Concert is Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – CDs Available for Purchase

The 4th and 5th grade choral concert will be Wednesday, Jan. 20th at 7 pm in the Cafetorium. CDs of the performance will be available for order through the night of the concert. Payment of \$10 per CD is required at the time of the order, and your CD will be delivered to your child's classroom for them to bring home. If you wish to order before the concert please send cash or check to Easton PTA for \$10 per CD in an envelope marked "Concert CD, attention Sharon Stemme" prior to 1/20. There will be no orders accepted after 1/20, as we will place our order the night of the concert. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Stemme at [sharonstemme@earthlink.net](mailto:sharonstemme@earthlink.net)

## The January Lunch Menu Is Online

<http://www.er9.org/schools/Menus/SSES-January2010Menu.PDF>



## THE PTA SCOOP

- ❖ The Easton PTA extends its thanks and wishes a fond farewell to Dr. Allen Fossbender, as we **welcome our new superintendent of schools, Dr. Michael Chicchetti**. You can read more about him here: <http://www.er9.org/homepagefiles/ER9PressRelease-10-16-2009.PDF>
- ❖ Save the Date: **Easton PTA Family Fun with The Harlem Globetrotters** at Harbor Yard. Sat., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm or 7 pm. Ticket information to follow.

### Think Gift Cards 'First' – Next Order is Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

Easton Special Ed PTA (SEPTA) will continue to sell hundreds of types of different gift cards *all year round*. We will place an order on the "First" of each month – starting Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> -- and you will have your cards hand delivered to you within a week. Go to <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>. Choose from the hundreds of available gift cards and see how they benefit special education. You need to create a log-in using your email address and SEPTA's account number (E2L4B2AB22968). Then send in a check for the total amount to Easton SEPTA c/o the SSES office. For more information or a paper order form, please email [EastonSEPTA@hotmail.com](mailto:EastonSEPTA@hotmail.com) or call Mary at 203.372.2103.

SEPTA's January meeting is Thurs., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am in the Easton Library's Conference Room.

### The Scoop Scoop

The Scoop is published every other Wednesday (for the most part) during the school year and distributed by mail via the Listserv. To add or change your email information go to [www.er9.org/sses/](http://www.er9.org/sses/) and click on "Join Our Listserv".

Next issue: Wednesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. Please submit any information – in MS Word format -- by the Saturday evening preceding publication. Questions and submissions to Cathy Dunsby at [ssesscoop@yahoo.com](mailto:ssesscoop@yahoo.com)

### Important Websites

[www.samuelstaplesps.org](http://www.samuelstaplesps.org)

[www.eastonpta.com](http://www.eastonpta.com)

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## THE TOWN SCOOP

**ECC Scoop** -- Please call 203.459.9700 to reserve for below:

- Parents' Night Out: This Friday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>; 6:30 – 10 pm; members \$15, non-members \$20; includes dinner
- Holiday Camps: Jan. 18 & 25; 8 am – 6 pm; members \$50, non-members \$60 per day.
- Annual Wine Tasting: Wines from around the world, catered hors d'oeuvres & dessert, Sat., Jan. 23rd, 7-10:30 pm; \$50 per person

### **Redding-Easton LACROSSE (RELAX) Information Session is This Saturday**

This Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 1 PM at Joel Barlow High School for Boys and Girls in Grades 3-8 and a NEW K-2 program for Boys. Includes equipment swap, and new equipment and equipment packages for both boys and girls. Meet the coaches. Get all your questions answered! New players welcome. Questions to Cori Distler at [cdistler@reddingps.org](mailto:cdistler@reddingps.org).

### **Register Now for Redding-Easton Spring Softball**

Redding and Easton have combined our softball programs for 2010! This new combination extends our relationship with Little League Softball and allows us to develop a stronger overall program for all our girls. Redding-Easton Softball will include:

- Four Age Divisions for girls from 7-14.
- In-House and Inter-Town Play: Bringing Redding and Easton together allows us to expand the number of teams in our Spring Program, while also providing our girls an opportunity to play games with other in-house teams from neighboring towns within our Little League Softball district.
- Skill Building Clinics: With help from the Barlow High Softball Team, sessions will include age-appropriate instruction designed to improve all aspects of our girls' softball skills in a fun and active way.
- Instruction for Coaches: a series of free coaching clinics by Positive Coaching Alliance and Frozen Ropes to help support and prepare our volunteer coaches.
- Summer All-Star and Travel Team Evaluations: If you are interested in representing Redding-Easton Softball in Connecticut District I Little League Softball tournaments and/or the Fairfield County Fastpitch Softball League summer travel program, you must participate in the Spring Program.



Standard registration fees are \$135 for Rookie Division, \$160 for 10U, 12U and 14U. Register by January 15 and receive \$10 off. Please call the Redding Boys & Girls Club with any questions: 938-3166. For more information or to register online, go to: <http://www.leag1.com/Default.asp?snid=271536900&org=rbgcbaseball.net>