



The Staples Scoop



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CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Fri., Jan 9	PTA Meeting; Easton Library Community Room; 9:15 am; <i>all welcome</i>
Wed., Jan. 14	EARLY DISMISSAL; Professional Development; 1pm
Wed., Jan 14	PTA Night at Unos Chicago Grill
Mon., Jan. 19	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tues., Jan 20	NO SCHOOL – Staff Development
Mon., Jan. 26	School in Session – <i>note change</i>
Fri., Jan. 30	School Store Open

THE PRINCIPAL'S SCOOP by Kimberly Fox-Santora

Happy New Year! I certainly hope that all of our families had a restful and enjoyable holiday vacation. I can tell you firsthand that the students returned with renewed excitement for learning.

At this time of year, sending home a few reminders benefit us all. I wanted to take a moment to remind you about proper dress during the winter months. Students need to come to school prepared to go outdoors for recess. Winter coats, hats, gloves and boots need to be brought to school on a daily basis as we will make every effort to give the children outdoor recess time.

I also wanted to remind you of the school's policy regarding toys and electronics from home. Following the holiday season, we often find students bringing in toys and games that they received as gifts. I am asking for your support in reminding our students that cell phones, iPods, video games or other electronic devices are not allowed in school. If any of these items find their way to school, they will be taken to the office and held for pick-up by the parent.

Finally, I sent an e-mail home on Tuesday alerting parents to an important change to our school calendar. The January 26th professional development day marked tentative on the school calendar has been changed to **Tuesday, January 20th**. January 26th is now a regular full-day of school.

Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful 2009!



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Important Websites

www.er9.org/sses/

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Morning Drop-Off Safety Alert

If you drop your child(ren) off in the morning, please remember that the car loop is *two lanes*. Cars will be passing you to enter the parking lot. Also, this is the only route to the pre-school entrance, and our pre-schoolers are not eligible for bus transportation. Please have your child exit onto the curb, and be sure to look for other cars as you pull out. There are frequent near-misses as parents make a left turn from the right lane.

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Diversity Day Informational Meeting

Want to learn more about Diversity Day and all of its programs? Join us on Mon., Jan. 12th at 9:30 a.m. at Melinda O'Brien's home to find out more. We will be planning this year's event scheduled for Thurs., April 2nd. RSVP or questions to susandiscipio@epals.com.

Family Fun Night with the Harlem Globetrotters

Friday, Feb. 20th at 7 pm at the Arena at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport. Discounted tickets are \$21. For an order form, please visit http://www.eastonpta.com/pdf/harlem_globetrotters.pdf. Ticket deadline is Feb. 4th. Any questions, please contact Stephanie Loo at 372-5333.

Campbell's Labels for Education -- Please remember to cut out the UPC of all Pepperidge Farm Products (Breads, bagels, Goldfish, cookies, stuffing, etc.) For all the Campbell's Soups remember to turn in the UPC that also has the number of point (ie. 1 point or 5 point). Thanks for all your support

Big Y -- Thanks to all the parents that have used their Big Y card and designated the points to SSES. Please continue to remember our school when you shop at the BIG Y. The points are exchanged for great supplies.

PTA Night at Uno Chicago Grill is Wed., Jan. 14th

Vouchers will be available at the PTA website: <http://www.eastonpta.com>

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Contact Cathy Dunsby at
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Next issue: Jan. 21st.
Deadline: Jan. 18th.

THE TOWN SCOOP



2009 Easton Little League Registration Runs Through January

For all the details and fees visit www.eastonlittleleague.com. Contact adaugelli@eastonlittleleague.com with any questions.

All registration is at the Helen Keller Middle School cafeteria:

- Saturdays: Jan. 10th, 17th and 24th: 9 to 11am
- Wednesday: Jan. 21st: 5:30 to 8pm

ELL baseball is open to boys and girls who reside in Easton born on or after May 1st, 1996 up through April 30th, 2004.

Little League Running 9-Week Winter Baseball Clinics

- Pitching Clinic: 1/31, 2/1, 2/8 (Ages 9 and up and must have participated in AA)
- Hitting, Fielding Clinic: 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22

All Hitting, Fielding Clinic players are required to have completed a year of T-ball. Players must be born on or after May 1, 1996 and on or before April 30, 2002.



Easton Girls Softball Offers Three Ways to Register for 2009 Season

Easton Girls Softball is open to all girls who are currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 8th grade. There are three ways to register *by the Feb 1st deadline*:

- 1) In person: At HKMS (in the hallway outside the gym): Saturdays: Jan. 17th or 24th: 9 – 11 am
- 2) By mail: Print out a form from the Easton Girls Softball website - <http://www.eastongsl.org> and mail it to: Easton Girls Softball, Attn: Ann Adriani, 30 Meadow Ridge Dr., Easton, CT 06612
- 3) By email: Email the form from the website to annadriani@hotmail.com and send check via snail mail to the above address.

For more information, including fees, please visit the website: <http://www.eastongsl.org>

Joel Barlow High School Softball Leading One-Day Clinic

The JBHS softball team and coach will offer a one-day clinic for all ages on Sat., Feb. 7th, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, in the JBHS gym. \$10 per player. Come learn some new skills or polish up those old ones! For more information contact Rich Colangelo at rcgcolange@optonline.net.

Easton Community Center News Please call 459.9700 to reserve for the following:

- Upcoming Vacation Camps: Jan. 19th & 20th; 8 am – 6 pm
- Wine & Cheese Benefit: Sat., Jan. 24th

Save the Date: ECC Gala at Brooklawn Country Club

Join us on Saturday evening, March 14th as we honor Dr. Allen Fossbender for his service to Easton and its students. Cocktails, dinner and dancing at Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield.

Joel Barlow's Second Annual Jewelry Auction is Fri., Jan. 16th

Over 40 pieces of jewelry all handmade by the award winning jewelry students at Joel Barlow High School! Friday, Jan. 16th at the Easton Library Community Room (snow date is Sat., Jan 17th). Beginning at 7 pm is the auction preview, meet the artists and refreshments, followed at 8 pm by a live auction with the return of Milo Cramer as auctioneer. All proceeds benefit our Lakota friends in South Dakota and Stetson Elementary School in Maine. A \$5 admission donation is most welcomed. This event is graciously supported by the Easton Learning Foundation. For more information contact Lee Skalkos Skalkos@region9ps.org or 938-2508 x1167.

Toy Drive Success

Third Grade Brownie Troop #31244, and leaders Christine Wegener and Stephanie Loo, thank the entire SSES community for their very generous donations to the toy/book/game drive. Well over a thousand items were donated! They are being put to good use in Bridgeport Hospital's pediatric unit, which, thanks to SSES has a new re-designed toy room, plus other various outreach programs which they sponsor. They were most sincerely grateful for all of the contributions.