



The Staples Scoop



January 15, 2012



CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

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| Mon., Jan. 16 | NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| Wed., Jan. 18 | Principal's Coffee; 9:15 am; Cafetorium |
| Fri., Jan. 20 | PTA Meeting; 9:15 am; Easton Library Community Room |
| Fri., Jan. 27 | School Spirit Day; School Store open 11:30 am – 2 pm |
| Thurs., Feb. 2 | Winter Choral Concert; 6:30 pm; Cafetorium |
| Tues., Feb. 7 | EARLY DISMISSAL; Prof. Development; 1 pm (HKMS at 12:10 pm) |
| Tues., Feb. 14 | Easton Board of Education Meeting; 7:30 pm; HKMS |
| Wed., Feb. 15 | Board of Ed Budget Workshop; 7:30 pm; HKMS |
| Mon., Feb. 20 - Fri., Feb. 24 | NO SCHOOL; Presidents' Day + February Break |

Fri., Jan. 27th is School Spirit Day

The 1st grade team would like students to donate new mitten, hats, and scarves for School Spirit Day for donation to a needy children or Alpha House.

THE PTA SCOOP

Diversity Day Planning Meeting

Want to know more about April's **Diversity Day**? Come to an informational meeting on Thurs., Jan. 19th, 2 - 3 pm at the Easton Public Library Community Room. Hope to see you there. For more information, or if you can't make the meeting, contact Gina Hicks Gina.hicks74@gmail.com, Bernadette Toth bernadettetoth@yahoo.com, or Susan DiScipio, susandiscipio@epals.com.



PTA Needs a Few Volunteers for Nominating Committee.....

It is already time to form a nominating committee for next year's board. We need three to five committee members to be on the nominating committee - this means you help find people willing to run for the open board positions for the 2012-2013 board - you would not be on the board just help finding the people. Find a friend and join a committee together! If you are interested in either please contact Sharon Stemme at sharonstemme@yahoo.com or 203-371-4491. Thanks for considering it, we would appreciate any help you could give!

THE TOWN SCOOP



Register Online for Girls' Softball

Register now through Feb. 15th at www.redding-eastonsoftball.org. Season starts with indoor practices in March! Questions to reddingeastonsoftball@gmail.com or call the Boys & Girls Club at 938-9785.

Easton Little League Sign-Ups

Open to boys and girls residing in Easton and born between May 1, 1999 and April 30, 2008. T-Ball is open to 4 year olds. For complete info and fees and to register online, visit www.eastonlittleleague.com or in-person at the Helen Keller Middle School Cafeteria on:

- Saturday, Jan. 21st: 9 am – 12 pm
- Wednesday, Jan. 25th: 5 pm – 7:30 pm
- Saturday, Jan. 28th: 9 am – 12 pm

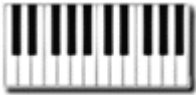
NEW for 2012 – Enhanced Player Development Sessions (included with registration)



Spring Lacrosse Registration and Meet the Coaches Event

Girls and boys in grades K – 8 are invited to register for spring lacrosse at www.re-lax.org. RELAX Season Orientation, SWAG sale, and Meet the Coaches is scheduled for Sat., Jan. 28th at JBHS (noon to 2 pm). Season opens March 10! Visit the website for complete information.

JBHS “Buy a Key” Piano Fundraiser



Joel Barlow High School is raising money to purchase a new concert piano for the school's music department to replace JBHS's old piano, which is in desperate need of replacement. Thanks to the generous contribution of donors over the last few years, the Council has raised \$12,600 of the \$30,000 needed. To raise the remaining money, the PTSA Arts Council is running a Buy-A-Key Fundraiser to "sell" all 88 keys. A donor can "buy" a key ranging in price from \$150 to \$500 or a music note for \$25, \$50 or \$100. Bench-level donations are also welcome at \$1,000. Donations in any amount are tax deductible and can be sent to Joel Barlow High School ATTN: PTSA Arts Council, 100 Black Rock Turnpike, Redding, CT 06896. For further information or questions, please contact PTSA Arts Council Co-Chair Peggy Ordway at 203-452-0034.

Historical Society of Easton Presents Free Lecture: “The Forgotten War of 1812”

Saturday, January 21st at 1 pm in the Easton Library Community Room. The United States of America declared its independence from Great Britain in 1776, but it took 36 more years — and a second war — to guarantee that independence. The Society will host guest lecturer, Betty Oderwald, President of the U.S. Daughters of 1812, who will share her knowledge about the War of 1812 and the impact it had on the residents of Connecticut. No reservations necessary. Info: 203-581-0850 or email HSEastonCT@gmail.com, Visit: <http://historicalsocietyofeastonct.org>

Christ Church to Host Parenting Seminar

“What Can You Bring”: Getting Your Child on the Right Track to Becoming a Responsible Adult

Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 7 – 8:30 pm at Christ Church. Jeanne Rollins, a licensed family therapist and parenting coach will present “What Can You Bring” -- a motivational talk intended to convince parents that we don't ask enough of our children – pre-school age through young adulthood. “What Can You Bring” is a much-needed orientation for a generation of parents who need reasons to step back so our children can step up and into their most responsible and generous selves. Learn:

- Ways to enable responsible behavior in your child;
- How to help your child discover his or her unique gifts;
- Techniques to define and communicate boundaries between your child and you.

For more information, or to RSVP, call: 203-268-3569, email: eastonparish1762@sbcglobal.net Suggested donation: \$10.00 ~ Refreshments served.

Easton Little League Hosting “Batting Cage” Party

ELL is hosting an adults-only benefit to raise money for an outdoor batting cage on Friday, February 10th, from 8 – 10 pm at Brennan's Shebeen (at Smith Richardson Golf Course in Easton off of Morehouse Road). Tickets are \$60 per person / \$90 per couple and can be purchased online at www.eastonlittleleague.com in the registration section. Includes an open bar, appetizers, raffles and a great time! If you are unable to attend but wish to make a donation, please contact Treasurer Steve Holm-Hansen, at steven.holm-hansen@sbcglobal.net

Scrabble Event Benefits Mercy Learning Center

Play Scrabble for a good cause at a very lively, casual, and fun event to benefit Mercy Learning Center. Sunday, February 12, 2012 – from 5 -8 pm. Come alone or with friends! Please feel free to contact Cathy Alfandre, 203-452-8438, cava@sprintmail.com with any questions.

VITAL FIRE SAFETY FOR ADULTS

Thursday, Jan. 19th at 7p @ the ECC
Do YOU know what to do if your house caught on fire?

Does your child have more recent fire safety training via school than you do?

*We do so much to protect our children. This could be the most important 60 minutes of your life... After the tragic Christmas fire in Stamford, the **Easton Community Center** is teaming up with the **Easton Fire Department**, the **Easton Volunteer Fire Company #1** and the **Easton Fire Marshal's Office** to present **'Vital Fire Safety for Adults'**. There will be information presented that every household **NEEDS** to know in order to avoid incidents of fire and to increase your family's chance of survival in a fire. The evening will begin with a very captivating intro followed by a video showing an actual home on fire with time lapse and temperature, and include a presentation by **Easton's Deputy Fire Marshal, Lucy Crossman** and **Easton's 1st Assistant Fire Chief, Steve Waugh**. The event will end with a Q&A period from the audience. Complimentary refreshments will be served. **Material presented will be of a mature nature including discussion on death so we ask that children under 13 not attend event.** Please be prompt, as very important information will be discussed from the start. The event is **FREE** (babysitting is WAITLIST ONLY) but we ask you to **please RSVP** via Eventbrite at www.eastonfiresafety.eventbrite.com*

RSVP via Phone: 203 459-9700

The Scoop Scoop

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Please submit any information – in MS Word format -- by a minimum of three days prior.

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

Calling All Pre-K through 12th Grade Visual and Performing Artists and Writers!

The *Easton Arts Council* presents

The Youth Art and Talent Show and Youth Writing Competition

Youth Art Show will be held in the Library Community Room from March 1- 31, 2012.

Reception will be Sunday, March 11 from 3 - 4 PM in the Library Community Room.

Two-dimensional Artwork must be in frames, wired and ready to hang, (no saw tooth hangers please.) Sculptures also accepted. Receiving date will be Saturday, February 25, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM in the Community Room of the Easton Library. Questions, contact Kathy Davidson 203-261-7351 -----

FORM FOR ART SHOW PARTICIPANTS ONLY: PLEASE ATTACH TO THE BACK OF ARTWORK

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| Name | | | |
| Address | | | |
| Age | Grade | Phone # | |
| Title of Work | | | |
| Medium | | Email | |

EASTON ARTS COUNCIL FAMILY (\$25) or youth (\$5) membership is required for ALL PARTICIPANTS. Email: Youthartshow@eastonartscouncil.org for additional information or additional registration forms.

-----**Youth Talent**

Show will be held Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 2:00 PM in the Easton Library Community Room. Reception follows 3 - 4: pm. Any type of appropriate act is acceptable: instrumental, vocal (no lip synching), dance, acting, etc. Acts must be four minutes or less. Piano is available. Singers must bring their own accompanist or CD. First rehearsal is on Sunday, March 4 at 2:00 PM in the Community Room. Dress rehearsal is on Saturday, March 10 at 2:00 PM in the Community Room. Please fill out form below and mail in by Fri., Feb. 24. Questions to Joanne Kant 203-261-9160

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TALENT SHOW PARTICIPANTS ONLY

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| Name | | | |
| Address | | | |
| Age | Grade | Phone # | |
| Act | | # of persons in act | Email |

EASTON ARTS COUNCIL FAMILY (\$25) OR YOUTH (\$5) MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO A PROFESSIONAL QUALITY VIDEO TAPE OR DVD OF THE TALENT SHOW

Mail to: Easton Arts Council, P.O. Box 142, Easton, CT 06612

