



The Staples Scoop



Wednesday, January 20th, 2010



CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Wed., Jan. 20	4 th & 5 th Grade Choral Concert; 7 pm
Mon., Jan. 25	NO SCHOOL – Staff Development
Fri., Jan 29	School Spirit Day; Theme: “Support Animals”
Fri., Feb. 12	PTA Meeting w/ Dr. Cicchetti as guest speaker; 9:30 am; Library Comm. Rm.
Mon., Feb 15 – Fri., Feb 19	NO SCHOOL – February Break
Wed., Feb. 24	EARLY DISMISSAL; Prof. Development; 1 pm
Sat., Feb. 27	PTA Event with the Harlem Globetrotters; 2 and 7 pm (info. in this Scoop)

THE PRINCIPAL’S SCOOP *by Kimberly Fox-Santora*

The recent devastation to Haiti is on the minds of many at SSES. Since last Tuesday, I have had multiple students and staff members inquire about what we can do as a school community to help the people of Haiti. Nothing is more important than listening to our students’ compassion for those who are wounded, thirsty, hungry and homeless. I am struck by their sense of community and desire to help. In partnership with you, we have succeeded in our mission to develop empathetic, concerned young citizens.

In a recent discussion that I had with the American Red Cross, they told me in a word that money is all that they need. Red Cross humanitarian assistance is arriving in Port-au-Prince every day, delivering much needed materials such as medical supplies, tarps, blankets, hygiene items, buckets, and shelter supplies. Outreach teams are also providing aid in nearby communities such as Carrefour and Jamel and setting up medical centers.

I have told everyone that we will organize a fundraising campaign for the people of Haiti. Student leaders have already emerged, and I look forward to supporting their ideas and communicating with our community. As soon as we have some structure in place, I will share the details with you.

On a similar note, I wanted to share with you that I received a beautiful letter of appreciation from the chairman of the board of Alpha Community Services. She expressed how appreciative Alpha was for the linens, toiletries, and clothing that our SSES students and staff donated during the holiday season. These items will be given to families and individuals who are benefiting from temporary housing services and need a little help getting started. On Alpha’s behalf, I am delighted to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who donated.

Winter Choral Concert is Tonight! -- 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 at 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. There will be no orders accepted after 1/20, as we will place our order at the concert. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Stemme at sharonstemme@earthlink.net

School Spirit Day Supports Animal Shelter

The Kindergarteners and their teachers have chosen to support the Easton Animal Shelter in honor of School Spirit Day on Jan. 29th. The shelter, which currently has an influx of kittens, has expressed a need for the following items:

- Cat and kitten food (wet and dry) and cat litter
- Dog food (wet and dry) and dog treats (like pig ears and raw hide)
- Dog and cat toys (no stuffed animal-type toys as the dogs shred them)
- New or used towels for drying dogs after coming in from the snow and after baths

There will be collection boxes at the end of each SSES neighborhood's hallway next week, from Jan. 26 - 29th. Larger items may be delivered directly to the Animal Shelter. *On Friday, Jan. 29th, the Kindergarteners ask students, faculty and staff to show their school spirit by dressing in anything representing the animal kingdom, e.g. cat ears, leopard print or zebra stripes!*

THE PTA SCOOP

Meet Easton's New Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Michael Cicchetti

Please join us at our February PTA meeting with guest speaker, Dr. Cicchetti. Come meet your new Superintendent, he would like to meet Easton parents! He will be speaking promptly at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 12, 9:30 a.m., Easton Library Community Room. We hope you can join us!

The Easton PTA congratulates Dr. Adam Dunsby and Mrs. Regina Bobroske on their new positions as members of the Easton Board of Education. Our best wishes and thanks for their dedication and service to the children, teachers and parents of Easton.



+ You = \$830!!

We just received a check for \$830 from Box Tops! Thanks to all who helped by turning in their labels. Please remember to keep sending them in, along with Campbell's Labels for Education and Tyson A+ Program – making sure your name is on the bag and the labels are not expired.

Attention All Parents Who Shop at BIG Y:

The Big Y Education Express program has been extended until June 2010. This gives us another six months to earn valuable points which can be redeemed for needed supplies. If you shop at Big Y make sure to have Samuel Staples Elementary School as your chosen recipient.

The Easton PTA thanks the following committee chairpersons and committee members for the tremendous work they have done so far this school year. Their hard work resulted in programs for the students and the raising of funds that has enriched our children's education:

- Shannon Barnett, chairperson Fall Fundraiser SSES. Committee members Bettina Grob, Julie Dawid, Dyan Griffin
- Kathleen Wasmer, chairperson Fall Fundraiser HKMS.
- Rachel Rios and Heather Scully chairpersons, Back to School SSES
- Christine Cremin, chairperson, Back to School, HKMS
- Cathy Dunsby & Heidi Adair, Kindergarten Tea
- Trisha Tourigney, chairperson School Photographs, and Committee members; Kim Babcock, Caroline Feroletto, Paige Guidotti, Barbara Ann Lambo, Sharon Stemme, Claire-Anne Meskers, Kathe Garoffolo, Jeanine Martinich, Kim Hewson, Ellen Geaney & Caroline Biedermann.
- Gina Orticelli, School Supplies
- Jodi Forte, Monica Cioffi and Lynn Kocis, chairpersons; Room Parent Coordinators
- Lisa Glynn and Kristen Rice, chairpersons Kindergarten Commemorative Book Club
- Kathleen LiCastri, Birthday Book Club, SSES
- Kim Lenoci and Mary O'Connor, chairpersons Birthday Book Club, HKMS
- Nico Pickerstien, chairperson Enrichment, for the Constitution Day Assembly
- Shari Jones, chairperson International Day For Tolerance
- Lisa Sheehan, chairperson Family Portraits
- Suzanne McCauley, chairperson Fall Family Fun Event; Circus
- Maggie Silverstein, chairperson Directory and its addendum. Committee members: Jennifer Broadbin, Christine Calvert, Joanna DiPalma, Cathy Dunsby, Caroline Feroletto, Paige G., Susan Harris, Jeanine Jones, Claire-Anne Meskers, Rachel Rios, Denise Sherwood, Donna Viselli, Kathleen Wasmer.
- Denise Lynch and Julie Dawid; chairpersons School Hospitality
- Beth Gomolak and Laura Jones, chairpersons Scholastic Book Fair SSES and their great team of volunteers!
- Sharon Stemme and Bernadette Ulmer chairpeople Celebration of Books.
- Lisa Burghardt, chairperson Book Fair HKMS
- Turkey Trot: Kim Fox-Santora, Carrie LaTorre, Christine Calvert, Suzanne Dow, Sharon Stemme, Paige Guidotti, Rita Roman, Peggy Ordway, Claire-Anne, Teachers & Staff /SSES
- Nico Pickerstein, chairperson Enrichment for the Winter Concert. Committee members, Jacquie Wargo, Heidi Armster, Robin Ferentzy, Laura Graziano.

Think Gift Cards 'First' – Next Order is Feb. 1st

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. 1st -- 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 or call Mary at 203.372.2103.

SEPTA's January meeting is tomorrow -- Thurs., Jan. 21st at 9:30 am in the Easton Library's Conference Room.



Easton PTA presents Winter Family Fun Night at Arena at Harbor Yard

Featuring

The Harlem Globetrotters

Saturday, February 27th

2:00pm and 7:00pm

\$22.50 per ticket

(special PTA price saves \$8.75 off retail price)

For more information contact Gayle Worthington 203.372.7272 or gjworthington@optonline.net

The Harlem Globetrotters - Arena at Harbor Yard

Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____


No. of tickets: _____ x \$22.50 = Total \$ _____ Circle Time: 2:00pm 7:00pm

PLUS: Scouts earn a badge for \$0.50 each. No. of badges: _____ x \$0.50 = Total \$ _____

Send completed form & check payable to "Easton PTA" to main office attn: Globetrotters by Feb 5.

THE TOWN SCOOP

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

- Annual Wine Tasting: Wines from around the world, catered hors d'oeuvres & dessert, silent auction; this Sat., Jan. 23rd, 7-10:30 pm; \$50 per person. No walk-ins, please.
-  **Father Daughter Valentine Dance**; Friday, Feb. 12th, 6:30- 8:30 p.m.
- Mother & Son Activity Event; Saturday, Feb.13th, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- Parents' Night Out; Saturday, Feb. 13th

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. 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=rbqcbaseball.net>

Important Websites

www.samuelstaplesps.org

www.eastonpta.com

www.er9.org