



The Staples Scoop



February 1st, 2012



CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

- Thurs., Feb. 2 4th and 5th Grades' Winter Choral Concert; 7 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 Principal's Coffee; 9:15 am; Cafetorium
- Wed., Feb. 15 Board of Ed Budget Workshop; 7:30 pm; HKMS
- Mon., Feb. 20 - NO SCHOOL; Presidents' Day + Winter Break
- Fri., Feb. 24



Nurse Notes -- It's National Children's Dental Health Month

February is National Children's Dental Health Month and a chance for you to help your kids brush up on good oral hygiene. The following tips can help your children maintain a great and healthy smile all year long.

1. Brush at least twice a day to remove plaque. If plaque is not removed, it can lead to cavities. Brushing can be fun for kids with these free printable tooth brushing charts.
2. Floss daily. Flossing helps to remove food debris from in between the teeth that a toothbrush can't reach.
3. Eat healthy and nutritious foods and limit the intake of sugary carbonated drinks.
4. Visit your dentist for regular check ups and cleanings.
5. Fluoride treatments twice a year are very beneficial in preventing tooth decay.
6. Sealants can be applied to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth and premolars. Sealants help to prevent tooth decay.
7. Wear a mouth guard during sports. Mouthguards can greatly reduce injuries to the mouth and teeth.

For a how-to on brushing your child's teeth, see:

http://www.ada.org/sections/professionalResources/pdfs/activity_how_to_brush.pdf

And a fun chart on tooth brushing is available here:

<http://www.hawleylanedental.com/sites/default/files/fun-kids-teeth-brushing-chart-february2012.pdf>

THE PTA SCOOP

Chorus Concert CDs Available for Pre-Order

The 4th and 5th grade concert is Thurs., Feb. 2nd at 7 pm in the Cafetorium. The concert will be recorded and concert CDs can be ordered and paid for that evening in the lobby before or after the show for \$10 cash or check made out to the Easton PTA.



"It's Not Easy Being Green" – It Takes Volunteers!

Interested in the environment and helping our children become better stewards of the planet? Come join us, the SSES Go Green Task Force! We initiate and help execute all kinds of environmentally-friendly projects around the school, and our annual event, the Earth Day K-2 and 3-5 assemblies, include the glamorous, heart-stopping 5th grade fashion show. Come help SSES "be green!" Please contact chair Kiko Teed at ksted@optonline.net

Label Update

Please help SSES by sending your **Box Tops, Campbell's Labels for Education, and Tyson A+ Program**. The school gets cash for each Box Top and Tyson label that is submitted. We get points for the Labels for Education to 'buy' school items including recess and gym. In addition, the class with the most submission wins a party and the end of the year. Please be careful not to send in expired labels and remember to put the teacher's name on the envelope. *Thank you to all who submitted in Fall 2011 -- SSES received a check for \$675!*

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!

Thanks for helping at the School Store goes out to: Shannon Barnett, Larisa Cooper, Stephanie Frangenes, Karen Lopez, Sharon Stemme and Claire Wilkes.

THE TOWN SCOOP'

Aspetuck Valley Rugby Football Club and the Boys and Girls Club of Redding/Easton invites all 5th- 9th grade boys to play rugby, which will debut as an Olympic sport in 2016! No experience is necessary. For more information or to sign up online, visit: www.AspetuckValleyRugby.org



Register Online for Girls' Softball

Register is open 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

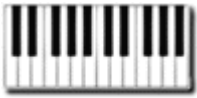
Open to boys and girls residing in Easton and born between May 1, 1999 and April 30, 2008. T-Ball is open to 4 year olds. For complete info and fees and to register online, visit www.eastonlittleleague.com. NEW for 2012 – Enhanced Player Development Sessions (included with registration)



Spring Lacrosse Registration is Open

Girls and boys in grades K – 8 are invited to register for spring lacrosse at www.re-lax.org. 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.

Christ Church to Host Parenting Seminar TONIGHT

"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.eastonlitleleague.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.

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