



The Staples Scoop



Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010



CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Tues., Feb. 9	Easton Board of Ed Meeting; HKMS Media Center; 7:30 pm
Wed., Feb. 10	Deadline for Harlem Globetrotters tickets; form on www.eastonpta.com
Wed., Feb. 10	Principal's Coffee; 9:15 am; Cafetorium
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 -- Harlem Globetrotters at Harbor Yard; 2 and 7 pm
Wed., March 10	Easton Board of Finance/Board of Ed Meeting; 7 pm; location TBD
Sat., March 13	ELF's 5 th Anniversary Celebration

Principal's Scoop

Please join Kim Fox-Santora for her Principal's Coffee on Wed., Feb. 10th at 9:15 am, when she will discuss SSES's budget proposals for the 2010-2011 school year. Ms. Fox-Santora urges all parents to attend as many budget meetings as their schedule allows, so that they can make an informed vote in May. The March 10th meeting (above) is of particular importance.

Nurse Notes – Pants Needed



Since many kids are coming in wet from playing outside at recess, Mrs. Kearney is seeking donations of children's pants (especially sweatpants) to keep on hand to lend. If you have a "pair to spare", in good condition and up to size 12, they would be warmly received.

The Physical Education Scoop

It is almost time for the annual Jump Rope for Heart event! During the week of February 8 – 12 students in grades K – 5 will be participating in the event during their regularly scheduled physical education classes. The event includes various individual, partner and small group activities that involve jumping. Jump Rope for Heart promotes the importance of physical activity and allows students the opportunity to raise money for the American Heart Association, which finances research on both heart disease and stroke. Last year the students at our school raised a total of \$8,373!



If you would like to donate money this year, please have your child bring the Jump Rope for Heart envelope to his or her classroom teacher before February vacation. Thanks in advance for supporting the SSES Jump Rope for Heart! For more information about Jump Rope for Heart please visit www.americanheart.org/jump. Thanks, from the SSES Physical Education Specialists: Ms. Kristen Colasanto, Mr. Bob Menegay, and Mr. Tim Murray

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. He will be speaking promptly at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 12th in the Easton Library Community Room.

Grandparents Love 'Em! Design Your Own Notecards

Gather up your art supplies and put your artistic talents to work to design your own note cards, party invitations, thank you cards, holiday greetings, birthday cards, and more! Deadline is Feb. 26th. An order form went home in your child's backpack, or visit:

http://www.eastonpta.com/pdf/notecard_2010.pdf Questions to Jill Jarvis at 203.372.2878 or JarvFamily@aol.com.

Paraprofessional Appreciation Days

Easton SEPTA is planning to honor all SSES's paraprofessionals on Wed., Feb. 24th with a special lunch (breakfast on Feb. 23rd at HKMS). If your child knows and appreciates a para, please ask him or her to write a card or note telling them so on Feb. 24th. Questions to Stacy Varvaro pvsav@optonline.net.

Please Save these Dates

- **Teacher Appreciation Organization Mtg. is March 19th**
There will be a Teacher Appreciation Week meeting on Friday, March 19th at 2:45 pm in the Cafetorium. One representative per classroom (pre-K – Grade 5) must attend but anyone interested in volunteering is more than welcome. Questions to Jodi Forte or Sharon Stemme.
- **Spring Book Fair at SSES; March 22 - 27**
Look for more details to come in the coming weeks. Want to sign-up to volunteer for a couple hours? Contact: Beth Gomolak, bethbg@optonline.net or Laura Jones, stoneybell@sbcglobal.net.
- **PTA's Adult Spring Social is May 22nd**
Saturday evening, May 22nd at the Fairfield Museum for appetizers, drinks, auction items and an opportunity to browse the museum's galleries after-hours! Have a silent auction item to donate, or want to be on the committee? Contact Leslie Kelly at lkcurran@aol.com

THE ELF SCOOP

The Easton Learning Foundation Awards STEM Grant at SSES



Samuel Staples Elementary School 5th Grade teachers (l. to r.) Courtney Maggi, Joe Clark and Helen Simmons receive a check for \$3,517 from ELF to fund a new "Lego Machines Lab". This innovative, hands-on science lab will allow all 5th grade students to design and build mechanisms and machines. The Lego curriculum introduces pre-engineering concepts in a fun and cooperative environment.

ELF is focused on funding STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) related grants in Easton public schools. To learn more about ELF or view a video of this grant, visit www.eastonlearningfoundation.org

Everyone is Invited to ELF's 5th Anniversary Celebration

Please save Saturday evening, March 13th to join ELF in celebrating its 5th anniversary at Aspetuck Valley Country Club in Weston. \$60 per person. The evening's proceeds will benefit ELF's STEM initiatives. Questions to Bernadette Waterman at bernadettewaterman@eastonlearningfoundation.org.

THE TOWN SCOOP

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

- Parents' Night Out; this Friday, Feb. 5th
- **Annual 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.
- Valentine's Parents' Night Out; Saturday, Feb. 13th

Easton Arts Council's Annual Youth Art & Talent Show

School-age artists in Easton and Redding are invited to participate in the Annual Youth Art Show, March 14th at the Easton Library Community Room. Artwork must be framed, wired and ready to hang -- sculpture is also accepted. This year, we will be holding an ART WORKSHOP on March 6th. All attending will be able to paint a picture and then learn how to frame it (all materials provided) for the youth art exhibit. Contact Kathy Davidson with questions at 203-261-7351; email: katdavidson@optonline.net. Complete details on submissions and auditions are available through EAC's website: <http://www.eastonartscouncil.org/upcomingevents.htm>

RELAX to Offer Lacrosse Clinic Series

RELAX (Redding Easton Lacrosse) will hold an "I Want to Learn to Play Lacrosse" clinic series at Sports Zone in Trumbull, Sundays from Feb. 14 – March 14. The time will be 3:30-4:30 pm on Feb 14 ONLY, and then 5:30-6:30 pm on the remaining four Sundays. All Ages. Cost: \$75.00. Register online at www.re-lax.org. You only need a stick and mouthguard! (RELAX can provide a loaner stick if needed.) Questions to Peter Wasmer at 203.452.8211.

Historical Society of Easton Hosts Merritt Parkway Lecture

The Historical Society of Easton will host a lecture "The Merritt Parkway: Past, Present and Future" on Thursday, February 11th at 7:30 PM in the Easton Library Community Room. Jill Smyth, Executive Director of the Merritt Parkway Conservancy, will discuss the history of the Merritt Parkway from its origin in 1934 to the present. Ms. Smyth will also discuss the monumental bridge art, engineering and landscaping of this national treasure. Lecture is free for members and \$5 for non-members. For more information contact LBurghardt@aol.com or call 203-201-0850.

Family Night with the Barlow Hockey Team!



Come out to see the Boy's Varsity hockey team on TWO different nights!

Families living in Redding and Easton get into the game **FREE!**

Weekend Night

Date: Saturday February 6th

Time: 5:40 pm

Place: Danbury Arena

Opponent: Shepaug

Weekday Night

Date: Saturday February 10th

Time: 5:30 pm

Place: Danbury Arena

Opponent: Housatonic Valley

Watch the Falcons take on two teams from Northern CT as they look to qualify for the state tournament for the third straight year!

Barlow Coaches and Players will be happy to meet Redding and Easton hockey families (or those wanting to become hockey families!) after the game and answer any questions they may have.