



The Staples Scoop



Wednesday, February 4, 2009

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CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Fri., Feb. 13 - Tues., Feb. 17	NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day Break
Wed., Feb. 18	Principal's Coffee; Cafetorium; 9:15 am
Thurs., Feb. 19	4 th and 5 th Grade Winter Choral Concert; 7 pm; Cafetorium
Thurs., Feb. 26	EARLY DISMISSAL; Professional Development; 1 pm
Thurs., Feb. 26	Kindergarten Registration Packet Pick-up; 9:30 am – 3 pm
Thurs., Feb. 26	PTA Night @ Uno's Chicago Grill; coupons on PTA website
Fri., Feb. 27	School Store Open

THE PRINCIPAL'S SCOOP by Kimberly Fox-Santora

We recently passed the half-way mark of the 2008-2009 school year, and yet, I feel the year has only just begun. Always eventful and rewarding, the first half of the year has been a personally fulfilling one for me. Although saddened by the news of Dr. Fossbender's retirement at the end of this school year, I am hopeful that our district can find someone as honorable and dedicated to replace him.

I understand that Punxsutawney Phil says, "Six more weeks of winter." Know that I recognize and appreciate the disruption that school closings and school delays have on your family. I wish that there were far fewer interruptions to our instruction. As a gentle reminder to all of you, we must make-up any school days lost due to inclement weather. To date, we have had three school closings which will be added to the calendar in June. ****Reminder: It is important that your child know what he/she is to do in the event that you are not home. In the event of an emergency that might delay a parent, children need to know the best thing to do. Please discuss this with your child frequently as there were several children unnecessarily anxious about Tuesday's early dismissal.****

Also, you might remember receiving an e-mail last week from the Director of Finance & Operations, Peggy Sullivan, about a survey that she is conducting on our lunch program. The Food Service Committee of ER9 is currently evaluating our lunch program and will be seeking proposals from interested food service companies for preparing and serving lunch in our schools. Your opinions matter, so please take advantage of this opportunity to complete the survey at the following link *by Feb. 10th*:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=fSEpNe6_2fuGPpF1cOT23mDQ_3d_3d

Finally, I want to draw your attention to the abbreviated winter recess this year. Please take the time to look at the school calendar as school will be closed for only three days. May you enjoy this time with your family and friends.

Month	Number of School Days	Late Arrivals (After 9:00 am)	Early Dismissals (Before 3:25 pm)
SEPTEMBER	20	245	470
OCTOBER	21	480	594
NOVEMBER	17	251	488
DECEMBER	17	398	481
JANUARY	16	302	409



Grade 4 and 5 Winter Choral Concert is Feb. 19th

The Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus Concert will be Thursday, Feb. 19th in the SSES cafetorium. 4th grade performance begins at 7 pm; 5th grade at approximately 7:30 pm. 4th and 5th grade parents should have received an email detailing arrival times and dress code. Questions to Mr. Cooper or Mr. Russo. The concert will be recorded and the PTA will be selling CDs on the evening of the concert for \$10 cash -- they will not be taking orders this year.

Kindergarten Registration for 2009-2010

Registration information is online at <http://www.er9.org/sses/>

Attention All Aspiring Easton Idols (and their Fans)!

Save the date: The Talent Show will be Wed., June 3rd.

Important Websites

www.er9.org/sses/

www.eastonpta.com

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Family Fun Night with the Harlem Globetrotters is Feb. 20th – Ticket Deadline Extended

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 extended to Feb. 11th.* Any questions, please contact Stephanie Loo at 372-5333.

Submit 5th Grade Yearbook Photos by Feb. 27th

Details at http://www.eastonpta.com/pdf/fifth_grade_yearbook.pdf. Questions to Jodi Forte.

Join the Birthday Book Club!

Information and form is online at <http://www.eastonpta.com/committees.html>

Design Your Own Notecards

You should have received information in your child's backpack about designing their own notecards. If you need a new order form, they are available on www.eastonpta.com -- extra "picture forms" are available in the office or through Susan Discipio or Hilde Azarian. Proceeds benefit Diversity Day initiatives; deadline is Feb. 27th.

THE TOWN SCOOP



JBHS Softball Leading One-Day Clinic this Sat.

The JBHS softball team and coach will offer a one-day clinic for all ages this 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 Scoop

Please call 459.9700 with questions or to register for the following:

5th Annual Father & Daughter Valentine Dance

Friday, February 13th from 6:30-8:30 pm; Refreshments and dancing; party attire please; \$40 per couple; \$10 each additional daughter; RSVP by Feb. 9th

Mother and Son Valentine Activity Afternoon

Saturday, February 14th from 3:30-5:30 pm; Refreshments and fun (including an obstacle course); \$40 per couple; \$10 each additional son; RSVP by Feb. 9th

Valentine's Parents' Night Out: Sat., Feb. 14th; 7 -10:30 pm for ages 5+. Members \$20, non-Members \$25.



ECC Gala Honors Dr. Fossbender at "Graduation" on March 14th

Please save Saturday evening, March 14th as the ECC toasts Dr. Allen Fossbender on his impending "graduation" as superintendent of Easton and Redding schools. Cocktails, dinner and dancing at Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield. Watch for your invitation in the mail in the next couple of weeks!

Tiger Cubs Collecting Items for Animal Shelter

Tiger Cub Scout Den #2 is collecting the following donations for the Easton Animal Shelter through March 1st: old blankets and towels, flea and tick collars, kitten chow, canned dog/cat food, kitty litter. Please place items in collection bins in the SSES lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Petrino or Jean Wergeles.



Youth Art and Talent Show is March 15th

The Easton Arts Council presents the 10th Annual Youth Art & Talent Shows, incorporating the first annual Youth Film Festival. Sunday, March 15th at the Easton Library Community Room. For more information and an application, please visit <http://eastonartscouncil.org/upcomingevents.htm>

EASTON LEARNING FOUNDATION (ELF) SCOOP

Good with number\$? ELF is looking for a Treasurer! The time commitment is only about four hours a month. And it's a great way to help our schools from home and perhaps rejuvenate some skills before reentering the workplace! To learn more (no obligation!), please call Bernadette Waterman at 445-1337 or Ann Leibell at 371-4940.

ELF and The Sports Center of CT are teaming up on Sat., March 28th from 10 am -1:30 pm to benefit ELF. A \$25 "Fun Pass" allows access to all of the sports center facilities: skating (with rentals), batting cages, Lazer Tag, golf and bowling. Plus, a pizza lunch with soda is included. The Sports Center of CT is generously donating \$15 from each pass to ELF. For more information and to buy your Fun Pass online, visit www.eastonlearningfoundation.org



Have you heard the buzz?..... Thursday, May 14th from 7-9 p.m. at the SSES Cafetorium is The First Annual ELF Town-Wide Trivia BEE, and it'll bee swarms of fun! BEE curious on our website: www.eastonlearningfoundation.org. ELF is looking for worker bees. If you are interested in helping, please give Ann Leibell a buzz at 371-4940.

Think
SUMMER and
mark your
calendar!



Easton Volunteer Fire Co.'s 74th Carnival
July 28 to Aug. 1, 2009



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