



The Staples Scoop



Wednesday, March 4, 2009

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CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Wed., March 4	Joint BOE Mtg.(Easton, Redding, ER9), 7:30 pm, JBHS, Rm B107/109
Tues., March 10	Monthly Easton Board of Ed Meeting; 7:30 pm; HKMS Media Center
Wed., March 11	Board of Ed Meeting with Board of Finance re: '09-'10 budget; 7 pm
Tues., March 17*	Principal's Coffee; 9:15 am; Cafetorium
Fri., March 20	EARLY DISMISSAL; Professional Development; 1 pm
Fri., March 20	Report Cards Distributed (note change of date)
Tues., March 24	PTA Night at Uno's Chicago Grill
Tues., March 24 – Fri., March 27	EARLY DISMISSAL; Parent-Teacher Conferences; 1 pm
Sat., March 28	Annual SSES Art Show; 10 am – noon; SSES 1 st floor
Thurs., June 18	Tentative last day of school ☀️ (subject to change)

* The Principal's Coffee originally scheduled for March 18 has been rescheduled to March 17th.

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
FEBRUARY	17	228	558

The Physical Education Scoop from the SSES Physical Education Specialists: Ms. Kristen Colasanto, Mr. Robert Menegay and Mr. Timothy Murray:

Samuel Staples Elementary School students recently participated in Jump Rope for Heart during their physical education classes. During the event, students participated in various stations, which included individual jump roping, partner jump roping, noodle hurdles, jump bands, the long jump, the high jump, ski jumps and hopscotch.



This event is a great way for us to teach students the importance of exercising their own hearts through physical activity and helping the hearts of others by fundraising for the American Heart Association. **This year, a total of 182 students raised \$8,373 for the American Heart Association!** The AHA will use the money for research on heart disease and stroke, which are the #1 and #3 killers of Americans, as well as funding educational programs.

Thank you to all the students, parents, teachers and staff who contributed to the success of the SSES Jump Rope for Heart. We appreciate all of your efforts and generosity. We could not have done it without your help.

Kindergarten Registration for 2009-2010

Registration is Tues., March 17th and Thurs., March 19th. Details are online at www.samuelstaplesps.org

5th Graders Collecting Supplies for the Senior Center

The Easton Senior Center Committee is collecting items to benefit the Easton Senior Center. They are looking for new or used games, VHS tapes, books, and craft supplies or money to buy supplies. Donation boxes will be in each grade hallway and cash donation bags will be in each classroom until March 21st. Questions to Carmen Martin, Whitney Wilkerson or Caroline Dunsby.

THE PTA SCOOP



The Easton PTA will have several openings for executive committee and committee chair positions for the upcoming school year. Please contact Claire-Anne Meskers or Christine Cremin for more information.

EdCom Seeks Volunteers

EdCom is the PTA's communication committee. They encourage the participation of all segments of Easton's population, as the PTA believes that the continued well-being of the town relies on the excellence of its schools. Budget season is here, and help is needed in research and dissemination of educational issues, attendance at town meetings, phone calls and signage. Please contact Melanie St. Raymond at sstraymond@aol.com or 372.0233 to learn more.



Conn. Association for the Gifted to Speak at PTA Meeting March 13th

A representative for the Conn. Association for the Gifted, Katie Augustyn, will address the Easton PTA Meeting on Fri., March 13th at 9:15 am at the Library's Community Room. As always, all are welcome. For more information on CAG, including a schedule of their upcoming "Minds in Motion" classes and parent workshops, visit their website www.ctgifted.org. Questions to Anne Manusky at anne.e.man@sbcglobal.net

Teacher Appreciation Organization Mtg. is March 27th

National Teacher Appreciation Week will be held this year the week of May 4-8. There will be a Teacher Appreciation Week meeting on Friday, March 27th at 9:15 a.m. in the Cafetorium. One representative per classroom **must** attend (Pre K - Grade 5) but anyone interested in volunteering is more than welcome. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Stemme or Jodi Forte.

PTA Spring Bulb Fundraiser



Bulb orders are due by April 1 and the bulbs will be in by the end of April. The PTA receives 50% profit on all bulbs sold. The top 3 winners will receive a gift certificate to the school store. Please contact Sharon Stemme at sharonstemme@earthlink.net or 371-4491 if you have any questions.

Diversity Day Volunteers Needed

The 4th grade will experience SSES' 3rd Annual Diversity Day on Thurs., April 2nd. Parent volunteers from every grade are welcome; this is a rewarding way to help out for a small block of time if that's all you have. Sign-up form is online at http://www.eastonpta.com/pdf/diversity_day_2009.pdf

BoxTops for Education

Thank you to all who have submitted Box Tops. SSES has earned over \$3,500 (March 2007 – Dec. 2009) so please continue to send them in! Remember our school earns 10 cents for each one. Please make sure to put your teacher's name on the bag, since the top class will win a party at the end of the school year.

Join the Birthday Book Club!

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

Design Your Own Notecards – *Deadline Extended to This Friday*

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 extended to this Fri., March 6th*.

Thank You:

- Chairwoman Michele Koubeck and the PTA nominating committee.
- Stephanie Frangenes Loo, family activity chairperson, for a great job arranging the Harlem Globetrotters event.
- All the 4th Graders and their families for the service projects that benefited Bridgeport's Longfellow School. They have donated classroom supplies, mittens, socks and hats as well as providing Valentines treats and healthy snacks. The school has been truly overwhelmed by the generosity.

THE TOWN SCOOP

3rd Annual Easton Boy Scouts' Gourmet Breakfast

Easton Boy Scout Troop 66 will host their 3rd Annual Gourmet Breakfast on Sat., March 14, from 8 am to noon at the ECC. Made-to-order omelets, Belgian waffles, crepes and Danish Evelskivers as well as traditional pancakes, bacon, sausage and beverages. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$10/adult or at the door \$12/adult, \$8/senior (65 and over) and \$8/child (10 and under). Advance tickets are available directly through the scouts. More information contact Kathleen Magner at 452-9190.



ECC Gala Honors Dr. Fossbender at "Graduation" next Sat., March 14th

On Saturday evening, March 14th the ECC will toast Dr. Allen Fossbender on his impending "graduation" as superintendent of Easton and Redding schools. Cocktails, dinner and dancing at Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield. Tickets are still available! Tables are of 8, 10 or 12, but singles, couples and groups are welcome!

EASTON LIBRARY SCOOP

Lyme Disease Documentary to be Shown

The Easton Public Library is co-sponsoring a showing of "Under Our Skin: A Documentary on Lyme Disease" on Wed., March 11th at 7 pm (intro at 6:45 pm) at the Library. Admission is free.

The Tanglewood Marionettes Return to Easton for Family Fun Night

Friends of the Easton Library will host their annual Family Fun Night on Fri., April 24th at in the Library's Community Room. The Tanglewood Marionettes, from Ware, Mass, will perform "Dragon King" using life size puppets. (For more information, please visit www.tanglewoodmarionettes.com). Pizza and salad dinner will be provided at 6 pm followed by the 50-minute performance at 6:45 pm. Each family is asked to bring a dessert to share at the end of the show. Families must be Friends members to attend. To become a member complete registration card available at Library Front Desk. (Registration cards were mailed to all Easton residents too.) Admittance to show is on a first come first served basis. To reserve a spot, please call the Library's Front Desk at 261-0134.

Murder 203 - Connecticut's Mystery Festival

April 18th & 19th -- An exciting new two day event at the Easton and Westport libraries for mystery fans and writers. Panel discussions, book signings, writing tips from the professionals, and a unique opportunity to mingle with fellow crime fiction enthusiasts. For more details: <http://www.eastonlibrary.org/home/files/murder203.pdf>



Soccer

Two Ways to Register for Easton AYSO Soccer 2009 Spring Season

- 1) In-Person Registration on Tues, March 10th; 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the ECC
- 2) *New!* On-Line Registration at www.eayso.org

Volunteers Needed! Please contact Tom Auray (tom@bptfittings.com) or Fred Tencic (fred@salzmanco.com). No experience necessary - Easton AYSO provides free training!

The small print: Season begins Sat., April 25th. All players must be at least 4 years old by April 25th. If you are new to the program you must present a birth certificate at registration, as well as the phone number of your local pediatrician. The registration fee of \$75 includes end-of-season trophy and picnic. All players must have shin guards to play. Soccer cleats are preferred but not required for U-5 and U-6. All other players must have cleats. All players must register by March 20th. (Players registering after this date will be placed on a wait list.) Contact Tom Auray (tom@bptfittings.com) or Elise Nappi (elisenappi@hotmail.com) with questions regarding registration.

Easton Learning Foundation (ELF) News

- The Trivia Bee is coming! Everyone is invited to the “Trivia Bee Brown Bag” -- ask questions about the BEE, see a DVD clip of a “BEE” in action, learn how to get a team together or offer to help with the BEE (we love worker bees!) Begins every Tuesday in March (10th, 17th, 24th, 31st) from 11 am – 1 pm at the Library Community Room. Questions? Give Ann Leibell a buzz at 371-4940 or visit ELF’s website: www.eastonlearningfoundation.org
- 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.
- 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

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