



The Staples Scoop



Wednesday, March 10, 2010



CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Wed., March 10	Easton Board of Finance/Board of Ed Meeting; 7 pm; Easton Sr. Center
Fri., March 12	PTA meeting, 9:30 am, EPL Comm. Rm., Guest Speaker: BOE Chairman
Sat., March 13	ELF's 5 th Anniversary Celebration
Fri., March 19	School Store Open; 11:30 am – 2:30 pm
Fri., March 19	Teacher Appreciation Week Planning Mtg; 2:45 pm, Cafetorium
Mon., March 22	Public Hearing on Budget, SSES
Tues., March 23 – Fri., March 26	EARLY DISMISSAL; Parent-Teacher Conferences; 1 pm
Tues March 23-Fri. 26	PTA Job Fair SSES Lobby 1 pm- 3:30 pm
Thurs., March 25	Recognition Party for all Reflections Contest Participants; EPL Comm Rm.
Fri., March 26	School Spirit Day; Wear your Favorite Team Colors
Sat., March 27	Annual SSES Art Show; 10 am – noon
Wed., April 7	Diversity Day; 4 th Grade; Big Gym
Fri., May 7	Grade 1 Hosts Town Meeting (<i>note change of date</i>)
Sat., May 22	PTA (Adult) Spring Social; Fairfield Museum
Wed., June 23	Tentative Last Day of School

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

Sometimes, it is difficult for children to sustain a commitment for which they see no immediate benefit. Throughout the month of February, we had three extraordinary fifth grade student leaders who demonstrated remarkable fortitude and commitment to benefit the Haitian survivors.

Greg DeCarlo, Sam Pronovost, and Joey Sherwood maintained their steadfast commitment to a fundraising campaign that they initiated shortly after the earthquake in Haiti. They sold **SSES Supports Haiti** bracelets by the dozens! Together with Mrs. Sherwood, these boys stayed after school, counted money, sorted bracelets, and made announcements to keep the interest going throughout the month of February.

I am so pleased to announce that these boys collected **\$4,153.18** for the **American Red Cross!** These boys showed impressive poise as they proudly shared the news of their success and handed Mrs. McCarthy from the American Red Cross a very large check on Tuesday.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the parents of Joey, Greg, and Sam. They enthusiastically supported their sons and contributed to their spirit of good will. A special thank you is especially given to Mrs. Sherwood who dedicated countless hours and masterful organizational skills to this fundraiser.

Finally, the extraordinary amount of money that was collected represents tremendous support from our community. We are very fortunate!! Thank you.

School Spirit Day is Fri., March 26th

Wear your Favorite Team Colors on Fri., March 26th. Please note the School Store will be open on Fri., March 19th instead of School Spirit Day, due to the truncated lunch periods during Conference Days.

Come to the Annual SSES Art Show

Join us on **Saturday, March 27th** from 10 am – noon at Samuel Staples for an exciting day of visual art! Art work created by every student will be on display in the main lobby, hallway and cafetorium. Each student K-5 will have a two-dimensional and three-dimensional work on display, that's over 1500 works of art! Bring the whole family for an exciting day - and don't forget your camera!



The Art Show Needs Volunteers!

Parent volunteers are needed to help set up the show on **Friday, March 26** between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm. If you can help out for any amount of time on that day, please call or e-mail one of the art teachers with the times you are available. Thank you!

Mr. Bates abates@eastonps.org or voice mail ext. 301

Ms. Keleher rkeleher@eastonps.org or voice mail ext. 201

Mrs. Traggianese atraggianese@eastonps.org or voice mail ext. 111

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. **This year, a total of 175 students raised \$6,052 for the American Heart Association!** 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 developing good heart-healthy habits and helping the hearts of others by collecting donations for the American Heart Association. The AHA will use the money for research on heart disease and stroke 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!

THE PTA SCOOP

- Join us for our **monthly PTA Meeting** where the guest speaker will be new Board of Education Chairperson, Mr. Al Treidel, who will speak at 9:30 am. A former teacher and principal at HKMS, Mr. Treidel is committed to the children and parents of Easton. He will speak about how the school budget plays a role in the education of your child. Friday, March 12, Easton Library Community Room, 9:30 am.
- Misplaced your **student directory**, or just want an extra one for the car or office? Directories, with the addendum, are on sale in the main office. \$12 each. School Calendars are also on sale for \$5 each. Cash or checks payable to the Easton PTA.
- **PTA Job Fair:** Stop by the PTA table in the lobby during Parent Teacher conferences to see what committees may interest you for the Spring, or for next year! Share your ideas for new committees. March 23-26, 1 pm -3:30 pm.
- We are looking for folks to help with set-up and clean-up for the **PTA Spring Social**, Sat., May 22nd at the Fairfield Museum. Contact Leslie Kelly, LKCurran@aol.com, or Laura El Wardany, lelward@optonline.net.

Seeking Diversity Day Volunteers

SSES' 4th annual Diversity Day, a 4th grade program which promotes understanding and acceptance of differences, will be Wed., April 7th. Volunteers are needed in many areas, and you don't need to be a 4th grade parent. Please see: http://www.eastonpta.com/pdf/diversity_day_2010.pdf for more information.

Check out the Lost & Found During Parent Conferences

The Lost & Found, located next to the Teacher's Lounge, is filling up. Please check for your child(ren)'s jackets now, because when warm weather arrives you'll never miss them! The L&F contents will be donated to charity at the end of March, including:

Pink zip up fuzzy jacket- Children's Place (10/12)

Black North Face (S-P youth/junior)

Off White Amy Byer jacket (7/8)

Black zip up vest (10/12)

Black jacket with neon orange lining

Navy Blue Fordham University sweat jacket

Navy Blue Abercrombie & Fitch sweat

jacket

Box Tops for Education

Attention all parents we have 11 products that are new to the Box Tops program, including Progresso Soups, Avery Labels, Chocolate Cheerios, Betty Crocker cake mixes, Yoplait etc. Please remember to send in your Box Tops in a bag with your teacher's name. Please make sure they are not expired. Remember we also collect Campbell's Labels for Education (which includes Pepperidge Farms products) and Tyson A+ Products.

THE ELF SCOOP

For complete details on the events below, please visit: <http://www.eastonlearningfoundation.org/>

No, You're Not Too Late! – A Few Tickets for Saturday Evening are Still Available

Join ELF for its 5th Anniversary Celebration at Aspetuck Valley Country Club (just over the border in Weston). Visit ELF's website for tickets and more information.

You Can Bid on ELF's Silent Auction Items through This Friday!

You can view and bid on the fun silent auction items – including a new baby grand piano and Principal of SSES for a Day -- on ELF's website up until March 12th.

Worker Bees Needed

The 2nd Annual ELF Trivia Bee is Thurs., May 20th. Want to "bee helpful"? Please visit the website for information on volunteering for the Bee.

THE TOWN SCOOP

Register for Easton AYSO Through April 7th

Easton AYSO is now registering players for the 2010 Spring Season. *If a player was registered this past fall he or she is automatically registered for the spring season.* Easton AYSO has programs for children age 4 & up to 19 years old, with the older age brackets playing nearby CT towns such as Trumbull, Monroe and Bridgeport. Players must be 4 years by May 1st, 2010. Players can register on line at www.eastonayso.org; simply follow the on-line instructions. There will also be one in-person registration at the ECC on April 7th, 5:30-7:00 pm. Players who are new to the program must provide a copy of their birth certificate. The \$85 registration fee includes team photos, trophies and an end-of-season family picnic. Please contact Christine Calvert (ccalvert@optonline.net) for registration questions. ***All players MUST be registered by April 7th.*** Players registering after that date will be placed on a wait list for teams as they become available. Easton AYSO is an all-volunteer organization. Anyone interested in being a coach, assistant coach or referee is encouraged to contact Tom Auray (toma@bptfittings.com). We welcome both adult and youth volunteers (minimum age to become a Referee is 12). For additional information regarding the Easton AYSO program visit www.eastonayso.org

ECC News: Please call 203.459.9700 for information on:

- o Skate Night this Sat., March 13th. Helmets mandatory.

B-I-N-G-O Supports JBHS Girls Lacrosse

Bingo Night to benefit the JBHS Girls Lacrosse Booster Club this Friday evening March 12th in the Joel Barlow High School Cafeteria. Doors open at 6:30, first number called at 7pm. \$2 per person admission. \$15 for a pack of 15 bingo cards. Pizza, Baked Goods and soft drinks available for purchase. Come one come all – no age limit. Cash Prizes!!

Easton Boy Scout Annual Gourmet Breakfast is this Saturday

Easton Boy Scout Troop 66 will host their 4th Annual Gourmet Breakfast on Saturday, March 13, from 7:30 am to 12:00 noon at the Easton Community Center. The gourmet breakfast features local culinary chefs cooking made-to-order omelets, Belgian waffles, crepes and Danish Ebleskivers as well as traditional pancakes, bacon, sausage and beverages. Tickets may be purchased in advance from a Boy Scout for \$ 10.00/Adult or at the door \$12.00/Adult, \$8.00/Senior (65 and over) and \$8.00/Child (10 and under). Donations are welcome as well. For more information contact 203.452.9190.

The Historical Society of Easton hosts Free Lecture: “Connecticut in the Civil War” this Thursday

This Thursday, March 11th at 7:30 PM in the Easton Library Community Room. David Koch, Professor of History, Housatonic Community College and Civil War Historian will explore Connecticut’s true role in the Civil War as both an arsenal of Union manpower and factories which produced uniforms, guns and equipment for the Union armies in unheard of profusion, making Union armies the best-equipped in human history until that time. Koch is a professor of history at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, with specialties in the Civil War and Native American History. Upcoming series speakers include Brent Colley, Mark Twain historian, on Thursday, April 8th at 7:30 PM in the Easton Library Community Room. For further information contact Events Director, Lisa Burghardt at (203) 581-0850.

Joel Barlow Interact Club to Host a 5k Run/ Walk for Victims of Darfur Genocide

Joel Barlow’s Interact club will host a 5k Run/Walk on Sat., April 10 (raindate is Sunday, April 11) at JBHS. Registration will begin at 10:30 am and the run/walk will begin at 11:00 am. Participants can chose to run or walk, so bring the whole family!

The Interact Club is a community service club at Joel Barlow in which students organize local and national initiatives to help better the world. Proceeds from this event benefit an organization committed to raising awareness and aiding the victims of the Darfur genocide. Monetary donations would be very much appreciated. Save the date and spread the word! Questions to jmatthews@region9ps.org.

The Scoop Scoop

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Next issue: Wednesday, March 24th. Please submit any information – in MS Word format -- by the Saturday evening preceding publication. Questions and submissions to Cathy Dunsby at ssesscoop@yahoo.com

Important Websites

www.samuelstaplesps.org

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