



# The Staples Scoop



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## CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Fri., March 20	EARLY DISMISSAL; Professional Development; 1 pm
Fri., March 20	Report Card Distribution
Tues., March 24	PTA Night at Uno's Chicago Grill
Tues., March 24 – Fri., March 27	EARLY DISMISSAL; Parent-Teacher Conferences; 1 pm
Wed., March 25	Cookie Dough Fundraiser orders due
Fri., March 27	<i>March Madness Day!</i> Wear your favorite team shirt or colors!
Sat., March 28	Annual SSES Art Show; 10 am – noon; SSES 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Sat., March 28	ELF Family Fun Event at Sports Center of CT; 10 am – 1:30 pm
Thurs., June 18	Tentative last day of school ☀️ (subject to change)

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

As the 100<sup>th</sup> Day is now behind us, I thought that I would recognize a few special individuals for their wonderful contributions to our school community and also offer reminders about some school policies.

A note of appreciation must be given to SSES parent, Mr. Richard Colangelo, and Easton Police Officer Mark Pastor, for their presentations on internet safety to the fifth grade. The focus of their program was to extend the safety awareness of our students and empower them to make responsible decisions online. The information that was discussed was timely and meaningful and will likely help the students to make responsible choices when they use the internet at home.

On behalf of the school community, I would also like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Cheryl Frier for the gorgeous silk plantings around the base of the grand staircase in the lobby. She dedicated many hours to finding so many interesting plant varieties and arranging them so beautifully in the planters.

Reminders about ways you can help us keep our students safe are always important. Signing in/out of the building and wearing a visitor's badge throughout your visit is critically important as we must be able to account for every person in the building. Staff members are encouraged to challenge any person who is not wearing the proper identification, so kindly remember to register in the Main Office before you make your way into the classrooms.

Food on the bus presents a serious safety concern for some students with food allergies. Please remember that our buses are used for transportation of middle and high school students too. From airborne food particles to the touch of contaminated parts of the bus, students with food allergies are at great risk of an allergic reaction if this rule is not followed. *Eating on the bus is prohibited.* In partnership with the school, please remind your children of this very important school bus rule.

Finally, please also remember that the URL address for Samuel Staples Elementary School has been changed. To support this transition, our former web host provider has established redirect pages from our school's old URL address to the new URL address, [www.samuelstaplesps.org](http://www.samuelstaplesps.org).

I wish you all a Happy Spring!

## THE PTA SCOOP




Thank you to Michele Koubeck, chairwoman, and the PTA nominating committee of Joni Ballas, Tina Salzberg and Tina Cortina. 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 [ssstraymond@aol.com](mailto:ssstraymond@aol.com) or 372.0233 to learn more.

### Miscellaneous PTA Information

- **Cookie Fundraiser** orders are due Fri., March 25th. Proceeds go to student enrichment. The class that has the greatest participation will win a party with fresh warm cookies! 
- The **School Store** will not be open on March 27th, due to Parent-Teacher conferences. The final two dates of this school year will be April 24th and May 29th.
- The PTA is forming a team to compete in the **ELF Trivia Bee**. If you're interested in participating, contact Margot Abrams.
- **Birthday Book Club** for this month is March 27th. It's not too late to join in the fun! Get the form at [http://www.eastonpta.com/committees\\_a\\_i.html#birthdaybookclub](http://www.eastonpta.com/committees_a_i.html#birthdaybookclub)
- March 24 is **PTA Night at Uno's Chicago Grill**. All proceeds from this month's event benefit the HKMS Drama Club's Spring performance. Coupons are online at <http://www.eastonpta.com/>
- 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. Questions to Sharon Stemme or Jodi Forte.
- **Bulb orders** are due by April 1 and the bulbs will be in by the end of April. Please contact Sharon Stemme at [sharonstemme@earthlink.net](mailto:sharonstemme@earthlink.net) or 371-4491 if you have any questions.

### Reflections Winners

Congratulations to all our participants! 6<sup>th</sup> grader Juliet Meskers received a state-level Honorable Mention for her Literature piece. Our local level winners are:

#### Visual Arts PreK-2nd grade

First Place	Harrison Cremin (2nd grade)
Second Place	Kate Solway (K)
Third Place	Jackson Cremin (K)
Honorable Mention	Madigan Stichter (1st grade)

#### Photography PreK through 2nd

First Place	Megan Solway (PreK)
Second Place	Janelle Wargo (2nd grade)
Third Place	Janelle Wargo

#### Photography Intermediate 3rd through 5th grades

First Place	Jack Solway (3rd grade)
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#### Literature PreK-2nd grades

First Place	Arabella Caruso (1st grade)
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#### Intermediate Visual Arts 3rd through 5th grades

First Place	Lourdes Kaufman (5th grade)
Second Place	Kayla Noble (4th grade)

#### Literature Intermediate 3rd through 5th grades

First Place	Isabel Lichtman (5th grade)
Second Place	Mark Lichtman (3rd grade)
Third Place	Samantha Ballas (3rd grade)

#### Literature Middle/Junior 6th through 8th grades

First Place	Juliet Meskers (6th grade)
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Many thanks to our participating judges Bernadette Baldino and Lee Skalkos. A pizza party to recognize winners will be April 2nd at 4pm in the Library Community Room. Questions to Kelly Solway at [ksolway@gmail.com](mailto:ksolway@gmail.com).

### **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](http://www.eastonpta.com/pdf/diversity_day_2009.pdf)

### **BIG Y Educational Express**

As of 12/31/2008 our school has earned a total of 85,300 Educational Express points that will be used for equipment and supplies. Please remember each time you shop at Big Y that SSES earns the Educational Express points. Thank you for your support.

## **THE TOWN SCOOP**

### **Learn Nature Awareness and Wilderness Survival Skills**

Children ages 7-12 are invited to participate in this program, run by the Children of the Earth Foundation (<http://www.cotef.org>), on Sat. and Sunday, March 28 and 29 in West Redding. Registration deadline is March 22nd. See the flyer for more information, registration and maps: <http://www.cotef.org/hoyt%20program%20032809%20final%20word7parents.pdf>

### **JBHS Indoor Track Team to Sponsor 5K and 1K Runs**

The JBHS Indoor Track Team is hosting a 5K Spring Cross Country Run and a 1K Kids' Fun Run on Sunday, April 26th at Joel Barlow. Details and registration is at: [http://www.joelbarlowps.org/athletics/flyer\\_R.pdf](http://www.joelbarlowps.org/athletics/flyer_R.pdf)

### **Easton Green and Clean Day is Sat., April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Go Green to Keep Easton Clean! Collect Easton road side litter only (no toxic waste) and drop off the clear trash bags at Public Works Town Garage, 15 Westport Road on Sat., April 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 am - 4 pm only. Free clear trash bags will be available April 1 - 25, at SSES, the ECC, Easton Library, Public Works Town Garage, EVS, and Greiser's. Sponsored by the Easton Garden Club. Any questions contact Cheryl Frier at 459-8338.



### **Help Is On The Way, Easton!**

ABC is looking for Connecticut families with children (toddlers to teens) to take part in the hit television series. Call Supernanny casting at 1-323-904-4680 or email [CNazzaro@Shedmediaus.com](mailto:CNazzaro@Shedmediaus.com)

## **EASTON LIBRARY SCOOP**

### **Spring Program Registration Ongoing**

Registration for Spring Programs for babies through teens has begun. Call or stop by the library or visit: <http://www.eastonlibrary.org/children>

### **Murder 203 - Connecticut's Mystery Festival**

April 18th & 19<sup>th</sup> -- 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>

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



Soccer

## Last Call to Register for Easton AYSO Soccer 2009 Spring Season

Register online at [www.eayso.org](http://www.eayso.org) by March 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

*The small print:* Season begins Sat., April 25<sup>th</sup>. 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. (Players registering after this date will be placed on a wait list.) Contact Tom Auray ([tom@bptfittings.com](mailto:tom@bptfittings.com)) or Elise Nappi ([elisenappi@hotmail.com](mailto:elisenappi@hotmail.com)) with questions regarding registration.

## Easton Learning Foundation (ELF) News

- 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](http://www.eastonlearningfoundation.org)
- 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!) Details and dates at: <http://eastonlearningfoundation.org/beemeeting.html>
- 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.

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Questions, please contact Cathy Dunsby at above email or 292.3692.  
Next issue: April Fool's Day /Deadline: March 29th

### Important Websites

[www.samuelstaplesps.org](http://www.samuelstaplesps.org)

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