



THE STAPLES SCOOP



Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Calendar @ a Glance

Fri., March 28	School Spirit Day: Bring your favorite stuffed animal; School Store open!
Wed., April 2	EARLY DISMISSAL – Staff Development; 1 pm
Thurs., April 3	Diversity Day for 4 th Grade; Big Gym
Thurs., April 3	Parent University; 7 pm; HKMS
Sat., April 5	PTA Comedy Night with a Twist; 7:30 pm; ECC
Mon., April 14 – Fri., April 18	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
Sat., April 26	Easton Green & Clean Day
Wed., June 18	Tentative last day of school ☀️

THE PTA SCOOP



“Comedy Night with a Twist”

The Easton PTA requests your presence (and humor!) at the funniest night of the Year! Featuring: headliner comedians, beer & wine, appetizers and pasta bar, dessert hour, “kari-jokie” by some of our funniest Neighbors.

Saturday, April 5
7 – 11:30 pm
at The Easton Community Center

Tickets are \$75 per person, adults only. For reservations, contact Molly Basak-Smith at 258-8621 or Ellen Tartaglione at 261-6116.



Box Tops for Education

The Box Tops for Education Program gives our school cash for each label we send in, so please continue to submit your labels. Watch out for the expiration date and make sure to include the teacher's name on the envelope.

Another way for our school to benefit, is when you shop the internet through www.boxtops4education.com and SSES will receive a percentage of your purchase. (You can find all major vendors there).

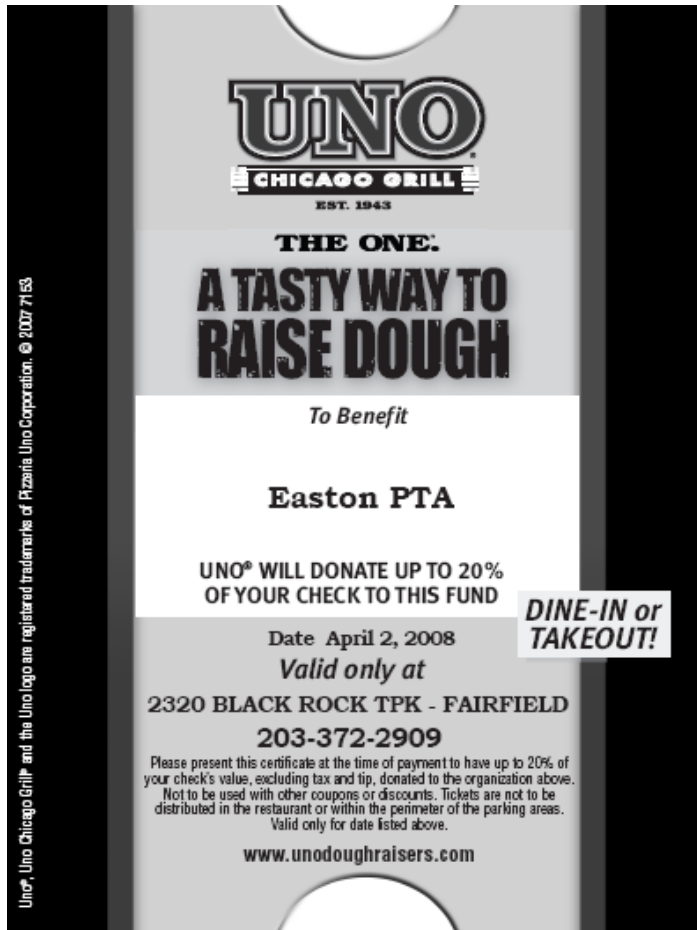
“What’s For Lunch?”

The PTA invites you to a viewing of “Two Angry Moms” (angrymoms.org,) a documentary aimed at improving our school lunch program, on Wed., April 9th, 6-10 pm at the Easton Library. It was co-created by a Weston mom. Refreshments will be served. Questions to Kiko Teed at ksteed@optonline.net.

The Scoop Scoop

The Scoop is produced by the PTA and distributed every other Wednesday by email attachment to those who have registered to receive SSES information. **To subscribe, unsubscribe, or to change your email, go to <http://www.er9.org/sses>, and click on “Join Our Listserv”.** Submissions (in Word format, please) should be sent to ssescoop@yahoo.com by 9 pm the preceding Saturday. Questions to Cathy Dunsby @ above email or ☎ 292.3692. **Next Scoop issues: Wed., April 9th and Wed., April 23rd.**

Pizzeria Uno Night is Wed., April 2nd



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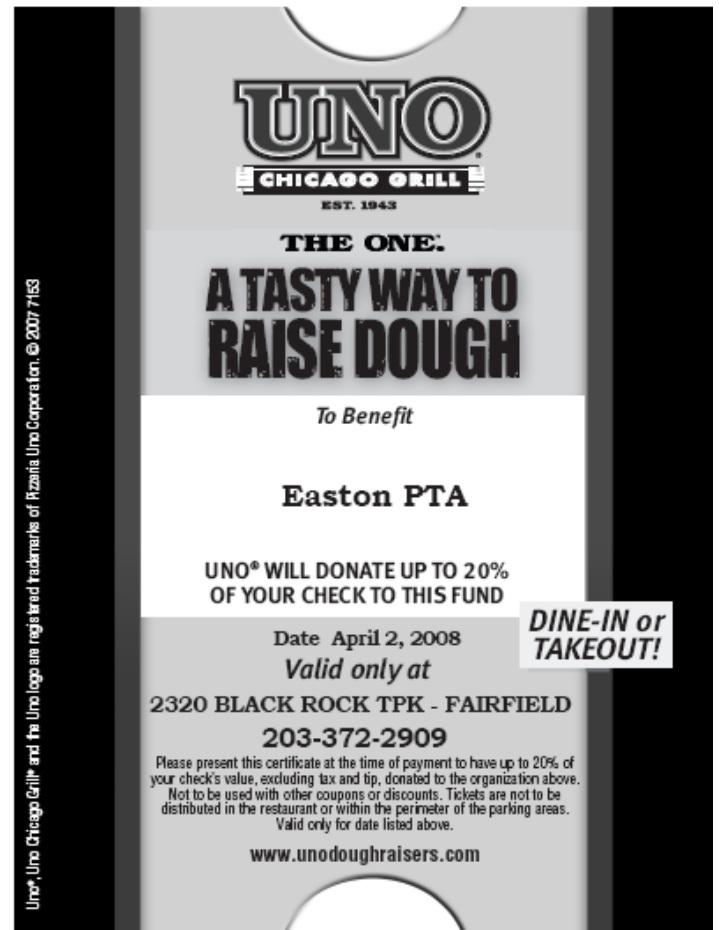
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Registration

To reserve your place at Parent University, please mail the completed form before Tuesday, April 1st to: **Michelle Falcone, 10 Laurel Drive, Easton, Connecticut 06612**

NOTE:

If you have a child in Samuel Staples or Helen Keller, you may return the form through your child's homeroom teacher in an envelope marked Parent University or email michfalcone@optonline.net or dana211@optonline.net.

Program Schedule

6:45 p.m. Registration/Refreshments
7:00-7:30 p.m. Keynote Address
7:30-8:25 p.m. Break-Out Session I
8:30-9:25 p.m. Break-Out Session II

Participants will be informed of which break-out sessions they have been assigned to when they sign in.

Child Care

Child care will be available on location

Hosted by Girl Scout Troop 1496

Please contact Sarah Johnson to register your child (ren) for childcare by calling 373-0661.

There will be a \$10 fee per child. Payment can be made that evening in cash or with a check payable

Parent University
c/o Easton PTA, Michelle Falcone
10 Laurel Drive
Easton, Connecticut 06612



*Conversations about raising
kids in today's world*

Parent University

Thursday,
April 3, 2008

Helen Keller Middle School
360 Sport Hill Road, Easton

6:45 p.m. Registration
7:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker
7:30-8:25 p.m. Break-out Session I
8:30-9:25 p.m. Break-out Session II

2008 Parent University

Join us **Thursday, April 3, 2008** for an evening of valuable information for parents and guardians of grammar and middle school students about Parenting, Prevention and Safety for their children.

Keynote Address

Tom McMorran, Head of Joel Barlow High School, will present a "State of Barlow" address. He will share his impressions of the overall "wellness" of Joel Barlow High School as his first year draws to a close

—Break-Out Sessions—

Communicating with Your Tween

Liz Driscoll Jorgensen, CADC, Director, Insight Counseling. This workshop will explore the most current research on the developing teen brain. You will learn how to help teens make good decisions in all aspects of their lives. Elizabeth Jorgensen has 21 years experience as a psychotherapist and specializes in adolescent substance abuse counseling and engaging resistant teens and motivating them to change. She is also a consultant to independent schools and agencies and is a popular speaker on parenting pre-teens and teenagers. She has presented nationally including Harvard and Dartmouth Universities and she is the recipient of a Congressional Award for her work as an educator and community prevention activist.

Success in High School Starts Now!

Thomas McMorran, Head of School, Joel Barlow High School. This workshop will help parents of students in grades 5-8 develop an understanding of what aspects of a student's development are necessary for a successful entry into high school. In addition to high school experience, McMorran has taught at the middle school and college level. The 2007-08 school year will mark his 22nd year as an educator. After graduating, with honors, from Boston College with a major in English in 1985, McMorran earned a master's degree in philosophy from Fordham University and completed advanced studies in educational leadership at Southern Connecticut State University. He is married and has two children.

Raising Children and Having Fun

John Reardon, a teacher, coach and school administrator for 36 years. He and his wife Josie, are the parents of three successful adult children and the grandparents of three. The Connecticut Leadership in Education Administration Development (LEAD) has commended him for his "Diamonds Will Sparkle Program". Mr. Reardon is a Parent Educator, Consultant, Professional Development Presenter, and a Story Teller. He had his own television program, "Raising Children and Having Fun" and has written two parenting books, *All Star Dads* and *Diamonds Will Sparkle*. In this workshop parents will learn to avoid power conflicts with their children, avoid homework hassles, and learn strategies children have for bringing up their parents. Learn new parenting techniques and have fun doing it.

Registration

The program is FREE, however please respond by **Tuesday, April 1st** to reserve your spot. Please check off the workshops you would like to attend and return in an envelope marked Parent University to your child's homeroom teacher at SSES, HKMS or mail completed forms to: **Michelle Falcone**, 10 Laurel Drive, Easton, CT 06612. Please fill out a copy of this section for EACH participant.

Break-out sessions (please indicate your first three choices in order of preference. The third choice will only be used if your first and second choices are filled to capacity.)

_____ This is Your Teenage Brain on Weed

_____ Success in High School Starts Now

_____ Raising Children and Having Fun

Participant Name

Phone

Age(s) of Child(ren)

This FREE program has been
generously sponsored by:
The Easton PTA

THE TOWN SCOOP

Easton Community Center News

Parents' Night Out is this Friday

March 28th from 6:30 – 10 pm. A fun-filled evening for ages 4+ of games, arts and crafts, pizza dinner and much more!! Pre-registration is required. \$15 members/\$20 non-members.

Annual Men's Night: April 7th

Come join your friends and neighbors at the ECC to watch the NCAA Championship Game. You can also play cards, foosball, table tennis, billiards, air hockey, basketball (bring sneakers/sweats) and what has now become the infamous FREE-THROW TOURNAMENT. Monday, April 7th from 7:30 pm 'til ???.

Spring Break Vacation Camp

Monday, April 14 – Friday, April 18; 8 am – 6 pm; members \$50, non-members \$60 per day.

Scholastic Book Fair

Stop by the ECC to pick up some great books for tots through teens!

March 31st- April 6th

Mon.- Fri. 9 am - 5 pm and Sat & Sun. 10 am – 1 pm

For more information contact Stephanie Maquat at 459-9700 x114.

Friends of the Library: Easton Family Fun Night

Join us on Friday, April 25th, for the annual Family Fun Night in the Easton Public Library's Community Room as the Tanglewood Marionettes perform "The Fairy Circus". This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Easton Library. Due to an overwhelming response during the last several years, there will be a choice of two showtimes, each 50-minutes long: (one show/family please):

- (1) 4 pm: This show is aimed at families with younger children because of its earlier performance time. The show will be followed by light refreshments.
- (2) 6 pm: Pizza and salad dinner, from 6 – 7 pm, followed by the show and then dessert. 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 the registration card which is available at the Library Front Desk and was also recently mailed to Easton residents. Admittance to show is on a first-come first-serve basis. To reserve a spot, please call the Library's Front Desk at 261-0134.

Easton Learning Foundation Collecting Used Sports Equipment



ELF's 2nd Annual Sports Equipment Super Sale will be Sunday, September 14th... but we are collecting your donated items NOW and through the summer! You can donate your sporting goods as you finish using them and keep your garage neater! Contact Barbie Powell at 220-9125 or bgpowell@optonline.net for a pick-up anytime. All proceeds support the Easton Learning Foundation. Our teachers and your students will benefit!

THE SCOUT SCOOP



Boy Scout Annual Gourmet Breakfast is This Saturday

Easton Boy Scout Troop 66 will be hosting their 2nd Annual Gourmet Breakfast on Saturday, March 29th from 8 am to noon at the ECC.

The gourmet breakfast features local culinary chefs who will be cooking made-to-order omelettes, Belgian waffles, crepes and Danish Ebelskivers. Traditional pancakes, bacon, sausage and beverages will be available as well. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$8.00/adult or at the door for \$10.00/adult, \$5.00/senior (65 and over) and \$5.00/child (10 and under). Advance tickets are available directly through the Scouts. Donations are welcome. For more information contact Susan Canada at 371-5900.

Girl Scout Spaghetti Supper

Sponsored by Easton Troops 31235 and 31497
Help Send a Girl Scout on a Tropical Camping Experience

WHEN: Friday, April 4, 2008
WHERE: Covenant Church of Easton, Sport Hill Road
TIME: 1st Seating- 5:30 P.M.
2nd Seating- 6:30 P.M.
COST: Adults- \$8.00
Children (up to 8th grade) \$6.00/Seniors - \$6.00

Dinner includes a generous portion of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, dinner rolls, dessert and beverages

We're Going Green
Keep Easton Clean!

Easton Green and Clean Day



Saturday, April 26th
9 am-4 pm



Collect Easton road side litter only (**no toxic waste**) and you may drop off the clear trash bags at Public Works Town Garage , 15 Westport Road, Easton on Saturday 9 am-4 pm only.

Free clear trash bags available starting April 18th through 26th, at the Easton Community Center, Easton Public Library, Easton Public Works Town Garage, Easton Village Store, Greiser's Store and Staples Elementary School.

Sponsored by the Easton Garden Club
Any questions contact Cheryl Frier at 459-8338