



# The Staples Scoop



Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010



## CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Thurs., April 8	EARLY DISMISSAL; Prof. Development; SSES at 1 pm; HKMS at 12:20 pm
Fri., April 9	PTA meeting, Guest Speaker, Tom McMorran, EPL Com. Rm., 9:30 am
Mon. April 19 – Fri; April 23	NO SCHOOL; Spring Break
Mon., April 26	Town Meeting on Budget; Time TBD, SSES Cafetorium
Wed. April 28	Parent Education Event, 7:30 pm.
Fri., April 30	School Store Open; 11:30 am – 2:15 pm
Tues., May 4	Easton Budget Referendum
Tues., May 4	PTA Ice Cream Social
Fri., May 7	Grade 1 Hosts Town Meeting ( <i>note change of date</i> )
Sat., May 22	PTA (Adult) Spring Social; Fairfield Museum
Fri., May 28	Final School Store opening of 2009-2010
Wed., June 23	Tentative Last Day of School

## April is Autism Awareness Month



Each Friday in April, SSES students, faculty and staff are encouraged to **wear blue in support of autism**. Ms. Fox-Santora will speak about autism during Thursday morning announcements this month, as well as invite some siblings and friends of children with autism to share their thoughts.

## THE PTA SCOOP

### April PTA Meeting is this Friday

Our Guest Speaker, Mr. Thomas McMorran, is the principal of Joel Barlow High School. Mr. McMorran will discuss how parents of elementary school age children can take some simple actions now that can pay off later in your child's education. Mr. McMorran is an inspiring speaker who will provide guidance on what we can do today for the future of our child's education. This Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Easton Library Community Room, 9:30 a.m.

### School Store

The School Store carries a variety of inventory in all different price points, like clothing, hats, bags, as well as gift certificates -- which make a fun and welcome gift for children's birthday parties. The School Store will only be open two more dates this school year : Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am – 2:15 pm.

### **PTA Scrapbooking Club Planning a Moms' Night Out**

In the tradition of latter-day quilting bees, the PTA Scrapbooking Club invites you to a MNO scrapbook on Sunday, May 2nd from 5 – 11 pm at the Easton Library Community Room. All are welcome – whether you have scrapbooking experience or not. Please RSVP to reserve your seat or if you have any questions: Ginger Colby [ggcolby@optonline.net](mailto:ggcolby@optonline.net) or Jennifer Lockwood [jenlock@optonline.net](mailto:jenlock@optonline.net)

### **Labels Collection Ends May 7th**

Please remember to turn in all your labels from BOX TOPS, Campbell's Labels for Education and Tyson by Fri., May 7. Please watch out for expiring labels and do put your teacher's name on the bag. Remember we get \$ or points for these. Thank you all for collecting and submitting them.

### **Super Scribes & Scribblers**

The ever-popular Super Scribes and Scribblers, coming this June, will showcase a written piece of work from children in every grade, pre-K through 5th.

We are in search of ***eight pieces of original artwork*** in total (front cover, back cover, and the pages that precede each grade's submissions) that complement the theme of this year's book, which is the SSES Character Traits. The deadline is May 5<sup>th</sup>. For complete details, please see:

[http://www.eastonpta.com/pdf/superscribes\\_submissions.pdf](http://www.eastonpta.com/pdf/superscribes_submissions.pdf)

A ***parent volunteer*** is still needed for the following classrooms. Tasks involved can easily be completed from home:

2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Woodford

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Arlotta, Durette, Ashby/Keklik, Linker, Edwards

4<sup>th</sup> grade: Remmell, Corsino, Marchetti, Sholz

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Brakeman, Fuller, Clark, Maggi

For more details, please visit: <http://www.eastonpta.com/pdf/superscribes.pdf>

### **Please Consider Helping Out**

The PTA needs volunteers for:

- Ice Cream Social: Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>; contact Claire-Anne Meskers at [cakm@optonline.net](mailto:cakm@optonline.net)
- Spring Adult Social: Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Fairfield Museum. Contact Laura El Wardany, [lelward@optonline.net](mailto:lelward@optonline.net).

### **Please Visit the HKMS Media Center Summer Reading Book Fair**

This year's book fair will be stocked with affordable books for even the tightest budget. We will have Juvenile bestsellers and Nutmeg award winners selected with your children's HKMS Summer Reading requirements in mind. Take a look at our SPECIAL SALE table for the very best selections reduced just for our families. We'll have adult bestsellers, cookbooks for novice chefs, and special interest books for the sports and history buffs in your family. **Book Fair hours** are Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> until Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 PM until 3:00 PM with extended hours on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> during the Spaghetti Dinner from 6 -9 PM. For more information contact Carol Weinshel, Director of Learning Resources & Technology, [CWeinshel@eatonps.org](mailto:CWeinshel@eatonps.org).

## THE TOWN SCOOP

### Easton Green & Clean Day is Saturday

Clear garbage bags are available at SSES, the ECC the library and other local spots. Please fill them with roadside litter and return to the Easton Town Garage (on corner of Rts. 136 and 59) between 9 am and 4 pm on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the Easton Garden Club. Questions to Cheryl Frier at 203.459.8338.

And save the date: The Garden Club's Annual GardenMart is Sat., May 8<sup>th</sup> (the day before Mother's Day).

### Adult and Teen Volunteers Needed for Cemetery Clean-Up Day

Saturday April 10th 10 am - 3 pm. Adults and teens 13+ are sought to help clean, repair and reset tombstones in both Gilbertown and Center Street Cemeteries. Students who need to fulfill community service hours and Scout Troops are encouraged to attend. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Volunteers interested in attending are asked to contact Lisa Burghardt for sign-up and further information at 203.581-0850 or [LBurghardt@aol.com](mailto:LBurghardt@aol.com).

### What's That Buzz?

Bee there! The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ELF Trivia Bee is Thurs., May 20<sup>th</sup>. Learn more at <http://www.eastonlearningfoundation.org/>

**ECC News:** Please call 203.459.9700 for information or to register for:

- Parents' Night Out: this Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>; 6:30 – 10 pm;
- Family Fun Day is this Sunday, April 11th, 1-4 pm. Enjoy Mad Science, face painting, break dancing exhibition, DJ dance party, family sports challenges, rock climbing, blow-up slide, "touch a fire truck" + much more! Admission price of \$15 per person or \$50 for family of four includes all activities; food will be available for purchase. Under age 1 is free; register by Saturday to receive a family of four admission for only \$45!
- *Save the Date:* Annual Golf Benefit at Connecticut Golf Club; Tues., June 15<sup>th</sup>

### Historical Society of Easton Free Presents "Mark Twain and Helen Keller" Lecture

Thursday, April 8th, 7:30 PM in the Easton Library Community Room. Though spanning different generations and lifestyles, Mark Twain and Helen Keller shared a mutual respect and admiration for each other. Redding Historian and Promoter of the 2010 Mark Twain Project, Brent Colley will share his research about the special friendship and lives of these two unique individuals and former local residents. 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](mailto:jmatthews@region9ps.org).

### Summer Save the Dates:

- Easton Summer Concert Series presents a Jazz Festival at the new Easton Gazebo; Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, free admission; music, food & fun.
- The 75th Annual Easton Volunteer Fireman's Carnival is August 3rd - 7<sup>th</sup>.



## The Scoop Scoop

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***The next issue of the Scoop will be Wednesday, April 28th.*** Please submit any information – in MS Word format -- by the Saturday evening preceding publication. Questions and submissions to Cathy Dunsby at [ssesscoop@yahoo.com](mailto:ssesscoop@yahoo.com)

### Important Websites

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