




THE STAPLES SCOOP



Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Have a happy and safe Spring Break!

Calendar @ a Glance

Fri., April 11	PTA Volunteer Expo; Cafetorium; 9 – 10 am; followed by monthly PTA meeting (all welcome)
Week of April 14	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
Tues., April 22	PTA/Ed Comm Labeling Party (see below)
Fri., April 25	School Spirit Day: “Go Green” – School store open
Sat., April 26	Easton Green & Clean Day
Thurs., May 1	Deadline for BoxTops, Labels for Education, Tyson A+
Fri., May 2	Town Meeting hosted by Grade 2; (note change of date)
Week of May 5	Teacher Appreciation Week
Sat., May 17	Student Annual Art Show; 10 am – 12 pm
Wed., June 18	Tentative last day of school 

THE PRINCIPAL’S SCOOP by Kimberly Fox-Santora

On Thursday, April 3rd, Samuel Staples celebrated another successful Diversity Day. Under the leadership and vision of two SSES parents, Mrs. Susan DiScipio and Mrs. Teresa Harrington, the Diversity Day Committee created a series of marvelous learning opportunities for our students to think about and appreciate differences in people.

For those of you who did not get the opportunity visit Staples last Thursday, you missed quite a special event! After walking past the impressive banner in the lobby, everyone was welcomed by our students' artwork which adorned the walls. With the help of Mr. Bates and Ms. Keleher, our fifth graders made posters and visited each pre-kindergarten through grade 3 classroom to discuss diversity and help the students to make a chain link which described what diversity meant to them. These interlocking chains were hung in such a way to lead a path to this grand celebration.

The décor was only part of what set the tone for the day. The morning began by a school-wide sing along. Under the direction of Mr. Cooper and Mr. Russo, our entire learning community filled the Main Street hallways to sing “We Are the World”. It was a perfect way to begin such a special day.

Throughout the day, each of our fourth grade classes visited a variety of learning stations which challenged the students to think about differences in people. Each station was thoughtfully planned and had relevant real life connections. The students' responses made me very proud when I found them excited to discuss what they learned.

I wish to thank all of the PTA, parent volunteers and staff members who contributed to this special day. For many, Diversity Day will have a lasting memory.

Month	Number of School Days	Late Arrivals (After 9:00 am)	Early Dismissals (Before 3:25 pm)
SEPTEMBER	18	156	439
OCTOBER	20	328	636
NOVEMBER	18	203	453
DECEMBER	14	257	506
JANUARY	20	331	463
FEBRUARY	15	298	439
MARCH	20	339	476



Student Annual Art Show is Sat., May 17

Join us on Sat., May 17th from 10 am to noon in SSES' hallways and Cafetorium!

And if you can lend a hand to help hang the artwork on Friday the 16th, please contact Allan Bates at abates@eastonps.org.

Summer Pre-School & Summer Remedial Reading Program Reminder...

Applications for these programs should be submitted *immediately*. Questions to Special Services Office at 459.9689.

THE PTA SCOOP

Easton PTA Volunteer EXPO -- Explore the Possibilities

Friday, April 11th

9 - 10 a.m.

Samuel Staples Elementary School Cafetorium

Please join us for an informal visit and to view opportunities with the Easton PTA for next year. The Executive Board and many volunteers will be present to provide information about volunteer vacancies and answer questions. Let us know what you're interested in doing!

There is no commitment to stop by for a cup of coffee. So join us! For more information, call or email Christine Cremin at christinecrem@aol.com



PTA/EdCom Postcard Address Labeling Party

EdCom is the PTA committee that gets information out to citizens, especially parents, about the town and school budget. One way we do this is through a town-wide mailing of a postcard. We need volunteers to help label the postcards. So please join us at Dea Auray's house, 15 Flat Rock Road, Tuesday, April 22, at 10 a.m. for coffee, chatting and labeling! RSVP by April 16 to Andrea Kingsley (268-7479 or andi1960@optonline.net) or Melanie St. Raymond (372-0233 melaniestraymond@yahoo.com).

Volunteers are also needed to help with a call chain, manning the PTA booth on voting day (May 6th), and holding up signs in the front of SSES and HKMS in the morning and afternoon of voting day. If interested, please contact Andrea Kingsley or Melanie St. Raymond.



Deadline is May 1 for all BOX TOPS, LABELS FOR EDUCATION and TYSON

Please remember the top class wins a party at the end of the year!

Please be careful when submitting Box Tops labels not to cut the expiration date. For Labels for Education only send in Campbell's, and Pepperidge Farm UPC's and Lids for V-8 juice.

A Diversity Day Thank You!

The Diversity Day Committee thanks the PTA, students and families for supporting the "Our Hearts Are In It," Note Card and jewelry fundraisers, which all helped fund Diversity Day and its various programs. We also acknowledge the Board of Education and PTA for supporting this program. Lastly, to all the SSES students, parents, staff, teachers, administration and volunteers – we thank you for your slogans, art work, chain-links, support, enthusiasm and for remembering that "Everyone is a different plant in the garden of diversity."

The Diversity Day Committee:

Susan DiScipio
Heidi Lynch
Ashley Walsh
Jeanine Jones
Kathleen Wasmer
Elin Cohen
Maura Eustace
Melinda O'Brien
Gretchen Harriss
Teresa Harrington
Deb Walsh
Stacy Varvaro

Hilde Azarian
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Liz Spurr
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The Scoop Scoop

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THE TOWN SCOOP



Touch-A-Truck is back! Christ's Church will hold its popular Touch-a-Truck event on Sat., May 10, from 10 am to 3 pm. Touch, climb and explore lots of trucks, large and small, old and new! Baked goods, food tent and more. Fun for all ages! \$20 per family. For more information, call 268-3569 or visit www.theparishofchristschurch.org. Rain Date: Sun., May 11.

Annual Easton Firefighter's Carnival: July 29th – Aug. 2nd, 2008



Easton Community Center News

Call 459.9700 or visit www.eastoncc.com

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

Next Parents' Night Out: Your kids (age 4+) will enjoy a fun-filled evening of games, arts and crafts and much more! Dinner will be provided. Friday, April 25; 6:30-10 pm. Members \$15 and non-members \$20. Call to register.

Save the Date – Annual ECC Golf Tournament: June 16th at the Connecticut Golf Club

THE LIBRARY SCOOP

Registration for story times will be through April 11 in the Library. Notification will be by telephone

Hooper's Stories

Join Hooper (a yellow Lab) and his owner Jane to hear stories about him. Hooper is a registered therapy dog and a certified Intermountain Reading and Education Assistance Dog. He and Jane visit schools and libraries to help kids in a variety of ways. Wednesday: April 16, 1 – 2 pm. All ages. Library Storytime Room. Sign-up required.

SPRING CRAFTS PROGRAMS: Have fun creating crafts... Ages 3+. Registration is required and limited to 20 children per program.

Spring Craft

Celebrate Spring with a special craft! Friday, April 25; 3:45 - 4:30 pm

Mother's Day Craft

Give a gift to Mom from your heart! Friday, May 9; 3:45 - 4:30 pm

Family Movie Afternoon

Come see a fun film! Movie to be announced one week prior to program.

Friday, April 18; 1 – 2 pm; Community Room; registration required

Friends of the Library: Easton Family Fun Night

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 25th, for Family Fun Night in the Easton Public Library's Community Room. The Tanglewood Marionettes, from Ware, MA, will perform the show, "The Fairy Circus" using life-size puppets. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Easton Library. Due to an overwhelming response during the last several years, there will be two shows, each 50-minutes long, offered this year (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, please complete registration card which is available at the Library Front Desk and which had been mailed to Easton residents not long ago. Or, feel free to become a member by registering when arriving at the show. 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 ELF.



Don't forget to preorder your special Pinkalicious t-shirts by Lemon!

*Post show activities include crafts; face painting; meet the actors; refreshments and much more...

Come to a special performance of
Pinkalicious the Musical

Sponsored by



followed by fun family activities* and help support

Susan G. Komen for the Cure

Saturday, May 3rd

2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Doors will open at 2:00 pm for ticket pickup

Rodger Ludlowe Middle School, Fairfield

General Admission tickets now available for \$25
family sponsorship opportunities still available for premier seating.

For tickets call 1-877-KOMEN 4 U

Or purchase online at www.komenct.org