




THE STAPLES SCOOP



Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Calendar @ a Glance

Week of May 5 Teacher Appreciation Week: "Our Teachers Are the Real Deal!"
 Week of May 5 Walk to benefit Alpha House; before school each morning
 Sun., May 11 **Happy Mothers' Day!**
 Fri., May 16 PTA Monthly Meeting; Easton Comm. Center; 9:15 am; all welcome
 Sat., May 17 Student Annual Art Show; 10 am – 12 pm; hallways & Cafetorium
 Weekend of May 17 Easton Library Paperback Book Sale; Library Community Room
 Sun., May 18 E.L.F. Spring Garden Party; 2-4 pm
 Mon., May 26 NO SCHOOL – **Memorial Day**
 Wed., June 4 EARLY DISMISSAL; Staff Development; 1 pm

 Wed., June 18 Last day of school; 1:25 pm dismissal 

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
APRIL	17	326	434



Annual Art Show is Sat., May 17

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

If you can help hang the artwork on Friday the 16th, please contact Allan Bates at abates@eastonps.org.

THE PTA SCOOP

PTA Meeting Change of Date

The PTA meeting originally scheduled for Fri., May 9 has been rescheduled to Fri., May 16th at 9:15 am at the Easton Community Center. Please join us.



HKMS Spring Book Fair

Summer is almost here! Refresh your Summer Reading collection with adult and juvenile bestsellers, gardening, cookbooks, sports and history books and much more!

Now through Friday, May 9th from 8 am –3:30 pm
Extended hours Friday, May 9th from 6 – 9 pm



Got Change???

Monday, May 12 - Friday, May 16 is "Be Kind to Animals Week" with proceeds going toward food and supplies for animals at the Easton Animal Shelter. Students can bring in spare change and contribute to their classroom donation can. Every penny adds up! The classroom with the most donations wins a Popsicle party. Call Julie Lutinski at 372-6421 for more information.



Buy Next Year's School Supplies Online

You can order your child's school supplies for 2008-2009 and have them shipped directly to your home! Each pre-packaged school pack is delivered with name-brand supplies specified by the grade's teachers. Avoid the rush at the retail stores in August by ordering now, plus the PTA will receive a percentage of the sales.

Ordering Dates: May 19 – June 27
Website: www.innisbrook.com
SSES school number: 101059

Questions to Gina Orticelli ☎ 445.8418.

The Easton Redding Community Coalition:

The Choices Program of WCSU, Joel Barlow PTSA, Easton PTA, Lifetouch Studios, John Read PTA and PTA Council, Easton PBA, Vazzy's Restaurant, Physicians for Women, RYASAP, HVCASA and DMHAS present:

**The Fifth Annual Family University
“A Community of Wellness”**

Monday, May 19th, 6 - 9 p.m at Joel Barlow High School

For complete details, visit: <http://eastonreddingcc.org/pages/family.htm>

The Family University is an annual opportunity for parents and Middle and High School students to come together with school staff and local experts to learn and share together. All families in Easton and Redding are encouraged to attend with children in the 5th – 12th grades. A family meal will be served and there is ample time for socializing and connecting with other parents and school personnel. There are door prizes for teens and opportunities for extra credit for JBHS students.

Program Schedule:

6:00- 6:50 Family Dinner and welcoming comments from Thomas McMorran, Head of School, JBHS
7:00 - 7:55 Break-Out Session #1
8:00 – 9:00 Break-Out Session #2

Break-Out Sessions: (Each participant will attend 2 sessions.)

- 1) “In Your Facebook: The Dangers of Social Networking”
- 2) Talking to Teens and Parents About Sexuality
- 3) The Choices We Make: Managing Life, Academics and Sports
- 4) Make the Right Choices: Healthy and Delicious Nutrition for Adolescents
- 5) Keeping it Real: Freshmen and Sophomores
- 6) Keeping it Real: Juniors and Seniors
- 7) Hold on Loosely, But Don't Let Them Go
- 8) Just Breathe: Stress Management for Adolescents
- 9) Teen Depression: Signs, Symptoms and Hope
- 10) Walk The Line
- 11) Under 21 and the Law: What If?
- 12) Parents Who Host Lose The Most
- 13) Look Ma- No Hands!
- 14) Bully Proofing Your Child
- 15) The Perils of Privilege
- 16) Been There, Done That
- 17) Team Building through Adventure Programming
- 18) Building the Bridge

Registration: To reserve your place. please RSVP by May 17th via e-mail to: Dana Johnson danaj@eastonreddingcc.org. Call Maryanne Pieratti at Joel Barlow HS, 938-2508 x1524, with any questions. *Please, no phone registrations.* When registering, please list the name of each person attending, contact phone number and note 3 break-out session choices by number. The third will only be used if the first or second choice is full. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for each adult attending. Payment is tax deductible and can be made on May 19th.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCOOP



Free Electronics Recycling **this Saturday**

Easton residents can do their **electronics recycling** this Sat., May 10th at Fairfield's Earth Day celebration, 9 am – 1 pm at Fairfield Warde High School (755 Melville Avenue). You can bring computers, monitors, cell phones, TVs, VCRs, copiers, fax machines, printers, radios, and stereos. Visit www.fairfieldearthday.com for more information.



Garden Club's Garden Mart

The Easton Garden Club will hold its Garden Mart featuring an enormous selection of annuals and perennials, an "Ask the Experts" table and a homemade baked goods booth. Sat., May 10 from 9 am to 12:30 pm on Easton's Firehouse Green on. Rain or shine! For more information, contact Sabine Weiland at 371-4457 or eastongardenclub@gmail.com.



Touch-A-Truck Is Back

Christ's Church's popular Touch-a-Truck event will take place 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.theparishofchristchurch.org. Rain Date: Sun., May 11.

Easton Library Collecting Used Paperback Books

The Friends of the Easton Public Library will collect paperback books for their annual paperback book sale from **Saturday, May 10th until noon on Friday, May 16th**, in the library Community Room during library hours. (Books will not be collected on Mother's Day, May 11th.) All subjects will be accepted. Children's books may be paperback or hard covered. Audio books, DVDs, and CDs are also requested. All books should be in good to excellent condition with no damaged covers, pencil markings or torn pages. No textbooks, condensed books or magazines will be accepted. Phone Gail at 459-9964 for more information.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCOOP



Free Hazardous Waste Disposal **Available May 17**

Easton residents can do their **hazardous waste disposal** on Sat., May 17th from 8:30 am – 2 pm at Andrews Field at Norwalk High School – 23 Calvin Murphy Drive (that's near Stew Leonard's). For complete information on what they will accept and dates and locations of future Hazardous Waste Disposals, see: <http://www.norwalkct.org/dpw/HazWasteSpring2004.pdf>

Used Paperback Book Sale

The Friends of the Easton Public Library will hold their annual used paperback book sale on Saturday, May 17th from 9 am to 4 pm and on Sunday, May 18th, from 11 am to 4 pm in the Library's Community Room. No admission will be charged on these days. Friday evening, May 16th will be Pick O' the Prose Night from 7 to 9 pm. On Friday evening only, a \$5 admission will be charged. (Admission will be waived for those members of Friends who present their Book Sale Postcard.) Most books will be priced at \$.50-\$2 each (there will be some specially priced books). Fiction will be sorted by author; nonfiction will be sorted by category. Questions to Gail at 459-9964.

Easton Learning Foundation (ELF) Spring Garden Party



Join ELF for assorted appetizers & desserts and a special presentation by The Easton Garden Club on Sunday, May 18th from 2 – 4 pm at the home of Karen O'Brien, 94 Sunset Road. A suggested tax-deductible donation of \$50 will be collected at the door to benefit the Easton Learning Foundation Student and Teacher Grants. RSVP by May 12th to Ann Leibell 371.4940 or dandaleibell@yahoo.com

Easton Community Center News

Call 459.9700 or visit www.eastoncc.com

Summer Camp Open House: Sat., May 17th, 11 am - 2 pm

THE TOWN SCOOP

Easton Library Launches “One Book, One Community” – Hosts Dog Show

A new program, “One Book, One Community”, encourages the town to read one selected novel, and then coming together for a wide variety of themed activities and book discussions. The first selection, authored by John Grogan, is entitled “Marley and Me” and comes in three versions: an adult first-person narrative, an intermediate school-aged novel entitled “Marley: A Dog Like No Other” and a picture book entitled “Bad Dog Marley”.

The One Book, One Community program will be launched May 31st with the "Dogs Like Marley Dog Show" to be hosted by Friends of the Easton Public Library. The three books will be distributed that day and will be made available at the school media centers in Easton, the Easton Community Center, the Easton Village Store, the Senior Center, and the Easton Public Library. There will be book discussions, the sale of paper dog bones to support our town's new animal shelter, a G-rated family fun movie night with a dog as the main character, a presentation by a veterinarian on canine behavior, and as mentioned above a dog show. The Library is in the process of planning several other exciting themed activities. Teachers in Easton are being encouraged to include the age appropriate Marley and Me texts on summer reading lists.

Children: Come enter your favorite canine in a dog show which will be held on May 31st at 3 pm in the parking lot to the rear of the Easton Public Library. Children who do not have a dog may dress up as a dog for their own special costume parade and contest. Prizes will be awarded in a number of categories. Please note that all dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. Pre-registration at the Library is preferred but not required. (261-0134).

Got Hair to Spare? – Girl Scouts to Conduct Pony Tail Drive



Please donate your hair to the Easton Girl Scouts' drive to create free wigs for women who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. June 6th from 6-9 pm at the Easton Community Center. Call Chris Wegener at 371-5628 by Friday, May 16 for a time slot with a professional stylist who is donating his or her time. Unable to join us on June 6th? Pony Tails can be dropped off at a box located in the lobby of the Easton Library. Pony tail requirements: 8 inches of clean, non-colored, less than 5% gray hair. Please secure both ends of the pony tail and place in a gallon Ziploc bag, with your name, address and phone number.

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



School Teachers Are Really Special



Easton Learning Foundation **STARS** Program for **SSES**

NOW IS THE TIME TO APPRECIATE YOUR TEACHER! SHOW THEM YOUR GRATITUDE WITH A STAR! A STAR is a welcome recognition of the people who make a difference in our lives. And just think -- it always comes in the perfect size and doesn't require batteries! You don't need to wrap it or go to the mall to look for a parking space!

ELF does all the work for you!! When you make a gift, ELF will send a beautifully packaged cardstock star home in your child's backpack. The Star can be decorated in any way and personally delivered BY YOUR CHILD. If your child doesn't want to decorate a STAR, ELF can deliver a certificate directly to your child's teacher/honoree. All the proceeds benefit Easton students and educators by funding teacher grants and cutting-edge technology. Teachers/specials teachers, nurses, office staff, librarians, classroom aids, administrators, custodians, etc. can all be recognized.

In support of a highly dedicated person in the school, I have enclosed a tax-deductible donation to Easton Learning Foundation:

STARS: # of Stars ordered _____ **\$ Donation per STAR** _____ **Total \$** _____

of certificates ordered _____ **Total Contribution \$** _____

(If you would like us to fill out and deliver certificates only, please list the "To" and "From" as you would like it to appear on EACH certificate: the amount of your contribution will not be indicated.)

To: _____ From: _____ \$amount _____

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Amount of corporate matching gift (\$25 minimum) _____

Student's name _____ home phone# _____

Student's Grade/teacher _____ Room# _____

The minimum contribution per honoree is \$5 -- the maximum contribution for one teacher/honoree cannot exceed \$25 (If multiple honorees, you may write one check for the total contribution amount which may exceed \$25. If you have additional honorees, you may list them on the back of this form).

Please return this form and make check payable to: Easton Learning Foundation * P.O Box 437 * Easton, CT 0661