



# The Staples Scoop



Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010



## CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Fri., May 14	PTA mtg; Earth Day Photo Story, Easton Lib. Comm. Rm 9:30 am
Wed., May 19	EARLY DISMISSAL – Prof. Development; 1 pm SSES; 12:10 pm HKMS
Thurs., May 20	ELF Trivia Bee; 7-9 pm; SSES Cafetorium; Free admission
Sat., May 22	PTA (Adult) Spring Social; Fairfield Museum; 7-10 pm
Fri., May 28	School Store Open
Mon., May 31	NO SCHOOL; Memorial Day
Wed., June 2	Talent Show; 6:30 pm; Cafetorium
Fri., June 4	Town Meeting; 5 <sup>th</sup> grade hosts ( <i>note change of date</i> )
Thurs., June 10	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choral Concert
Wed., June 23	Last Day of School; 1 pm dismissal

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

On behalf of the entire staff at Samuel Staples, I want to thank you for your splendid arrangements for **Teacher Appreciation Week**. The food, bulletin boards, and hospitality were all first-rate. The committee chairs, Jodi Forte, Sharon Stemme, and Jill Jarvis went above and beyond to make all of us feel special, valued and appreciated. Many thanks.

We had an opportunity to extend our special thanks to our wonderful secretaries on April 28th, **Administrative Professionals' Day**. Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Viselli, Mrs. Friedman, and Mrs. Petronella are tremendous individuals who help make our school welcoming and warm. We are very fortunate!

We also recognized each bus driver and aide, during **Bus Driver Appreciation Day**. They have the very important job of making sure that Samuel Staples students arrive safely and on time to school, 181 days a year.

Yesterday we celebrated the fine work of our dedicated custodians for **Custodian Appreciation Day**. Mr. Rusatsky, Mr. Habetz, Mr. Fernandez, and Mr. Hernandez received cards and treats from the students and staff as a way to extend our sincere appreciation for the many ways they help SSES look great.

Today, May 12th, we pay special tribute to Mrs. Kearney and Mrs. Kusovitsky for **Nurse Appreciation Day**. We are so grateful for their gentle support when our children are not feeling well. Whether the situation requires ice or a bandage, our nursing staff is always certain never to leave out a healthy dose of kindness, as well.

Finally, I wanted to extend a special thank you to a number of SSES parents who planned and presented at the Earth Day 2010 celebration. Mrs. Kiko Teed, Ms. Heidi Armster, and Mrs. Kristen Leavitt, Mrs. Cathy Alfandre, Mrs. Monica Chioffi, and Mrs. Denise Lynch worked tirelessly on the many details needed to put together two wonderful assemblies for our students. Based on the applause and cheers, the return of the fifth grade recyclable fashion show was a big hit as each outfit reflected such creativity! Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves.

Hope to see many of you at the ELF Bee on **Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>!**



## Nurse Notes

If your child has arrived home wearing an item from the Nurse's "lending library" of clothing, please wash and return it to school. You would be surprised at the constant demand for spare clothes, due to bloody noses, art accidents, water mishaps, etc. And if you have items to donate – especially *underwear, t-shirts* or *sweatpants* -- they would be appreciated.

## THE PTA SCOOP

### Come to Friday's PTA Meeting!

Please join us at your next PTA meeting! We will be sharing Ms. Clark's Second Grade Photo Story that was shown at this year's Earth Day Assembly with our Go Green Committee. The photo story shows second graders in action during "Go Green Week." This week was a compilation of activities, including counting eco-friendly activities, creating eco-friendly art (sculptures made from recyclables), using solar panels and wind turbines to measure energy output. We will also discuss open committee and executive board opportunities. Friday, May 14, 9:30 am, Easton Library Comm. Room.

### It's Be Kind to Animals Week

Please gather your loose change and donate it for "Be Kind To Animals Week". Each classroom has a collection can, and until this Friday, May 14 your child can bring in spare change to be donated to the Easton Animal Shelter. Every penny helps!



### The PTA Extends Its Sincere Thanks To:

-- Amy McKeon, Elise Broach, Robin Pantalena and Margot Abrams for doing the work of the EdCom committee for us again this year.

-- EdCom Committee volunteers:  
Sharon Stemme, Paige Guidotti, Denise Lynch, Gayle Worthington, Melinda O'Brien, Maggie Silverstein, Amy McKeon, Heidi Armster, Cathy Dunsby, Elise Broach, Robin Pantalena, Rachel Rios, Paul Coppinger, Ron Kowalski, Heidi Adair, Laura Jones, Jeanine Jones, Anne Manusky and Andi Kinglsey.

- -- Susan DiScipio; Diversity Day;
- Kelly Solway: Reflections;
- Kiko Teed; Go Green;
- Jill Jarvis: Note Card fundraiser;
- Denise Lynch; Ice Cream Social;
- Allegra Herman: Bus Driver Appreciation Day;
- Jennifer Luckart: Spring Fundraiser, SSES;
- Lorelee Cusick; Spring Fundraiser, HKMS;
- Donna Allen; CD Sales :HKMS;
- Sharon Stemme and Jodi Forte; Teacher Appreciation Week; SSES
- Dina Massey; Teacher Appreciation HKMS
- Laura Jones, Beth Gomolak; Spring Book Fair

### PTA Scrapbooking Club Planning a Mom's Night Out on May 21<sup>st</sup>

In the tradition of latter-day quilting bees, the PTA Scrapbooking Club invites you to a MNO Scrapbook on Friday, May 21st from 7 – 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 or Jennifer Lockwood jenlock@optonline.net .

### School Store is Open May 28<sup>th</sup>

Stop by the School Store on May 28<sup>th</sup> and pick up an SSES t-shirt for Dad for Father's Day! We have lots of grown-up sizes in stock!

### **More Thanks....**

The ***Diversity Day Committee*** thanks the PTA for generously funding the program, along with the Easton Learning Foundation (ELF) and the Board of Education for their continued support. Also, to all SSES students, parents, staff, teachers, administration and volunteers - thank you for supporting Diversity Day and its various sub-programs, along with: fundraisers, and for your slogans, artwork, chain-links, mentoring, enthusiasm and last but not least for remembering that, "Everyone is a different player in the game of life!"

***Go Green Task Force*** (Kiko Teed, chair), thanks her committee for their commitment, dedication and much-needed sense of humor: Cathy Alfandre, Heidi Armster, Monica Chioffi, Allegra Herman, Nicole Kalamaras, Rosemary Klein, Kristen Leavitt, Denise Lynch, Meighan Morrison & Annemarke Callagy.

### **Become a Member of the Easton PTA Executive Board!**

The PTA is looking for two new presidents (for SSES) and two new treasurers. Please consider joining our wonderful executive board, we'd love to have you! Bring your new ideas, vision and energy to the Easton PTA! It is very rewarding work, and a lot of fun too! There are also many opportunities to become a committee chairperson. Some of the open positions are; School Supplies, Fall Fundraiser, Reflections, Family Portrait Day, and many more. If you have ideas for new PTA committee's please share them with us! Contact Claire-Anne Meskers, email; [meskers@optonline.net](mailto:meskers@optonline.net) or call 203-374-5566.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Barlow-Palooza**

Come celebrate learning and activities at JBHS! Thurs., May 27th, 5-8 pm.

# Easton PTA Spring Social

**Saturday, May 22, 7 - 10 pm**

## **Fairfield Museum & History Center**

370 Beach Road, Fairfield

⌘ Hors D'oeuvres & Desserts

⌘ Complimentary Wine & Beer

⌘ Live music by the Fairfield County Jazz Guild

⌘ Fabulous Silent Auction Items

*The museum's exhibit hall will be open for viewing.*

Tickets are \$35 and support the learning experience for Easton students.

Questions? Please contact Laura El-Wardany [lelward@optonline.net](mailto:lelward@optonline.net)

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\_\_\_ I/we plan to attend the PTA Spring Social on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Enclosed is my check made out to "Easton PTA" for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_ tickets at \$35 per ticket.

\_\_\_ I/we can not attend, but wish to support the PTA with a tax-deductible donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the "PTA Spring Social" c/o SSES Office.

Your tickets will be held at the door.

## THE TOWN SCOOP

### ECC News:

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Night is Fri., June 11<sup>th</sup>

The ECC invites SSES 5th graders to a FREE evening of live music, games, inflatable slide, dancing and more on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 7 -9:30 pm. Come see first hand the great things the ECC has to offer. Questions to Youth and Teen Director Kevin Cassesse at (203) 459-9700 or [kevin@eastoncc.com](mailto:kevin@eastoncc.com).

Please call 203.459.9700 for information or to register for:

- **ECC Roller Magic Night**; this Friday, May 14; 6:30-9:30 PM – Ages 4-12; \$5 members/\$7 non-members; parents FREE; roller skating, magic and games; pizza available for purchase.
- **ECC Skate Park Night**; this Sat., May 15th; Ages 6-11 from 6 – 7:30 pm; \$5; helmets and signed waivers mandatory; knee and elbow pads highly recommended.
- Annual Golf Tournament at Connecticut Golf Club; Tues., June 15<sup>th</sup>

### The Scoop Scoop

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***The next issue of the Scoop will be Wednesday, May 26th.*** 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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