



# The Staples Scoop



## CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Sun., Sept. 14	ELF Used Sporting Goods Super Sale; 9 am – 1 pm; HKMS Gym
Mon., Sept. 15	Innisbrook Wraps Orders due
Tues., Sept. 16	EARLY DISMISSAL; Professional Development; 1 pm
Tues., Sept. 16	PTA Night @ Pizzeria Uno (watch your email for coupons)
Fri., Sept. 19	Bulb Sale Orders due
Tues., Sept. 23	School Picture Day
Wed., Sept. 24	Parents' Night: Pre-K- Grade 2; 7 pm
Thurs., Sept. 25	Parents' Night: Grades 3-5; 7 pm
Fri., Sept. 26	School Spirit Day; wear SSES school colors -- blue & yellow
Tues., Sept. 30	NO SCHOOL; Rosh Hashanah
Thurs., Oct. 9	NO SCHOOL; Yom Kippur
Tues., Oct. 14 – Fri., Oct. 17	Book Fair; Small Gym; 9 am – 5 pm

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

I would like to extend best wishes for a successful school year to the 527 families that make up the SSES learning community. Throughout the summer months, we had 31 new students join our school and 10 new certified staff members, including our new interim assistant principal, Mary Skowronski. Together, we look forward to an exciting year ahead of us.

While Mrs. LaTorre has been home with Baby Patrick, Mrs. Skowronski and I have been kept quite busy during the first week of school. Visiting classrooms and catching up with returning students brings us both great joy.

I wanted to share a couple of new regulations issued by the State of Connecticut that do take effect this school year. First, the State Board of Education approved the following definition of attendance for public school districts:

*“A student is considered to be “in attendance” if present at his/her assigned school, or an activity sponsored by the school (e.g. field trip), for at least half of the regular school day. A student who is serving an out-of-school suspension or expulsion should always be considered absent.”*

Monitoring the attendance of our students remains one of our highest priorities. Absence from school for vacations, trips, or appointments outside of school is not appropriate. Late arrivals and early departures from school will be closely monitored again this year, and shared with parents on a monthly basis in the SCOOP. It is very important that we work together to help students develop good patterns of regular, punctual attendance.

Secondly, in an effort to protect our air quality, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection has issued signs to schools about a regulation pertaining to idling. Parents can find our signs posted prominently around the front car loop. If you are waiting to pick-up your child, please remember to turn off your car. You might be interested to know that this regulation also applies to school buses: no idling.

May the 2008-2009 school year bring you and your family wonderful discoveries in learning. We at SSES look forward to seeing you in person at the upcoming Principal's Coffee in September.



## Coffee and Conversation with the Director of Special Services

Parents are invited to have coffee with Donna Dekle, director of Special Services:

- Tues., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>: 9:15 am at the SSES Cafetorium
- Tues., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>: 9:15 am at HKMS

Dr. Dekle will answer questions and address concerns about special services and will be happy to share information on a range of topics, including changes in eligibility requirements and evaluation.

## THE PTA SCOOP



Congratulations to Mike and Carrie LaTorre on the birth of  
**Patrick Michael LaTorre** on August 25, 2008

## Fall Bulb Sale Runs through Sept. 19th



Order brochures for the fall bulb sale will be out within the first few days of school. The order forms will be due back by September 19<sup>th</sup> and we will receive the bulbs mid October. Remember our school gets 50% profit on every item purchased. School store gift certificates will be awarded to the top three sellers. Questions to contact Sharon Stemme at [sharonstemme@earthlink.net](mailto:sharonstemme@earthlink.net) or 371-4491.



## Come Along With Us On A Book Safari -- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

An amazing selection of books is headed your way! Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9 - 5 pm in the Small Gym. Come explore the large selection of books and find great reads for every person in your family. All of the books have been carefully reviewed and approved for young readers.

Each class will have time to PREVIEW the books, complete a personal WISH LIST and then return to the fair to PURCHASE the books. Students will also get a chance to purchase books from their "teacher's wish list". Parents and grandparents are welcome to come by and assist your child or to do some early shopping for the holidays!

## A Big Thank You Goes Out To....

- Jeanine Jones for hosting a wonderful "Kindergarten Tea" on the first day of school. We had a great turnout!
- Rachel Rios and Heather Scully for organizing a beautiful "welcome back to school luncheon" for the school staff on Friday, Aug 22nd.

## We're Looking for a Few Good People...

### Volunteers Needed for International Day for Tolerance and Diversity Day

International Day for Tolerance (IDFT) and Diversity Day are both in their third year at SSES and are intended to help our students learn to accept each other's differences.

1. This year IDFT will be held on Friday, Nov. 14th. Our first year over 500 families celebrated IDFT by creating Family Heritage Banners. Last year, with even more families participating, we focused on friendship and our theme was "Tolerance Trees." Typically, we send home a project for the students to complete and then we display the projects on the cafetorium windows.
2. Diversity Day will be held on Thurs., April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009. Fourth graders participate in the day itself, but all students participate in the events prior to Diversity Day such as the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentoring Program/Chain Link Activity, logo design and sing-a-long.

Both events require lots of volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering for either event or both, please come and visit our table at both Parents' nights – Sept. 24 and 25. If you are interested in volunteering for either event, please contact Susan DiScipio at [susandiscipio@epals.com](mailto:susandiscipio@epals.com).

### Volunteers Needed for Picture Day – Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

If you can help, please contact Trisha Tourigny at [bratpack@optonline.net](mailto:bratpack@optonline.net)

### Gather Your Labels



Please remember to send all your labels you collected during the summer. Please include Box Tops, Campbells Labels for Education and Tyson A+ Program. Please put your name of the envelope or ziploc. Remember to turned all labels by this Friday, Sept. 5 for our Summer Contest. The student who turns in the most will receive a gift certificate from the School Store.



### Let's Go Bananas... and raise funds for SSES!

The PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year, featuring Innisbrook wraps and chocolates, is taking place now through Sept. 15th. Our goal is 100% participation to help us kick off a great school year. The funds raised will be used to enrich your child's educational experience through field trips, enrichment events, HOTS and so much more! Please share the catalog with family, neighbors and co-workers. Additionally, the catalog can be viewed online and orders placed at [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com).



### Save the Date: Family Portrait Day PTA Fundraiser

Family Portrait Day is scheduled for Sat., October 25th, outdoors at Toth Park, weather permitting (alternate site is the ECC). Custom framing and holiday cards also available for purchase. Contact Lisa Sheehan @ 373-9799 for more info.

## THE TOWN SCOOP

### Donations Needed for ELF's Sports Equipment Super Sale



-- Donate Sept 5-13; Sale is Sunday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> --

Please donate your used sports equipment to the Easton Learning Foundation from Sept. 5- 13. Donation boxes will be in SSES foyer, Easton Library, and HKMS drop-off loop lobby. Items can also be dropped off at Karen O'Brien's barn. **Items can be dropped off at HKMS (only) on Sat., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> until 3pm.**

ELF's Super Sale will be in HKMS' gym on Sunday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm.

*ELF is accepting: bikes, jog strollers, exercise equip., snow clothes and boots, skis, skates, rackets, playground toys, hockey, baseball, lacrosse, golf, tennis equipment, cleats...if you use it when you are sporting, they will take it!* Questions to Barbie Powell ([bgpowell@optonline.net](mailto:bgpowell@optonline.net)), Andrew Barer ([abarar@ekotechnologies.com](mailto:abarar@ekotechnologies.com)) or Karen O'Brien ([mkarenobrien@yahoo.com](mailto:mkarenobrien@yahoo.com)).



**Girl Scout registration** will be held on Thursday, Sept. 11th at the Easton Public Library Community Room from 6 - 8 pm.

Additionally, a parent information session for new registrants will be held on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 7 to 8 pm. at the same location. Any additional registrations may also be handed in at the September 18th meeting.

For more information, contact Leigh Hardisty at 459-0418 or Nicole Parkhurst at [NParkhurst@gsofct.org](mailto:NParkhurst@gsofct.org). For more information about Girl Scouting in general, visit [www.gsofct.org](http://www.gsofct.org).

### Homes Being Previewed for Holiday House Tour to benefit Friends of Easton Public Library

The Friends of Easton Public Library are looking to preview homes for Easton's 2008 Annual Holiday House Tour. This popular annual event will open its doors to the public on Sat., Dec. 6.

House Tour ticket holders will stroll through beautifully appointed, unique homes decorated in holiday splendor. For guests, add to that a catered lunch, a cookie stop, and shopping for specially handcrafted goods, and the day becomes a well-deserved, satisfying break from the usual holiday frenzy. If you are interested in having your house considered for the 2008 Annual Holiday House Tour, please contact Gina Orticelli at 445-8318 or [ginaorticelli@yahoo.com](mailto:ginaorticelli@yahoo.com).



## 5K "Walk for Hope/Run for Life" to Benefit Breast Cancer is this Saturday

A 5K "Walk for Hope/Run for Life" will be held this Sat., to benefit the Norma F. Pfriem Breast Care Center . This road race is meant for all ages as the morning will start with a kids fun run at 9:15 AM, followed by a 5K run and walk at 10:00 AM. The race will start at SSES, and awards will be presented to the top male and female runners in various age groups. Awards will also be presented to the most creative and enthusiastic teams in a variety of categories. Includes: two water stops, post race refreshments, post race giveaway, and a health fair.

Register on-line at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or send the registration form and a check payable to "Easton Parks and Recreation" to Easton Parks and Recreation 366 Sport Hill Road Easton, CT 06612. Registration fees are \$30 for adults (kids race: \$5). First 150 to register receive a t-shirt. Call 268-7200 or email [info@eastonparksandrec.com](mailto:info@eastonparksandrec.com)

## Historical Society of Easton Offering Silhouettes

On Sat., September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10am – 4pm, the Historical Society of Easton will offer silhouettes from nationally renown silhouette artist Deborah O'Connor at the Bradley-Hubbell House, 535 Black Rock Turnpike. Prices start at \$45 (depending on what is ordered) and the proceeds go to funding the restoration of the barn at the Bradley-Hubbell House. Reservations are recommended and can be made starting September 1<sup>st</sup> by calling David Katz at 372-5642.

## "Dueling Pianos" Musical Comedy Evening is this Friday

The Agape Society, an Easton-based not-for-profit group dedicated to improving the lives of local mentally and physically disabled people, presents a wildly popular evening of musical entertainment and comedy. The "Dueling Pianos Show" by the highly acclaimed team of "Michael and Amy" offers great music, great comedy and great fun. Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Sterling House Community Center, 2283 Main Street in Stratford. Visit <http://michaelandamy.com> Cost: \$75 per person. Tables of 10. Contact Gretchen or Athan Crist at 445.1191 or [Gretchen.Crist@yahoo.com](mailto:Gretchen.Crist@yahoo.com).



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### Important Websites

[www.er9.org/sses/](http://www.er9.org/sses/)

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