



# The Staples Scoop



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## CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Tues., Sept. 23	School Picture Day – remember to send in your order form(s)
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 <b>blue &amp; yellow</b> ; School Store Open
Tues., Sept. 30	NO SCHOOL; Rosh Hashanah
Thurs., Oct. 9	NO SCHOOL; Yom Kippur
Mon., Oct. 13	NO SCHOOL; Columbus Day
Week of Oct. 14	Book Fair
Wed., Oct. 22	EARLY DISMISSAL; Professional Development; 1 pm



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issues: Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & 15th.

### Important Websites

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

[www.eastonpta.com](http://www.eastonpta.com)

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

***"Rethink. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle."***

Samuel Staples continues to make strides in our efforts to go green. We have several new green initiatives that I am so pleased to share:

Six classrooms are beginning a composting program within their classrooms using appropriate, organic food scraps generated from snack time and special worms to help break down the food. In a matter of six or so weeks, the soil-like material (castings) will be placed around our plants and flower beds. Students in these classrooms are learning about the soil eco-system and how castings can boost plant growth. **Reuse!**

Later this fall, students in grade three will be working with the *HOT School* Teaching Artist, Susan Rosano, on recycled oil drums. Students will paint six different oil drums, using themes that will remind others how to keep our environment clean and healthy. The oil drums will then stand as symbols of environmental crisis created by the use of fossil fuels on our earth. We will later use these decorative oil drums as receptacles for plastic water bottles. **Recycle!**

With the support of our parents, we are also eager to initiate a reusable tableware program in each classroom. As a way to remind our students to **Reduce** and **Reuse**, we will use a small portion of the class dues to purchase a class set of tableware. After each use, we will need supportive class parents to take home the tableware, wash the dishes in a dishwasher, and return them the following day. Kindly notify your teacher if you object to your son or daughter using the tableware. I understand this shift in thinking may take some of you some time to reach a comfort level, but the message we will be sending the students is an important one. **Reduce!**

I welcome your ideas, and I am excited to share our current initiatives. I look forward to sharing our future efforts with all of you.

## Watch For Your PTA Calendar



The annual PTA calendar is being distributed this week to the “youngest or only” of each SSES family. Please take a moment to review the Board of Education policies included in the calendar as you and your child(ren) will be asked to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement, which relates to the use of computers and technology in our building.

## HKMS Sponsoring Clothing Drive for Nicaragua

HKMS Peer Leaders & Student Council, through CT Quest for Peace, is sponsoring a **summer-weight clothing drive** for Nicaragua. Please: 1) drop-off clothing at HKMS Media Center entrance by Sept. 26th (8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and 2) sort and label boxes or bags (e.g. baby, girl, boy, man, woman... lg/med/sm). Details are very helpful! Questions to PThomas@eastonps.org.

## Ski Opportunity for Disabled Easton Kids

Children in Easton with physical or developmental disabilities are being offered the opportunity to learn how to ski through programs offered by the New England Handicapped Sports Association (NEHSA). The HKMS Ski Club is generously offering scholarships to cover the family membership fee and lessons for interested families on a “first come, first served” basis. The program is offered at Mount Sunapee Resort. Parents must provide transportation and complete a medical information form prior to participation. Interested families are asked to contact the Special Services Director Dr. Donna Dekle at 459-9689.

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**Bulb Sale forms & Gift Wrap orders are due**  
***this Friday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>***



Questions to: Sharon Stemme – 371.4491 (Bulb Sale) or  
Kathleen Wasmer – 452.8211 (Gift Wrap)

## The Circus is Coming to Town! Friday, Oct. 24th

Come one, come all, to PTA Family Fun Night as Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Presents Bellobration! Fri., Oct. 24th at 7:30 pm at the Arena at Harbor Yard. Kids of all ages: \$15 per person. Watch for more information! Any questions, please contact: Stephanie Frangenes, sfrangenes@yahoo.com or 372-5333.



## 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



### Have a Cub Scout uniform gathering dust?

Easton Pack #166 is collecting unused, outgrown Cub Scout uniforms, to benefit our Pack as well as other Cub Scouts in the CT Yankee Council. Please contact Anne Manusky at [anne.e.man@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anne.e.man@sbcglobal.net)



### Harvest Festival at Christ's Church – Sat. and Sun., Sept. 27 & 28

The Parish of Christ's Church, Easton, will hold its Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 27, from 10am-4pm and Sunday, September 28, from 10am-3pm. The Festival has free admission and offers family fun for kids of all ages including hay rides, crafters, baked goods, pony rides, kids' games, a live performance by Easton Banjo Society, a tag sale and a Silent Auction. Budding engineers are encouraged to enter the new LEGO® Design Contest (see below). Visit <http://www.theparishofchristschurch.org> for details or call the Parish Office: 268-3569.



### LEGO® Building Contest

All ages are invited to enter a LEGO design for the "First-Ever Annual Lego Contest" to be held during the Christ's Church Harvest Festival. Entries will be judged Saturday morning by the Maggi Family of Easton at 10am and the winners will be displayed throughout the two day event. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top entries – and every entry wins a prize!

Entries must: 1) Be original designs (not a kit design); 2) be submitted Friday Sept. 26th at Christ Church from 12-2pm or 4-6pm or call Lynn Bruce at 445-2960 for other arrangements; 3) picked up on Sunday the 28th by 3pm.

## Easton Community Center News

*Please call 459.9700 to reserve for the following:*

**Parents' Night Out:** This Fri., Sept. 19th, 6:30 – 10 pm. Pizza, games, crafts, more! members \$15/non-members \$20/child. Also, Fridays Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Vacation Camps:** Sept. 30, Oct. 9 & 13, Nov. 11. 8 am – 6 pm, members \$50/non-members \$60

### **“Remember Alzheimers”– Walk is Sunday, Oct. 5th**

“Remember Alzheimers” -- <http://www.rememberalzheimers.org> -- is a youth movement begun by Easton students Charlie and Caroline Lillicraf in honor of their grandmother and the millions of others who are affected by this disease. They ask your support of their team for the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk® which will take place on Sunday, Oct. 5th at Norwalk's Calf Pasture Beach and is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research. To sign-up for the team or donate please go to <http://www.kintera.org/FAF/hme/default.asp?ievent=274480>.



### **Pop Tab Collection Fundraiser Benefits the Ronald McDonald House**

Please collect Pop Tabs from soda cans and turn them into the main office. After Halloween, the collected tabs will be delivered to the New Haven Ronald McDonald House. They will then be redeemed at a recycle center and the Ronald McDonald House will receive the proceeds. The money is used to offset expenses the House incurs while families are staying with them as their sick children are being treated at local hospitals. Please call Mark D'Augelli, Jr. (or Annette) at 452-1656 with any questions.

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

Would you like to have your house considered for Easton's 2008 Annual Holiday House Tour? The Friends of Easton Public Library are looking to preview homes for this popular annual event. This year, Easton's Holiday House Tour will open its doors to the public on Sat., Dec. 6. If you are interested in having your house considered, please contact Gina Orticelli at 445-8318 or [ginaorticelli@yahoo.com](mailto:ginaorticelli@yahoo.com).