



The Staples Scoop



Wed., Dec. 2nd, 2009



CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Tues., Dec. 8	Easton Board of Ed Meeting; 7:30 pm; HKMS Media Center
Fri., Dec. 11	PTA meeting; Easton Library Community Room; 9:30 am, speaker; Sal Gilbertie
Fri., Dec. 11	PTA Brass Concert & Singalong (ticket info. in this issue); SSES; 7 pm
Mon., Dec. 14	EARLY DISMISSAL; Professional Development; 1 pm
Wed., Dec. 23	Holiday Break Begins at 3:30 pm
Mon., Jan. 4, 2010	School Resumes



The Math-a-thon was a Huge Success!

The Math-a-thon was a huge success because of you and the support you give your children. This year's Math-a-thon involved students at all grade levels who solved challenging problems while raising over \$12,500 for the young patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital!



This worthwhile program helps our students to demonstrate many of the character traits we value as a school community. The perseverance, kindness and generosity that were shown by our students were outstanding. Every contribution, big and small, made a difference and that will hopefully be a lasting impression on our students. Thank you from Mrs. Holroyd and all those at St. Jude Children's Hospital.

SSES Pre-School Registration Is Open

Samuel Staples Pre-School is now accepting applications for its 2010-2011 full day programs for 3- and 4-year olds. For more information, please send an email to sbarnard@eastonps.org or call 203.459-9689.

THE PTA SCOOP

School Directories Are Here!

All PTA members should have received a new blue student directory. If you're not a member, you can still join and get a directory, using the form available at:

<http://www.eastonpta.com/membership.html>. Unsure about your membership status? Contact Rachel Rios at 203.445-9885.

Easton Winter Concert! Friday, December 11, 7 p.m. SSES Cafetorium

Come join your neighbors at this fabulous, town wide, Winter Concert event! A Brass Quintet will perform beautiful, holiday (Christmas and Hanukah) and popular music. The SSES Music Department has prepared a special Sing-a-long section with songs your child has learned in music class. The Art Department is working with the 3rd-5th graders to provide the handmade art work/decorations. Perfect for all ages! Tickets are \$5. Doors open at 6:30. Refreshments will be available. See flyer in this SCOOP for more details and ticket order form.

Easton PTA Meeting with Guest Speaker Sal Gilbertie, Friday, Dec. 11th, 9:30 am.

Please join the Easton PTA with our guest speaker, Easton resident and local farm owner, Sal Gilbertie, owner of Gilbertie's Herb Gardens. Mr. Gilbertie will discuss the SSES Community Agricultural Project currently in progress at Samuel Staples Elementary School. Come to hear about the process, what is happening, and how you and your family can get involved! Friday, December 11, 9:30 am at the Easton Library Community Room.

Helen Keller Book Fair Runs Through Dec. 7

The HKMS December Book Fair will be open until Monday, Dec. 7th from 8:10 am to 3 pm weekdays.. Featuring adult and juvenile bestsellers, cookbooks, and a fabulous selection of gift books for purchase. Extended hours are Saturday, December 5th, 8-11 AM (during the Pancake Breakfast).

Make Your Holiday Shopping Easier With "Gift Card Central"

Everyone loves a gift card! Easton SEPTA (Special Ed PTA) is selling hundreds of types of different gift cards in different denominations at face value – and your purchase supports Easton special education. There are two easy ways to order:



1. Go to <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>. Choose from the hundreds of available gift cards and add what you'd like to purchase to your shopping cart. All you need to provide is your email address and SEPTA's account number, which is E2L4B2AB22968. Then send in a check for the total amount to Easton SEPTA c/o the SSES office.
2. Green paper order forms, highlighting just a sample of the hundreds of cards in different denominations offered, were sent home in backpacks. More are available by emailing EastonSEPTA@hotmail.com.



We will be answering questions and taking orders at the HKMS Pancake Breakfast this Saturday. Upcoming holiday order deadlines are this Friday, Dec. 5 and Dec. 16. Gift cards will be hand delivered to your home, or can be picked up at school. Questions to EastonSEPTA@hotmail.com or call Mary at 203.372.2103.

The Scoop Scoop

The Scoop is published every other Wednesday (for the most part) during the school year and distributed by mail via the Listserv. To add or change your email information go to www.er9.org/sses/ and click on "Join Our Listserv".

Next issue: Wednesday, Dec. 16th. Please submit any information – in MS Word format -- by the Saturday evening preceding publication. Questions and submissions to Cathy Dunsby at ssesscoop@yahoo.com

Important Websites

www.samuelstaplesps.org

www.eastonpta.com

www.er9.org

EASTON WINTER CONCERT

Festival Brass



December 11th 7:00 p.m.

Location: Samuel Staples Elementary School

\$5 per person

(Ages 2 and under free if seated on lap)

The Easton Winter Concert is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community and enjoy a holiday musical performance! Seniors, families and all Easton residents are invited to attend this town wide event! **Festival Brass will perform a mixture of Holiday (Christmas and Hanukah) and Popular (show tunes) music.**

Festival Brass is a highly talented Brass Quintet. Ensemble member credits include: a **Grammy nomination** (Imani Winds), member of "**Lion King**" orchestra on Broadway, performances with Branford and Wynton Marsalis, the Count Basie Orchestra, "Saturday Night Live" band, Taj Mahal, Miles Davis, Tito Puente, Liza Minelli, Lincoln Center Jazz and Afro-Latin Jazz orchestras and numerous album and movie soundtracks.

The Easton Winter Concert is appropriate for all ages and will include a **Holiday Sing-a-Long!** SSES students will be learning the sing-a-long songs through the music department.

Due to limited space, ticket reservations will be required. (Payment accepted in order it is received). Pre-ordered tickets will be held at the door the night of the concert.

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EASTON WINTER CONCERT

Name (s): _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

of Tickets: _____ X \$5 = Total \$ _____

Cash/Checks made payable to "**Easton PTA**"

(Your support helps the PTA Enrichment Committee bring quality cultural programs to our schools)

Please submit completed form & payment to SSES office.
Mark envelope: PTA Enrichment - Easton Winter Concert

OR

Mail completed form & payment to:
Samuel Staples Elementary School
515 Morehouse Road
Easton, CT 06612
Attn: PTA Enrichment - Easton Winter Concert

THE HOLIDAY SCOOP

Holiday Craft Fair sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 31240

Come shop for a variety of crafts and baked goods made by local girl scout troops. Admission is free. Sunday, December 6th from 11 am to 1:30 pm downstairs at Notre Dame of Easton Church

Support ELF's School Teachers Are Really Special (STARS) Program

The Easton Learning Foundation has STARS available to help you recognize those special staff members that make a difference every day. Make a tax deductible donation of \$5 to \$25 and ELF will deliver a beautifully packaged cardstock star to you. Your child can then decorate the star and deliver it to your honoree. All proceeds benefit Easton students and educators by funding teacher grants and cutting edge technology.

STARS will be available during afternoon conference hours at the ELF table in the lobby. To order a star contact Jennifer at 445-0204 or visit our website at <http://eastonlearningfoundation.org/stars.html> for an order form.

ELF is turning 5! Please save the date: Sat., March 13, 2010.

ECC Scoop

Please call 203.459.9700 to reserve for below:

- Breakfast with Santa: Sat., Dec. 5th, \$5 per child. A Kidless Shopping Day follows.
- Holiday Camps: Dec. 28, 29 & 30; and Jan. 18 & 25; 8 am – 6 pm; members \$50, non-members \$60 per day.

Annual Library Children's Party is Dec. 6th

FRIENDS of Easton Public Library invites all FRIENDS members and families to be our guest at the Children's Holiday Party on Sunday, December 6th from 3-5 pm in the Easton Library Community Room. Entertainment by Lynn Lewis and Friends, crafts, snacks and lots of holiday cheer. Register at EPL desk so we know that you are coming! Questions? Contact Barbie Powell (bgpowell@optonline.net). If you are not a member of Friends yet, stop by the library and become a FRIEND today!

Holiday House Tour this Saturday

Don't miss Easton's annual Holiday House Tour this Saturday, December 5th, from 10:30 am to 3 pm. Come stroll through six private Easton homes decorated in holiday splendor! While touring, be sure to make a cookie stop at Easton's one-room Adams School House where you will also find fresh wreaths for sale.

The tour ticket is \$30.00, or \$15 each for children 7 to 15 years of age accompanied by an adult. Proceeds benefit the Easton Public Library. If desired, take a leisurely lunch break at the Community Room and enjoy a tasty meal catered by Panino's (lunch: \$10.00). All tour-goers will be given a \$10 Panino's gift certificate for use at their Monroe Restaurant. While there, take advantage of early holiday shopping opportunities as local artisans will have on display and for sale their handmade goods, as well as fresh wreaths. For more information, please call the Easton Public Library at 261-0134. Advance purchase of tickets is appreciated.

Help Stuff an Ambulance



Easton EMS is conducting a STUFF AN AMBULANCE food drive on Saturday, December 12 for 9am to 1pm. All non-perishable and can goods collected will benefit Operation Hope. For more information please check out www.eastonems.com.



Open House Scheduled at Historic Adams Schoolhouse

The Historical Society of Easton will host a Holiday Open House at the Historic Adams Schoolhouse located at 345 Westport Road (Rt 136) on Sunday, December 13th from 12-3 PM. The public is welcome to tour our one room schoolhouse decorated in holiday greens and learn about its use in Easton's history. Come join us for fresh apple cider and holiday pies baked from Burdick's Orchards in New Hartford, CT. Priced at \$20 each, we'll have three flavors of deep-dish pies in Apple, Blueberry and Pumpkin ready to eat or to take home. For orders in advance, contact HSEastonCT@gmail.com or call 459-0881.

THE TOWN SCOOP

Historical Society of Easton Presents Lecture on Easton's Early Settlers and their Neighbors

Guest speaker and local historian, Kathleen von Jena will present a lecture about Easton's early settlement patterns and highway development on Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 PM in the Easton Library Community Room. Learn how land in Easton was originally divided and where our first settlers lived and worked. Ms. Von Jena will discuss Easton's early industrial economy and for the first time demonstrate the positions and dates of construction of our town's upright and cross highways. An intellectually gifted and passionate speaker, Ms. Von Jena's lecture is a must for local history buffs, genealogists and researchers. Lecture is free for members and \$5 for non-members. For more information contact LBurghardt@aol.com or call 459-0881.

Redding-Easton LACROSSE (RELAX) Registration for 2010

For Boys and Girls in Grades 3-8 and NEW K-2 program for Boys.

Saturday, January 9th

9 AM – 1 PM

Joel Barlow High School

Includes equipment swap, and new equipment and equipment packages for both boys and girls. Meet the coaches. New players welcome!