



The Staples Scoop



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The PTA & the Scoop wish you a safe and happy holiday break!

CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Fri., Dec. 12	PTA Meeting; Library Community Room; 9:15 am; <i>all welcome</i>
Fri., Dec. 12	EARLY DISMISSAL; Professional Development; 1 pm
Wed., Dec. 17	Principal's Coffee; 9:15 am; Cafetorium
Wed., Dec. 17	PTA Night at Uno Chicago Grill
Fri., Dec. 19	School Spirit Day – "Go green!" + School Store open
Tues., Dec. 23	School in session – full day
Wed., Dec. 24 – Fri., Jan. 2	NO SCHOOL – Holiday Recess
Mon., Jan. 5, 2009	School Resumes
Wed., Jan. 14	EARLY DISMISSAL; Professional Development; 1pm
Mon., Jan. 19	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Mon., Jan. 26	NO SCHOOL – Staff Day (<i>tentative</i>)



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Go Green! School Spirit Day is Friday, Dec. 19th

The 4th grade has chosen a "Go green!" theme for the next School Spirit Day. Also, stop by the school store for some last minute holiday gifts! Please note the following schedule, with expanded hours for Kindergarten and Grade 1:

10:45-11:30 am	Kindergarten
11:30 am - 2:30 pm	Grades 2 – 5
2:30-3 pm	Grade 1

Important Websites

www.er9.org/sses/

www.eastonpta.com

www.er9.org

Book Drive - Our School To Their School

SSES is having a book drive to benefit children the Wilbur Cross School in Bridgeport . It would be wonderful if every student at SSES could bring in a favorite book- *new or gently used and unwrapped*. Please inscribe a message in the front of the book including a holiday greeting or a few words about why you chose this book and sign it with first names only, please. Place the book in your grade's box at school. We will collect the books now through December 19th. Please contact Elin Cohen at 650-6030 or elscott@optonline.net or Kristen Keden at 259-5192 with any questions.

Samuel Staples Pre-School Accepting Applications for 2009-2010

For more information, please visit:

http://www.classroomwebsites.com/Teacher/News/view_news.aspx?id=sbarnard

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Shopping Online for the Holidays?

Please think Box Tops and start at www.btf.com! When you link through the Box Tops for Education Marketplace, you save time and energy and earn cash for our school, too. SSES will receive a donation of up to 8% back on every qualifying purchase, at no additional cost to you. Some of the dozens of participating retailers are Lands' End, Pottery Barn Kids, Gap, Williams Sonoma!

Big Y -- Please remember to choose our school when you shop at the BIG Y. We earn points which we can exchange for supplies.

Not Too Late to Join Boys and Girls Wrestling

Boys and girls in grades K-8 are invited to sign up for Easton Cougars Youth Wrestling. Practice for SSES students is 3:45 – 5:15 pm Mondays and Fridays in the HKMS gym, ending in mid-March. This program is *free* (but you need a \$35 check made out to Philip LiCastrì if your child will be competing against other schools). Bring: Shorts/sweatpants, t-shirt, wrestling shoes, water. Questions, please contact Phil LiCastrì at Pnl63@optonline.net or 268–5501. Registration form is on the Easton PTA home page and at: http://www.eastonpta.com/pdf/wrestling_registration_2008.pdf

PTA Night at Uno Chicago Grill is Wed., Dec. 17

Vouchers are on the PTA home page and at:

http://www.eastonpta.com/pdf/uno_chicago_grill_december_17_2008.pdf

Reflections Contest Deadline is Jan. 7th

All the forms you need and lots of information on this contest are here:

http://www.eastonpta.com/committees_j_r.html#reflections

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Contact Cathy Dunsby at
above email or 292.3692.

Next issue: Jan. 7th.

Deadline: Jan. 5th.

THE TOWN SCOOP

Easton Community Center News Please call 459.9700 to reserve for the following:

- Upcoming Vacation Camps: Dec 26th, 29th & 30th; Jan. 2nd, 19th & 26th; 8 am – 6 pm
- Wine & Cheese Benefit: Sat., Jan. 24th

Joel Barlow's Second Annual Jewelry Auction is Fri., Jan. 16th

Over 40 pieces of jewelry all handmade by the award winning jewelry students at Joel Barlow High School! Friday, Jan. 16th at the Easton Library Community Room (snow date is Sat., Jan 17th).

Beginning at 7 pm is the auction preview, meet the artists and refreshments, followed at 8 pm by a live auction with the return of Milo Cramer as auctioneer.

All proceeds benefit our Lakota friends in South Dakota and Stetson Elementary School in Maine. A \$5 admission donation is most welcomed. This event is graciously supported by the Easton Learning Foundation. For more information contact Lee Skalkos lskalkos@region9ps.org or 938-2508 x1167.

ELF's School Teachers are Really Special (STARS) Program

Information and forms are at <http://eastonlearningfoundation.org/stars.html>

8th Grade Toy Drive

HKMS' 8th grade student government is endeavoring to collect 2,000 new toys to benefit three different Bridgeport schools that have asked for their help. Please bring any new, unwrapped toys suitable for ages 4-12 to the HKMS office by Fri., Dec. 19th.

35th Annual 8th Grade Pancake Breakfast

This Sat., Dec. 13th. 8 am -11 am at Helen Keller Middle School Cafeteria. Sponsored by the Eighth Grade Government. Tickets available this week at HKMS or at the door.

The PTA expresses its sincere appreciation and thanks to ...

- Susan DiScipio, International Day For Tolerance chairperson, for creating this years theme, "Tolerance Teaches Togetherness" and for all of the amazing work Susan and the IDFT committee members; Phyllis Biros, Bernadette Brady, Lynn Bruce, Hollyann Corello, Theresa Harrington, Chris Lee, Denise Lynch, Teresa Mannii, Anne Manusky and Noelle Newell did for our SSES students!
- Kiko Teed, Green Task Force chairperson, for her on-going efforts to enhance environmental awareness in our classrooms and help our children participate in a continued effort to reduce and reuse by introducing environmentally-friendly party items for the classroom. Many thanks to Kiko and her committee members; Cathy Alafandre, Heidi Armster, AnneMarie Callagy, Monica Chioffi, Allegra Herman, Rosemary Klein, Kristen Leavitt, Denise Lynch and Pam Verner.
- Shannon Barnett, Lost and Found Chairperson, for her work returning lost items and for finding useful homes for unclaimed items. *Please remember to check the Lost and Found!*

It's not too late to join the PTA! Contact Dina Massey to become a member.

Girl Scouts Still Collecting Gently Used Toys for Hospitalized Kids

Clean out your toy room before the holidays! Easton Girl Scout Troop 31244 is collecting gently used toys for children who are hospitalized. Items accepted include books, toys and board games (provided they are in good working order and have all the pieces), DVDs and VHS tapes, stuffed animals, puzzles. A drop box is located in the "silo" *through this Friday, Dec. 12th*. Please call Christine Wegener at 371-5628 or Stephanie Frangenes at 372-5333 with questions.