



# The Staples Scoop



December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011



## CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

- Fri., Dec. 16 School Spirit Day ~ "Cozy Scarf Day"; School Store open
- Fri., Dec. 16 Town Meeting; Grade 2 hosts; 2:30 pm; Cafetorium
- Fri., Dec. 16 Holiday Concert presented by ELF; 7 pm; Cafetorium
- Fri., Dec. 23 Full Day of School
- Mon., Dec. 26 –
- Mon., Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL; Holiday Recess
- Tues., Jan. 10 Easton Board of Ed Mtg. (with budget presentation); 7:30 pm; HKMS
- Thurs., Jan. 12 Easton Board of Ed Budget Workshop; 7:30 pm; HKMS
- Fri., Jan. 13 NO SCHOOL – Professional Development
- Mon., Jan. 16 NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Tues., Feb. 7 EARLY DISMISSAL; Prof. Development; 1 pm (HKMS at 12:10 pm)

## PRINCIPAL'S SCOOP by Kim Fox-Santora

Through the generosity of the PTA, the first grade team is fortunate to be working with the HOTS teaching artist this year. Teaching artist, Leslie Johnson, specializes in creative writing. Throughout the month of December and some of January, Mrs. Johnson will be with us for 10 teaching days.

The role of the teaching artist is to teach the children (and teachers) an art form that will enhance learning. The first grade teachers and Mrs. Johnson planned for two full days before the residency began. Together, they selected a curricular area on which to focus and identified the content standards they wanted to teach collaboratively using an arts-integrated approach. A pre-assessment and post assessment were created to help determine the degree of student gain as a result of this learning.

In this residency, the first graders are working on improving their writing skills through the use of their five senses. This arts-infused writing collaboration is using multiple intelligences to engage all students in the joy of writing. For example, during their last session, the focus was on the sense of hearing. Students worked in groups to write poetry based on artwork. Then instruments were chosen to represent the sounds articulated in the poems. Each group made presentations of the poetry and accompanying sounds. Their work with Mrs. Johnson will culminate in the presentations at the town meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents of first graders are encouraged to attend.

### This Friday is School Spirit Day

Grade 2 has selected the theme "Cozy Scarf Day." The School Store will be open from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm. Come see what's new! Exclusively ours -- SSES Fuzzy Socks and Fuzzy Gloves have arrived! \$6.00 each, one size fits all. SSES Hoodies are available for pre-order - Kids \$20/Adults \$25. Many new stationery items and holiday items for sale from \$.25 - \$6. Great holiday gifts!



## Artists' Spotlight – Currently featured in the SSES lobby

K - Jadyynn Bastien, Sienna Rubin

1st - Ryan McCann

2nd - Nicky DeVellis, David McCann

3rd - Alexandra Popescu, Micah Rasmussen

4th - Madigan Stichter, Siobhan Stemme, Jackson Connor

5th - Frank Villagomez, Sara Alix, Elizabeth McCain, Hannah Ceva, Vivian Taylor

## Gift-Giving Policy



Since gift-giving season is upon us, please remember that the Easton Board of Education policy states that employees cannot accept or receive any money or gift having a value of \$25 or more.

## Samuel Staples Pre-School Accepting Applications for Next School Year

For more information on SSES' full-day pre-school programs for 3- and 4-year olds, please contact sbarnard@eastonps.org or (203) 459-9689.

## THE PTA SCOOP

### Reflections Entry Deadline Right After Break

**Entries must be received in the main office at SSES by January 4, 2012** at 3:30 p.m.. For a copy of the entry form, and to find out the program rules, please visit our website at [www.eastonpta.com](http://www.eastonpta.com). Please read the rules carefully. All forms must be submitted to be considered for the next level of competition. If you have any questions, please contact Reflections Chair, Claire-Anne Meskers, at [meskers@optonline.net](mailto:meskers@optonline.net) or 203-374-5566.

## THE BARLOW SCOOP

### JBHS Students Collecting School Supplies for Nicaragua

BuildOn, a Joel Barlow group, is seeking donations of school supplies to be sent to Nicaragua through Connecticut Quest for Peace. A donation bin is in the SSES silo through Fri., Dec. 23rd for your donations of new and good condition school supplies such as pens, pencils, chalk, crayons, small toys, scissors, rulers, small calculators, markers, pencil sharpeners and spiral notebooks. For more information visit <http://www.buildon.org/> and <http://www.nicaragua-quest-for-peace.org/>. Questions to Brittany Jones at [brittj14@gmail.com](mailto:brittj14@gmail.com).

### Be a Falcon "Puck Kid"

Have a son or daughter who loves hockey? The Falcons are looking for "Puck Boys" and "Puck Girls" this year. We're looking for 2 players at each of the 11 Falcon home games to help the Falcons out! After the Falcons and visiting team finish their pre-game warm-ups, the puck boy/girl will go and grab all the pucks from the nets. They will then be announced with the starting Falcon line-up and stand on the blue line during the nation anthem! For more info, and to see which games are available, visit <http://barlowhockey.com/>

### Boys Basketball Holiday Tournament

JBHS will host their annual Holiday Tournament on Tues., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> and Thurs., Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>. Admission is free, and there will be half-time events for elementary and middle-school kids during the varsity games. More info at <http://www.barlowboysbasketball.com/>

## THE TOWN SCOOP

### E.L.F. Presents the Winter Concert

Friday, December 16th at 7 pm at SSES

This event is free and open to the public  
r.s.v.p. is appreciated; please go to <http://bit.ly/sG8AfP> to respond

This concert is funded by personal donations made by the E.L.F. Board  
in appreciation of our community.

### Easton Learning Foundation's S.T.A.R.S. (School Teachers Are Really Special)

Need a teacher gift? Want to tell a special teacher or staff member how much you appreciate them? ELF is once again offering our STARS! Place your order and we will deliver a star for your child to decorate and deliver to their teacher. If you don't want to decorate a STAR, ELF can deliver a certificate directly to your honoree. Your tax deductible donation will honor a teacher and support Easton students and educators by funding teacher grants and cutting edge technology. For more information or an order form, visit <http://www.eastonlearningfoundation.org/stars.html>. Orders will be accepted through Wednesday, Dec. 21st. Contact [jenniferluckart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jenniferluckart@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

**At the ECC** – please call 203.459.9700 to register for the below:

- **Family Rock Climbing;** Half price! Friday, Dec. 16; 5-7 pm. Members: \$5 child/\$7.50 adult.
- **Parent's Night Out:** Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>; 6:30 – 10 pm
- **"Kid-less Shopping" Day:** Sat., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>; 12-5 pm

### The Scoop Scoop

**The Scoop is published the 1st and the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month, Sept. 15 through June 1.**

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Questions and submissions to Cathy Dunsby at [ssesscoop@yahoo.com](mailto:ssesscoop@yahoo.com)

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**Holiday Wish List- Alpha Community Services**  
***(New Items Only Please!)***

**Bedding**

**Twin size sheets**  
**Blankets**  
**Towels**  
**Shower curtains**  
**Pillows**

**Toiletries**

**Toothpaste**  
**Toothbrushes**  
**Mouthwash**  
**Shampoo/Conditioner**  
**Liquid/Bar Soap**  
**Deodorant**  
**New Combs, Brushes**  
**Shaving Cream**  
**Skin Cream and Powders**

**Clothing**

**Sweat shirts/pants**  
**(for men and women: M, L and XL)**  
**Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Socks**

**Gift Cards for Children Living in the Shelters**

***Children that live in the shelters are taken to local malls  
where they are able to purchase small gifts for themselves  
during the holiday season***