

The Summer Scoop

August 2009

Produced by the PTA



CALENDAR @ A GLANCE

Thurs., Aug. 13	Monthly PTA Meeting; 10 am; Easton Library Community Room; <i>all invited</i>
Tues., Sept. 1	Meet the Teacher (details below)
Wed., Sept. 2	First Day of School! <i>Welcome back!</i>
Wed., Sept. 2	Welcome Coffee for Kindergarten Parents; 9:15 am; Cafetorium
Mon., Sept. 7	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
Tues., Sept. 8	Room Parent Sign-Up Forms Due (details in this issue)
Tues., Sept. 15	Parent Night; Pre-K – Grade 2; 7 pm
Wed., Sept. 16	EARLY DISMISSAL – Professional Development Day; 1 pm
Wed., Sept. 16	Easton Board of Ed Meeting; 7:30 pm
Thurs., Sept. 17	Parent Night; Grades 3-5; 7 pm
Tues., Sept. 22	School Picture Day
Fri., Sept. 25	School Spirit Day; Wear SSES colors of blue & gold !
Sat., Sept. 26	ELF Used Sporting Goods Super Sale; 9 am – 3 pm; HKMS Tennis Courts
Mon., Sept. 28	NO SCHOOL – Yom Kippur
Mon., Oct. 12	NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
Wed., Nov. 11	Veteran's Day – School in Session

Meet the Teacher on Sept. 1st

Stop by and say hello to your new teacher and see your classroom on Tues., Sept. 1st:

- Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades: 2-3 pm
- 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades: 1-2 pm



Principal's Coffees for September

Please join Kim Fox-Santora in the Cafetorium at 9:15 am.

Fri., Sept. 11	K - Kuruc
Mon., Sept. 14	K - Pilkington
Tues., Sept. 15	K - Paciello
Wed., Sept. 16	K - Cox
Thurs., Sept. 17	K - Giglio
Mon., Sept. 21	Grade 1 Parents
Tues., Sept. 22	Grade 2 Parents
Wed., Sept. 23	Grade 3 Parents
Thurs. Sept. 24	Grade 4 Parents
Fri., Sept. 25	Grade 5 Parents

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SEPTA (Special Ed PTA) Update

If you have a child receiving special services, we invite you to be a part of our SEPTA, which is under the auspices of the Easton PTA. Our first meeting of the year will be a TBD date in September, please contact Stacy Varvaro pvsav@optonline.net for more information.

The Scoop Scoop

The Scoop is published every other Wednesday (for the most part) and distributed by email Listserv. To add or change your email information go to www.er9.org/sses/ and click on "Join Our Listserv".
The Scoop and the SSES Office do not update the Listserv.

Next two issues: Wednesdays, Sept. 9 & 23. Please submit any information – in MS Word format -- by the Saturday evening preceding publication. Questions and submissions to Cathy Dunsby at ssesscoop@yahoo.com



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Important Websites

www.samuelstaplesps.org

www.eastonpta.com

www.er9.org

Annual PTA Membership Drive 2009-2010

Your membership dollars support the programs that matter to our kids!

PTA members can volunteer in a number of ways....

Room Parents....Annual Scholastic Book Fair....School Picture Day....Operation of Staples & Keller School Store....Labels for Education...School Hospitality...Teacher Appreciation...Fundraising Events

however, joining the PTA does not require you to volunteer for anything. It is completely up to you!!!

What does the PTA fund?

- Enrichment Programs – \$1,000 per grade
- Parent/Student Directory
- Staples School Calendar
- SCOOP – SSES Newsletter
- Student Enrichment Events
- Reflections Program
- Birthday Book Club
- Destination Imagination Program
- 2nd Grade Play Productions
- Operation Respect
- Staples Recreation Equipment
- Speakers on Parenting Issues
- SEPTA (Special Ed PTA)
- Sound Systems for SSES and HKMS
- Parent University Workshops
- *Cougar Connection* – HKMS Newsletter
- Parent Spring Social
- Sport Events & Family Activity Nights
- GR 5-8 Agenda Planner Notebooks
- Ice Cream Social

As a PTA member, you will receive a complimentary student dismissal pad, as well as the PTA parent/student directory free of charge. *(The PTA parent/student directory is available for purchase at \$12, for non-PTA members.)*

Easton PTA Membership Form

(Make checks payable to Easton PTA – NO CASH, PLEASE)

Parent Name _____ Student Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Annual Membership Levels: ___\$15 family membership ___ \$25 patron ___\$50 star ___ \$100 superstar ___\$6 teacher

Parent/Guardian at: ___ SSES ___ HKMS ___ BOTH

Please mail or return your tax-deductible check to Samuel Staples School
515 Morehouse Rd. Attn: PTA Membership

Room Parent 101

- ❖ The PTA oversees the Room Parent program, and is looking for four room parents per classroom, for each grade from pre-K to 5th.
- ❖ You **MUST** be a PTA member to be a room parent. This is an insurance requirement.
- ❖ You may only be a Room Parent for *one child per family*. If a particular class does not have enough volunteers, then we may also allow your second choice.
- ❖ If you have any questions, please call Jodi Forte at 373-1790.

What are the duties?

- ❖ Attend a Room Parent meeting in September.
- ❖ Collect money from each family for class dues.
- ❖ Designate volunteers to plan and implement each class party. Dates, times and specifics will be discussed with the classroom teacher. Typically parties are held for Halloween, Winter Holidays, Valentine’s Day, and End-of-the-Year.
- ❖ Organize Teacher Appreciation Week activities, usually held in May.
- ❖ Coordinate classroom volunteers for Field Day, held in June.
- ❖ Work with classroom teacher and PTA on other possible classroom and School-wide events.

How do I sign up?

- ❖ Below slip must be returned to school *no later than September 8th*. No exceptions. Room parents will be chosen by a lottery system.
- ❖ You will be notified by September 18th if you have been selected.



Room Parent Interest Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Prior room parent experience? _____

1st Choice Child’s Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

2nd Choice Child’s Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

3rd Choice Child’s Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Please return to *no later than September 8th*, to the attention of: **“PTA / Room Parents”**.



JOIN THE BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB!

The SSES Birthday Book Club is a great way to help increase the SSES library with quality books purchased through donations given in your child’s name for his/her birthday. These books will be the property of Samuel Staples library and will be checked out by children for years to come!

Here’s how it works:

- 1) You make a \$20 book donation for your child
- 2) During your child’s birthday month they will be invited to attend a before-school birthday celebration for all participating children celebrating their birthdays that month.
- 3) At this event your child will select a new hardcover book from a variety of quality titles chosen by our librarian, Mrs. Duffy. A special bookplate dedicated to your child will be placed on the inside cover.

In years to come, when your child checks out books from the SSES, they will see the book donated in honor of their special day. What a fabulous way to commemorate the Samuel Staples years!

To participate in the BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB, please complete the form below and send in a check for \$20 made payable to SSES PTA in an envelope marked Birthday Book Club. If you did it last year, do it again since we dedicate the book in honor of the age they are turning.

Any questions? Please call Dea Auray, 373-9589 or Whitney Goetz, 372-6095.

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YES! Please include my child(ren) in the SSES Birthday Book Club! Enclosed is a check for \$20 payable to “Easton PTA” for each book donated.

Child’s Name _____ Birthday Age _____

Birth Month _____ Grade _____

Child’s Name _____ Birthday Age _____

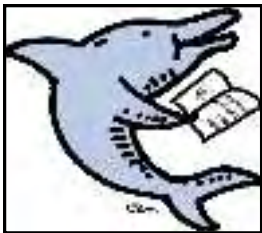
Birth Month _____ Grade _____

Please give us your e-mail address so we can send you a confirmation for each celebration.

Commemorate Your Child's Kindergarten Year with a Book!

Looking for a great way to commemorate your child's kindergarten year? Why not purchase a book in their honor to mark the start of their elementary school years? Here's how it works:

1. Please complete the form below and enclose a check for \$20 made payable to SSES PTA. Place in an envelope marked "Kindergarten Book" and return to Samuel Staples School either with your child or mail to Samuel Staples Elementary School, 515 Morehouse Road.
2. Our school librarian, Mrs. Duffy, will order a new hard cover picture book with your donation. Toward the end of September, when book circulation begins, your child will be invited to the media center to view a new book and place this special dedication book plate on the inside cover:



Donated to the Samuel Staples Media Center
In honor of:
Tommy Smith's
KINDERGARTEN YEAR
2009-2010

These books will become the property of Samuel Staples Media Center and will be shared and enjoyed by children for years to come. What a fabulous way to commemorate your child's Samuel Staples years while adding to our library collection!

Questions? Please call Lisa Glynn at 220-9260 or Kristen Rice at 220-9049



Yes! Please purchase a book in honor of my child's Kindergarten year. Enclosed is a check for \$20 payable to SSES PTA for each book donated.

Kindergartener's Name _____ Teacher: _____

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Parent information in case we have a question:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Please return to the SSES Office in an envelope marked "PTA -- Kindergarten Book Club."

THE TOWN SCOOP

Easton AYSO Soccer Registration Runs Through Aug. 14

Easton AYSO is still registering players for the 2009-2010 season. They offer programs for children age 4 through 18, with the older age brackets playing other towns such as Trumbull and Monroe. Players must be 4 years or older by Sept. 9th, 2009 to be eligible. Players can register on-line at www.eayso.org; simply follow the on-line instructions. Players who are new to the program must provide a copy of their birth certificate. The registration fee of \$125 covers both the fall and spring seasons and includes team photos, trophies and an end-of-season family picnic. Please contact Christine Calvert (ccalvert@optonline.net) with registration questions.

All players MUST be registered by Aug. 14th (with the exception of U5 and U6 who have until Sept. 9th). Players registering after that date will be placed on a wait list for teams as they become available.

Easton AYSO is an all-volunteer organization. Anyone interested in volunteering or coaching, please contact Tom Auray (toma@bptfittings.com). Experienced players aged 12 or older can train to be referees. Contact Vance Hancock for more information (jvhancocklaw@aol.com). For additional information regarding the Easton AYSO program visit www.eastonayso.org.

Vacation Camp @ the ECC

The ECC is offering single-day vacation camps each day from Aug. 24th -28th, from 8 am – 6 pm. \$50 a day for members; \$60 a day for non-members. Please call 459.9700 to register.



Donate Used Sports Equipment to ELF's Super Sale

Please drop-off your used sports equipment from Sept. 15 – 25 in donation boxes at SSES foyer, Easton Library, and HKMS drop-off loop lobby.

ELF will hold a mega-sale at the HKMS tennis courts on Sat., September 26th. All proceeds will support the Easton Learning Foundation. Our teachers and your children will benefit!

What to donate? 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, we will take it!

To donate now or arrange a pick-up, contact Barbie Powell (bgpowell@optonline.net). Questions to Barbie Powell or Andrew Barer (abarar@ekkotekologies.com), or Karen O'Brien (mkarenobrien@yahoo.com).