

ESTABROOK UPDATE

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A Principal Notes

I hope you get the opportunity to visit the Lexington Public Schools Visual Arts Exhibit at the Lexington Arts & Crafts Society. You can see the work of many of our students. Bravo to our Art Teacher, Ms. Durrell.

Personnel: Our new literacy teacher, Alyssa Kaplan, will begin on January 22.

Kim McDonald, currently a Care Teacher, will be the teacher in 2R when Alison Robertson leaves in the middle of February on maternity leave. Ms. McDonald has been assisting in 2R since the beginning of the year.

Our new afternoon custodian, Russ Ellis (who used to be a custodian at Estabrook), has already started. Our evening custodian is Paul Brennan. Head Custodian, Joe McLaughlin, has been single-handedly carrying the ball. Go Joe!!!

Next week, as part of school crisis planning, we will be practicing a school lockdown. Children and staff will practice by class and then the whole school will conduct a lockdown (Code Red).

Big Backyard Winter Walks We had BBY training last week. If you missed your grade's walk but still need the information, please contact your classroom coordinator or the BBY chairpersons. BBY classroom coordinators are in the process of working with teachers to schedule dates for winter walks for grades K, 1, 2, and 5. The dates for the winter classroom walks, listed by class, are available at the following website:
<http://calendar.yahoo.com/estabrookbby>.

The spring training dates can also be viewed at the website, and the spring dates, listed by class, will be added as they are scheduled. The next BBY walk for 3rd grade will be a ponding walk in the spring, and 4th grade will have one late winter walk in March.

Information regarding training dates for late winter and spring walks will be forthcoming and will also be added to the website. If you have any questions, please email us at estabrookbby@yahoo.com, or call - Maria Cue (508-641-7433) or Jennifer Breen (781-274-0702).

NOTE: Student participation in the BBY Program requires a parent's signature on a BBY Permission Slip (PDF printable form) to be filed at the Estabrook office. We had a very successful season of fall BBY walks for grades K, 1, 2, 3 and 5. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered their time.

CORI Forms: In order to participate in the BBY Walks, all walk leaders MUST submit a CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) form and have a background check completed. Please stop by the Estabrook School office and work with Ms. Carfagno or Ms. Batten to fill out a form. Forms must be completed 3-4 weeks prior to leading a walk; to ensure the background check is complete.

Puppy Blanket Collection The Puppy Blanket Collection was a big success thanks to the students and the Estabrook community. Fifteen bags of blankets, rugs, towels, and soft cloths were collected. The collection was delivered to the Animal Rescue League of Boston and the North East Animal Shelter in Salem. The shelters' staff was very thankful and impressed with the generosity of our community. Just think, some dog or cat is enjoying a nice soft bed from our donations!

Save the Dates for Family Math Night 2008!

Tuesday, Jan. 29 – K/1st Grade Family Math Night (Snow date 1/31)

Wednesday, Feb. 6 – 2nd/3rd Gr. Family Math Night (Snow date 2/12)

Thursday, Feb. 7 – 4th/5th Gr. Family Math Night (Snow date 2/12)

We are looking for volunteers, especially for grades K/1 and 4/5. If you have a student in middle school, he/she would be especially welcome to volunteer for the 4/5 night.

Family Math is a parent-run program that gets parents and kids together for a night of fun and games. Shh! Don't let your kids know that they are using math skills while they're at it! Each grade has their very own "Math Night", but in order to make it a success, we need parent volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mary Rose Scozzafava (781-863-2317 or mr.scozzafava@wilmerhale.com) or Nathaniel McIntosh (781-274-7358 or nathaniel_mcintosh@hp.com)

From the Transportation Office: School Bus Policy regarding Large Instruments, Large Projects and Large

Objects: Due to the width of the school bus aisle (12" at the knees and 15" at the waist/chest) and the height of the seat backs (44" from the floor to the top of the seat back), no large instruments (e.g. cellos, French horns), large projects or large objects may be brought on a bus. In addition, a child must be able to carry and contain any and all items between his/her legs or on his/her lap. Cellos, French horns, large projects, or other large objects cannot be accommodated in the one seat in which a child is sitting.

To subscribe to the listserv, send an email to: majordomo@silver.ci.lexington.ma.us. Send it from the email address that you want to subscribe. In the body of the message, put only the following two lines:

subscribe estabrook-announcements
end

Please note that the Estabrook Update will be sent via listserv, unless you have requested a paper copy (which will be sent home in your child's backpack).

Calendar

January

- 11 Movie Night, 6-9 P.M.
- 14 AntiBias Meeting, 6-7 P.M.
- 16 3rd Gr. Field Trip, 9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
- 17 Winter Concert for families, 9 A.M.
5th Gr. Basketball, 5:45-8:15 P.M.
- 18 Snow date for winter concert.
- 21 NO SCHOOL-MLK Jr. Day
- 23 Band Night-5th Gr., 7:30-8:30 P.M.
MLK Jr. Assembly for School, 9 A.M.
- 24 5th Gr. Basketball, 5:45-8:15 P.M.
- 25 Y.E.S., Grade 4, 3:15-4:15 P.M.
- 30 NAEP, 9-11 A.M.
Snow Date for 5th Gr. Band Night, 7:30 P.M.
- 31 5th Gr. Basketball, 5:45-8:15 P.M.

February

- 4 Faculty Meeting, 3:30 P.M.
AntiBias Meeting, 6-7 P.M.
Orchestra Night, 7:30-8:30 P.M.
- 5 Presidential Primary, 7 A.M.-8 P.M.
- 6 Tales from Greek Mythology, 9-11 A.M.
- 8 Y.E.S., 3:15-4:15 P.M.

5th Gr. Math Olympiads every Tuesday at 8 A.M.
4th Gr. Math Olympiads every Thursday at 8 A.M.