



ESTABROOK UPDATE

Joseph Estabrook Elementary School, 117 Grove Street, Lexington, MA, (781) 861-2520

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A Principal Notes...

A message from Dr. Ash has gone out on the list serve and is also included in our Update. Please note that the current recommendation for redistricting will increase the number of Estabrook students who will be redistricted to Fiske next year. There is more information in Dr. Ash's presentation which is online. Once a final decision about redistricting is made by the School Committee, we will work as a school community to support all children and families through the transition.

You may have heard that Mrs. Hauser is returning to Estabrook on January 29 to teach her third grade class that has been so ably taught by Mrs. Silberman. Mrs. Hauser visited her class this week during Open Circle. The children are in the process of planning how they will say goodbye to Mrs. Silberman and writing to Mrs. Hauser to tell her about themselves. On Tuesday, January 30, we will host a coffee at 8:45 a.m. in the lobby so that parents of children in Mrs. Hauser's class can stop by to greet and meet her.

A Message from the Superintendent...

The following message was sent from Superintendent Paul Ash on January 11, 2007

Last night, I presented the revised K-5 redistricting plan to the School Committee. The recommendation may be viewed by going to the following web page: <http://lps.lexingtonma.org/LPSRedistrictJan1007.pdf>. The plan was revised by the members of the Redistricting Committee, based on input from residents. The School Committee will hold a public hearing on the revised redistricting plan on January 17, in the auditorium at Clarke Middle School, starting at 7:00 p.m.

The Redistricting Committee will also continue to accept comments and suggestions by email at redistricting@sch.ci.lexington.ma.us



CALENDAR

15 No School-

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

16 Math Olympiads, 4th Grade, 8am

17 Chess Club, 7:45 am

17 Site Council – 4pm

17 5th Grade Basketball League-5:45 pm

17 PTA Meeting – 6pm

17 School Committee Meeting, 7pm

18 Math Olympiads, 5th Grade, 8am

18 Band Rehearsal

19 Brownie Girl Scout Troop 3944

22 AntiBias Meeting – 6pm

23 Math Olympiads – 4th Grade

23 International Potluck Dinner, 5:30

24 Chess Club – 7:45 am

24 Winter Concert – For Students

24 5th Grade Basketball League-5:45 pm

25 Math Olympiads – 5th Grade

25 Winter Concert – For Families, 9am

25 Band Rehearsal

26 Winter Concert (snow date)



From the Nurse

One of the playground aides recently told me that many children lined up in front of her during recess this week to have her place her warm hands on their ears because they were cold. We are actually experiencing temperatures considerably above normal but since we haven't had much really cold weather so far this year, kids aren't used to cold weather. Please send your children to school with hats and mittens in addition to warm jackets so that they may enjoy their outdoor activities rather than stand around shivering miserably.



6th Annual Estabrook International Heritage Potluck Supper Tuesday, January 23rd 5:30-7:30

Every family has its own heritage and traditions. Please come share yours with the Estabrook community! We will also have some activities and entertainment throughout the evening.

Please bring a dish to share that will feed at least eight people. In addition to the dish you prepare, please provide the name of the dish, its country of origin, your family name, and the ingredients used.

We are looking forward to another wonderful evening of fun, food and family sharing.

More information and details will be coming shortly.



2 Paws up for the Lexington Community!

21 (we beat last years record of 19) bags of puppy blankets and towels were delivered to the Animal Rescue League of Boston, donated by the Estabrook Elementary School. Many bow wows and meows were given in appreciation.