

## ESTABROOK UPDATE

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**A Principal Notes...** This morning I enjoyed Readers Theatre in Ms. Lam's second grade class. Readers Theatre is a technique used to build fluency in oral reading, increase appreciation and understanding of literature, and allow students to engage in the drama of a good story. Bravo to the students for an entertaining presentation!

**Personnel Changes** Lindsay Putnam is replacing Gretchen Saunders (Care teacher) for the remainder of the year. Kathy McCarthy, currently a Lextended Day teacher, will become an Instructional Assistant in the morning. Kim McDonald will be leaving the Care program and be the maternity leave substitute for Alison Robertson.

### **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Math Night – Wed.,**

**February 13** This is a reminder to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to get their registration slips in by Monday, Feb. 1 for Family Math Night on Wed. Feb. 13, 7-8:30 pm. Come and take a journey through the ancient civilizations of the Far East, Greece, Egypt, Medieval Europe and South America. You will help Athena find her way to Mount Olympus, hide Mayan Emperor Kitzak's jewels from the grave robbers and more! This year's program is totally new and awesome. Don't miss it! If you have questions, please contact Mary Rose Scozzafava at 617-233-9884 or [mr.scozzafava@wilmerhale.com](mailto:mr.scozzafava@wilmerhale.com).

### **Family Math Night Needs Volunteers!!!**

Due to some unexpected changes in our volunteers' schedules, we really need volunteers to help out at the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade Family Math Night. All the preparation has been done and we only need people to show up on Wed., Feb. 13 and help oversee some of the math stations that will be set up. Please consider helping out at this event that everyone seems to enjoy so much. Please contact Mary Rose Scozzafava at 617-233-9884 or [mr.scozzafava@wilmerhale.com](mailto:mr.scozzafava@wilmerhale.com) or Sulochana Devadas 781-863-8514 or [sulochanad@rcn.com](mailto:sulochanad@rcn.com).

### **Box Tops Winter Contest has raised \$109.00**

**by the end of the third week:** Estabrook's 5<sup>th</sup> grade is leading the Box Tops contest with 354 submitted by the end of the third week. We have another week so send them in soon!! – Contest ends Fri., Feb. 15.

Here are the results to date:

1st Place - 5<sup>th</sup> grade - 354

2nd Place - 4<sup>th</sup> grade - 142

3rd Place - K & 1st Grade tied with 111 each

4th Place - 3rd Grade - 97

5th Place – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - 86

If we can collect 560 additional Box Tops before 2/15, Box Tops will have brought in \$750 during this school year. Estabrook received a check for almost \$585 in December.

### **Flatbread Pizza Night for Estabrook – Tues.,**

**2/12 5-9pm!!!** Please come and enjoy Flatbread Pizza on Tuesday, Feb. 12, anytime from 5-9 P.M. at Flatbread Pizza, 213 Burlington Rd., Bedford, MA (781) 275-8200.

Part of the proceeds from each pizza sold will be donated to the Estabrook PTA. You can dine in or take the pizza to go! Come out for a night of great food, company, and support of our local school! Tell your friends to come and enjoy! Thank you for all your support.

**Raffle for iPod Shuffle** During Estabrook Flatbread night we will draw the name of the winner of a new Product (Red) iPod Shuffle! Chances are \$5 each and blank forms came home in backpacks earlier this week. Please return your check and completed form to the box marked "Estabrook Flatbread Raffle" in the office. Chances will also be available at Flatbread on Feb. 12. Winner need not be present to win. Questions, contact Gretchen Reising, 781-652-8169, [greising@verizon.net](mailto:greising@verizon.net).

**Final Reminder Lost and Found** The Lost and Found items will be laid out for parents to inspect before February Vacation. The dates and times are:

Tues., Feb 12 8-9 A.M.

Wed., Feb 13 3-3:30 P.M.

Thurs., Feb 14 8-9 A.M.

All clothes will be donated to Goodwill after Thurs. 2/14 - so please check!

### **Dr. Eileen Costello**

### **Quirky Kids: Understanding and Helping Your Child Who Doesn't Fit In - When to Worry and When Not to Worry:**

A special workshop for parents and others who care about preschool and elementary school age children.

Wed., Feb. 13, 2008, 7-9 P.M.

Cary Hall, 1605 Mass. Ave., Lexington, MA 02420

Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door

For more information and to register:

visit our website, [www.parentingresource.org](http://www.parentingresource.org) or

Call 781-862-4446 or

E-mail [PACES@parentingresource.org](mailto:PACES@parentingresource.org)

### **Capoeira: Afro Brazilian Martial Arts, Music & Dance Ensemble Visits Estabrook**

On Wed., Jan. 9 students enjoyed this lively show that explored the African roots of Brazilian culture by highlighting three principle elements: music, martial arts, and dance. Deraldo Ferreira and his performers demonstrated forms of capoeira, maculele, samba and their origins. The performance was highly acrobatic and wove all these elements together with a sense of humor and play. Students learned some words and phrases in Portuguese and had fun joining the performers on stage to try some of the dance steps, chants and instruments. According to 4th grader Maya Cortez, "This was the best assembly ever!" The next ACT committee sponsored performance was on Wednesday, Feb. 6 when "Mythmasters: Tales of Greek Mythology" blended theatrical techniques of mime, comedy, drama, puppets, masks, costumes, and music to bring the magic of Mount Olympus to life.

**Big Backyard News** Training for 4th grade parents volunteering to lead a BBY March twig walk will be on Thurs., Feb. 28 at 9 A.M. with Linda Arnow. We still need volunteers for Mrs. Bourret's, Mrs. Lee's, and Mrs. Catalfano's classes. The dates for the individual 4<sup>th</sup> grade winter classroom walks will be available at the following website as they are scheduled:

<http://calendar.yahoo.com/estabrookbby>. If you have volunteered, or would like to, please be sure to fill out a CORI form in the office as soon as possible if you have not completed one recently. If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer, please feel free to email us at [estabrookbby@yahoo.com](mailto:estabrookbby@yahoo.com), call either of us - Jennifer Breen (781 274-0702) and Maria Cue (508 641-7433), or leave a note in the BBY mailbox on the left-hand side of the PTA mailboxes in the lobby.

## **Calendar**

### **February**

- 8,15,29 Y.E.S., 3:15-4:15 P.M.
- 12 Flat Bread Fundraiser, 5-9 P.M.
- 13 Site Council Meeting, 4-5 P.M.  
4th & 5th Grade Family Math Night, 6:30-8 P.M.
- 14 5th Gr. Basketball, 5:45-8:15 P.M.
- 18 NO SCHOOL-PRESIDENTS DAY
- 19-22 February Vacation
- 27 International Dance Night, 7-8:30 P.M.
- 28 5th Gr. Basketball, 5:45-8:15 P.M.

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

