

ESTABROOK UPDATE

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A Principal Notes... Here are some excerpts from two classroom newsletters.

From 5th Grade: The students wrote some very interesting supporting paragraphs for their essays last week. This week, the students will be writing the introduction and the conclusion for their essays. They are writing these paragraphs last because they are so important in catching the reader's attention and leaving the reader with a lasting impression

In reading, we will be continuing our work on "main idea and supporting detail". This text structure appears in non-fiction texts. Both in class and for homework, the students will be reading non-fiction texts.

From Kindergarten: During library research this week, our topic was Presidents' Day. One group learned a bit about George Washington, another focused on Abraham Lincoln, and a third did general research about the presidency. This past Tuesday was book selection day for our class, so any child who returned an outstanding library book had an opportunity to choose another.

Box Tops Winter Contest has raised \$148.90 by the end of the fourth week: Estabrook's 5th Grade is still leading the Box Tops contest with 358 submitted by the end of the fourth week.

Here are the results to date:

1st Place - 5th - 358

2nd Place - 1st - 183

3rd Place - K - 154

4th Place - 4th - 142

5th Place - 3rd - 97

In the fourth week of the contest, Estabrook families brought in 209 Box Tops. In addition, we received 187 Box Tops from the collection box at Stop & Shop. The Box Tops from Stop & Shop were tallied separate from the contest Box Tops. Thanks to all who participated in this contest. We will have final results after vacation.

Flatbread Pizza Night for Estabrook

Congratulations to Peter Sifre of Mrs. Catalfano's class! Peter was the lucky winner of the (Product) Red iPod Shuffle in the drawing during Estabrook Night at Flatbread in Bedford on Tuesday night.

The turnout was excellent and the restaurant almost ran out of pizza dough! Tons of Estabrook families were there enjoying delicious Flatbread pizzas and salads at the restaurant. Many more Estabrook families were spotted picking up their dinner to enjoy at home. It was a great night to see many Estabrook friends out and about!

Thank you to everyone who took part in this great Estabrook event. Special thanks to Karen Kristin, Donna Rossi, Margaret Counts-Klebe, and Gretchen Reisig who organized the night and ran the raffle.

Calendar

February

15, 29 Y.E.S., 3:15-4:15 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.

March

3 Annual Town Election, 7 A.M.-8 P.M.

4 Maple Sugaring 1st grade (Ray, Wilson), Drumlin Farm, 11 A.M.-2 P.M.

5 Maple Sugaring 1st grade (Kramer, Quebec), Drumlin Farm, 11 A.M.-2 P.M.

6 Family Friends

6,13,20,27 5th Gr. Basketball League, 5:45-8:15 P.M.

7 Read Aloud Day

7, 14, 28 Y.E.S., 3:15-4:15 P.M.

21 Good Friday - No School

25 MCAS-Grade 4 Long Comp

26 MCAS-Grade 3 Reading, Grade 4 ELA

27 MCAS-Grade 3 Reading, Grade 4 ELA

28 MCAS-Grade 3 Reading, Grade 4 ELA

31 MCAS-Grade 5 ELA

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

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

MCAS DATES can be found on the Estabrook School website, <http://estabrook.ci.lexington.ma.us>