



ESTABROOK UPDATE

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

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A Principal Notes...

Please join us for a joint PTA and Site Council meeting on February 28 at 6:00 pm to discuss safety, parking lot, drop off, and dismissal concerns. Now that snow has finally appeared, and the inadequacies of our current space are fully revealed we will share with you a capital improvement project that may be funded and would improve the rotary and car situation and share the ongoing saga of the famous closed back gate. You may also be aware that Fox news is currently conducting an "undercover operation" of walking into schools with a hidden camera to check out school security. At the meeting we should also discuss signing in issues and unlocked doors.



CALENDAR

February

19-Holiday

20-23 Schools Closed

26 School Resumes

26 AntiBias Meeting, 6pm

27 Math Olympiads, 4th Grade, 8am

27 BBY Training, 4th Grade, 9am

28 Chess Club, 7:45 am

28 Site Council, 4pm

28 5th Grade Basketball League, 5:45 pm

March

1 Family Friends

1 Math Olympiads, 5th Grade, 8am

1 Band Rehearsal, 12:30 pm

Estabrook PTA

The next PTA meeting will be Wednesday, February 28th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. The major topic will be our parking lot issues surrounding drop-off and pick-up. Please come and share your thoughts or suggestions. Childcare available for pre-school aged children or older. Please RSVP to Jen Geller 781-862-6270 or Pam Hoffman 781-862-1434 for this service.

Lost & Found Cleanout

Is your child missing anything? Please come to the lobby from 8:00-8:30 am on Tuesday, February 27, Wednesday, February 28 or Thursday,

February 29th. We will have all the items from the lost and found out on the tables. All unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill.

LEF Awards School Community Grant to Estabrook

The Lexington Education Foundation (LEF) School Community Grant Program was first offered as a pilot program in 2003 to encourage, support, and enable creative educational initiatives generated by each school. LEF School Community Grants are intended to provide a

funding source for smaller-scale proposals to be implemented during the current academic year. A 2006-2007 School Community Grant of \$3,000 has been awarded to Estabrook Elementary School to support writing instruction by piloting Lucy Calkins materials school-wide.

LEF Educated Tastes: Great Party, Great Food, Great Cause

This year's *Educated Tastes* will take place on Sunday, March 18th, 2007, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Boston Marriott at Burlington. Lexington's most lively and elegant fundraising event, *Educated Tastes* is a party, a celebration and a fundraiser, all rolled into one evening. It's an opportunity to join with old and new friends and sample food from some of the area's best restaurants and caterers – all while celebrating excellence in public education. All proceeds from Educated Tastes benefit the Lexington Education Foundation's grant and fellowship programs to enrich education for the students in Lexington Public Schools. If you would like to donate an auction item, become an ET sponsor, or inquire about tickets, please email: educatedtastes@lexedfoundation.org.
