



ESTABROOK UPDATE

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CALENDAR-MARCH

26 MCAS, Grade 4, ELA 2
26 Anti-Bias Meeting, 6pm
26 Lex School Comm. Mtg, 6:30pm
27 MCAS, Grade 4, ELA 3
27 Math Olympiads-4th Grade, 8 am
28 MCAS, Grade 3-Reading 1
28 Chess Club, 7:45 am
28 North Shore Musical Theatre, 2nd grade
28 5th Grade Basketball League, 5:45 pm
28 Lex School Comm. Mtg, 6:30pm
29 MCAS, Grade 3, Reading 2
29 Math Olympiads-5th Grade, 8 am
29 Band Rehearsal, 12:30 pm
30 MCAS, Grade 3, Reading 3
30 Family Fun Night, Estabrook, 6pm

International Dance Night

Last night, the gym was filled with 140 adults and children dancing at our International Dance Night. Mr. Banks led dances from the United States, Sweden, Japan, Bolivia, Africa, Israel and more. It was terrific to be together getting exercise, learning dances from many places and having fun! The International Dance Night was sponsored by the Estabrook Anti-Bias Committee and the Estabrook PTA. Many thanks to Mr. Banks for being such a great dance teacher and an inspiration to all of the families.

The Estabrook Anti-Bias Committee meets once a month to plan events like the International Dance Night, International Games Day, Family Heritage Potluck Supper, interesting panel discussions and other events. We also talk about ways that Estabrook can be a welcoming, nurturing community for all children and their families. If you would like to join us, please

email Jesse Richardson,
jrichardson@sch.ci.lexington.ma.us.

LOST & FOUND:

We have multiple pairs of reading and sunglasses in the main office. If your child has lost any eyeglasses and/or sunglasses, please have them stop by the office. Thank you

Science Fair

Over 110 students from all grades will display their projects at our Science Fair, to be held in the gym on Wednesday, April 11, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Please come and see the results of their hard work, as well as displays from Hanscom Air Force Base, a Rock and Mineral club, and our own Big Backyard and Schoolyard Habitat programs.

Please contact Lisa Kling (lkling@rcn.com) or Mary Ann Partridge (mapartidge@alum.mit.edu) if you would like to help with final Science Fair preparations, or if you would like to be a “Visiting Scientist” at the Science Fair, and discuss their projects with 1 –3 students assigned to you.

COOKING UP POEMS: RECIPES FOR WRITING POETRY

Fourth and fifth-graders are invited to cook up a poetry stew, **with the help of three Lexington elementary school librarians**, on Saturday morning, March 31, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Cary Memorial Library Meeting Room.

In anticipation of National Poetry Month, 4th and 5th graders will learn techniques used by poets in creating their own poetry. They

will try writing poems using various "recipes," and will be invited to share their creations with the group, if they so wish. This poetry-writing workshop will be led by three Lexington School Librarians: Cathy Cote, from Bowman School, Karen Kishpaugh, from Hastings School, and Jennifer Kuhn, from Estabrook School.

Poems by participants will be displayed in the Children's Room during the month of April, which is National Poetry Month, 2007.

Space is limited, so pre-registration is necessary. Registration will begin on Monday March 26, at 7:00 p.m., in the Cary Library Children's Room.

For further information, please call the Children's Room at (781) 862-6288, ext. 170, or visit the Library's website at www.caryllibrary.org
CARY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Contact: Ruth Nadelman Lynn
Phone: 781-862-6288 x 170

Children's Librarian

Cary Memorial Library

Family Storytime: stories, songs & fingerplays for 4-6-year-olds and their families

Mondays, 2:00 p.m.: March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 23, 30, & May 7

Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 25, May 2, & 9

Carykids Book Club: grades 4 - 6

Do you love to read? Would you like to meet new friends and enjoy interesting book discussions? Join the CaryKids Book Club! Register and pick up a copy of the current book in the Main Library Children's Room.

Thursdays, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.: March 1, 22, April 5, 26, & May 10. Refreshments will be served.

Intermediate Knitting at the Main Library all ages

A five-week course for intermediate knitters. Participants must know how to do the knit stitch.

Limited to 8 participants. Sign-ups begin in person on Monday, April 9, at 7 p.m. in the Cary Library Children's Room. Children must be able to attend at least three sessions.

Wednesdays, 3:30- 5:00 p.m.: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, & 23 .

Dance Dance Revolution! Grades 5 & 6

Is it a game? Is it a dance? Come dance up a storm with this popular music video game.

Saturday, March 10, 10:30 a.m. – noon, in the Meeting Room. Space is limited, so only the first 20 completed permission slips received will be registered. Permission slips will be available on-line or in the Library . Registration begins at the Children's Desk on Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m.

April Vacation Crafts all ages

Children and their caregivers are invited to a craft program for all ages and abilities.

No registration is necessary.

Tuesday, April 17, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., in the Main Library Meeting Room

Thursday, April 19, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., at the East Branch Library

Dinner and a Movie all ages

Bring your own picnic dinner, spread out a blanket, and enjoy a family movie in the Meeting Room. The movie will be "Babe", the story of a runt piglet who embarks on a career in shepherding with some surprising results. The room will open at 6:00 p.m., 1/2 hour before the start of the movie.

Wednesday, April 18, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

REMINDERS:

Deadline for ordering from the Middlesex Conservation District fundraiser is March 30!

Three (3) shrub seedlings, perennials, herbs, fruits and garden supplies at great prices; plus 10% of your total order goes to Estabrook. Place your orders today! Call Frances Gillespie with any questions, 781-862-6175.

Kindergarten Registration Forms Due

Registration form, birth certificate, proof of residency, census form and required medical forms must be returned to Estabrook by April 2, 2007. Thank you!

Estabrook Listserv

Timely notices and the Estabrook Update are sent via our listserv. The listserv will provide information about **unexpected emergency closings**. Families who wish to subscribe to this list, must 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

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owner-estabrook-announcements@silver.ci.lexington.ma.us