

## ESTABROOK UPDATE

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**A Principal Notes...** Remember: any parent input into placement must be received in the office no later than Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. All parental input is shared with the Placement Team.

Any student entering grades 1-5 in the 2008-2009 school year who is currently open enrolled at Estabrook must reapply now to the Superintendent. If you have not received a form from Central Office, please call. Note: students open enrolled at Estabrook in the CARE program or based on a 504 plan are not considered open enrolled. Parents of these students need not reapply.

There will be no Estabrook Update next Friday. We hope your family has a wonderful school break.

My son, his wife, and his mother-in-law, will be visiting from Japan from April 25<sup>th</sup> through May 5 to attend my nephew's wedding. I will not be in school that week.

### **Estabrook Book Fair – April 14-17**

Just a reminder that during the week of April 14-17<sup>th</sup>, our school library turns into a bookstore! This year we'll also be open Tues. night from 5-8pm during Family Fun Bingo Night.

Books will range in price from about \$4 (paperbacks) to about \$20 (hard covers). **Gift certificates are still available** in any denominations - perfect for a teacher, special staff member, or child! Certificates are an easy and safe way to provide your child with money for the fair – no cash or blank checks to lose! Take this opportunity to stock up on April vacation and summer reading while helping to support the Estabrook library. 25% of all proceeds go directly toward purchasing new books for the library.

As always, parents are welcome to visit our store anytime! This year we will have an expanded selection of adult books. Look for our special green notice announcing the time of your child's classroom visit, along with a colorful brochure with a few of the fair's offerings. So mark your calendars - and we'll see you at the Estabrook Book Fair!! Questions? Call or e-mail Tricia Rowe 781-929-8224 [the6rowes@aol.com](mailto:the6rowes@aol.com), Liz Foley 781-862-3604 [elizfoley@comcast.net](mailto:elizfoley@comcast.net), Bonnie Brown 781-274-1206 [bonbrown@comcast.net](mailto:bonbrown@comcast.net)

#### **Book Fair Hours:**

Mon., 4/14 12:30-4

Tues. 4/15 8:00 - 4 5-8 (Bingo)

Wed. 4/16 8:00 - 4

Thurs. April 17 8:00 -1

### **Family Fun (Bingo) Night - Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Come share an evening with your Estabrook friends playing Bingo. Of course there will be prizes and fun all night long. There will be an opportunity to order a pizza for dinner between 6:00 and 7:00 PM, enjoy some goodies from the Bake Sale, and even visit the Book Fair which will be open in the library.

**Wilson's Farm - \$518** Thanks to everyone who shopped at Wilson's Farm on "Estabrook's Wilson's Day." We raised \$518 for our programs.

**Lost and Found** The Lost and Found will be laid out on tables in the school lobby at the following times:

Tues. 4/15 8:15-9:00 AM

Wed. 4/16 3:00-3:30 PM

Thurs. 4/17 8:15-9:00 AM

After 4/17, the Lost and Found will be taken to Goodwill, so please check if you are missing anything. Thanks!

### **Run or Walk the "Run of the Mill!"**

If you missed Wednesday's Course Preview, have no fear! We're doing it again Tues., 4/15. Meet in the lobby at 9AM to walk or run the course. Come on - Get out there!

To sign up for the Estabrook 5K, go to [www.coolrunning.com](http://www.coolrunning.com) and enter 'Run of the Mill'.

**Volunteers are needed** to help with several aspects of race day, May 18th! To volunteer or with any other questions, please email [estabrook5k@gmail.com](mailto:estabrook5k@gmail.com) or call Gretchen Reisig at 781/ 652-8169.

### **Attention 5th Grade Parents – Year Book**

The 5th Grade Year Book Committee needs your photos (paper or digital). We especially need photos of our 5th graders in their early years at Estabrook, but all photo memories are welcome and appreciated. The Yearbook will only show photos that were taken at Estabrook. Please send your photos or CD to school labeled "Year Book Committee, Attn: Kim Coburn".

### **Children's Author Speaks to 1st Graders**

**About the Writing Process** On Wed., 3/26, the first graders enjoyed a presentation by author Norah Dooley. Ms. Dooley, the author of "Everybody Cooks Rice," spoke about the publishing process. Students learned how all five senses are involved in answering the questions needed to tell a good story. Ms. Dooley explained how she goes about developing stories and spoke of some of the tools she uses including keeping journals, free writing, brainstorming and drawing. The students were shown how an actual book is printed and assembled and learned about the roles of those involved in the process including the author, illustrator and editor. The students asked the author many insightful questions about the writing process. Ms. Dooley concluded the presentation by having the children participate in a story that highlighted the importance of not giving up when you have a story that is worth telling. The event was sponsored by the PTA-funded ACT Program, a committee that brings interactive curriculum-based programs that explore arts, history, and culture to Estabrook students.

**Adult Hangout Night** Great music, great people, and great food were the perfect combination at the Estabrook Adult Hangout Night. More than 40 Estabrook adults had a great time at the Bedford Old Town Hall. Over yummy appetizers and drinks, we connected with new friends and schmoozed with old friends. Lots of people won great door prizes - congratulations to Kamala Soparker who guessed closest and went home with the jar of cheese balls! If you missed it, no need to worry - it was so much fun, we've decided to do it again next year! Many thanks to Jen Geller and Rachel Cortez for creating and organizing this wonderful event.

**Estabrook SR2S in the news!** Congratulations and thank you to Suzie Barry for doing such a great and creative job with our Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program. Each month Suzie comes up with some other fun theme. Our March walk was coordinated with Dr. Seuss' birthday and was written up in Mass Rides e-newsletter (a monthly newsletter put out by the State) as a stellar example of how to be creative and make walking, biking or carpooling to school, even when it's cold, a fun and rewarding experience.

**Save the Date – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Barbecue – Tues., June 10** Estabrook 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Barbecue – Tues., June 10, 6-8 PM (Rain date June 11). Come and celebrate the end of the year with your fellow classmates and their families.

**Save the Date–Dietician, Liz Weiss–Tues.,**

**April 29** Please join us at the next PTA Meeting on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Our featured speaker will be Liz Weiss, a dietitian and co-author of "*The Moms' Guide to Meal Makeovers*" and co-founder of "*The Meal Makeover Moms' Club*". Liz will share nutritious and easy-to-prepare mealtime, lunch box, and snack ideas, outline new ways to stock a healthy pantry, and offer tips for adding kid appeal to fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and low fat dairy. She'll prepare a family-friendly recipe that even the pickiest eaters will love, so bring your appetite!

**Volunteer Request** It would be great if someone would volunteer to make some curtains for the Occupational Therapy room. We need the curtains to hide the distracting contents on the shelves in the O.T. room. The material must be fire retardant. The cost of the material will be reimbursed. If you are interested, please leave a message for Cynthia Kimball, O.T., at Estabrook. Thank you!!!!

**LHS Student Intern:** An alumna of Estabrook School ('02), Jacob Friedman, is interested in studying education when he attends college. Jacob is currently a junior at Lexington High School. On Tuesday mornings, Jacob will be working and observing in Ms. Silberman's classroom.

**"Snapple" Bottle Caps** The students are in need of "Snapple" bottle caps for the "Scully" game on the playground. If you would like to donate some, please send them to the office. Thank you!

## **Calendar**

### **April**

- 14-17 Book Fair
- 14 AntiBias Meeting, 6-7 PM.
- 15 Family Bingo Night, 7-8:30 P.M
- 16 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Mr. Magnet; ACT Poetry in Motion, Gr. 2/3
- 17 Writers' Celebration, Ms. Lee's class, 11:05 AM  
"The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf" "Play for the school, 9 AM in the gym.  
"The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf" "Play for families and friends, 7 PM in the gym.
- 18 Biography Sharing, Ms. Durkin's Rm., 9 AM
- 21-25 NO SCHOOL
- 29 PTA Meeting w/Liz Weiss, 6-9 PM

### **May**

- 1 Family Friends  
Gr.3 Concert for families, 9 AM  
BBY Grades K & 5, 9-10 AM
- 2 Pen Pal Party, Ms. Bourret's class, 9:30-11:30 AM
- 5 Antibias Meeting, 6 PM
- 7 ACT Puppet Show, 9 AM
- 8 **1/2 Day- Professional Development**  
BBY 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, 9 AM  
All Town Concert, 7:30 PM, LHS

## **MCAS Dates**

May 14	Wednesday	Grade5 Math
May 15	Thursday	Grade 3 Math Grade 5 Science
May 16	Friday	Grade 3 Math Grade 5 Science
May 20	Tuesday	Grade 4 Math
May 21	Wednesday	Grade 4 Math
May 23	Friday	Grade 5 History
May 27	Tuesday	Grade 5 History