

ESTABROOK UPDATE

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A Note from Administration... Welcome back from vacation! I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful vacation. Now that we are in the last part of the school year, time will fly by. There are so many activities and special events that are planned between now and the end of the year. It is always such an exciting and busy time of year.

This week kicked off one of those special events - the third and fourth grade concert. The third graders did an excellent job playing their songs on the recorder and the fourth graders wowed the audience with several Beatles songs. It was a great concert!

Over vacation, there was a theft of an envelope with money and checks for the fifth grade Nature's Classroom trip. A letter was sent home with all of the fifth graders on Wednesday. We have reported the incident to the police and have already changed some office procedures to ensure that this will not happen again.

On behalf of the staff, we would like to thank the parents and the PTA for the Wednesday morning Teacher Appreciation breakfasts. It is always such a nice treat to find the teacher's lunchroom decorated and filled with all sorts of tasty goodies. Thank you for breakfast this week and the future ones.

5th Annual Family Fun Night The 5th Annual Family Fun Night was a great family event where Bingo was the main attraction. From quiet suspenseful moments to fast-paced, high energy prize winning moments, everyone enjoyed an evening with family and friends. We would like to congratulate our Grand Prize winner Maya Ron for winning a Book Fair Gift Certificate. Thank you to Bonnie Brown and Liz Foley who co-chaired this event. A huge thank you to Ms. Batten, Yu Jin Ko and Dave Geller our wonderful callers who offered their great humor and spirit and made the event a memorable experience for everyone! Many thanks also go to Judy Zola, Donna Rossi, Maureen Arliss, Debbie Murray, Mary Rose Scozzafava, Ivelise Rivera, Sonal D'Souza and Stephanie Grimaldi. Estabrook Alumni did a fabulous job of handing out prizes to all. We also appreciate the many bakers who contributed treats to help us put even more money toward the activities funded by the PTA.

Y.E.S Afterschool Wraps Up The Youth Exploration in Science (Y.E.S) had over 35 4th grade budding scientists participate in the 8-week program. The 4th graders worked in small groups with High School students leading them through 8 exciting science experiments. Some of the highlights were: making oobleck, creating their own lighthouse, making a thumb piano, and constructing their own rocket cars. This program will need 1-2 parent volunteers (of 4th graders) to run it next year. Contact Lisa Kling or Bonnie Brown for more information if you are interested. Many thanks

to Lisa Kling and Bonnie Brown for running the program this year and to all of the parents who assisted.

Please Join the Welcoming Committee The Estabrook PTA's Welcoming Committee was created to help support new families arriving in our community. We offer transition assistance to all new Estabrook families. We organize a welcoming event late in the summer and provide information on school and community resources. Additionally, we offer translation assistance to families from non-English speaking countries.

The Welcoming Committee meets informally throughout the school year and we keep each other up-to-date via email. We truly welcome and appreciate any amount of time and effort you would like to offer.

If you would like to help or learn more, please contact Miko Brais at 781-860-9196 (mikoimai@rcn.com) or Helen Galanopoulos at 781-259-4278 (lenamar@rcn.com).

Solving Mysteries: Become an Amateur

Detective! Cary Library program for children in grades 3-5. Learn how to solve mysteries, using techniques detectives use to gather clues and solve their cases. These detective workshops will be held on three Wednesday afternoons, May 7, 14, and 21, from 4-5 PM. Children must be able to attend all three sessions.

Registration began on Apr. 28. Telephone registrations will be accepted at 781-862-6288, ext. 170. Attendance is limited to 15.

Estabrook Student Art Show at Central

Administration Thirty-one wonderful works of art by Estabrook students will be on display at the Central Administration building for the entire month of May. Central Administration is located at 145 Maple Street in the old Harrington building. The students that have their art on display are as follows: Quinten Clark, Tannor Johnson, Rachel Sokolov, Ray Wu, Samantha Berman, Carmelia Ong, Douglas McIlrath, Zach Collins, Ehud Bartfeld, Thomas Segreve, Nicolas Minasian, Shohini Stout, Peter Cusanello, Emma Scott, Ana Dolan, Eugenia Fomitcheva, Julie Fager, Giovanni Kent, Colin Chiakpo, Shirley Ma, Sahana Srinivasan, Alice Zhao, Jae Kim, Lenka Serdar and Claire Jackan.

Hope you can visit!

Sincerely,
Julie Durrell

Calendar

May

- 2 Pen Pal Party, Ms. Bourret's class, 9:30-11:30 AM
- 5 Antibias Meeting, 6 PM
- 6 BBY, Ms. McDonald's Class, 9 AM
- 7 BBY, Ms. Wilson's Class, 9 AM
- 8 **1/2 Day- Professional Development**
BBY 3rd Gr. Training, 9 AM
All Town Concert, 7:30 PM, LHS
- 9 BBY, Mrs. Ray's Class, 9 AM
BBY, Ms. Kramer's Class, 1 PM
- 14 Harvard Museum of Natural History;
Taddeo/Catalfano, 9 AM -2 PM
Site Council Meeting, 4 PM
- 16 Harvard Museum of Natural History;
Bourret/Lee, 9 AM-2 PM
- 18 5K Run of the Mill Race/Walk, 9 AM
- 19 BBY, Mrs. Berenson's Class, 9 AM
- 20 BBY, Ms. Quebec's Class, 9 AM
- 22 Games Day, 9 AM
- 26 No School-Memorial Day
- 29 Spring Concert for families, 7:15 PM
- 30 Biography Party, Barker/Speros, 9 AM

June

- 17 Last Day of School, _ Day

MCAS Dates

May 13	Tuesday	Grade 5 Math
May 14	Wednesday	Grade 5 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