

ESTABROOK UPDATE

Estabrook Elementary School, 117 Grove Street, Lexington, MA 02420

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REMINDER: RSVP by June 2nd for 5th

Grade BBQ If your family would like to attend the Estabrook 5th Grade Barbecue on Tuesday, June 10th from 6:00PM - 8:00PM, please remember to RSVP by June 2nd. Advanced registration is required since this is a catered event. Don't miss this fun, final celebration with your fellow classmates and their families!

Estabrook's School Site Council

Want to learn more about the school & participate in decision-making? Estabrook's School Site Council needs three parent representatives for the 2008-2009 school year. The Site Council meets once a month on Wednesdays from 4-5:00 PM. The Council advises the principal on important matters within the school such as goals and budget. The 1993 Educational Reform Act mandates that every public school form a council made up of equal numbers of parents and staff members to provide advice to the principal in several areas of the school life, including developing the School Improvement Plan. The parent community is responsible for voting in parent members. The group should be "broadly representative of the racial and ethnic diversity of the school building and community." If you are interested in running for Site Council, please submit your name and a short bio to Ms. Batten by Wednesday, June 4. Ballots will go home in back packs on Friday June 6.

Barnes & Noble Special Event with Ms. Durrell - Friday, June 6 @ 6:00 PM

Did you know that our art teacher, Ms. Durrell, illustrated children's books for 25 years? Come to a special evening with her at Barnes & Noble Burlington on Friday, June 6, at 6:00 PM. She will share one of her books "The Night Before Summer Vacation" and you will have a chance to make a picture of something you might take with you on vacation this summer. You can shop for your summer reading and Father's Day gifts that night, too. The Estabrook PTA will receive a percentage of how much you spend on the night of June 6 as well as on Saturday, June 7.

"Run Of the Mill" - The Estabrook 5K

Sunday, May 18th, turned out to be a beautiful day, in so many ways!

Over sixty volunteers donated their time; two hundred three runners and walkers took on the course (including the challenging finish line); over 100 families participated in the Kids Fun Run; and everyone had a good time. Congratulations to all of our Estabrook runners and walkers and many thanks to everyone who helped to make the 1st Annual Run of the Mill so much fun!

Book Drive for Zambia A note from Cynthia Kimball about the Book Drive for Zambia: A great big THANK YOU to all of you who so generously contributed books for the resource center and schools in Zambia. The Estabrook community contributed 19 boxes of books! There was a wonderful variety of topics and reading levels, so there should be a great deal of learning possible for both teachers and students. That's great!

Pedestrian Safety Training Our second grade students will be participating in pedestrian safety training. This training is part of the Massachusetts Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program and is designed to teach young children safety skills while walking – to school and everywhere – including when they are accompanied by an adult.

Safety isn't only learned at school; in fact much of what children learn about walking starts at home. Parents can play a very important role in teaching and modeling good walking safety, even if it involves a walk around the block or through your supermarket parking lot.

This effort is part of our school's Safe Routes to School program, in which we are encouraging our school families to walk to school as a great form of physical exercise, and to walk as a regular part of their everyday lives.

Cary Library Summer Reading Program

Registration for the 2008 Summer Reading Program, "Wild Reads @ Your Library!" will begin on Mon., June 9. Children may keep track of the amount of time they are read to, or spend reading, between Mon., June 9, and Mon., Sept. 1. Each time a child completes 10 hours of reading, he or she may choose a small prize. This year, Summer Reading participants will help to support four animals at the New England Aquarium: a Little Blue Penguin, a Green Sea Turtle, a Sand Tiger Shark, and a Right Whale, through matching donations by the Friends of Cary Library.

New this year: Children can sign up for Summer Reading, and record their reading, on-line! To register on-line, they may go to the Library's website: www.caryllibrary.org, click on the Summer reading button, and follow the instructions. Each child will create a personalized page to keep track of their reading.

Children entering grades 4+ will have the additional option of reading one book in each of 10 genres, and thus completing Cary Library's Summer Reading Challenge. Children who complete the Reading Challenge will receive a special prize, and their names will be added to the Library's 2008 Reading Challenge Wall of Fame.

Calendar

June

- 2 _ day visit to Diamond MS for Gr. 5
BBY-Berenson, 9 AM
Summer Reading visit from Cary Library, 9:15 AM
- 3 PTA Pizza Picnic, 5:30 PM
- 4 Parent Visit-O'Hare-Gibson & Horan, 8:30 AM
- 4-6 Nature's Classroom, Gr. 5
- 5 Family Friends
Bound Book Party, Chechile, 8:30 AM
Parent Visit-Berenson & Linton, 8:30 AM
Colonial Crafts, Gr. 3, 9 AM
Incoming Kindergarten Visit, afternoon
SPED PAC Meeting, LHS, 7:30 PM
- 6-7 Barnes & Noble Fundraiser
- 6 Whipple Hill, 4th Gr.
2ND Gr.-Pedestrian Training in the Gym, 12:30 PM
Neighborhood Ramble/Kramer, 1 PM
House Ramble/Quebec, 2 PM
Julie Durrell @ Barnes & Noble, Burlington, 6 PM
- 9 AntiBias Meeting, 6 PM
- 10 PTA Volunteer Breakfast, 8:15 AM, Front Patio
1st Gr. Science Beach Trip, 9 AM
5th Gr. BBQ, 6-8 PM
Rain Date for PTA Pizza Picnic
- 11 Gr. 3 to Lowell Nat'l Hist. Park, 8:50 AM
Site Council, 4-5 PM
Rain Date for 5th Grade BBQ, 6 PM
- 12 Bound Bks. & Shelters/Wilson, 8:30 AM
Bound Book Party/Lam, 8:30 AM
Softball Game, Student v. Staff, 9 AM
End of Year Celebration/Lee, 11:05 AM
Staff Appreciation Lunch, 12:45 PM
- 13 Portfolio Sharing/Durkin, 8 AM
Bound Book Sharing/Quebec & Kramer, 8:30 AM
Library Volunteer Tea, 9-9:45 AM
Last PTA Meeting for 9:45 AM
Kindergarten Fun Day Activities, 10 AM
Kindergarten Lunch, 11 AM
Shelter Ramble/Wilson, 12:45 PM
- 16 Gr. 5 Moving Up Ceremony, 9 AM
Kineen Park/Kramer & Quebec, 10 AM
Kineen Park/Wilson, 11:30 AM
- 17 Last Day of School, _ Day
Bound Book Party-McDonald, 8:30 AM

August

- 26 First Day of School, _ Day, K-5, 6-9, & new students
- 27 First full day
- 29 NO SCHOOL