

# ESTABROOK UPDATE

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## A Principal Notes...

Thanks to the Antibias Committee for sponsoring the International Potluck supper. This is my second year of attending this favorite event. It highlights some of the strengths of our school community: caring, joy, appreciation of differences, celebration and great cooking!

Unfortunately, there was some vandalism and trashing of the boys' bathroom which Joe McLaughlin discovered the next morning. We talked about it at school because actions like this offer a learning opportunity for children.

You may not know that over the summer, some young men vandalized the school and some cars in the lot. One of those young men came to meet with me with his father in August. He talked about what he had learned and how his life had changed. He may visit us at school and to talk to students about how he got involved.

This week I joined a fifth grade Open Circle. The students were talking about excluding. As a class they decided that "saving seats" at lunch was not a good idea. The best part of the discussion was not the conclusion they came to (although I was proud of their decision). Most impressive was the way they talked and listened and how carefully they considered each person's opinion. Almost everyone spoke. The teacher skillfully kept the conversation going by asking clarifying or probing questions without directing the students to any particular conclusion.

There are many ways that children learn life skills and life lessons from their teachers, their parents, and from our community! It does take a village.

## From the Nurse

An expanded version of the article about lice that was in last week's Update has been placed on the Estabrook Listserve. It includes information about what to look for and what to do if lice are found. I would suggest printing this out and putting it somewhere you can find it if you should ever need this information.



## Trick or Treat for UNICEF

Once again, the Estabrook PTA is sponsoring Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF this Halloween. UNICEF is working in 156 countries to provide health care, education, and nutrition to children and their families. Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF boxes are being sent home this week. If you choose to participate, please collect donations in the orange UNICEF box, and return it to the Estabrook office. There is no need to count your donations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sarah Kuli ([sarahkuli@comcast.net](mailto:sarahkuli@comcast.net)).

## Save the Date -- PTA Meeting -- November 7

Join us for the next PTA meeting on Wednesday, November 7, at 7:00 PM. We'll have an update on events at Estabrook and a special guest, Kate Benson, Estabrook parent and Technology Specialist for the Weston Public Schools. She will speak to us on how to keep your kids safe on the World Wide Web and answer your questions on this timely topic. We hope you can come to this informative evening.



## Estabrook Spiritwear!!

SPIRITWEAR is here! Order your Estabrook Spiritwear! Short sleeved T-shirts, Long sleeved T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Flannel pants, Messenger Bags, Hats! Extra order forms are in the main office. Orders due by November 1st. Merchandise will be delivered in time for the holidays! Contact Jen Geller with questions 781-862-6270 or [jentg@verizon.net](mailto:jentg@verizon.net).

## CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK PROGRAMS AT CARY LIBRARY

Celebrate National Children's Book Week from November 12-17, 2007 at Cary Memorial Library. Vote for your favorite children's book, enter some children's book-related contests, try some book-related puzzles, enjoy a book-making workshop, and take a "behind the scenes book-processing tour."

**Tuesday, Nov. 13, 4:00-5:30 p.m:** Book-making workshop for children in grades 3 to 5. Space is limited to 15 participants. Registration begins on Monday, Nov. 5, at 7:00 p.m. Telephone sign-ups will be accepted beginning at 7:30 pm.

**Thursday, Nov. 15,** "Behind-the-scenes" tour for children ages 5 and up. Learn how the Library prepares new books to be checked out. Tours will begin every 15 minutes, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m, in the Children's Room. Each tour group will be limited to five children, ages 5 and up, and interested parents.

For more information, please call the Children's Room at (781) 862-6288, ext. 170, or check the Cary Library website at [www.caryllibrary.org](http://www.caryllibrary.org)



## LEF Trivia Bee

BEE NIMBLE, BEE QUICK, BEE THERE at the annual Lexington Education Foundation Trivia Bee on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007, 7:00 PM, at Cary Hall. The non-profit LEF has provided over \$2 million in funding to Lexington Public Schools since its inception. Contact Karen Kristin at [Karen@matthewkristin.com](mailto:Karen@matthewkristin.com) if you are interested in participating in this year's event.



**Estabrook Fundraiser at Barnes and Noble, Burlington**

Shop **anytime between October 29th- October 31st.**

Present your voucher and Estabrook earns money!! Start your holiday shopping now for books, CD's, Movies and more. Tell all of your family and friends to come out for three nights of fun and excitement.

**Monday, October 29th at 6pm** - Principal Martha Batten from Estabrook Elementary will do a special reading.

*Remember to bring your voucher to Barnes and Noble, 98 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington*

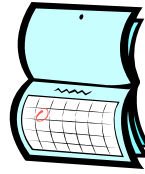
**Tuesday, October 30th at 6pm**- Reading/Signing featuring Lesley Pratt Bannatyne author of "Witches' Night Before Halloween" and at 7pm Signing featuring Lucy Hawking author of "George's Secret Key to the Universe."

**Wednesday, October 31st from 6-8pm**-

Reading/Signing featuring Susan Pasillo author of "The Perfect Pumpkin" followed by a Spooktacular Halloween event including treats, crafts and a costume parade.

There are extra vouchers in the office and around town.

Give them out to your friends and family. Simply hand-in the voucher when you make a purchase and a percentage of your purchase will go to Estabrook. Anyone can have a voucher so pass them out to help raise money for our school! If you can help in any way by passing out flyers please contact *KellyFlaherty45@yahoo.com*. Thank You!



**Calendar**

**October**

- 22 – 31 Fall MEPA Administration for ELL
- 30 Math Olympiads, 5th Gr., 8 am
- 31 Halloween Parade, 9 am

**November**

- 1 Math Olympiads, 4th Gr., 8 am
- 2 4th Gr. Pyramids and Pharaohs Presentation, 1:30 pm
- 6 Math Olympiads, 5th Gr., 8 am
- 7 There **will be** Lextended Day today.  
1/2 DAY FOR CONFERENCES
- 8 Math Olympiads, 4th Gr., 8 am  
Family Friends  
CONFERENCES
- 12 **SCHOOL CLOSED-HOLIDAY**  
**NO LEXTENDED DAY TODAY.**
- 13 VOTING, 7AM TO 8 PM  
4th Grade Field Trip to MFA  
Math Olympiads, 5th Gr., 8 am
- 14 1/2 DAY FOR CONFERENCES  
There **WILL BE** Lextended today.  
CONFERENCES
- 15 Math Olympiads, 4th Gr., 8 am
- 20 Math Olympiads, 5th Gr., 8 am
- 21 **NO LEXTENDED DAY TODAY**  
1/2 Day for Students and Staff
- 22 and 23 **SCHOOL CLOSED-THANKSGIVING**  
**BREAK**
- 27 Math Olympiads, 5th Gr., 8 am  
Picture Retake 9 am -12 pm
- 28 **NO SCHOOL-Professional Development**  
**NO LEXTENDED DAY TODAY!**
- 29 Math Olympiads, 4th Grade, 8 am
- 30 Elementary Term Closes

**December**

- 3 4th Grade Wingmasters Presentation
- 4 Math Olympiads, 5th Grade, 8 am
- 5 Site Council Meeting, 4-5 pm
- 6 Math Olympiads, 4th Grade, 8 am