

Sedgwick School Community Newsletter

February 26, 2009

2008-2009 YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW! ~ \$7.00 each

Order envelopes have been sent home in communication folders.

Fantastic Opportunity for Kids

African Drumming with Baba Kevin

There is an opportunity for Students in grades 3-8 to participate in African drumming, rhythm and percussion after school. The goal is to establish an ensemble or band in this area of music. There can be two levels of classes, grades 3-5 and 6-8, with a limit of fifteen in each class. The weekly after school sessions will begin within the next two weeks and will run through Memorial Day.

If your child is interested, please fill out the form sent home in your child's communication folder and get it back to the school ASAP. There is no charge, but students who sign up must make the commitment to stick with it.

March 6 is Early Dismissal Day

In order to provide for an important training opportunity for our staff, Friday, March 6 will be a half day. Students will be dismissed at 12:30, but staff will work through the afternoon. This will take the place of the half day scheduled for March 27 on the school calendar.

Illness

There has been an awful lot of illness among students and some staff lately. The probable cause is the seasonal flu bug. Influenza, commonly shortened to "flu", is an extremely contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza A or B viruses. Flu and common cold symptoms are similar with flu symptoms being more intense and punctuated with a high fever and a wracking cough. It may also affect the stomach and intestines.

You can try to avoid the flu by frequent handwashing and keeping away from infected people. You can avoid spreading it by staying home when you are ill and keeping your kids home when they are ill, washing your hands frequently, and covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze.

Congratulations GSA Lady Eagles!

The GSA Lady Eagles played an outstanding game last Saturday to win the Eastern Maine Class C Championship. Stevie Theoharidis, a Sedgwick graduate, was high scorer. We wish them the best of luck when they play against the Jay Tigers for the State Championship and the 'Gold Ball' on Saturday, February 28 at 7:05 p.m. at the Bangor Auditorium.

Town Meeting Coming Up & Vote for Town Officials

Town events will be held next Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7 at the Town Meeting House. Voting for town officials will be held Friday, March 6. It is important for every citizen to exercise his/her right to vote. You lose what you do not use.

Saturday, March 7, Town Meeting officially begins at 9:00 a.m. It is always important for parents to attend town meeting to make sure their voices are heard. Town Meeting votes determine the budget for the school for the coming year as well as the Town's budget. It is a very important exercise in democracy and everyone who is a registered voter in town should take part.

We note with sorrow and condolences the sudden death of Tom O'Connor, one of our selectmen. Tom was an outstanding contributor to the town. Also, given the recent death of long time moderator Bill Donnell, town meeting will certainly be a more somber affair this year.

Upcoming MEAs

Maine Educational Assessments for grades 3-8 will be administered throughout the month of March. Teachers are working on schedules and will send them out to families soon. Parents should remember that it is very important that students are present on the days of testing! Please make sure that they are here on time and have had a good night's sleep and breakfast before coming to school!

Pee Wee Basketball Winding Down

White Team Coach Peter Dauk

Last season game - Saturday, February 28 at Brooksville - 11:00-1:00

Practices 3:00-4:30 - Tuesday, March 3 and Friday, March 6

Blue Team Coach Carl Dannenberg

Last season game - Saturday, February 28 vs. Castine in Sedgwick gym - 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Practices 3:00-4:30 - Friday, February 27, Monday, March 2 and Thursday, March 5.

Pee Wee Round Robin Saturday, March 7 @ 9:00 AM GSA Gym

End of Second Trimester

The end of the second trimester is on Friday, March 20. This gives students in grades 5-8 three weeks to pull grades up and get homework in. For parents and students alike this is a good time to check in with teachers and take advantage of study periods.

Gr. K-8 report cards will be sent home on March 27!

Box Tops for Education

Don't forget to save your box tops. Students who wish to shop at the box tops store must put their box tops in a plastic bag or envelope with their name on it. We will schedule a date for the store to be open in March.

Upcoming Sedgwick Events

Fri.	Pee Wee Blue Practice 3:00-4:30
Sat.	Last season game for White & Blue
Mon.	MEA Testing begins for Gr. 3-8
	Pee Wee Blue Practice 3:00-4:30
Tues.	Pee Wee White Practice 3:00-4:30
Thurs.	Pee Wee Blue Practice 3:00-4:30
Fri.	Early Dismissal Day @12:30
	Pee Wee White Practice 3:00-4:30
	Vote for Town Officials

Friday, March 6 - 12:30 Dismissal

Return form for African Drumming ASAP