

Sedgwick Elementary School Newsletter

April 8, 2010

BEAR Night is Coming

It may seem hard to believe, but before you know it, BEAR night will be here. BEAR Night is when students in grades 4-8 can spend the night, yes ALL night, here at the school to celebrate reading. This year BEAR Night will happen on Friday, April 30. If your children plan to participate, you **MUST** help. We need lots of volunteers to help out with the evening and/or overnight, so if you're brave and willing, give the principal a call.

Sign up forms were sent home with students last week and **another copy was sent home in communicators today.** Get your form in -- THE SOONER, THE BETTER!

Incoming Kindergarten Orientation

On May 6, 13, and 20 (Thursdays) incoming kindergarten students for the 2010-11 school year and their parents are invited to introductory sessions here at the school from 9:00-9:30 a.m. Kids will get the chance to meet the teacher and each other. It is also an opportunity to make an **appointment for kindergarten screening.** These are important sessions for parents and kids to attend if they can and we very much look forward to meeting you. Incoming kindergarteners and their parents are also encouraged to come and visit the school and kindergarten class at other times, but please make an appointment.

Kindergarten screening is scheduled on Thursday, May 27th.

School Vacation Week April 19-23

No school for staff and students.
We will return on April 26th.

No TV/Screen Week

No TV Week begins Monday, April 26 (the week after vacation). **Pledge Sheets will be sent home next week.** Students are asked to limit their screen time to four hours for the entire week and find other activities such as reading, outside activities (even canoeing!), homework, bike riding, board games, conversation, even chores to occupy their time, their minds, and their bodies. Those who manage to complete the week with four hours or less of screen time will have the opportunity to do something special.

While the final judgment of what constitutes screen time is a parental decision, typically it would include video and computer games, TV, DVD, VHS, online TV and other sorts of movies, videos and games that can be viewed on screen, including game boys, i pods, and similar devices. **The idea is to be unplugged for a week, not to find technological loopholes.**

Grading and Honor Roll

The school committee will be discussing the grading and honor roll policy at their April 27th school committee meeting. At times, parents and students have expressed to me that music, art and physical education should not be considered for honor roll status. If you have views on this, I'd like to hear them. Please call me or email me at dbuckingham@msln.net.

Benefit Supper for Susie Gray

On Saturday, April 17 at 5:00 p.m., there will be a benefit supper held for Susie Gray in the Sedgwick School gym. If you could help out or for more information, call Christine Ebert at 374-5489.

Internet Photo & Video Release Form

A release form was sent home in communicators today. Please complete and sign this form and return it ASAP.

Bottle Drive

The seventh grade class has scheduled a bottle drive for Saturday, April 24. For pick up or info., call Gretchen Cousins at 326-0803.

Blue Hill Library Art Exhibit

The following students' art work is featured in the Blue Hill Library for the month of April: Sarah Webb, Chloe Sheahan, Dominick Simmons, Jadya Yurchick, Seska Whelan, Joshua Chambers, Nadya Fernandez, Nathan Dauk, Dalton Hamilton, Lauren Brown, Macenzie Sossong, Samantha Simmons, Emily Tobey, Andrea Hamilton, Reece Dannenberg, Everett Carter, Michael O'Rourke, Bryce Dannenberg, Alexis Tozier, Coral Bubel, Morgan Dauk, Kaula Maciejko, Emma Pickering, Emily Hammar, Lucas Theoharidis, Maeghan Tobey, Zachary Eaton, Sam Allen, Sheldon West, Daniel Fill, Cora Gray, Jenna Gray, Katrin Cote, Liam Adams, Noah Gillen, Megan Nowland, Patrick Duddy, Justin Gray, Hayden Torrey, Bradin Cote, Crystal Bessey, Jodi Murphy, & Maggie Bunt.

Upcoming Events

- 4/9 Gr. 6-8 Dance 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Dress theme: **Pajama Day**
- 4/13 Garden Club 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- 4/14 Gr. 6 DARE class 8:30 a.m.
- 4/16 Dress theme: **Beach Day**
- 4/17 Benefit Supper for Susie Gray@5:00
- 4/27 Garden Club 3:00-4:30 p.m.;
School Committee Mtg. 6:00 p.m.
- 4/28 Gr. 6 DARE class 8:30 a.m.
- 4/30 **Bring your teddy bear to school;**
Gr. 5-8 mid-trimester progress reports sent home;
BEAR night - begins at 6:30 p.m.

OTHER KEY DATES

4/19-4/23 - SCHOOL VACATION WEEK

4/26-4/30 - NO TV/SCREEN WEEK

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