

# Sedgwick School Community Newsletter

April 9, 2009

## Great Work From Students!

Read and Returns have come in from **Andy Atherton, Santana Warren, Jason Herrick, LeeAnn Varnum, and Everett Carter**. These Read and Returns represent lots of good books.

What did you read this week? Let me know and I'll put it in the newsletter. I'm reading a great book about the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

## Grants and Gifts

The school has received a \$9,000 grant for the installation of a greenhouse and the creation of a garden large enough to provide fruits and vegetables for some meals here at the school. The grant from the Community Health Alliance/Richard S. Petty Charitable Foundation was competitive and written by **Margaret Bixby, Anna Fernandez, Rose Kane, Melody Kane, and Wendy Dow**. Preparations are under way for its use. Anyone interested in helping out are welcome and can contact Margaret Bixby at 359-5002.

We have also received a check for \$785.00 from Hannaford that will be added to the technology fund. This check is the direct result of participation in the Hannaford HELPS Program and turning in those cash register receipts at the store. Way to go!

## Game Night

Preceding the 6-8 grade dance tomorrow night will be a Super Game Night for students in grades 6-8 who want to stay after school until the dance (which starts at 7:00 p.m.). Students can use the gym or set up video games in the library and UA room. Students can stay for any or all of that time. We are soliciting donations for healthy snacks and beverages to tide them over until the dance.

Dr. Buckingham will be supervising, but **the more parents we can have to help out, the more activities can be offered**. Parents can help for any or all of that time. Contact Dr. Buckingham if you can help out.

## Grade 6-8 Dance - April 10

The eighth grade is sponsoring a dance tomorrow night and has invited area schools. Students in grades 6-8 will dance from 7-10 p.m. and enjoy the musical selections of DJ Bill da Butler. Bill does a fantastic job for us with these dances and we are delighted to have him with us.

If your children are coming to the dance, please make sure that they are picked up promptly at 10:00 PM unless they are on the clean up committee.

## Lego Robotics Club for Gr. 5-8

A Lego Robotics Club will be starting up on Sunday, May 3rd from 2:00-5:00 p.m. If your child is interested in this fascinating activity, please contact Marti Siebert at 266-2950, who is in charge.

## BEAR Night - May 1

Want to attend or help out?

**Return the sign up slip ASAP!**

NOTE: We need to organize this event prior to April vacation so the prompt return of your slip is important!

## Fishing & Boat Construction Club

John McKechnie and others will be involved in two activities following vacation: Boat Fixing Club - working on the two boats constructed by students over the last couple years; and Fishing Club - He will also be taking interested students fishing. There's a sign up sheet in grade five. Mr. McKechnie will be getting in touch with parents of interested kids. Also, anyone wishing to help can contact him.

## No TV/Screen Week

No TV Week begins Monday, April 27 (the week after vacation). **No TV Week 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, 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 douse the principal with a water balloon before the end of the school year. This public humiliation has proven over the years to be a powerful motivator.

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, ipods, and similar devices. **The idea is to be mostly unplugged for a week, not to find technological loopholes.** Get out and do something! Maybe go canoeing!

## Blue Hill Library Art Show

During the month of April **the following students will have art work displayed** at the Blue Hill Public Library: Torrin Eaton, Hannah Rankin, Samantha Simmons, Mara Pickering, Jason Herrick, LeeAnn Varnum, Everett Carter, Faythe Sossong, Bryce Dannenberg, Dawn Hutchinson, Morgan Dauk, Aidan Fernandez, Kelly Koons, Emma Pickering, Kaula Macejko, Grace Tobey, Isaiah Reynolds, William Gray, Daniel Gray, Tyler Ray, David Conaway, Jenna Gray, Timothy Cousins, Bradin Cote, Hayden Torrey, Shane West, Nikki Robbins, Lila Anderson, Tyler Leach, Ashley Dyer, Maddie Gray, Abby Nowland, and Gabby Wood



## Upcoming Sedgwick Events

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| Fri.   | Grade 5 Math Club 3:00-3:45<br><b>Gr. 6-8 Super Game Night 3-7 PM</b><br><b>Gr. 6-8 Dance 7:00-10:00 p.m.</b>             |
| Mon.   | Grade 5 Math Club 3:00-3:45   |
| Tues.  | African Drumming, Group I 3:00-4:00<br>6-8 After School Study Hall 3:00-4:00<br><b>Pee Wee Basketball Banquet 5:30 PM</b> |
| Wed.   | African Drumming, Group II 3:00-4:00<br>Gr. 4-7-Open Gym for Basketball-3:00<br>DARE Program for Grade 6                  |
| Thurs. | Grade 5 Math Club 3:00-3:45 p.m.<br>6-8 After School Study Hall 3:00-4:00   |

## School Vacation Week

April 20 - 24

**School Vacation is April 20-24**

**No Newsletter Next Week**