

Sedgwick Elementary School Newsletter

February 25, 2010

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Sedgwick Seahawks boys and girls basketball teams for their performances in this year's season. The boys team finished in fourth place and the girls finished seventh. Many thanks to coaches Carl Dannenberg, Brian Duddy, and Jennifer Gray for their efforts over the season. Thanks, also, for the support and assistance of parents. The Basketball Awards & Pizza Party is Wednesday, March 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Cell Phones, iPods, Texting

We've seen an increased number of iPods and cell phones brought to school since the beginning of the school year. The students recently were reminded that cell phones and iPods may be brought to school, but they need to be left in backpacks or lockers during the school day. Cell phones may not be used during the school day for texting or conversation.

Generally speaking, expensive items and toys are also not appropriate for school. They are a distraction to the learning environment and easily broken. **Please keep them at home unless they absolutely need to be here.** Phones, iPods, or other electronics that are being used during the school day will be confiscated and turned into the office.

Parents: it would be helpful, too, if other toys stayed at home.

NECAP Test Results

The parent copy of the Fall 2009 New England Common Assessment Program student report has been mailed this week. These tests are new and we are still working on how best to interpret them. If you have questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or Dr. Buckingham.

March 19 Concert, Dinner & Movies

A special evening is being planned for Friday, March 19. There will be a pot luck supper so bring your best recipes of healthy and local foods to share with the community. Our band students will be performing. They have been preparing all year and this is their chance to shine. Following the dinner and the band concert, there will be movies shown for both the younger and older kids. More details will be announced soon. We will need help from parents and others, especially if you have a great recipe for pot luck that you would like to share. Please mark these March 19 events on your calendar.

**PTF Meeting
March 10
6:00 p.m.**

We will discuss and finalize plans for the March 19th Dinner, Concert, & Movies.

Town Meeting & Voting for Town Officials

Town events will be held next week at the **Town Meeting House**. Voting for town officials will be held Friday, March 5. It is important for every citizen to exercise his/her right to vote. You lose what you do not use.

On Saturday, March 6, 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.

Student Behavior and Bullying

Shortly before vacation there were a spate of behavioral issues that revolved around bullying behavior on the part of some students. We are actively addressing these issues from an instructional perspective as well as a disciplinary one. We are starting a unit of bullying prevention in grades three and four and encouraging students to advocate for themselves by letting teachers and others know when there are problems. There will be more on this issue in subsequent newsletters.

Scholastic Book Fair

Mrs. Bixby has scheduled a Scholastic Book Fair fund raiser to be held in the library from 8 AM to 4 PM starting Monday, March 1 through Thursday, March 4 and again on Monday, March 8. The book fair will raise money for the library's online catalog.

Trimester Two

The end of trimester two is fast approaching on Friday, March 12. Now is the time to check with your child to see if he/she is caught up on work, tests and projects.

Upcoming Events

- 2/26 PeeWee White BBA practice 3:00-4:30
- 3/1 Scholastic Book Fair begins - 8-4;
String Quartet Concert @ 10:15 a.m.
- 3/2 Read Across America Day;
Scholastic Book Fair - 8-4
- 3/3 Gr. 5-8 basketball banquet & pizza party @ 5:30 p.m.;
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- 3/6 PeeWee Blue - away game @
Penobscot 10:00-11:30;
PeeWee White - home game vs.
Brooksville 10:00-11:30
- 3/8 Scholastic Book Fair - 8-4
- 3/9 Garden Club 3:00-4:00
- 3/10 PTF Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 3/12 End of Trimester 2

Friday Dress Theme
"Crazy Hair Day"

C and C Topic: Helping to Keep Classrooms, Halls, & Lunchroom Clean