

News from the Eagles' Nest

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Administrative News

Epsom High School Senior School Board/Staff Event

All school board members and school staff are invited to meet and mingle with the 2009 graduating seniors from Epsom. This is an opportunity to discuss the high school experience and hear about their future plans. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10th, in the cafeteria. Light refreshments will be served. A thank you to Ms. Bauer for all of her help in making this event a success.

Commencement

Commencement will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18th, in the gymnasium.

Kindergarten Ceremony

June 17th: Last day of school for K students

This will be our last day of kindergarten. A.M. and P.M. will have their regular session times.

End of Year Celebration 5:30 p.m.

Families are invited to join us for a short ceremony in the gym on Wednesday night. This celebration is for all students who have attended kindergarten this year, regardless of next year's placement.

June 18th: Move-Up Hour 1:15-2:15 p.m.

This is for K students attending 1st grade at E.C.S. next year. AM & PM classes will both come for this. Please arrive with your child at 1:00 p.m. at the top of the hill. Pick up is at the same spot at 2:15 p.m. You are welcome to stay and wait in the cafeteria, or leave to do an errand or two!



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Upcoming Events

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Important Meeting for current 7th grade parents and students about the upcoming Washington, D.C. Historical trip

We will be holding a parent information meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. We will give you detailed information regarding plans for the historical trip to Washington, D.C. in April 2010 for the Class of 2010, including dates, costs, and to help answer any questions.

Please join us and bring your 7th grader! We will have a slide presentation of this year's very successful trip. We will also show you how to sign-up online now and get a reduced rate!

W.O.W. Awards

WOW for April 2009: Honesty



Every morning at school, a quote and short story is read over the intercom for students and staff to reflect upon. These Words of Wisdom help guide our beliefs and actions. The theme for April 2009 was **Honesty**. The following is an excerpt of one announcement last month: "*Honesty is the first step to greatness.*"

The classroom teachers along with Mr. Beaverstock recognized students from classrooms that exemplified the monthly themes here at school. Congratulations to the following students for being recognized as demonstrating honesty through their efforts at school:

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| Colby Gourley | Sarah Josephson | Justin Auger | Nolan Hewes |
| Jenna Flewelling | Tyler Tripp | Brandon Matthews | Makayla Mayotte |
| Christian Army | Emily Duffy | Matthew Pagano | Megan Tremblay |
| Rebecca Drew | Joey Herling | Brooke Audet | Tyler Fontaine |
| Erin Burns | Vincent Pagano | Brianna Whitcomb | Liam Parker |

Sports Corner

Sports Schedule

- June 1 - Baseball/Softball @ HOME vs. Deerfield - 3:45 p.m.
- June 1 - Track @ Dover - Southeast League Championship Track Meet - 3:00 p.m.
- June 3 - Baseball/Softball @ HOME - 3:45 p.m.
- June 11 - Sports Awards Night - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- June 11 - Eighth Grade Fall Sports Sign-ups @ Pembroke Academy from 3:30-4:15 p.m.



The Spring Sports Awards Night will be held in the gym on June 11th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Awards will be given out first in the gym, followed by a barbeque outside next door to the gym. If you would like to help out or bring food to the barbeque, please call Jennifer Buff at 736-9331 ext. 220 or email at: jbuff@sau53.org.

Eighth grade Fall Sports sign-ups will be at Pembroke Academy from 3:30-4:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 11th. A bus will be provided to P.A., but parents must arrange a ride for pick-up.

Sports Physicals and Immunizations

The E.C.S. policy for sports participation states that your child must have a physical on file at the school before he or she can participate in organized sports teams. This physical must have been performed within 24 months of the first day of tryouts and expires 24 months after the date of the physical. Beat the beginning of school rush! Please keep this in mind if your child is scheduled for a summertime physical exam and be sure to get a copy of the physical from your doctor to submit to the Health Office.

If your child receives any immunizations during the summer, please ask the doctor for documentation of that as well, so that it can be added to your child's record. You may drop off or mail the documentation to the school. Call the school for summer office hours if you plan to drop it off.

Music Room News

Greetings from the music room!



On Thursday, June 4th, at 6 p.m., E.C.S. Band students will hold their last Ensemble Rehearsal for this school year. All band students should try and attend this rehearsal.

We look forward to sharing work that our chorus and band students have been doing in a spring concert on Tuesday, June 9th, at 6 p.m. in the school gym. All chorus and band students should plan on participating in this event. Students will need to be at school by 5:45 p.m. Enjoy your summer!

Drama News



School Play

Congratulations to the cast and crew for the three shows of *A Monster in the Closet*. All of the student enthusiasm was a delight to see. Thank you to Ms. Sargent for making this opportunity possible.

PTO News



Tracy Young has been nominated for the President's position and Michelle Josephson has been nominated for the Vice President's position for the upcoming P.T.O. elections.

Thank you also goes to Tracy Rondeau for being nominated for the Treasurer's position again and Margie White for being nominated for the Secretary's position.

Each event needs a chair to organize and run events. We are always open to new events. If you have a great idea let's give it a try.

June's meeting will be the official vote on all positions. The meeting will be held on June 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the E.C.S. Library.

Past Events



Book Fair

Our P.T.O. Book Fair was a great success. There were donations for all classroom wish lists and a large donation of books. A thank you is extended to Ms. Jacques for her help with this program.

Math-a-thon

This year 45 Epsom Central Students raised a total of \$2,618.64 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. These students worked very hard to make a difference for others and we are very proud of them. The money raised will go towards treatments for patients and cancer research at St. Jude's. Congratulations to all of the participants! Certificates of participation and prizes will be distributed in June. We would also like to thank Ms. Figliolini for organizing this event for the second year in a row.

Thank You & Congratulations!



A special thank you from the American Legion is extended to Kristin Kezar for her winning Memorial Day essay. Congratulations also to Luke Andrews for his winning Lions Club Flag essay and to Michael Currier for his runner-up essay.



Upcoming Events



Middle School Spring Carnival/Dance

The Middle School Spring Carnival will take place on Thursday, June 11th and Friday, June 12th. The dance will be in the evening from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. on June 12th.

Clean-Up Day and B.B.Q. – Friday, June 12th with Rain date Monday, June 15th

The annual E.C.S. clean-up day for students in grades K-5 will take place on Friday, June 12th. If the weather is an issue on Friday, we will have Monday's lunch on Friday and move the free B.B.Q. to Monday. The B.B.Q. is for all grades. Middle school students will have the clean-up day on another date, as they will be participating in the Spring Carnival.

Middle School Honors Ceremony

The annual middle school honors ceremony will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 17th beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Invitations for parents/family will be sent through the mail.

Attention All Students and Parents in Grades K-6

Over the past two years the eighth grade class has been taking a historical trip to Washington, D.C. The seventh grade group this year will be attending in April of next year along with a stop in New York City and Gettysburg. We plan on making this a yearly event and would like to suggest that you plan ahead and save now to make it easier as the trip approaches.

Epsom Central School Art Display

The Epsom Public Library graciously invited Epsom Central School to display student art for a six-week period ending June 22nd. Congratulations to the following students who have art displayed:

Kindergarten - Keegan Dimare



Grade 1 - Joy Simonton, Mason Allen, Justin Auger, Danielle Blanchette, Brianne Chase, Collin Dubois, Nathan Fries, Emily Hubbard, Sarah Josephson, Kevin McFetridge, Logen McKay, Robert Ross, Nakia Salera, Ann Smith, Mitchell Stebbins, Corban Thibodeau, Samantha Williams, Ian Woodside

Grade 2 - Jenna Flewelling, Matthew Murdoch, Meredith Bingham, Jane Bradley, Dan Glidden

Grade 3 - Renee Proulx, Samantha Miller

Grade 4 - Jeffrey Reynolds, Aimee Payeur, Jensen Stam, Chris Arvanitis, Ashley Foss, Chandler Rondeau, Maddi Dimare

Grade 5 - Kamren Anderson, Nancy Gregory, Brandon French, Nicholas Muise, Aleah Cacciola

Grade 6 - Vinny Dustin, Gage Munson, Jenna Simonton, Eric Tsirovakas, Megan Ryder, Drew Dustin, Jessica Fife, Tristen Parker, Cam King

Grade 7 - Wes Bailey, Shilo Guinazzo, Katherine Arvanitis, Mallory Belanger, Edward Miner, Marissa Kibbee, Abbie MacCallum, Ashlyn Parker

Grade 8 - Kevin Green, Tara Brasley, Shelby Riel, Cathleen Steinbeiser, Chandler Robinson, Adam Bradley, Kyle Bruce, Allen Field

Upcoming Events

PATIENTS NEEDED FREE DENTAL CLINIC FOR CHILDREN



- For:** Children Ages 3-12 who live in the Greater Concord Area and are income eligible
- When:** August 7, 2009
- Where:** NHTI Dental Clinic, Concord, NH

Dental Services include cleanings, fluoride, exams (by a dentist), and sealants.

Space is limited, to see if a child qualifies please have them **call Gloria Chamberlain** at the CRVNA at **224-4093** (ask the operator to connect you with Gloria). If you have any questions about the program, or if you have a family that is in need of dental guidance, please feel free to give me a call, Sue Higgins 227-7000 extension 2466. Thank you in advance for your help.

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Student Fundraiser

Ian White, an Epsom freshman at Pembroke Academy, is the Team Captain of an American Cancer Society Relay for Life Team being held at Livingston Park in Manchester on June 5th and 6th to fulfill his final Civics project and to honor his grandfather who died from the disease. He is the captain of the New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology P.A. team and has registered through the American Cancer Society as the NHOH Onco Bronchos. The ACS Relay for Life event is a 16 hour event of teams with members having someone walking on a track for the full 16 hours. Team Captains and other members spend the night, but it is not required (you can come just for an hour to do your part). There is educational material and entertainment throughout the event. Please consider giving him support by either a donation or participating on the team. Participation on the team can be considered as community service hours and is a fun way for to get more hours for those that may need them. To be included on the team or make a donation you can simply do it on-line at: www.relayforlife.org/manchesternh. We need to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost to this horrible disease, and fight back by supporting research so that one day people will never have to hear "you have cancer" again.

Summer Reading Challenge

To promote reading during the summer months, E.C.S. has a reading challenge of 500,000 minutes from June 15th through August 31st. If our student body reaches this ½ million minute goal, Mr. Connors will kiss a cow and Mr. Beaverstock will eat worms. This is part of the Scholastic Book Fairs *What Would You Do For Reading?* challenge. All forms begin on June 15th and end on August 31st. These papers are due to the teacher during the first week of school (or earlier).

For Your Information



Placements for the 2009-10 School Year

Our staff is currently working together to determine the best match for each student from this year's teacher to next year's placement. These decisions will be announced in connection with our annual move-up hour taking place on Thursday, June 18, 2009 from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Report Cards and N.W.E.A. Scores

Report cards and N.W.E.A. scores will be mailed home following the end of the school year. Please contact the main office if you do not receive these by the end of June. As always, feel free to communicate with your child's teachers with any questions regarding academic achievement throughout the remainder of the year.

Spring N.E.C.A.P Exam

Similar to the fall mathematics, reading, and writing exam, students in grades four and eight participated in the science version of this test. These results will be distributed upon receipt in the fall.

Fire and Lock Down Drills

Epsom Central School students and staff will continue to practice fire drills and lock down procedures with the police and fire departments. Discussions at home about the importance of listening and following directions have been helpful.



Important Reminders

Reminder to parents from the Health Office:

All medicines that have been left with the school nurse during the school year must be picked up by Friday, June 19th at 3:00 p.m. Any medications left behind at that time will be discarded, including Epi-pens and inhalers. Be sure to see the nurse before this time to pick up your child's medication.

E.C.S. Library

Friday, June 5th is the last day to check books out of the library. This will give the students time to read the books and get them back to the library before the end of the year. Please remind your child to return all library books a.s.a.p. Lost books need to be paid for by June 12th. Thank you for your help.






Middle School Community Service

This is a reminder for the 2008-09 school year to submit middle school community service hours to Mr. Patterson (Grades 6 and 8) and Ms. Gallagher (Grade 7) by **Monday, June 1st**. Students will receive a certificate recognizing the support of this community goal. The easiest way to describe community service is to have the student help another person (or others) without receiving a payment. Possible ideas include a ball boy/girl at a sporting event, helping with Girl/Boy Scouts, all student council activities, running a time clock for a basketball game, P.T.O. help, teacher help, cleanup, peer tutoring, coaching younger students (such as a sibling's team), helping in a neighbor's yard, etc. Every hour counts. Just submit even an hour at a time, and we will be making great progress. All activities do not have to take place in Epsom. Our use of the word "community" includes other areas of the state and nation.

Student Dismissal

Please remember that student dismissals and changes in pick-ups need to take place before 2:45 p.m. Messages cannot be properly delivered during the last minutes of the day while students are in transition.

June Dates

- 6/01/09** Baseball/Softball @ HOME vs. Deerfield - 3:45 p.m.
Track @ Dover - Southeast League Championship Track Meet - 3:00 p.m.
All Middle School Students need to turn in any/all community service hours to either Mr. Patterson (Grades 6 and 8) or Ms. Bauer (Grade 7). 
- 6/02/09** Current Grade 7 Parent and Student Meeting about Washington, D.C. Trip to take place this upcoming year at 6:00 p.m.
- 6/03/09** Wildlife Library Assembly at 1:15 p.m. in the gymnasium for grades K-5
Baseball/Softball @ HOME - 3:45 p.m.
- 6/05/09** Student Council Talent Show from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Admission will be charged and refreshments will be served.
Last day to check out library books 
- 6/09/09** Spring Band and Chorus Concert from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
P.T.O. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the E.C.S. Library
- 6/10/09** School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Epsom High School Senior event at 4:00 p.m. with staff and school board members
Grade Two Field Trip
- 6/11/09** Spring Carnival for the Middle School Students
Current Grade 8 Athletics Meeting at Pembroke Academy from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Students will have a bus from E.C.S. to P.A. but each student must arrange in advance for transportation home.
Current Grade 8 students who had Ms. Strano in Grade 4 will have a time capsule opened at E.C.S. beginning at 5:00 p.m.
Sports Awards Night-6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 6/12/09** School-wide Barbeque and Clean-up Day (No need to order lunch for this day) 
Lost library books need to be paid by today
Spring Carnival for the Middle School Students
Spring Carnival Middle School Dance from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (This dance is more formal than the others. Please remember that all clothing must be school appropriate according to the student handbook).
- 6/15/09** Olympic Fun Day for Grades 1-5
Rain-date for the School-wide Barbeque
- 6/16/09** Olympic Fun Day Rain-date
- 6/17/09** Grade 2 Field Trip 
Kindergarten Celebration beginning at 5:30 p.m.
State Fair held in 5th Grade classrooms from 10:30-12:00 p.m. Parents are invited.
Middle School Honors Assembly (Grade 5-8) at 1:30 p.m.
- 6/18/09** Move-up Hour from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Commencement at 7:00 p.m.
Last Day of School for all students
- 6/19/09** Last Day (3:00 p.m.) to pick up medication from Ms. Pozner or it will be discarded, including Epi-pens and inhalers.
- 6/26/09** All report card information and supply lists mailed by this date.
- 8/26/09** First Day of the 2009-10 School Year 
Tryouts for the fall will take place between August 26th and September 3rd.

If you have any questions about these programs or events, please call, 736-9331.