

# ESTABROOK UPDATE

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## **Estabrook International Heritage Potluck**

Next Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Every family has traditions and foods that they love. Come share your family's favorite dish with the community! Please bring enough to feed 8 - 10 people. You will also have a chance to do origami, get a henna tattoo and more. Please join us! Sponsored by the Estabrook Anti-Bias Committee & the Estabrook PTA



## **LEF Trivia Bee**

BEE NIMBLE, BEE QUICK, BEE THERE at the annual Lexington Education Foundation Trivia Bee on Thursday, November 8, 2007, 7:00 PM, at Cary Hall. The non-profit LEF has provided over \$2 million in funding to Lexington Public Schools since its inception. Contact Karen Kristin at [Karen@matthewkristin.com](mailto:Karen@matthewkristin.com) if you are interested in participating in this year's event. You can participate by:

1. **Bee on a trivia team.** Each team of three adults pays a tax-deductible entry fee of \$375.00 to compete in the LEF Trivia Bee. If you want to be on a team, but do not have a sponsor, let us know.
2. **Bee a sponsor.** Local businesses, organizations, or groups of individuals are invited to sponsor the Bee or pay a team's entry fee or part of the \$375.00 entry fee.
3. **Bee in the audience.** Suspense and silliness reign, making the Bee entertaining for children and adults alike. Admission is free, as are refreshments donated by town businesses.

## **Heartfelt Thanks**

Many thanks to Chitra Tissera, Diana Swift and their group of volunteers for running the gift-wrap fundraiser this year. Thanks to Cissy Porter, Debbie Everin, and all who helped with school Photo Day. A big thanks also to Margaret Counts-Klebe and those that gave so generously of their time to help with Heights and Weights.



## **Site Council**

We *still* have openings on the Estabrook Site Based Council. The council is composed of faculty and parents. The council's role is to advise the principal in setting school improvement goals and on other related matters. The Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993 requires that every public school in Massachusetts have Site Based Council. The Estabrook Council meets approximately 7 Wednesdays per school year, from 4:00-5:00 PM. If you are interested, please submit a statement to Ms. Batten. You can email your statement to Ms. Batten at [mbatten@sch.ci.lexington.ma.us](mailto:mbatten@sch.ci.lexington.ma.us). In the subject line of your email, type "Site Council Statement". Elections will be held in the next few weeks.



## **Barnes and Noble Bookfair Voucher to Benefit Estabrook School**

Three days of exciting events. Come one, come all. Come do some early holiday shopping!

**Monday, October 29th at 6pm** - Principal Martha Batten from Estabrook Elementary will do a special reading.

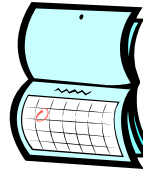
*Remember to bring your voucher to Barnes and Noble, 98 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington*

**Tuesday, October 30th at 6pm**- Reading/Signing featuring Lesley Pratt Bannatyne author of "Witches' Night Before Halloween" and at 7pm Signing featuring Lucy Hawking author of "George's Secret Key to the Universe."

**Wednesday, October 31st from 6-8pm**-

Reading/Signing featuring Susan Pasillo author of "The Perfect Pumpkin" followed by a Spooktacular Halloween event including treats, crafts and a parade. Look for vouchers around town or inquire the night of each event to help raise money for Estabrook PTA. A percentage of each sale using a voucher will benefit our school. Thank you!

**Lexington SPED PAC Meeting: Executive Function Skills presentation by Sarah Ward - Nov 1st at 7:30pm**



The Lexington Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PAC) invites all parents to a presentation on Executive Function Skills by Sarah Ward on Thursday, Nov. 1st at 7:30pm. Executive Function Skills refers to the skills associated with goal setting, carrying out organized steps and modifying a plan to complete a task successfully. These skills are important for learning from past experiences and applying the knowledge in new experiences. Attention, memory, impulse control, organization, planning, and hierarchical thinking problems can be associated with executive function deficits. This presentation will provide an introduction to Executive Function Skills and discuss techniques for supporting and enhancing these skills in children of all ages.

Sarah Ward is a popular speaker who regularly presents on the topic of Executive Function Skills to a variety of professional and parent organizations in Massachusetts and across the US. She is a speech language pathologist with an active private practice where she works with children, adolescents and adults with a wide range of developmental and acquired brain based learning difficulties and behavioral problems including Attention Deficit Disorder, Verbal and Non-Verbal Learning Disabilities, Asperger Syndrome, other Social-Cognitive Learning Disabilities and Traumatic Brain Injury.

This presentation is being co-sponsored by the Minuteman Regional High School PAC and will be held at Minuteman in order to have a comfortable space for a large audience. Minuteman is located at 758 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA 02421. Directions follow below.

If you have any questions or a need for accommodations, please contact the PAC co-chairs, Dale Hernquist (862-8363) or Kevin Johnson (863-1186). We hope to see you there.

**Directions to Minuteman:** From the center of Lexington take 2A/Marrett Road west and cross over Rt. 95/128. Make a left at the 2nd light after crossing 95/128. You should see a lighted Minuteman sign. Continue up the entrance road and take a left just before Minuteman's building and after the sign that says "Receiving and Visitor and Administration Parking". Soon you will see parking on your right and the Main Entrance of Minuteman just beyond the parking lot. If this lot is full, there is additional parking on the left at the Minuteman Child Care Center, and also beyond the building. Once you are inside the Main Entrance of Minuteman, signs will direct you to the meeting room.

**Calendar**

**October**

- 19 4th Gr. Field Trip-Group 2- Bourret and Lee  
2nd Gr. Field Trip - Drumlin Farms, 11:30am - 2:30 pm
- 22 – 31 Fall MEPA Administration for ELL Students
- 23 Math Olympiads, 5th Gr., 8 am
- 24 International Potluck, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- 25 Math Olympiads, 4th Gr., 8 am
- 26 Coffee Chat with the Principal, 8:45 am, in the Lextended Day Room
- 30 Math Olympiads, 5th Gr., 8 am
- 31 Halloween Parade, 9 am

**November**

- 1 Math Olympiads, 4th Gr., 8 am
- 2 4th Gr. Pyramids and Pharaohs Presentation, 1:30 pm
- 6 Math Olympiads, 5th Gr., 8 am
- 7 There **will be** Lextended Day today.  
1/2 DAY FOR CONFERENCES
- 8 Math Olympiads, 4th Gr., 8 am  
Family Friends  
CONFERENCES
- 12 **SCHOOL CLOSED-HOLIDAY  
NO LEXTENDED DAY TODAY.**
- 13 VOTING, 7AM TO 8 PM  
4th Grade Field Trip to MFA  
Math Olympiads, 5th Gr., 8 am
- 14 1/2 DAY FOR CONFERENCES  
There **WILL BE** Lextended today.  
CONFERENCES
- 15 Math Olympiads, 4th Gr., 8 am
- 20 Math Olympiads, 5th Gr., 8 am
- 21 **NO LEXTENDED DAY TODAY**  
1/2 Day for Students and Staff
- 22 and 23 **SCHOOL CLOSED-THANKSGIVING  
BREAK**
- 27 Math Olympiads, 5th Gr., 8 am
- 28 **NO SCHOOL**-Professional Development
- 29 Math Olympiads, 4th Grade, 8 am
- 30 Elementary Term Closes

**December**

- 5 Site Council, 4-5 pm