

The Beating Drum

Chester-Andover Elementary School



January 29, 2010

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Winter Sports Dates: February 4, 25; March 4, 11

2/1 – Chester-Andover School Board Meeting, 5 p.m.

2/5 – PTA Movie Night, 5 to 8 p.m.

2/10 – PTA Meeting, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Library

ONGOING ACTIVITIES @ CAES

Tuesdays: Tae-Kwon-Do, 3-4 p.m.

Homework Club, 3-4 p.m.

Thursdays: Winter Sports

Fridays: Respect Club, 3-4 p.m.

Everyday: ASPIRE, White House

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL 6TH GRADE PARENTS

6TH grade graduation will be here before you know it! It is probably time to start planning graduation and some type of celebration. On **Wednesday, February 3rd** at 6 p.m. we will hold an informal meeting to discuss all things graduation. The meeting will be held in the library at CAES. If you cannot attend this meeting, please call Deb Davidson at 875-4980 if you are interested in helping.

Chester-Andover Elementary School Board Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2010 5:00 p.m., Library

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of January 4, 2010
3. Special Education Report – Jackie McCuin
4. Enrollment Request
5. Resignation
6. Co-Curricular Contracts:
 - a) Ski Program – Kathy Harrigan
 - b) Keewaydin – Pat Gutierrez
7. Mission Statement - Adoption
8. Facilities
9. Preparation for Annual Meeting
10. Reports:
 - a) Superintendent
 - b) Principal
 - c) Board

11. Public Comments
12. Other Business
13. New Agenda Items
14. Executive Session - Negotiations/Personnel
15. Adjournment

All C.A.E.S. K-6 Students

Get Published! Let's see your creative side! Zeenalini, C.A.E.S.'s first literary and art magazine, is now looking for student submissions of original creative work, such as comics, photos, poetry, short stories, and drawings. Students from grades K through 6th are eligible to submit their writing and art. Bring your creative pieces to the "Zeenalini Box," located in the school library. Or email electronic files to the staff at zeenalini@gmail.com. This issue's submission deadline is Friday, February 12th. Please note: Students must have a guardian sign a submission form. You will find a submission form in this week's Beating Drum, and there are extra copies next to the "Zeenalini box" in the library. For questions or more information, email the staff at zeenalini@gmail.com.

Zeenalini's!

We meet again on Tuesday, February 2nd, to conjure up more student zine magic. Come to the library from 2:30 to 4. We will discuss the layout and design of our zine and how to use computer software to create it! If you missed the first meeting and are in grades 3 through 6, please join us! We are creating C.A.E.S.'s first student magazine or "zine." Questions? Scheduling conflicts? Contact zeenalini@gmail.com.

RESPECT CLUB

CAN YOU HELP US TO COLLECT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS?

- * Box Tops for Education
- * Campbells Soup coupons (not the entire label look on the back of the can)
- * Manufacturer's Coupons - It doesn't matter if they are outdated
- * Old calendars
- * Cards of any type (used are perfectly fine)

Collection containers are near the office. Thanks so much for your help.

PTA NEWS

There will be a PTA meeting on Wednesday, February 3 from 6:30-8 in the CAES library. Please, come and help us plan for our final fundraisers, teacher appreciation day and end of the year picnic. We would also love your input on how you think the PTA can better serve the school and parent community. We look forward to see you there! If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the officers Angi [Cumplings : angicumings@comcast.net](mailto:angicumings@comcast.net), Tabitha Klezos, klezos@vermontel.net Carrie King nigeldenali@gmail.com, Anne Lamb anneplamb@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Grateful Garden is covered with a white blanket of snow which looks like a blank canvas waiting for the painter. The Gardeners are eager to start the 2010 growing season and are filled with enthusiasm and refreshed energy as we begin our 3rd year in the CAES garden.

Throughout the month of February, in order to raise the money needed to buy materials and supplies to enrich the upcoming growing season at CAES, we will be holding a Grateful Garden Seed Sale. This is very simple and an exciting fundraiser. We are distributing a seed order form with 25 popular, easy to grow varieties, which is attached to this edition of the Beating Drum. An online version of this form, which can be printed or e-mailed, is available at www.fedcoseeds.com/forms/grateful/pdf. Each seed packet costs \$1.60 and the CAES garden will earn half of the total revenue sold. Please circulate the Seed Order Form amongst your friends, neighbors and family members. Encourage them to buy their garden seeds from the CAES school garden and help our school garden grow. The sale will end on February 26 with seeds being distributed to buyers by mid to late March. Make checks payable to the CAES PTA. Any seeds sale funds raised over the 2010 garden budget amount will go directly into the PTA general fund.

Also in February, the Gardeners will be providing Garden Planning Workshops to the 5/6 classrooms. The students' imagination is unlimited and we are excited to be able to tap into it to create goals for this year's garden. At the Planning Workshops, the students will discuss the associated costs involved in planting a garden and will help develop a budget. The kids may layout this year's garden by developing a certain theme, adjusting the plant list, adding to the measured drawing, planning the seeds to be ordered or by creating a painting or drawing a composition of the garden. Each student will receive a scaled copy of the Grateful Garden 2010 drafted plan and will have time to make up their individual garden plan. Like last year, one garden will not be chosen, but all of them will influence the final layout of the CAES Grateful Garden.

If you would like additional information please contact Carrie King at 875-5153 (nigeldenali@gmail.com) or Jana Wunderle (jlbwunderle@gmail.com).