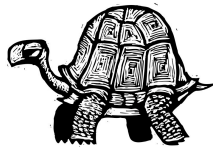


# The Beating Drum

Chester-Andover Elementary School



March 26, 2010

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3/26 – PTA Movie Night, 6 to 8 p.m., Library, *Imagine That*
- 4/7 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 4/14 – PTA Meeting, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Library
- 4/19-4/23 – Spring Break, No School
- 5/3 – PTA Fun Run 11-12 p.m. at GMUHS track (rain date May 2, 2-3 p.m.)
- 5/3-5/4 – Kindergarten Orientation, No School For Kindergarten
- 5/5 – Teacher Appreciation Day 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 5/24 – 5/28 – Keewaydin Camp for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders
- 6/4 – School Picnic, 5 to 7 p.m.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES @ CAES

- Tuesdays: Tae-Kwon-Do, 3-4 p.m.  
Homework Club, 3-4 p.m.
- Thursdays: Homework Club, 3-4 p.m.
- Fridays: Respect Club, 3-4 p.m.
- Everyday: ASPIRE, White House

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Chester-Andover Elementary School has begun the process of registration for children who will be eligible for Kindergarten in the fall (for the 2010/2011 school year). Children must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2010. Please stop by or call the office at 875-2108 Ext. 0 to let us know your child will be attending.

## MAP TESTING

Through April 9<sup>th</sup> your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). We give students MAP tests to determine your child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year in the areas of Reading, Mathematics, and Language Usage. Your child will take the tests on a computer.

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. With MAP tests, we receive detailed, accurate information about your child's growth. Your child will spend a total of about three hours completing these tests.

Each school year, students in grades 3 through 6 will take the tests in the Fall and Spring. Grade 2 students will take the test in Mathematics. For more information on resources for parents, access the Document Library at [www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org) and download the online Parent Toolkit from our web site.

If you are planning to take your child out of school during this time, please be sure to fill out a "Non-Attendance Form". Any students who miss the assessment will have to make it up upon return to school.

### CAES 2010 DOWNHILL SNOWSPORTS PROGRAM REPORT

2010 was another great year for the CAES Downhill Snowsports program. With the exception of a little rain at our last session, the weather cooperated beautifully, the kids were great, and the snow conditions were outstanding. We conducted 7 of the scheduled 8 sessions, we had one cancellation due to delayed school opening. 85 volunteers helped with the program, our largest number ever. As usual, the volunteers were a dedicated group of parents, grandparents, and friends of CAES students, and their efforts made the program a huge success. Based on the smile factor of the kids and the volunteers, a good time was had by all.

We had 125 students participate, 96 skiers, 29 snowboarders. The CAES children were assigned to 11 ski groups and 4 snowboard groups based on experience, ability and age. Each group had one group leader instructor and at least two or more additional instructors. The children all had positive experiences, substantially increased their skills, gained further appreciation of the sport, and had lots of fun.

We conducted a volunteer informational meeting on January 6, 2010 for our volunteers where we covered safety guidelines, program logistics, group assignments, instructor responsibilities, instructing tips, feedback and comments from last years program and more. Okemo also provided On-Snow Clinics with their instructing professionals on 12/12 and 12/13/09 for our on-snow volunteers to give them important safety and instruction tips and ideas for making the experience with the children worthwhile and fun. All of our first time instructors and many of our experienced instructors attended these all day clinics.

We initiated 35 Never-Ever children, 24 into skiing and 11 into snowboarding. We had 9 kindergarten children in the program skiing with a parent.

The children, parents, and volunteers appreciate the support of the CAES administration, teachers and Board of Directors for this worthwhile program.

Gary Baker  
CAES Downhill Snowsports Coordinator

### TRACK AND FIELD

Spring is getting closer and it is time to sign up for the Middle School Track and Field Team. Sixth grade CAES girls and boys are eligible to join. Sign up forms will be passed out to interested students in class and extras will be available in the CAES office. Completed forms need to be returned to the office by Wednesday, March 31, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Kristine LeFevre at 875-3833 after 4 p.m.

### BAKE SALE A SUCCESS

A big thank you to all of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents who brought the wonderful baked goodies for the bake sale which was held during Parent-Teacher Conferences. We would also like to thank the students who helped during the bake sale. They were very dedicated! The money made at the bake sale will be used for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation celebration. Again, thank you for all of your support.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The Chester Rotary Easter Egg Hunt is on for Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m. in the CAES parking lot. We have received several reports that the Easter Bunny is planning to bring a huge amount of chocolate eggs this year! Please make sure you have a basket to put all your eggs in. Also please try to arrive a little before 9 a.m. so everyone has a chance to collect eggs! If you have any questions please contact us at 875-1149. Thanks!

### FITNESS IS FUN

Fitness is Fun for girls grades 3-6 will begin April 27 and will run Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45-4. The program will end June 12<sup>th</sup> with the Alumni Day Run in Chester. Tuesdays will be walking/running and Thursdays will be dance/yoga/movement. More details will follow. Call Anne Lamb if interested 875-6379.

### SPRING OUTDOOR SOCCER

If you are a girl in grades 3-6 and are interested in playing in a league in Rutland, please contact Anne Lamb at 875-6379. The cost would be approximately \$20 and the dates would be May 1, 8, 22 and June 5<sup>th</sup> between 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Carpooling is available.

### SPRING INDOOR SOCCER

Pick up indoor soccer for girls grades 3-6 will be held at GMUHS from 4 to 5 p.m. on Sundays to April 18. Please call Anne Lamb 875-6379 for more info. Bring sneakers, shin pads and water.