



DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 17: Field Day

June 17: Meet the Principals—Proctor School Library—6:30PM

June 19: Second Grade Field Trip— Odiorne State Park

June 23: *Last Day of School—Early Dismissal—1:15PM*

All programs, activities and employment opportunities engaged in by the Topsfield Public Schools are offered without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation and disability.

Visit our Web Page at: www.topsfieldschools.org.

Notes from Mrs. Dooner:

Next Tuesday you will receive your child’s report card, notifying you of the placement for next year. I want to assure you that although we cannot honor each of your requests, every letter was read, considered and read again repeatedly throughout the placement process. Many variables come into play in crafting groups of students who will proceed on their educational journey together in the coming year. We strive for balance in a number of areas including learning style, personality, social maturity and gender. As a team, we have spent countless hours discussing placement, and working and reworking the class lists. Changing even one student’s placement affects the balance of the whole class, which is why it is important that placement be done as a team. We have given due diligence to your requests in creating those groups of students who will move on together. We thank you for your input. As professionals, we believe we have placed each student appropriately.

I would like to remind you that our students/your child/ren, take their lead from us. If we approach new challenges in a positive, “can-do” manner, they are more likely to imitate that positive attitude. With that in mind, I ask that you consider your response carefully as you react to the placement news in your child’s presence on Tuesday.

Finally, I want to thank you for your support during my tenure as principal at Steward. Topsfield is community that values education and the work done by educators in school every day. Without our students, we could not do the work that we love. Thank you for the gift of your children. My memories of Steward School will give me many reasons to smile as I reflect on my time here.

Have a wonderful, safe, and happy summer.

Meet the New Principals!

TESPTO is pleased to host a meet and greet with our two new principals Mrs. Michelle Costa and Mrs. Sarah O’Leary. **When: Wednesday June 17th, Time: 6:30 P.M., Place: Proctor School Library** This is a great opportunity for parents/caregivers to come by and say hello to the new principals. We hope to see you on the 17th!

From the Health Office:

Please remember to pick up all medications from the health office by the last day of school. Medication forms for the 2009-2010 school year went home last month. The forms can be mailed in over the summer or brought in the first day of school. Have a restful and safe summer!

BOXTOPS-

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Boxtops this year. We **raised over \$1100.00 for Steward School**-yea!!!. Keep saving BOXTOPS, it is a simple way to raise, much needed money for the school. We will have 3 collections again next year.

Beverly Bootstraps Food Drive

Thank you to everyone for a successful food drive again this year. We **collected ten boxes of food to donate**. The volunteers at the Beverly Bootstraps Food Pantry greatly appreciate our efforts!

STEWARD STATION 09-10 REGISTRATIONS

Steward Station is **now accepting registrations for our Before/After School Programs and Kindergarten Activity Day Program for the 2009-2010 school year.** Our Before and After School programs offer age appropriate activities, homework time, games, crafts, outside activities, gym time and the opportunity to socialize within the classroom areas. The **before school program is open from 7AM to 8:45AM Monday through Friday.** The **after school program is open 3PM to 6PM Monday through Friday.** Our **Kindergarten Activity Day program is an alternate day program,** which combines fun and learning in a relaxed atmosphere. **This program is open from 8:45AM to 3PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.** We also offer a drop-in service. Our Early Release Day programs have included ceramics, rock climbing, roller skating, mini golf, yoga, martial arts, build a bear, live animal shows and trips to local parks and museums. These programs not only support the working parents but the parents who want an extra day of enrichment for their child. We are located at Steward School in room 201. **For more information please contact Barbara Costa at 978-887-2665.**

The Topsfield Educational Foundation (T.E.F.) 2009 PRINCIPAL SALUTE Annual Appeal

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Please support TEF and give a gift to the principals all at the same time. TEF is crucial in keeping many programs going strong in our two elementary schools. **TEF has paid \$51,000 in school grants to the Topsfield elementary schools this year!** TEF is the life line to the Proctor band-\$15,000, Cambridge Physics science program with Proctor's very own Scientist in Residence-\$11,470, robotics teams-\$13,000. At Steward, TEF is funding a \$12,000 grant to buy musical instruments for the new 3rd grade introduction to instrumental music coming this fall.

Visit www.topsed.org for in depth program descriptions. TEF needs your financial support now more than ever. If you have never donated to TEF in the past, we'd love to hear from you. Please send a check in to either school. Only your name will appear on the gift. No monetary amounts will be disclosed. Questions? Contact Jen LaRussa at jen.larussa@comcast.net. Thank you!

The Friends of the Topsfield Library

Summer Reading Kickoff - Friday, June 19th from 5:30 - 8:00 in front of the Library. This event will be held "rain or shine". In the event of rain the program will be held inside the library.

Our theme this year "Outer Space", with entertainment from the Proctor School Band and the Toe Jam Puppet Band. This is a wonderful community event! Free hot dogs and popsicles, crafts and face-painting

Volunteering opportunities: The Library Friends needs your help. We welcome folks to get involved with the Friends of the Topsfield Library. The wonderful programs can only continue if we get more "friends" to volunteer. Join this fun, active and dynamic group who cares about the library and the community. Please contact Gretchen Rehak (gwrehak@verizon.net) or **come join our next meeting, a Brunch on June 17th in the Library Meeting room at 9:30AM!**

Relay For Life of the Tri-Town

This year the Relay For Life of the Tri-Town is showcasing its first-ever **Mini-Relay.** The Mini-Relay is focused on kids and their families and will take place before the **Opening Ceremonies from 3:30pm-5:30pm on Friday June 19, 2009 at North Shore Technical High School in Middleton.** During the Mini-Relay, we will be having a variety of kid related themes, contests and educational activities. In addition, each Relay team will be offering at their campsite some sort of activity for kids that will create a carnival like atmosphere at the Relay. There will be a minimal cost for these different activities with all of the money going to the American Cancer Society. We hope that this Mini-Relay will allow your kids the opportunity to participate in their community and learn the value of donating their time and services. Even though the Mini-Relay ends at 5:30pm we invite and encourage everyone to stay longer. The Opening Ceremony, Survivor Lap and Luminaria Ceremony are especially moving. To learn more about the Relay For Life of Tri-Town and our first-ever Mini-Relay, please visit our website at www.relayforlife.org/topsfieldma or contact Jennifer Cooney at (781) 314-2677. We look forward to seeing you and your kids on June 19th!

30th Running of Boxford 4th of July Road Race

The Boxford Athletic Association is hosting the 30th running of its 4th of July Road Race. Set in the historic East Boxford Village, the race **includes 3 events - a five mile run, one-mile Kid's Race and 2.5 mile Walk For Fitness.** Proceeds are directed to the Jennifer Tinney Scholarship Fund at Masconomet High School. A link to online registration can be found in the Road Race section of the BAA website (www.baasports.com).

Masconomet Youth Football and Cheerleading registration

The Masconomet Youth Football and Cheerleading registration is NOW OPEN. This is an all volunteer program in existence for over 20 years for grades 3 through 8. There is no minimum skill or experience needed to join the program. Please visit the website mascoyouthfootball.com to sign up. Registration price: Football = \$200.00 & Cheerleading = \$150.00. There will be an additional online processing fee. Late registration starts on July 1st, 2009 and costs an additional \$50. Email eaylmer@verizon.net with questions.

Community Giving Tree

On behalf of all of us at Community Giving Tree, **we'd like to thank the parents and teachers who helped make our year a wonderful success!** Thank you for donating school supplies in August and September, to help us distribute 500+ backpacks and supplies to disadvantaged school children. Thank you for donating personal care items in March, that allowed us to offer 300 baskets filled with toiletries to low-income moms on Mother's Day. And thank you for the many warm winter coats, hats, mittens and clothing items that you donated to help children and families in Essex County. In addition, this past year, Community Giving Tree provided bundles of baby clothes, cribs, car seats and diapers to hundreds of first-time moms and their new babies. We would not have been able to do this without your generous donations. Thank you very much!

Our School Supply Drive will be starting in August, so please keep us in mind when shopping for supplies for your own children this summer. Our collection boxes will be in the schools at the end of August.

To learn more about how you can help or to volunteer please visit us at www.communitygivingtree.org or email us at communitygivingtree@gmail.com.

3rd annual Lady Chieftains Field Hockey Summer Camp

Masco Field Hockey & the BAA are happy to announce the 3rd annual Lady Chieftains Field Hockey Summer Camp for Box/Top/Mid girls grades 3rd-8th. The Masco HS Field Hockey Program is running a 5 day field hockey clinic this summer, **June 25, 26, 29, 30, July 1 from 9am-12noon daily.** The price for the camp is \$125 and it is held at Cole School in Boxford. It is led by Rebeckah Iseman, the Varsity Coach of the highly successful Masco Field Hockey program.

This is a great introduction to the sport for new players as well as great skills enhancement for more experienced players. To receive signup sheets please email lbepps@comcast.net or call 978-887-2339. Information is also available on the Boxford Athletic Association website, www.baasports.com. Space is limited...Signup soon!!!

Fall Lacrosse Registration Now Open

Tribal Lacrosse has run a Fall Lacrosse program for the past three years and is pleased to announce we will be offering the program again next fall. This program is open to youth lacrosse players (3rd -9th grade), with at least one year of playing experience, looking to improve their skills. For more information or to register please visit www.triballax.org.

Masco Varsity Cheerleading

Cheering Clinic: Grades 1-8 welcome

When: **June 25 and 26th**

Time: **9- 1pm \$75**

Location: Proctor School

Cheer, Tumble, Dance, Stunt

Any questions: contact Maura Craig at 978 887-9791. Email: maura.craig@comcast.net