

# Early Childhood Center Communicator

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To the families and students of the Early Childhood Center:

On June 30, 2010, I will step down as the Principal of the Early Childhood Center in anticipation of my October 31, 2010 retirement from the Abington Public Schools. It has been my pleasure to serve the youngest students and their families for twelve years. During that time, I have had the privilege to work with many wonderful, dedicated and compassionate staff members at the Early Childhood Center. Also, the School Committee, Administrative Team members, PTO, School Council and volunteers have been so supportive of all our initiatives throughout the years in order to effectively serve the needs of our students.

As you know, Mrs. Amy Scolaro has been appointed as the ECC Principal. She has experience at the ECC, and we worked together closely for many years. Finally, I wish all the best to Mrs. Scolaro and Mrs. Weber, the ECC staff, students and families.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Ann Harper

*Farewell to some very special people:*

*It takes a special person to reach out to every child;  
To know where, in their bag of tricks, each remedy is filed.  
These teachers leaving ECC would surely top that list;  
And, when they are gone, we all know they will be so sorely  
missed!*

*All the programs, plays and fun things that you did;  
Will stay in the memories of each and every kid!  
The years have flown! Where has time gone? It seems just  
yesterday  
When you were starting out to change kids' lives through  
work and play.*

*But now the time has come to say a very fond farewell-  
We hope retirement will bring you respite for a spell.  
And as you leave these noisy halls for time that's free from  
strife,  
Know in your heart, we wish to all the best there is in life!*

*By: Susan Smith*

*Best Wishes to Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Fine, Mrs. Kelly and  
Mrs. Pottey on your retirement  
We'll Miss You - ECC Staff*

## REMINDER

- Visit the Abington Public Library to participate in the Summer Reading Program: "Get Your Green On". Registration begins June 21, 2010.
- Bus Transportation fees/waivers due to the Superintendent's office by July 1, 2010.
- Grade 1, 2 & 3 class lists will be posted on the ECC gym doors by August 23, 2010.
- First day of school—Grades 1-3 will be August 31, 2010. Pre-School and Kindergarten will be September 7, 2010.
- School Lunch for next year will be \$2.25 and milk will be \$.50.

## Parent Teacher Organization:

The staff and students of the ECC wish to thank you for all your help and support this year. Your work is truly appreciated, and we look forward to another wonderful year. A special thank you goes to the PTO and to the buyers of the Abington Ale House gift certificates which enabled the purchase of new computers for our library.

Our PTO was able to accomplish many things. To name a few: Library books, funding many enrichment programs throughout the year, along with sponsoring the various end-of-year events.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- June 3 Grade 2 Family Picnic—1:00—2:30 p.m.
- June 7 PTO Meeting—7:00 p.m.
- June 16 Last Day of School for students—Dismissal at 12:10
- No PM Preschool and Kindergarten

**Did you know....**The July 2009 Massachusetts Ethics Law states that no public servant can accept a gift worth more than \$50. If a gift is over \$50, the gift may be donated to a school or classroom in the public servant's name. If a gift is accepted over \$50, it is in violation of the state law and a heavy penalty could be incurred.

# REMINDER

**TRANSPORTATION FEES  
DUE BY JULY 1, 2010**

# **ECC OPEN HOUSE**

**Monday, August 30, 2010**

**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**For school year 2010 – 2011  
Early Childhood Center's Class lists  
For Grades 1, 2, & 3  
Will be posted on our Gym doors  
Beginning Monday, August 23, 2010**

**Enjoy your summer!**