

Early Childhood Center Communicator

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1	PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
March 2	Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration
March 4	Early Release Day—12:10 p.m.
March 7-13	Statewide MEPA testing
March 14	Daylight Savings Time—Clocks spring ahead
March 19	Grades 1 & 2 Report Cards issued
March 24	School Council Meeting—4:30 p.m.
March 25-31	Kindergarten Registration Appointments

ECC STARS

Our ECC Stars have been hard at work. As spring fever approaches, we continue to reinforce the STARS concepts to the children at the ECC. We spent the last two months working on respect for ourselves and for others. The golden rule was a large focal point. Ask your child what the golden rule is and remind him/her about that at home. This month we will focus on **feelings**. We will talk about how to identify feelings, deal with difficult feelings, and express our feelings, as well as who can help us with all our different feelings. Please be sure to talk about and reinforce all our character traits at home. It helps build a strong, safe STAR community. Thanks!

REMEMBER: Every Child Cares for Safety Teamwork Achievement Respect and Success!!

**GREAT BIG THANKS
to the Abington Ale House for
your gift certificate donations.
We have been able to purchase
new monitors for our classrooms
and will soon create a new mini-
computer lab in our library.**

MARCH MADNESS for students will begin Monday, March 1, 2010. It is not too late to purchase any additional tickets for your child. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket.

Watch for the winners on our PTO prize board in the front lobby of the ECC.

CONSTANT CONTACT

Be sure to visit the Abington Public Schools website, <http://www.abingtonps.info>, to supply your email address to our district mailing list, so you can receive news and information from your child's school.

Thank You.... to all who sent in condiments for our 100th Day celebration. We collected 262 items. It was so wonderful to see such a community outreach to those in need.

LITERACY

*Tuesday, March 2
Read Across America Day
Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday*



We would like students to bring in their bears (Be Excited About Reading) to read in class that day. Also, students may dress in Dr. Seuss clothing or red, white, and blue/black to help us celebrate. They can bring in any Dr. Seuss stuffed toys or books.

Green Eggs and Ham will be served for lunch that day, too! Reading teachers will read "Green Eggs and Ham" at each lunch period.

The next Reading Counts Point Trading Day will be held March 19, 2010.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER SCHOOL COUNCIL

During our February 24th meeting, we discussed the 2010/2011 budget and created our 2010/2011 School Improvement Plan.

Our next School Council Meeting is Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the ECC. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

Parent Teacher Organization

On February 1, 2010, the PTO held its monthly meeting. Items discussed were: AleHouse Gift Certificates, Box Tops, Papa Gino's, March Madness, ideas for a Spring Fundraiser, Lambert's Fundraiser, Cash For Gold Party, Movie Night, and the Yearbook.

Please support your child's PTO and try to attend these monthly meetings. The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

NURSE'S CORNER

March is Nutrition Month

As parents, we play a big role in shaping the eating habits of our children. Getting children to eat healthy food is no easy task. Did you know that it may take 10 or more tries before a child accepts a new food? Don't get discouraged. Eating a well balanced diet is not just good for kids, it's good for grownups, too! Combine healthy eating with exercise for added benefits. Involve children in choosing healthy snacks and activities.

If you are having difficulty obtaining food during these tough economic times, there are resources available such as the Abington Food Pantry, WIC and the Food Stamp Program. Please contact Mrs. Conley for further information. All requests remain confidential.

REMINDER: PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- For the safety of all, CORI check paperwork must
- be submitted to the Early Childhood Center office
- at least one month before volunteering.
- Thank you.

UPCOMING ABINGTON EVENTS:

Dream Team Fundraiser: Sunday, March 7, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m. Abington High School Gym.

Kindergarten Registration: If you have a kindergarten age child and have not received a registration packet and appointment, please contact the ECC at 781-982-2185.

High School Drama Club: To coincide with "Read Across America", the Abington Drama Club will be presenting ***Seussical the Musical*** on March 11th and 12th at 7:30 p.m. and March 13th at 3:30 p.m. at the Frolio Middle School. 30 students from the Center, Wooddale and Frolio schools have been cast as Whos in our production. Based on the works of Dr. Seuss, the story primarily follows the plotline of *Horton Hears a Who*. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for students, and \$6.00 for senior citizens and children under 12.

Chester J. Millett, Jr., Outstanding Teacher Award:

This award is presented annually by the Abington School Committee to that teacher who by his/her performance has demonstrated a willingness to accept responsibilities and perform deeds well above those normally expected.

If you know a teacher that fills this criteria, an application packet is available in the ECC office and nominations must be submitted by March 30th. The winner of this award will be announced during "Teacher Appreciation Week". The award will be presented at the August "Back to School" meeting at Abington High School.



REMEMBER: SAFETY FIRST—Please do **NOT** pass school buses that are stopped in our circular driveway at arrival and dismissal times.