

Early Childhood Center Communicator

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 3 PTO Meeting 7:00 PM
- 5 Early Release Day—Dismissal at 12:10 PM—Brunch will be served.
- 7 Staff Appreciation Lunch 11:30 – 1:30 PM
- 10 Town Meeting at High School 7:00 PM
- 12 Volunteer Tea 9:30-10:30 AM
- 25 Title I PAC "Books for Bingo" at Town Library 3:30—4:30 PM
- 26 School Council Meeting 4:30 PM
- 31 Memorial Day—No School

JUNE

- 2 School Council Meeting 4:30 PM
- 3 Grade 2 Family Picnic 1:00 – 2:30PM
- 7 PTO Meeting 7:00 PM
- 16 Last Day of School for K-2 students, DISMISSAL AT 12:10 PM

ABINGTON TOWN MEETING

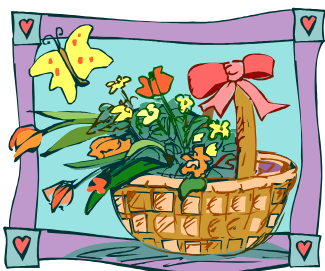
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010 AT 7:00 PM

The Annual Abington Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Abington High School Gymnasium.

Your attendance at this meeting is greatly appreciated.

New Student Registration~Grades 1 & 2

Any new Grade 1 students to the ECC should be 6 years of age by August 31, 2010. Registration for any student entering Kindergarten to Grade 2 has now begun for the 2010-2011 school year and should be completed by June 6, 2010. Please forward this information to any interested parties.



Happy Mother's Day

May 9, 2010

ECC STARS

The ECC stars enjoyed celebrating Earth Day last month. Classes made posters to display and sent their message to all the children and staff that it is important to do your own part in keeping the Earth healthy. Each classroom is recycling paper and plastic. Please try to do your part by recycling at home as well. Thanks!

This month, the ECC Stars will be busy preparing for the end of the year. They will be celebrating their SUCCESS with the character trait of the month. There are some fun events planned for all students. More information will be provided.

READING - SUMMER

Reading Counts continues to be very successful at the Early Childhood Center. The students read 5,938 books and passed quizzes for them on the computer. Kindergarteners read 16 books; first graders have read 1,779 books and passed quizzes; and second graders have read 4,143 books and passed the quizzes. Our final Points Trading Day is Friday, June 4th. The children have done an outstanding job reading and should be very proud of themselves!

Check out the ECC website for book lists to which you can refer for summer reading!! Remember to set aside at least 10 minutes a day for B.E.A.R. Time (Be Excited About Reading). Be sure to check the summer reading program, "Get Your Green On" at the Abington Public Library. They have an excellent new website called "Tumblebooks". You can access it by going onto www.abingtonpl.org; select databases and then scroll down to Tumblebooks. There are many books on audio, as well as games, puzzles, etc.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER SCHOOL COUNCIL

The ECC School Council met on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. Reports were given on the status of the Budget. We finalized the 2010-2011 School Improvement Plan.

Our representatives are: Nancy Clancy, Julie Laszczak, Katie Minnehan, Diane Kane, Jeannette Libby and Inga Wronski. Jim West is our School Committee Liaison. Steve Siroonian serves as our Community Member; and Ann Harper, as Principal.

Our next meeting is May 26, 2010, at 4:30 PM in the Conference Room at the ECC. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

Parent Teacher Organization

On April 12, 2010, the PTO held its evening meeting. Items discussed were: Yearbooks are still available for purchase; Staff Appreciation Lunch is scheduled for May 7th, and many volunteers are needed; Fundraising ideas for next year; Second Grade Picnic; and Box Tops for Education.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 PM
Voting will take place for officers and coordinators for the 2010-2011 school year.
All are welcome!

NURSE'S CORNER

New regulations established by Massachusetts State Law (M.G.L. Chapter 71 Section 57 and 105 CMR 200.500) require the measurement of height and weight among Massachusetts public school students and the further calculation and screening for underweight, overweight and obesity which is required to be reported to a parent or legal guardian. These regulations seek to improve data quality and increase the prevention of underweight, overweight and obesity among the youth of Massachusetts by calculating the height, weight, and BMI index and percentile for students in grades 1, 4, 7, and 10.

The Abington Public Schools will comply with these regulations as set forth by the MA Department of Public Health and:

- Provide parents and health care providers with this information as defined in the regulations
- Identify children who may be at risk for health problems
- Collaborate with parents and health care providers to improve the health and well-being of our school age children.

This program complements the APS wellness initiative. Further information will be posted on the Abington Public Schools website @ www.abingtonps.info.

Information Changes

Please remember to inform the office if any of the following has changed:

- Home phone number
- Cell phone number(s)
- Address
- Emergency Contacts

Parent Tip:

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITY—It's never too late to teach your children to be responsible for their actions. Here are some tips that might help you: assign your children daily routines, such as making a checklist for personal hygiene, assigning safe jobs, caring for a pet, helping with the dishes, completing their homework, and being punctual. Suffering consequences for inappropriate actions and modeling how to do things that need to be done can also develop responsible behavior.

Reminders

May 31, 2010 - No School Memorial Day

June 16, 2010 - The last day of school is a 1/2-day. Brunch will be served.

Abington Public Schools K-2 Transportation
Please read the Guidelines for Fee-Based Transportation. All transportation fees and waivers are due by July 1, 2010.



Volunteer Tea:

The staff of the ECC will be hosting a TEA for all of our parent volunteers on Wednesday, May 12th from 9:30 - 10:30 AM. Many thanks for all your hard work!