



SANBORN YELLOW PAGES

The Newsletter of the Henry C Sanborn Elementary School PTO

January 2005

It's winter and just like the flowers, there doesn't seem to be much happening on the surface of things, but plans are being made to break out big in the spring! Sanborn PTO would like to run a large, social fundraiser this spring to buy new stage curtains for the cafetorium and new books for the Media Center.

The current stage curtains are original to the school. After years of use and cleanings the front curtains are badly faded and about 6 inches too short! The backstage curtains are torn at the hem and falling off the hangers. It's time for a replacement.

The Media Center's book collection is sadly outdated with over 80% of the collection being over 10 years old. Although the PTO has been chipping away at the old collection for a number of years, we still have a long way to go. A boost from this fundraiser would revitalize the effort.

Details for the fundraiser have not been worked out and are open to suggestions. We have some parents signed up to help but we need a lead person or team to pull it all together. If you like to plan a party, this job could be for you. Contact me if you are interested in leading or helping.

If that's not your thing, consider helping through the School Council. Three parent volunteers are needed to work with teachers, the principal and a non-parent community representative on generating the School Improvement Plan, which is then presented to the School Committee. Get a chance to have your two-cents heard in a positive way.

The first PTO event for 2005 is our **PTO meeting on the 11th @ 7pm**. The topic of discussion will be MCAS. Mr. J. and Barbara Bunn will make a presentation and answer questions. We hope to see parents from all grade levels attend, as the entire process, from what we can do to prepare, to interpreting the results, will be discussed.

Our **Yankee Candle Sale begins January 24th**. We do very well with this fundraiser as we earn up to 50% of the sales. So please participate, take a look at the catalog and remember to buy for Easter and Mother's Day while helping out our school.

This year the **Children's Stage Adventure** will return to Sanborn as a special one week Exploration's **beginning January 24th**. Information has already gone home in your child's backpack, but if you missed it you can contact Rushna Heneghan at 978-475-7819 or Rushna@comcast.net. A performance for friends and family will be held **Saturday, January 29th**. Watch for ticket sales and come out for a great show.

In PTO business news, the December Holiday Book Sale wasn't as popular as we would have hoped but we did make a profit of ~\$750. Thanks go to Ann Ogden, Leslie Burte, Mary Hartnett and their merry band of volunteers for taking time out for their busy holiday schedules.

The Yellow Pages is published as a service to keep you informed of the news at Sanborn School.

Each issue will be posted online at Sanbornpto.org/ or sent home to families with no current e-mail address. Articles may be emailed to: abrown9890@aol.com.

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May you and yours stay happy and healthy throughout the New Year.

-Debbie Begos

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back from Winter Break and Happy New Year to all! First let me join Debbie Begos in thanking Ann Ogden, Leslie Burte, Mary Hartnett, all of the volunteers and all of you who participated in our Holiday Book Sale. Special thanks, also to Debbie Begos, Christopher Hartnett and Frederick Livingstone who helped me to remove the loose concrete blocks that had become a hazard around the primary playground. On behalf of the Sanborn community, I'd also like to recognize the work of our 2005 School Improvement Council: Community Representative Mara Lee Lackoff, Parents Dale Fox, Mina Patel and Christine Rogers, and Teachers June Blake, Jane Kish and Maria Maffeo.

Every month from here on out we will publish the upcoming MCAS testing dates for our students in grades 3, 4 and 5. It's important that every student is well rested and in attendance on those dates. Students who are absent are assigned a score of "0" by the Department of Education. At our PTO meeting scheduled for January 11th at 7:00 PM, Sanborn Learning Specialist Barbara Bunn and I will present the Sanborn 2004 MCAS results, a summary of the work of our MCAS Analysis Team, specific examples of MCAS test items for each grade level, and specific suggestions on how you can help to prepare your child for this year's testing. We look forward to talking with you there.

Many of you attended a performance of "The Sword Called Excalibur" last January. Our first theatre experience was so well received that we have brought back *Children's Stage Adventures* as a special, one week *Explorations* experience beginning on January 24th. Our students will perform *Shakespeare's Midsummer Dream*, an original musical adaptation of Shakespeare's beloved romantic comedy for their classmates on Friday, January 28th and for family and friends on Saturday the 29th. This promises to be another memorable Sanborn event.

Sincerely,
Steve Jankauskas
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Curriculum Enrichment Events 2004 -2005

January 6, 2005

A meteorologist from the National Weather Center in Taunton, Massachusetts will be visiting the **1st grade students**. Eleanor Vallier -Talbot will be presenting - "**Forecasting with the Clouds** ", to the children. She will explain about the different kinds of clouds and what the clouds can tell about the weather to come. She will also present information about thunderstorms and tornado safety.

Look for specifics regarding the Curriculum Enrichment events coming up at Sanborn in the next issue of the Yellow Pages.

MCAS Testing Dates 2004 -2005

Please make note of the MCAS testing dates. The exact testing dates have not been scheduled but we wanted you to be aware of the administration dates. In early spring the exact testing schedule will be sent home with the students. All students in grades 3, 4, and 5 must take the tests assigned to their grade level. While there is room in the testing schedule to have students take makeup tests it is not the ideal testing situation for students. If you have any questions about the schedule please contact Barbara Bunn, Learning Specialist, at 978 623 -8862.

<u>Test</u>	<u>Administration Dates</u>	<u>Who Participates</u>	<u># of Sessions</u>
Grade 3 Reading Test	March 28- April 8	Grade 3 Students	3
Reading Tryout	March 28 - April 8	Grade 5 Students	1
English Language Arts			
Long Composition	April 6	Grade 4 Students	2
English Language Arts			
Mathematics	May 16 - May 27	Grade 4 Students	3
Math Tryout	May 16 - May 27	Grade 4 Students	2
Math Tryout	May 16 - May 27	Grade 3 & 5 Students	1 per grade
Science & Technology	May 16 - May 27	Grade 5	2

AN INVITATION TO ALL SANBORN GIRLS

***SANBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO REQUEST THE
HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT THE 5TH ANNUAL
FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE
(or could be any other man in your life over 18 years old)***



***WHEN: Friday, February 11th, 2005
TIME: 7:00-9:00PM
WHERE: Sanborn Elementary School Cafetorium
COST: \$10.00 per child- includes flowers
(\$20 max per family)
Dancing and Light Refreshments***

Please complete this form below & send in your check made out to Sanborn PTO, to the office in an envelope marked for the Father/Daughter Dance by Feb. 4th.

***NAME OF
FAMILY:_____ TELEPHONE:_____***

***NUMBER OF DAUGHTERS
ATTENDING:_____***

NAMES AND GRADES OF DAUGHTERS ATTENDING:

1)_____

2)_____ 3)_____

SCHOOL STORE NOTICE

**SCHOOL STORE WILL BE OPEN EVERY OTHER FRIDAY IN
JANUARY
(JAN. 14TH AND 28TH)**

TIME: 11:30 – 12:30PM – DURING LUNCH TIME

WHERE: ON THE STAGE IN THE CAFETERIA

◆ **THERE WILL BE A WIDE VARIETY OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES
AS WELL AS SOME GIFT IDEAS!**

◆ **PRICES NORMALLY RANGE FROM \$0.25 - \$2.00**

**(1ST AND 2ND GRADERS SHOULD BRING MONEY IN AN
ENVELOPE LABELED “SCHOOL STORE”)**

◆ **SPONSORED BY THE 5TH GRADE CLASS
AND KIM I ANNALFO**

Box Tops...Box Tops...Box Tops

Don't forget to send in your Box Tops

Every time you clip and send in a top off any participating items, Betty Crocker Pillsbury or any other participating grocery products, Sanborn 10 cents earns

The next box of box tops will be sent in for reimbursement at the beginning of March. After March, continue collecting for the next shipment which will be sent in October.

In the next couple of days, look for a box top collection bag on your child's back pack. This will make it easier for you to keep track of your box tops. If you have any questions, call Mary Lou Alois (978) 447-0440 or Amy Risman (978) 447-1474.



PARENT TO PARENT SERIES

Andover Parent to Parent 2004 -2005

Speaker Series : FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

TALKING WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT SEXUALITY – Grades 4 to 7

Parents will be provided with information about normal sexual development in children. In addition, methods of educating and communicating with our children about sexuality will be explored.

Carol Plotkin, LICSW, Vice President of Program Management Health Partners New England, Stoneham

Tuesday, January 18, 2005, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

(Snow Date: Jan. 25)

West Middle School Auditorium

KIDS + STRESS = STRESSED OUT PARENTS

Kids face different stresses separating from parents, dealing with school requirements, and getting along with peers. Drs. Prince and Bostic will describe parenting strategies for these challenges, and treatment strategies when things become overwhelming for parents and teachers.

Jefferson Prince, MD, Child Psychiatrist MGH, Director Pediatric Mental Health, North Shore Children's Hospital

Jeff Bostic, MD, EdD, Director of School Psychiatry, MGH

Wednesday, January 19, 2005, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Snow Date: Jan. 20) West

Middle School Auditorium

Co-sponsored with SEPAC

RAISING RESPONSIBLE CHILDREN

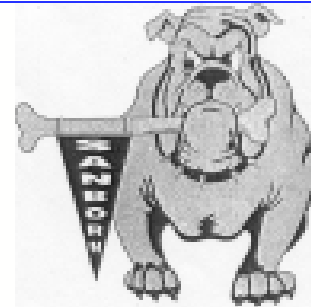
This dynamic program will help parents develop practical management techniques for children's misbehaviors and encourage them to become responsible citizens in their community. Learn strategies to teach our children how to make better decisions and how to become more accountable and responsible for those decisions. The topics of chores, allowances and the difference between logical outcomes and punishment will also be highlighted. Jack Agati, MA, Counselor, Presenter and Author

Tuesday, February 1, 2005, 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Snow Date: Feb. 2)

Parent to Parent was founded in 1991 to organize a parenting network in Andover and to help sponsor speakers, workshops, and parenting education classes. If you are interested in joining the Parent to Parent Board or have suggestions for future topics or speakers, please call Liz Elowe at (978) 475 -4843 or Sue Pellegrino at (978) 474 -4028.

Evening presentations and workshops follow the public school schedule. If school is canceled, programs will be rescheduled.

Student Council News



We would like to thank all those who donated toys during the **Toys for Tots** drive. Thanks to the hard work of the December Student Council and the unfailing generosity of the Sanborn Community, we were able to give toys to children who otherwise might not have had such happy holidays. Thank you to all the families and students who continue to support Student Council's efforts with their participation and donations. Your thoughtfulness and generosity has allowed our students to learn the rewards of giving to others as a community.

December Student Council

Belle Brody
Sarah Gillis
Samantha Marton
Jaquelyne DiTroia
Elizabeth Donohue
Morgan Goldstein
Connor Fortune

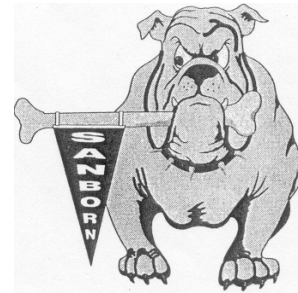
Maura Green
Gregory Howard
Andrew Johnian
David Levenson
Kate Galvin
Heyun Jeong
Emily Brownholtz

Tyler Fountain
Erich Rothmann
Matt Conlin
Brian Finn
Kyle McCarthy

LOST AND FOUND

THERE IS A BOX OF CERAMIC BELL ORNAMENTS IN THE OFFICE THAT HAS BEEN UNCLAIMED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. WHOEVER OWNS THESE MAY PICK THEM UP IN THE FRONT OFFICE. THANK YOU.

Student Council Upcoming Events:



Tsunami Relief Fund Collections January 13th -21st

We are all aware of the devastation and suffering caused in South Asia by the Tsunami on December 26th. The 9.0-magnitude quake hit off the coast of Indonesia, triggering the tsunami waves that have brought massive flooding, damage and loss of life in the region. Due to the cost of bringing supplies and aid to the area, financial support is the best form of assistance that can be provided from those wishing to help.

The January Student Council will be collecting donations for Tsunami relief efforts Thursday, January 13th through Friday, January 21st. The money donated will be sent to:

UNICEF South Asia Tsunami Relief

For more information, please refer to www.UNICEF.org

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JANUARY 2005

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