

Southbridge Elementary



March 2010 Newsletter

DEAR MEMBERS:

As we enter a new month and look forward to Spring, we are grateful that we had a busy and productive February. The greatest news from the month of February was that the Southbridge Town Council unanimously voted for the construction of a new Middle School/High School. This is a tremendous and exciting time for our Town and our students! The Southbridge Elementary PTA wishes to thank those who attended our special informational gathering on February 3rd, pertaining to the Southbridge School Building Project for a new Middle School/High School. We would like to extend a warm "Thank You" to School Building Committee members (and School Committee members) Jack Jovan and Scott Lazo for taking the time to provide information and answer questions about the project. We would also like to sincerely thank Mrs. Chamberland, Principal of Eastford Road School, for use of her building and equipment for this special meeting. We are all hopeful that the project will run on-time and under budget. The new school is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2013.

We were happy to see our families enjoying themselves at "Family Night with the Worcester Sharks" on Saturday, February 27th. The PTA sold a total of 67 tickets for this great event!

Finally, we would like to remind members that elections for the 2010-2011 PTA Executive Board will take place in May. There will be vacancies in all four positions. If you are interested in a posi-

tion, please let a member of the Nominating Committee know of your interest by the April PTA meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The PTA meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 6:45 PM in the Eastford Road School Library **HAS BEEN POSTPONED.** Notice will be given when a new date is chosen.

We have planned a special **"Dining to Donate" for the PTA** with Applebee's in Sturbridge. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 16th. Applebee's will donate 10% of your total bill to the Southbridge Elementary PTA. Please support our effort to provide quality programs for our kids and enjoy a nice dinner with your family and friends!

Plans are set for our first-ever **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** on March 21st from 8-10AM at Applebee's in Sturbridge. Cost will be \$5.00 Per Person. Bring your own camera as the Easter Bunny will be hopping around to say Hi to the kids! More information will soon be sent home with all elementary students.

Plans are also under way for our Annual Father/Daughter Dance. **Save the date** for Friday, April 9th at 6PM in the Charlton Street School Gymnasium. Details will soon be on the way!!

REMINDER: Fundraiser Pick-Up Day for our Spring "Fun Pasta" Fundraiser will be Thursday, April 1st from 2:00 PM—7:00 PM at the Southbridge Community Center located on Chestnut Street.

Important School News:

Eastford Road School is happy to announce two exciting events planned for the month of March. "Social Studies Night" will take place on Wednesday, March 3rd and "Read to Me Night" will take place on Wednesday, March 10th.

Mr. Montigny, Principal at **Charlton Street School**, has the following announcements:

* March 3-17 MEPA (State Language Acquisition Testing) will be administered to all second language learners (ELL).

* March 22—April 12th: Grade 3 MCAS state mandated testing in English/Language Arts & Reading Comprehension will be administered to all Grade 3 students. Please ensure your child continues to read & ask questions (comprehension) concerning their reading selection to prepare them for the test. We will have an in-house "Testbusters" assembly for Grade 3 students prior to testing.

"Test-busters" is a validated program to help relieve anxieties and develop strategies to take the MCAS test. We are requesting your assistance in reaching our goal of 100% student participation during the testing period. We usually complete testing during the first week of administration. Information will be sent home prior to MCAS testing.

* Career Day - April 30th at CSS, 10:00 to 11:00 am. We are asking for assistance. If you would like to participate, please telephone Ms. Driscoll, Guidance Counselor, at 508-764-5475 as soon as possible. Grades 2&3 are an excellent age to begin career exploration. We need 20 guest speakers. Thank You!!

*Teachers 21 program - a consultant will be at CSS on March 2nd to con-

tinue modeling in class effective vocabulary and writing strategies.

West Street School is proud to present this year's musical, *Seussical Jr.* Opening Night is set for Thursday, March 11th at 7PM in the Southbridge High School Auditorium. A second performance will be held on Friday, March 12th at 7PM in the SHS Auditorium and the final show will take place on Saturday, March 13th at 2PM in the SHS Auditorium. Ticket request forms have been sent home with all elementary students. Tickets will also be available at the door. All tickets are \$6.00. Come show your support to the wonderful cast and crew!!

March Events in the J.E.L. Children's Room

Please call 764-5427 or email the Children's Librarian, Karla Gartsu, at: KGartsu@cwmmars.org for more information on StoryHours, Mache Mondays, Readers Theatre, Professional Day-All Play! and Thursday Theme Family Fun Night

Important Information

The 2009-2010 Executive Board:

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