

Ellis School Newsletter

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Spring Book Fair

Book Fair time is almost here! The Scholastic buy one get one free book fair will arrive on April 17th. All books and items available at the fair are included in BOGO sale, and there are books that cost as little as \$1-\$2. The fair will remain open until April 24th in the Ellis Library. Students will have a chance to visit during school and also with parents or other relatives on family night or the grandparents' tea. A daily fair schedule will be sent home very soon. Those wishing to volunteer are welcome to contact Cheryl at rowells4@myfairpoint.net.

FREE Child Find - Fremont

The Fremont School District will sponsor an area Child Find Program. The program is FREE, and is designed to identify and screen children from birth through age five who are suspected of having learning disabilities that may interfere with later school progress. The screening is FREE and available to all families living in the town of Fremont.

Children will be screened in the areas of learning, speech and language, fine and gross motor skills and hearing and vision. Results of the assessments will be available to parents at the time of the screening. All information will be kept confidential and will only be released to other professionals, i.e. school system or physician, with parental consent.

The screening will take place Friday April 17, 2009 at the Ellis Elementary School. Appointments are a must.

For more information and appointments please call the Ellis School at [895-2511](tel:895-2511), ext. 425.

March 27, 2009

Upcoming Events:

- **March 28- PTA Cake Walk**

2 pm in the Ellis gym



- **March 30- School Day for Students**

- **April 17- A Night with the Stars**

- **April 23- Snoopy**

At the Ellis School Gym

- **May 4- Spring Concert**

At Sanborn Regional High School



Technology Fun Night

Friday, April 17, 2009

6:00 PM – 8:30PM

Place: Seacoast School of Technology

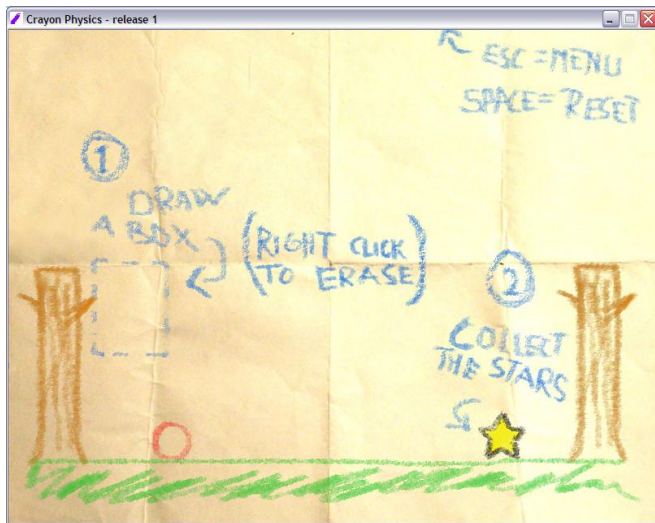
Who: Grade 5 – 9 boys and girls

Cost: Voluntary donation of 3 cans of food for local food bank per person. If you would like to bring more cans, all donations will gladly be accepted.

Why: This school year, the Seacoast School of Technology is offering a series of events for students to show just how much fun learning about technology can be.

How to sign up: Call SST (775.8461) to register. Registration deadline is April 16, 2009. Limited to 40 students on a first come first served basis.

This month we will be learning about Crayon Physics and Creating Art with Fractals. There will be door prizes.



Crayon Physics



Fractal Art

Any questions, contact Mr. Messa at nmessa@saul6.org or 775.8623

Come join in the fun!!!!

First Grade News

Did you know that the first grade teachers have created a First Grade Literature Library? This library, unlike our classroom libraries, is specifically designed for the teachers to access and share curriculum related literature. Two PTA mini-grants (which enabled us to purchase nearly 100 titles) and collaborative research into our own books and classroom libraries, have resulted in a library that is now over 430 books strong. Our library contains selections that span our curriculum with titles that support reading and written language development, as well as math, science, social studies, social skills, and that start of the school year. Specific titles are available to teach about topics as needed, such as sharing or loose teeth. Read alouds are available for classic stories, for the love of language, and just for fun. Our literature library is curriculum rich! We rotate and share our selections in an easily accessible book display. Thanks to the PTA for supporting this instructional effort!!

First graders have been working hard in all curricular areas. Perhaps, the most exciting effort we've undertaken this year is our renewed focus on inquiry-based science. Each week we've been team teaching and planning activities that require the first graders to engage in inquiry, observation and data collection. If you've heard about measuring snow, melting snowballs, or charting the weather, you know that first graders are engaging in scientific behaviors. Make sure you keep your ears open for spring peepers near your home. Kids need to be listening everyday now!! We are collecting data on when we first hear that froggy spring chorus. Have your scientists return their data to school so we can analyze it together in the 1st grade laboratory. If you, too, can't wait to hear that sure sign of another winter gone by, visit http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/northern_spring_peeper.html. But don't get too excited, the first grade team is still recommending winter coats, mittens and boots for recess and scientific exploration.



Lost & Found

Have you been wondering....."Where are my child's winter gloves/mittens?" "Where have our warm winter hats gone?" The next time you are at Ellis School, please take a few minutes to stop by the office for a visitors pass and look through the accumulated items neatly arranged (once a week) in the Lost & Found.....you might just find what you're looking for! As of 3/24 the Lost & Found has 23 winter hats, 9 winter gloves, 17 gloves without a mate, 4 mittens, and 2 mittens without a mate. All of the winter items that do not have identification on their labels, will be donated to charity on Friday, April 24.

Food Pantry Donations

The Student Council is going to help the Fremont food pantry by collecting a specific item or items each month until the end of the school year. This month we are looking for canned corn and canned potatoes. If you can spare these items, please consider donating. Cans will be collected until next Friday April 3, 2009. Look for new items to appear in the newsletter each month. Thank you for supporting our students' efforts!





6th Grade Raffle Winners & Supporting our Local Businesses

Recently, the 6th grade held a raffle to defray the costs for their Sargent Camp trip in May. The 6th grade is very grateful to the many products and services donated by several local businesses - and ask that our community "**continue**" to support these businesses in the future. In addition, the 6th grade would like to thank the following businesses which donated supplies or gift cards for the Chili/Chowder Cook-Off event: KoffeeKup Bakeries, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, D'Angelo's, Quizno's, Curves of Raymond and McDonalds of Raymond. The raffle winners (listed below) were selected on Friday, March 13th. Congratulations to the winners!!

- #1 Aaron Epstein: Yankee Foods of Raymond, Green Mountain Coffee Roasters of Vermont, Silpada Jewelry of Fremont
- #2 Gail Contant: Children's Fun Basket from Ben Franklin of Raymond, Electrology Professionals of Fremont and McDonalds' of Raymond
- #3 Dianne / Emery Family: Bowling Passes from Strikers East of Raymond, Tastefully Simple Dip Mix Basket of Epping, and McDonalds of Raymond
- #4 Janet Maguire: Coffees Basket from Dunkin Donuts of Raymond, Arbonne Beauty Basket of Fremont, and NutriMinC certificate of Fremont
- #5 Hinckley family: 2 Pizzas from PizzaByGeroge of Raymond and Natural or Not Salon Spa Basket of Fremont
- #6 Lisa Fioravante: Skating Passes from Rinks at Exeter, Sacred Touch 2 Hour Massage of Fremont and McDonalds' of Raymond
- #7 Elizabeth Berry: Pass from Strikers East of Raymond, Pet Basket and Grooming from Pit Stop Grooming of Fremont and China One of Raymond
- #8 Haley Herrmann: Bowling Passes from Strikers East of Raymond, Passes from Rinks of Exeter, Gift Certificate from Midnight Salon of Fremont and McDonalds of Raymond.

Middle School Homework Helpline

Parents or students call the school number of [895-2511](tel:895-2511) after school hours and dial one of the following extensions:

175 - 5th grade	176 - 6th grade
177 - 7th grade	178 - 8th grade.

Middle School Hours—7:50—2:20
Elementary Hours—8:35—3:05

Telephone Extensions

Nurse—dial—8

Absent & Tardy Line—dial 7

