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NEWS



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Cultural Arts

The next Cultural Arts will take place on **Thursday, November 17, 2011** with a performance by *The Accidentals*. The Accidentals are Trinity College's only all-male a cappella group. Their sound is a mix of old and new; the tight balance and blend of the barbershop tradition infuses their thoroughly modern musicianship with a warmth one rarely encounters in men's collegiate a cappella ensembles. They have enjoyed an illustrious performance record including the 1996 Presidential Debates, the inauguration of the Connecticut Children's Hospital, the ATP World Doubles Championship, The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, Hartford's own Wadsworth Atheneum, and numerous colleges and institutions throughout the United States.



Holiday Boutique

The much anticipated Holiday Boutique will take place on **Thursday, November 17, 2011** from **2:30-5:00pm** at Essex Elementary School. Please come support the local artists and get some holiday gift shopping done early!

If you make jewelry or any type of craft and want to take part in the Holiday Boutique please call Lauren Conrad at **860-767-1489** or Wendy Flynn at **860-767-8376**.

Election Day Bake Sale

The Election Day Bake Sale will take place on **Tuesday November 8, 2011** from **8:00am to 2:00pm**. Baked goods wrapped and ready for sale should be dropped off the morning of the sale from 7:30am to 9am at the Town Hall parking lot. We will be located in the tennis courts across from Town Hall. Please bake and support this anticipated town event!

Walking Wednesday

Thank you very much for joining us this fall at Walking Wednesdays! We will continue, weather permitting, through the month of November. Please join us in these last couple of weeks, meet at Centerbrook Pizza at 8:00 am and walk with Dr. Beekley and other families to Essex Elementary.



**Mark Your
Calendar!**

Next PTO Meeting...

November 1, 2011
7:00pm

Library/Media
Center



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Jeannine Gift Wrap

Thank you to everyone who participated in supporting the PTO gift wrap fundraiser this year. With your help, we raised \$8,600! Orders can still be placed on line at **www.Jeannine.biz** and EES will always get credit. If you have any feedback you would like to share about quality of the merchandise or anything else to do with the fundraiser, please feel free to contact Dominique Merrick at **dom.merrick@comcast.net**.

Harvest Festival

The PTO would like to extend a huge "thank you" to all who helped make the Harvest Festival a successful event for our families and our community, and also exceeding our goal! It was a beautiful day and many EES families and friends attended this spectacular event.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Book Fair last week, this event requires a lot of volunteers to make it successful!

Pumpkin Festival Display

We hope everyone enjoyed the Essex Elementary School display of pumpkins at the Ivoryton Pumpkin Festival. Thank you to all of the Room Parent Coordinators for donating the pumpkins. Thank you to all of the children on the Green Team for scooping out the pumpkins. Lastly, thank you to Sarah Waterhouse, Paulette Rider, Beth Whitcomb, Betsy D'Amico, Susan Hackett, Pam Burr, Faith Kerr, Kristen Carbone, Susan Strano, Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Lipkvich for carving the pumpkins.

The PTO has been hard at work this fall. Thank you to the following committee members who have been busy volunteering their time at Essex Elementary School on behalf of the PTO:

Book Fair

Sue Strecker and Sarah Waterhouse

Jeannine Gift Wrap Sale

Dominique Merrick and Hope Proctor

Election Day Bake Sale

Barbara Klin

Harvest Festival

Candace Konrad and Lonni Helsel

Birthday Book Program

Jen Pitman

Cultural Arts

Sabele Foster, Sarah Wadle, Sarah Cody Rector

Holiday Boutique

Lauren Conrad and Wendy Flynn

Pumpkin Festival Display

Sarah Waterhouse and Paulette Rider

Directory

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Walking Wednesday

Paulette Rider



Book Sale

We are looking for a new group of parents to take over the Scholastic Book Fair for the 2011-2012 school year. If you are interested please contact Nicole Dolan, **nicdolan@yahoo.com**.



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Birthday Book List

You can donate a book to the Essex Elementary School Library in honor of your child's birthday or other special occasion! The following books were donated this month:



Book Title & Author	Donated by...	In honor of...
<i>All the World</i> by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon	Mom, Dad & Owen	Amy Michelle Peterson
<i>Tar Beach</i> by Faith Ringgold	Mom, Dad & Amy	Owen Peterson
<i>Dragonsdale</i> by Salamanda Drake	Isobel & Gary Allen	Ashley Allen
<i>Dewey - Christmas at the Library</i> by Vicki Myron and Bret Witter	The Champion Family	Shea Champion
<i>The Complete Adventures of Curious George</i> by Margaret and H.A. Rey	The Shakun Family	Patrick Shakun
<i>First Dog</i> by J. Patrick Lewis and Beth Zappitello	Madison Poulin	Madison Poulin
<i>Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins</i> by Eric A Kimmel	Jennifer & Kevin Joy	Sawyer Joy
<i>You Are the First Kid on Mars</i> by Patrick O'Brien	Mom, Dad, Hailey & Lila Young	Riley Young
<i>Angus and Sadie</i> by Cynthia Voigt	Mom, Dad & Nathan	Jill de Jongh
<i>Star Wars Rebel Force: Target</i> by Alex Wheeler	Benjamin Koltai	Benjamin Koltai

READ READ READ



EES Birthday Book Program

Sponsored by the Essex Elementary School PTO

We've had many requests from families who would like to be a part of the EES Birthday Book Program, but who may have missed out on the form at the beginning of the year. So, here it is again! Honor your child's birthday by giving a book to the Essex Elementary School Library!

In recognition of your child's special day, you and your child choose a book to donate to the library, and we will place a permanent bookplate with your child's name and birthday and the donor's name inside the book. The bookplates have been specially designed by EES parent and children's book illustrator, Linda Bronson Leigus. Your child will be the first to check out the new book from the library.

All of the Birthday Books will be purchased through the EES PTO. To participate in the program, families may select either a hardcover book for \$12 or a paperback book for \$4. The PTO is working with Mrs. Giaconia in the Media Center to provide a list of books for this program that will expand our library collection and minimize duplicate books. Approximately 2-4 weeks before your child's birthday, someone from the Birthday Book committee will contact you with a list of books that are available.

Please complete all information on the form below and return it with your payment to the EES office.

For more information, please contact Birthday Book Coordinator, **Jen Pitman**, at **860.767.1378** or **jandbpitman@comcast.net**.

Thank you!

Yes, I want to participate in the EES Birthday Book Program!

Information as you would like it to appear on bookplate:

Student's Name: _____ M ___ F ___ Birthday: _____

Donated by: _____

Please also include the following information:

Donor's Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Child's Grade **AND** Classroom Teacher: _____

We would like to donate a hardcover book (check enclosed for \$12). Check # _____

We would like to donate a paperback book (check enclosed for \$4). Check # _____

Please make checks payable to "EES PTO".