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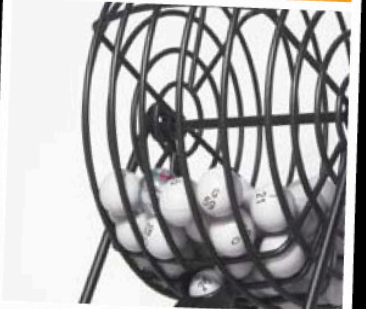
Cultural Arts

The next Cultural Arts will take place on **Tuesday, February 28, 2012** with a performance by Eshu Bumpus and Motoko-Stories from Asia and Africa. This duo shines up a storytelling event wherever they appear. Though diverse in style and culture, they blend and tell as one. Absolutely charming, they bring humor, a sense of drama, a talent for singing, and present a seamless performance.

SAVE
the
DATE

for Family Night
on **FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012**
Ice Cream Social & BINGO

COME as a family • PLAY as a family • HAVE FUN as a family!
To be eligible to win, all families must play together.



**Mark Your
Calendar!**

**Next PTO
Meeting...**

March 6, 2012
7:00pm

Library/Media
Center

Spring Book Fair

The Spring Book Fair will take place during conferences on **March 21, 22 and 23**. This event requires a lot of volunteers. Please consider spending a shift at the book fair. The volunteer sheets will be coming home in your child's backpack.

Spiritwear

You may have noticed a new line of spiritwear around Essex. We are selling, t-shirts, sweatshirts, baseball hats and car magnets. Please contact **Mimi Furgueson** at mimifurg@sbcglobal.net if you would like to purchase any items.



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The terms for our Treasurer will expire in May 2012. We need a new individual to take on this position for the May 2012-May 2014 term. Please talk to a PTO Executive Board Member if you would like more information!

We are also looking for new co-chairs for the Scholastic Book Fair for 2012-2013. Please contact **Sarah Waterhouse** at toddsarah1217@comcast.net or **Nicole Dolan** at nicdolan@yahoo.com if you are interested or would like more information.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming PTO Events:

- Family Night** March 16
- Spring Book Fair** March 21, 22 and 23
- Invention Convention** March 29



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:

Birthday Book Program

Jen Pitman

Book Fair

Sue Strecker and Sarah Waterhouse

Cultural Arts

Sabele Foster, Sarah Wadle, Sarah Cody Rector

Family Night

Kim Hill

Lost & Found

Wendy Flynn

Spiritwear

Mimi Furgueson

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Vote for EES PTO

If you have an account at Essex Savings Bank, make sure you vote for the EES PTO when you fill out your ballot for the Essex Savings Bank's Community Investment Program. Make sure your kids fill out their ballots as well if they have their own accounts. You may fill out a ballot for each account you and your family members have at the bank. Voting will begin on February 1, 2012 and end March 15, 2012.



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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 in December and January:



Book Title & Author	Donated by...	In honor of...
<i>The Absolute Value of Mike by Kathryn Erskine</i>	Karen & Julian Evans	Jeremy Evans
<i>The Lemonade Crime by Jacqueline Davies</i>	The Thomas Family	Paige Thomas
<i>The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein</i>	Sarah, Jim, & John Wadle	Chelsea Wadle
<i>Cinderella by Max Eilenberg</i>	The Benson Family	Anna Benson
<i>Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! : Voices from a Medieval Village by Laura Amy Schlitz</i>	Tracy & Ken LeMay	Tessa LeMay
<i>No Passengers Beyond This Point by Gennifer Choldenko</i>	His Family	Riley Connelly
<i>The Unforgettable Season: The Story of Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, & the Record-Setting Summer of '41 by Phil Bildner</i>	The Heher Family	William Heher
<i>Lizards by Nic Bishop</i>	The Lunz Family	Connor Lunz
<i>How Tia Lola Saved the Summer by Julia Alvarez</i>	Carolyn Malcarne on her 11th Birthday	Carolyn Malcarne
<i>Diary of a Spider by Doreen Cronin</i>	David Zito & Emily Wrann	Chloe Zito
<i>Take Me To the River by Will Hobbs</i>	Zoey Michel	Kevin Michel
<i>Death Cloud by Andrew Lane</i>	Kevin's Parents	Kevin Fasulo
<i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. & John Archambault</i>	Mom, Dad, & Charles	Anne-Maire Hinckley
<i>Wolves of the Beyond: Lone Wolf by Kathryn Lasky</i>	Mom, Dad, & Ian	Ryan Silva
<i>The Son of Neptune by Rick Riordan</i>	His Family	Jason Porcaro
<i>A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein</i>	Mom & Dad	Claire Majewski
<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid - The Last Straw by Jeff Kinney</i>	Her Family	Olivia Porcaro
<i>Mirette on the High Wire by Emily Arnold McCully</i>	The Hutchinson Family	Caroline Hutchinson
<i>Star Wars: The Clone Wars - The Colossus of Destiny by Jeremy Barlow</i>	Mom & Dad	Sam Orr
<i>Rowan Hood Returns by Nancy Springer</i>	Mom & Dad	Timmy Helchowski

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".