

## **The Sanborn Weekly ~ January 5, 2010**

### **FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

#### ***It is Cold Outside!***

Unless it is below twenty degrees or raining/snowing, the children are outdoors for both morning recess and lunch recess. Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed prepared to be outdoors for recess.

#### ***Parking and Traffic Reminders***

To keep the traffic moving in the morning, parents are reminded when using the drop off lane in the front of the school, your child must exit on the right side of the car and be able to do so independently. If you need to get out of the car to assist your child, please pull into a space in the parking lot. When this practice is adhered to by all, the traffic does flow smoothly and back-ups are minimal.

At the end of the school day if you are picking your child up, please use the carpool lane. It is not safe for children to be running into the parking lot. We are all in a rush at this time of year, but it is important that everyone follow the established pick up procedure to ensure student safety. Parents using the carpool lane must go down into the rear parking lot (near the woods) to turn around and get in line. The driveway is a bit narrow now due to the snow, but in most cases two cars can pass on this driveway. If your vehicle is oversized, it may be best to delay your arrival until around 3:00 P.M., when most of the traffic is cleared.

#### ***Spring MCAS Testing Schedule***

Mark your calendars! In March, April and May (on the dates listed below) our third, fourth and fifth grade students will participate in the state MCAS Testing. Please avoid scheduling vacations and other appointments on testing dates.

##### Grade 3

English Language Arts ~ Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24 and 25

Mathematics ~ Tuesday and Wednesday, May 18 and 19

##### Grade 4

ELA/Long Composition ~ Tuesday, March 23 (make-up Wednesday, April 7)

English Language Arts ~ Wednesday and Thursday, March 31 and April 1

Mathematics ~ Thursday and Friday, May 13 and 14

##### Grade 5

English Language Arts ~ Tuesday and Wednesday, April 6 and 7

Mathematics ~ Tuesday and Wednesday, May 11 and 12

Science ~ Thursday and Friday, May 20 and 21

***Sanborn Students Selected for Publication in AppleSeed Magazine***

Congratulations to the following students whose work has been selected for publication in the 2009-10 winter edition of AppleSeed Magazine: Julie Barbanti, Iris Choo, Catherine Cox, Daniel Gemmell, Chloe Hillson, Kaitlin Lahood, and Ben Zhang. AppleSeed Magazine is published twice each year and features writing and artwork of third, fourth, and fifth grade students from the twenty-four schools in the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative (Andover, Lawrence, Methuen, and North Andover). The seven Sanborn students whose work was selected have been invited to share their pieces at Launch Night on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 from 6:15 – 7:15 P.M. at the South Lawrence East Elementary School.

***International Speaker Dr. Willard Daggett Coming to Andover***

The Andover, Hamilton-Wenham, Methuen, and North Andover Public School Districts are pleased to introduce our schools and communities to an international speaker, Dr. Willard R. Daggett on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at the Collins Center in Andover. Dr. Daggett is President of the International Center for Leadership in Education and is recognized worldwide for his proven ability to move educational systems in their efforts to focus on the skills and knowledge students will need to be successful in the technological, globally driven world in which they will live and work.

On Wednesday, January 6th, Dr. Daggett will meet with members of the various communities at the Collins Center in Andover from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Dr. Daggett speaks on a variety of topics including preparing students for the 21st century, rigor and relevance for all students, bringing focus and effective practices to our classrooms, and leadership components of school excellence.

We hope you will find the time to attend this excellent presentation by an international speaker. In Andover, we are looking at this presentation as the "kick-off" for our Strategic Plan. We hope to see you at the Collins Center on January 6th at 6:00 p.m.

**FROM THE PTO**

***Gift Cards Available***

Don't worry! If you're running low on gift cards, Sanborn will be offering them from February through the end of the school year. They're great to have around for last-minute gifts or for your own purchases. There's no easier way to help our school.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, you can look for order forms the last Thursday of the month. They're also available at our website, [sanbornpto.net](http://sanbornpto.net). Forms are due the first Wednesday of the month and cards will be distributed to parents by the second Wednesday of the month. Below, find our schedule for the remainder of the year:

Order forms due:	2/3	Cards distributed:	2/10
	3/3		3/10
	4/7		4/14

5/5  
6/2

5/12  
6/9

Thanks for using the Sanborn gift card program and helping our school! If you have questions about the program, please contact Tracy McGovern at [mcgovernzoo@aol.com](mailto:mcgovernzoo@aol.com).

***Cafeteria Volunteers Needed***

**Cafeteria Volunteers Needed (11:30am -12:40pm)!** We are in need of volunteers for the cafeteria on Tuesdays, Thursdays and a few Mondays for the second half of the school year. If you can help out at least once per month or every other month, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Susan Ros at [susanros@hotmail.com](mailto:susanros@hotmail.com) or 978-409-4949 if you can help. Thank you.

***Dates to Remember***

Wednesday, January 6 ~ Dr. Willard Daggett presentation, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M., Collins Center, Andover High School.

Tuesday, January 12 ~ PTO Meeting, 9:00 A.M.; Appleseed Launch Night, 6:15 – 7:15 P.M., South Lawrence East Elementary School.