

The Sanborn Weekly

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FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

No School Friday, March 25

Parents are reminded that there is no school this Friday, March 25th in observance of Good Friday.

Absentee Call Reminder!

Please be reminded that a call to the Attendance Line 978-623-8861 is required by 8:45 A.M. if your child will be absent from or tardy to school. A call is required each day your child will be absent or tardy. A courtesy note to the teacher is appreciated; however, this does not replace the need to contact the Attendance Line. Please contact Lisa Slattery at 978-247-9702 with any questions.

International Night

Our International Night will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, March 23 from 6:30 – 8:00. We have many participants and cultures represented. We will have tables and treats in the cafeteria and performances representing different cultures and traditions taking place in the gymnasium. We hope to see you there!

Did you know that we have

- 31 children who speak **Chinese**, including **Mandarin, Uyghur, Taiwanese, and Cantonese?**
- 37 children whose families speak languages from **India and Sri Lanka**, including **Punjabi, Hindi, Malayalam, Gujarti, Tamil, Kashmiri, Sinhalese, and Telegu?**
- 14 children who speak **Spanish?**
- 15 children who speak **Korean?**
- 4 children who speak **Arabic?**
- 4 children who speak **Hebrew?**
- 14 other languages represented in our school, including: **Portuguese, Turkish, German, Italian, Urdu, Hungarian, Japanese, Romanian, Vietnamese, Farsi, French, Bulgarian, Greek, and Dutch?**

Third Term Student Council Sign-Ups

Sign-ups for third term Student Council Committees will take place this Thursday, March 24th at 8:15 A.M. in the cafeteria. All interested fourth and fifth graders are encouraged to attend.

Spring Clothing Drive for Lazarus House

Lazarus House in Lawrence is in need of spring clothing donations. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer identifying the items most needed. There will be boxes inside the front doors at Sanborn, if you are able to donate. We will be collecting until April 15th.

State Testing Schedule, Spring 2016

Please mark your calendars! Our third, fourth, and fifth graders will take PARCC Testing in May in both English Language Arts and Mathematics. Additionally, our fifth graders will take the Science, Technology, and Engineering MCAS. Dates are as follows:

Grade 3

Mathematics: Monday and Tuesday, May 2 & 3 and Thursday and Friday, May 5 & 6
English Language Arts: Monday through Wednesday, May 16 – 18.

Grade 4

Mathematics: Monday and Tuesday, May 2 & 3 and Thursday and Friday, May 5 & 6
English Language Arts: Tuesday through Thursday, May 10 – 12

Grade 5

Mathematics: Monday and Tuesday, May 2 & 3 and Thursday and Friday, May 5 & 6
English Language Arts: Tuesday through Thursday, May 10 – 12
Science, Tech, and Engineering: Thursday and Friday, May 19 & 20.

School Handbook

The Andover Elementary School Handbook is posted to the APS website. The Handbook may be accessed at

<http://ma-andoverpublicschools.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=1354>

Please take time to review the handbook with your child/ren. If you have not already done so, please return the sign off sheet to the office. *Please note that EACH child in the family must return a signed transmittal record to the school office.*

Important Safety Reminders

Please remember that supervision on the playground begins at 8:15 A.M. Children may not be dropped off prior to 8:15 A.M. unless they are participating in a before school program!

Please review the information in the PTO section below, for reminders/updates to morning drop off! It is important that all follow these rules to insure a smooth, and more importantly, SAFE, arrival for our children. Thanks to our volunteers, and increased compliance, our drop off is much smoother and safer!

Also, we now have six school buses and two vans departing the front horseshoe between 2:50 – 3:05 P.M. Please remember **state law** prohibits passing a school bus/van with lights flashing! Buses/vans have priority in that front horseshoe in the afternoon. If you are parked in the lot, expect that you *will* have to wait until all buses have departed. **Please follow the law**, which promotes student safety!!

Also, the Andover PD has asked me to remind all that, in the absence of a handicap plate or placard, cars should not be stopped, even briefly, in a designated handicap space. We do have staff members and volunteers who legitimately need to access those spaces.

Reminder ~ To ensure student safety and a smooth dismissal process, there will be no dismissals from the office after 2:30 P.M.

FROM THE P.T.O.

Visit the PTO website @ <http://www.sanbornpto.net/> If you would like to contact us or submit information for the weekly please send the emails to: PTO@sanbornpto.net

Thank you!

- Kelly Durant and Beth DeLeo for running a fantastic Scholastic Book Fair!
- Shaima Ragab for running another fun Bingo Night!

4th Annual International Night – Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:30 PM

We will be hosting our 4th annual International Night here at Sanborn. This night is a chance for each of us to show off our own culture and learn about the cultures of all of our Sanborn families. If you have any questions please contact [Patty Barrett](#) or our Chairs [Amy Tu](#) for volunteer opportunities please sign-up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054ca8af2ea2fe3-2016>

Spring Explorations

The Spring brochure will be coming out soon and registration will once again be available on-line. Stay tuned...

Sanborn Talent Show

- **March 28 & 29, 2016:** Preview days -- two days in the cafeteria after school (3 PM - 5:30 PM) this is when the kids do a “rough performance” and you get an idea of the kinds of acts planned and what props, microphones, etc. will be

needed.

- **April 11-13, 2016:** Rehearsals...these are a run-through where all the acts perform in the order you've determined so they can practice and you can fine-tune music, mikes, etc.
- **April 14, 2016:** Performance...We need a clear cafeteria for the afternoon show and an evening show. In the past they were held at 1:00 PM and 6:30 PM

Parent volunteers needed for Talent Show Committee

- (1-2) Parents for Previews: One parent to take registrations. And, one parent to assist Karen Carriuolo with set up of microphones, music, etc.
- (2) Parents need to help the kids backstage and one parent to manage the upcoming performers. We generally line the kids at the front of the room in order of performance and then take one line out at a time into the hall/backstage to prepare them to go onstage.

To volunteer please sign-up @

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054ca8af2ea2fe3-sanborn> or contact Karen Carriuolo for more information at kacarriuolo@comcast.net

The PTO is pleased to announce that an Amazon Smiles account has been set up to support Sanborn!

.5% of your purchase will be donated to the Sanborn PTO. Please bookmark this link so the next time you shop you will be earning money for the PTO. Also, please share this link with friends and family. It's an easy way to support our school at no extra cost or work for you!!

Simply click the link below, sign in to your account and start shopping!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/03-0456002>

Call for Zero-Waste Volunteers

Please help us in the Cafeteria from April to mid-June with food rescue and recycling. We need parents' support to keep these initiatives going. Please consider committing to a weekly, biweekly or monthly time slot. Ideally, we need three parents per day. TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR CHILDREN, OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR PLANET!

*****Newsflash***** We are now recycling all plastic cutlery and zip lock bags at Whole Foods in Andover. Sanborn is the first school in Andover to do this!

Please help by signing up today:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054ca8af2ea2fe3-cafe1>

To receive training, please contact clairestocker@yahoo.co.uk

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, March 23 ~ International Night, 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, March 24 ~ Third Term Student Council Sign-Ups, 8:15 A.M., cafeteria.