

## The Sanborn Weekly ~ November 2, 2010

### FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

#### *School Picture Retakes*

O'Connor Studios will return to Sanborn on Tuesday, November 9 to photograph children who were absent on picture day as well as any who would like retakes. If your child was absent, please send in the picture form (please call the office if you need another) with payment. If you would like to have your child's picture retaken, please return the package that you received (you may keep the class picture) any time between now and Tuesday.

#### *No School on November 11*

There is no school next Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

#### *Second Wednesday Family Meeting Day was a Success*

We had our second Wednesday Family Meetings last week. The lesson was in keeping with our October theme of Self-Discipline. The children really seem to enjoy their time in the mixed (K-5) group and getting to know different members of our faculty. Please ask your child about his/her Wednesday family.

#### *Parent-Teacher Conferences are Today*

Today is Parent-Teacher Conference Day. There is also a second day (Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten conferences). While this was in last week's issue, as you approach conferences today, the following suggestions may prove helpful:

**Get Involved.** Consider conferences to be one of the many ways in which you can work with your child's teacher and the school. Conferences tend to go better when you have established a relationship with the teacher and feel comfortable at the school.

**Be prepared.** Try to be prepared for the conference. This may mean bringing relevant assessment records, collecting information about certain behaviors or concerns, or just trying to relax and clear one's mind prior to the conference. Many parents find it helpful to arrive at the conference location a little early and/or to make a list of items that they want to ask or discuss.

**Avoid premature solutions.** It is more useful to come to a conference with a clear definition of a problem or even a set of observations and concerns than to arrive with a particular solution. Arriving with one and only one solution may prevent the joint discovery of an even better solution.

**Set priorities.** Adjust your expectations to the time that is available. Set priorities, if necessary. Ask for additional time on another day, if it is needed.

**Acknowledge differences in roles.** Parents and teachers have at least one built-in inevitable conflict of interest. Parents want what is best for their individual child; the

teachers must try to meet the needs of all of the children assigned to them. It is a relief to teachers when parents sincerely recognize the teacher's responsibility to all of the children.

As you know, education is teamwork, not a one-person operation. The team that wins is the team that works together.

## **FROM THE P.T.O.**

### ***Harvest Festival ~ It's time to gather our goods for the Harvest Festival bags!!!!***

As our school's oldest and a cherished community service project, we are asking you to make donations for the Harvest Festival bags which will be delivered by our 5th grade students to local nursing homes and senior citizens. The donations are grade specific & you can see what each class donates below. We will also be sending home a flyer to help as a reminder. You can send the donations in with your child or simply drop them off in the bins in front of the office. This project is successful because of the wonderful generosity of our Sanborn community. Thank you in advance for being a part of this tradition. If you have questions please contact: Kandie Hale [moehale@comcast.net](mailto:moehale@comcast.net) or Jane Miller [bjanemiller@verizon.net](mailto:bjanemiller@verizon.net)

### ***Attention 5th Grade Parents: We need volunteer drivers to deliver our Harvest Festival bags***

This year's Harvest Festival for the 5th grade students is truly an amazing experience.

They will have the opportunity to experience first hand how an act of kindness affects our senior citizens. For many of these seniors, this is the one and only time during the year they visit with a child. In saying this, it is critical we have enough drivers to bring our students. If you can volunteer your time, we would appreciate it. We need you:

**Friday, November 19th 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Please contact Kandie Hale [moehale@comcast.net](mailto:moehale@comcast.net) or Jane Miller [bjanemiller@verizon.net](mailto:bjanemiller@verizon.net)

### ***Attention 4th Grade Parents: Harvest Festival needs you!***

On **Thursday, November 18th, from 12:45 to 2:30 p.m.** the 4th grade students will be packing the Harvest Festival bags. We need approximately 10 volunteers to help oversee this process. Last year we began asking 4th grade parents to co-pilot with our 5th grade parents & students in delivering the Harvest Festival bags to the senior citizens. It is a great opportunity to see how it works & prepares you for your role next year as a driver.

We need you: **Friday, November 19th from 8:45 - 12:30 p.m.**

If you are available & would like to help with this wonderful tradition please contact us. Kandie Hale [moehale@comcast.net](mailto:moehale@comcast.net) or Jane Miller [bjanemiller@verizon.net](mailto:bjanemiller@verizon.net)

## **2010 HARVEST FESTIVAL Donation Request**

**Donations Due on or before: Monday, November 15th**

**(drop in bins in front lobby)**

**Kindergarten:**

Juice boxes (6-8 juice boxes - any flavor)

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:**

\$5 donation to purchase stamps (cash or check to PTO)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:**

Prepackaged cheese & crackers or pretzels (8 individual snack size)

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Fruit Cocktail (6-8 individual serving size cans or cups w/pull off tops)

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

\$5 donation to purchase gift bags (cash or check to PTO)

***Bella Comes Home!***

Last June over 250 participants rallied together here at Sanborn in a Walk for Bella. Bella Tucker lost her arms and legs last spring due to a tragic illness. Our Sanborn community raised over \$5000. This brave little girl is coming home after months of surgeries and rehabilitation. Please check out our website for information about this wonderful homecoming.

***PTO Enrichment Team presents.....***

***4<sup>th</sup> Grade Star Party with the North Shore Amateur Astronomy Club***  
**Weds, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm - 8:30pm**

All 4<sup>th</sup> Grade families are invited to school for stargazing, a space presentation and refreshments. Baked donations are requested and cocoa will be served. Siblings are welcome. No Drop Offs please. See [www.sanbornpto.net](http://www.sanbornpto.net) for more details. This event is subject to last minute date changes due to cloud cover. Stay tuned!!

***PTO Enrichment Team & Andover All Town Cultural Enrichment Committee present***  
***Odds Bodkin - "A Pocketful of Wonders" Storyteller & Musician***

Odds Bodkin will be at Sanborn tomorrow, Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00 P.M for all classes, grades K – 5. Half-day kindergartners, accompanied by a parent/guardian, are invited to attend the performance.

This performance includes Celtic Harp, Thumb Piano and 12-String Sing-alongs.

This event is presented through the Andover All-Town Cultural Enrichment Committee and is sponsored by the Sanborn PTO with a generous donation from the [Andona Society](#).

Please be sure to ask your children how they enjoyed the above events. The Enrichment team appreciates any feedback in order to be able to plan for future events. Please contact Laury at [barbanti4@verizon.net](mailto:barbanti4@verizon.net) or Anna at [annakennefick@comcast.net](mailto:annakennefick@comcast.net) with any comments.

### ***PTO General Meeting***

**Thurs, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm - 8:30pm in the teachers lounge**

All parents are welcome. Coffee (decaf!) will be served. Mark Johnson, Chair of the Bancroft School Building Committee will be starting off our meeting by giving us an overview of the Bancroft School building project and an opportunity to ask questions in advance of the special town meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### ***Literacy Volunteers Needed***

Mrs. Leary, our Reading Specialist is looking for parents who are willing to come to school once a week and read with/listen to a child read. This is a one year commitment. Volunteers can read with one child for 45 minutes or, if you can stay longer, she may be able to place you with another child. This extra reading time in a quiet area is invaluable to some kids and it is a rewarding and fun experience for both the volunteer and the student. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Leary directly at [lleary@aps1.net](mailto:lleary@aps1.net).

### ***Stop and Shop A+ Rewards Program***

Sanborn is registered and eligible to collect points for every purchase made on a Stop and Shop Card. Please take a moment to register your card (if you don't have one, you can pick one up at the North Andover location) go to [www.stopandshop.com](http://www.stopandshop.com), click on "register your card" (under the A+ column), enter ALL the 13 numbers on the back of your Stop and Shop Card (including the numbers either side of the barcode), continue, select "Sanborn Elementary" as your school - then you're done! Now you can go shopping!!

This is **not** a PTO fundraiser. All the money raised through the program goes directly to the Sanborn School Office. We will re-register the school in March 2011 ready for when Stop and Shop opens in the old Market Basket site in Andover.

### ***Thank You to .....***

...the parents/children who donated used balls and jump ropes to our school playground equipment. The PTO was also able to purchase 12 new kick balls, 6 new soccer balls and 2 new basketballs to keep the kids amused on the playground!

...all the staff members so far who have volunteered to be featured on the PTO website as a "Staff Member of the Month". Check out [www.sanbornpto.net](http://www.sanbornpto.net) each month and see if you learn something new about a staff member!

***Holiday Gift Card Order Form Coming Home Soon.....***

Wait! don't start your holiday shopping yet!! You won't want to miss the opportunity to purchase from a wide selection of vendor gift cards that is coming your way soon! Order forms will come home in backpacks on Mon, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> and the gift cards will be back to you on Weds, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>! Remember, the PTO gets a % from every gift card purchased (varies depending on the vendor!) Thanks in advance for your support of this fundraiser.

Ready to start? To get a sneak peak at the order form go to:

<http://www.sanbornpto.net/sanbornpto/new2/default.aspx?page=GIFTCARD>

Questions? Contact Melissa at [melissalongin@hotmail.com](mailto:melissalongin@hotmail.com).

***Dates to Remember***

Wednesday, November 3 ~ Odds Bodkin, 1:00 P.M.; Grade 4 Star Party; 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Thursday, November 4 ~ School Council Meeting, 1:30 P.M.; P.T.O. Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Monday, November 8 ~ No school for Kindergarten only (day 2 of Parent-Teacher conferences.)

Tuesday, November 9 ~ School picture retakes.

Thursday, November 11 ~ No School, Veterans Day.