



SOUTHEAST NEWS

April - May 2011

Southeast Elementary School, 134 Warrenville Rd., Mansfield Center, CT 06250 423-1611

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Once again it is time to schedule our Kindergarten Registration and Parent Orientation meetings. We are asking your help in identifying all children who will be eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year.

If you have a child, or know of a child, who will be five years old on or before January 1, 2012, please contact the school office at 423-1611. We are in the process of gathering all names and addresses in order to send out invitations to the functions necessary to register your child.

Please feel free to call the school office with any question you may have.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,
Norma Fisher-Doiron

Calendar of Events

April

- April 4..... 7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting
- April 6..... 7:00 - 8:00 Kindergarten Parent Orientation
- April 8..... 3rd Grade Field trip to CT Science Center
- April 16-24..... **NO SCHOOL** - Spring Vacation 
- April 19..... Passover 
- April 24..... Easter 
- April 25-29..... TV Turn-Off Week
- April 25..... 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Fitness Fun
- April 27..... 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Talent Show 
- April 28..... Last day of C.O.P.E.
Kindergarten Registration & Screening
by appointment only
- April 29..... 6:00 p.m. PTO School Dance 

May

- May 2..... 7:00 p.m. PTO Meeting
- May 3..... Kindergarten Field trip to Lutz Museum 
- May 4..... Grades 3 & 4 Fieldtrip to the Bushnell
- May 6..... Grade 3 Field trip to Lucky Strike Lanes
- May 8..... Mother's Day 
- May 10..... 9:30 a.m. Suzuki Tour performance at Southeast
- May 11..... 7:00 p.m. School Musical "Go Fish" - Gr. K, 1 & 2
- May 14..... 8:00 a.m. PTO Flea Market/Tag Sale 
- May 17..... 6:00 p.m. Savory Samples (Pot Luck Dinner)
- May 27..... 3:30 PTO Flea Market/Tag Sale Set-up
- May 30..... NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day 

June Preview

- June 1,2,3..... Preschool Screening by appointment only
- June 22..... Last day of school Gr. K-4
(Last day for preschool has not been determined)



Preschool Screening



June 1st, 2nd, 3rd

(by appointment only)

**Buchanan Auditorium, at the Mansfield Public Library,
54 Warrenville Road (Route 89)**

Mansfield Public Schools will be conducting Screenings for three and four year old children eligible for preschool for the 2011-2012 school year. Children must be age three by the first day of school (August 31, 2011) in order to be eligible for screening. Any child who will be 5 years old by Jan. 1, 2012 is eligible for kindergarten and ineligible for preschool screening.

Please call 423-1611 for an appointment.



Welcome Connie Grant, RN

We would like to welcome Connie Grant to our Southeast Staff. Connie will be filling our nursing position for the remainder of this school year.

Connie comes to us with a background in adult and pediatric emergency nursing. She worked at both Windham Hospital and CCMC emergency rooms. Connie is the mother of two young boys, ages 7 years, and 8 months.

We are delighted to have Connie with us!

Attendance Line/Nurse: 423-2793 Please call by 9:00 AM if your child will be absent or tardy

CT COLT Rhyme Celebration

On Wednesday, March 16th, Cooper Clark, Medwyn Roberts, Amealia Maynard, Alex Grove, Grace Lopes and Kelley Gifford performed at the 20th Annual CT COLT Rhyme Celebration in Washington, CT. This event was attended by World Language students from across the state in grades pre-school through sixth. All students presented songs, rhymes or chants in the language they study.

The theme this year was "Celebrations", so all acts pertained to festivals and celebrations from around the world. Our Southeast group presented "El Juego Chirimbolo". This is a song that comes from the Inca tradition in South America. Students designed their costumes using what they had learned earlier in the year at a PTO sponsored assembly where "Inkaswasi" performed. They got lots of compliments at the event about how well the outfits had captured the essence of the culture and how very colorful they were. They looked great.

All six students did an outstanding job. Señora Hutton and all of the parents were very proud of the great job they did representing our school and our town at this wonderful event! The kids should be very proud as well.



Science Fair and Invention Convention

The annual Southeast School Science Fair and Invention Convention was held on Thursday, March 24th. Many families came to support our student scientists and inventors and to celebrate their hard work and creativity!

Each student who participated received a ribbon and a certificate at the end of the evening. Our judges selected three inventors to represent Southeast School at the Connecticut Invention Convention on Saturday, May 14th at The University of Connecticut. They are:

- Emmett Christenson in Mr. Hendricks' 3rd grade class for his "Washing Machine Vibration Reducer"
- Anatole Keshwani in Mrs. Cackowski's 3rd grade class for his "Push Through Screen"
- Isabelle White in Mrs. Sangree's 4th class for her "Communitube"

Congratulations to these students and all who participated in Science Night:

Nikolas Anagnostou, James Antonetti, Alexandria Bober, Kosta Boskovic, Emmett Christenson, Nina Cranmer, Fiona Dixon, Caryssa Drinkuth, Madison Dunstan, Kelley Gifford, Lily Gile, Catherine Grenier, Alex Grove, Hanna Grove, Shawne Hayes, Abby Hodrinsky, William Huey, Christian Jajliardo, Emily Jane Jajliardo, Aaron Kaufold, Zachary Kelly, Anatole Keshwani, Ruby Landry, Alessandra Leonard, Malcolm Lewis, Kimberly Lowe, Ari Maduka, Eleanor Magnuson, Lucia Magnuson, Amealia Maynard, Deniel Meles, Porter Mitoma, Megan Molloy, Maya Novick, Sofia Patnode, Kurt Rueckl, Amanda Sawtelle, Leonard Schweitzer, Dylan Spottiswoode, Kanishk Tihaiya, Amy Wells, Robbie Wells, Alexandra Wesolowski, Isabelle White, Eva Wu, Crystal Zhu, and Abby Ziemba.

Thank you to all families who helped their children with projects and to all the teachers and staff who supported this event.

"You've Got a Minute to Win It"

Southeast's third and fourth graders worked diligently during the Connecticut Mastery Testing session in mid-March. Third grade teacher James Hendricks and physical education teacher Betsy Parker created a way for students to celebrate all of their hard work. On Wednesday, March 23 after students completed CMTs, all third and fourth graders participated in Southeast School's first annual *Minute to Win It* game show. All students were given the opportunity to participate in a challenge that came directly from the popular game show on NBC. Blueprints (instructions to each challenge) were displayed and third and fourth graders had a "minute to win it." Each student received a ribbon token for completion of the CMTs and a star token for participating on Southeast's *Minute to Win It*. In addition, if a student completed a challenge successfully, they received a personalized *Southeast Minute to Win It* magnet. A fun time was had by all involved!



Special thanks to Andrea Lennon for assisting with the development of our challenge equipment; Susan Irvine for assisting with reward distribution, Michelle Kolomyjec for additional support; and Jared Kolomyjec for leading our student pit crew. We also would like to recognize third graders Bruce Hussey and Dylan Corsini and fourth graders Tyler Harakaly, Owen Stacey, and Abby Ziemba for being great members of our pit crew. This is a new Southeast "hit" and we look forward to it returning next March!



Savory Samples at Southeast May 17th at 6:00 p.m.

(formerly known as the International Pot Luck Dinner)

Everyone is cordially invited to attend "Savory Samples at Southeast School" to be held on Tues. May 17th at 6 PM. Each family is asked to bring a prepared dish to share. It should be some type of food that is typical of your ethnic background. The event will take place in the Multipurpose Room/Gym at our school.

A sign-up sheet is being sent home. We would appreciate it if you would return it by April 15th.

We hope to see lots of families on this special night. It should be a great opportunity to meet other families and to celebrate our heritage. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Hutton at huttondm@mansfieldct.org.



Toys and Other Items from Home



The school provides an adequate amount of age appropriate materials, toys and games for indoor and outdoor recess. Trading toys and games in school or on the bus is not allowed. Silly Bands can be a distraction in the classroom for some children. As a result, it is recommended that your child



save his or her favorite toys for home, thus preventing lost or broken items. The school cannot be responsible for the loss or destruction of such items.

Student possession or use of a cell phone, radio, walkman, CD player, blackberry, PDA, walkie-talkie, Smartphone, mobile or handheld device, or similar electronic device, on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity is in violation of Board policy.

For more information, please see Mansfield Public Schools Parent Handbook 2011-2012.



"Geno's Reading Team" Pep Rally at Gampel Pavilion

On Saturday, March 12, 2011 Mansfield School students and their families joined other schools at the Gampel Pavilion for a fun packed and exciting afternoon with Geno Auriemma and the UCONN women's basketball team. Coach Auriemma and the nationally ranked UCONN women's basketball team guided the students and library staff from all participating schools in book and reading relay races. Adding to the excitement students and school library staff brought posters, signs, and banners to hold and display during the pep rally relay races. Some students also wore their UCONN caps, sweat shirts, tees; and painted their faces. Activities included student relay races, teacher relay races, five minutes of silent sustained reading, a tally of all the minutes each school read, recognition for the winning school, and a huge group picture of all the students. Approximately 39 Southeast Students and their family members attended.

From the Green Thumbs Club

Spring is finally here, and it's time to plan for your vegetable and flower gardens! Every year the Green Thumbs Club has expanded the variety and quantity of plants that it has grown for its annual plant sale, and this year is no exception. In fact, we are having two plant sales this year!

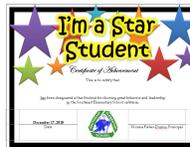
Our first **PLANT SALE** will be held at the Southeast greenhouse before and after school (7:45-9:00 and 3:30-5:00) on **Wed., April 27**. We will be selling a variety of "cold weather" vegetable plants. Varieties include artichokes, beets, broccoli, chives, lettuce, parsley, peas, and radishes. The price is 50¢ per plant. Please bring your own box or tray for transporting your plants home. We have very few trays.

The second **PLANT SALE** will be our traditional plant sale and will be held on **May 18 to May 19**. We will be selling a large assortment of flowers along with other vegetables.



As always, we encourage you to return your pots and trays to us for reuse.

The Green Thumbs Club uses the proceeds from its fundraising activities to finance activities that promote environmental awareness and practices at Southeast. We have purchased materials for America Recycles Day, Earth Day, and a wide assortment of other environmental activities. The club has helped to pay for High Touch High Tech hands-on science programs in the past. We have also purchased recycling and composting bins for the school as well as additional lunch trays, bowls, and flatware for the school lunch program to reduce the need to use disposable plastic and Styrofoam materials by the kitchen. Your support of the plant sale allows us to support the entire school community.



Star Students

We would like to congratulate the following "Star Students":

December 2010

Cai Ouelette
Maya Wells
Dina Sokolovskaya
Benjamin Higham
Brooke Bridges
Emily Wells
Megan Molloy
Maya Novick
Matthew Wolicki
Samuel Hayes
Jack Molloy
Alexander Grove
Joshua Quick

January 2011

Eleanor Magnuson
Will Braithwaite
James Antonetti
Michelle Zhu
Ethan Eldredge
Kurt Rueckl
Catherine Grenier
Hannah Antonetti
Dakota Bridges
Robyn Guyette
Bruce Hussey
Robert Wells
Alexandra Wesolowski
Nolan DeVivo

February 2011

Alessandra Leonard
Colin Willour
Kaitlyn Simonds
Rumaysa Ahmad
Jacqueline Obey
Sofia Patnode
Shelby Johnson
Leeta Tebo
Emerson Ballou
Ruby Landry
Jeremias Laboy
Bryan Bigelow
Julia Shashok
Amanda Sawtelle
Alexandria Bober

"Star Students" are students who exhibit exemplary behavior and leadership during lunch time. Star Students are selected every month and have been able to "lead the lunch line" for the following month. They are also invited to "eat at the Principal's Table" and have a special treat with Mrs. Fisher-Doiron.



PTO News and Events:

Your PTO Funds at Work

The PTO donated \$500 for the 4th graders' Farewell Tea on June 9th. This event is for 4th graders to share poetry and music during the school day.



Family Skate a Great Success

The Family Skate was a great success despite having to reschedule due to snow. Thanks to Andrea Lennon for organizing it again this year!

School Dance - Fri., April 29th

The annual Southeast School Dance will be held during TV Turnoff week on Friday, April 29th at 6:00 8:00 pm in the Southeast Gym.



This year we are staying with the school theme of Team Work. Students are encouraged to wear shirts of their favorite sports team or a team they are part of. Volunteers are needed to help set up, during the event and to clean up afterwards.

Look for flyers coming home to sign up as a volunteer. There is no charge for this event, however, this year will be collecting donations for a former Southeast Family whose son suffered a brain injury in a car accident. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Lennon at 860 455-2100 or email her at stevlen4@charter.net.

Southeast Flea Market Sat., May 14th

The annual Southeast Tag Sale has been changed to a Flea Market! It will be held Saturday, May 14 and is planned to be an indoor/outdoor event (weather permitting).

Everyone is encouraged to rent a booth to sell their tag sale items, arts, crafts, or other items. Booth rentals are \$25 for a small booth and \$45 for a large booth. Seven foot tables can be rented for an additional \$5. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and bake sale.

Volunteers are needed to:

- bake for the bake sale
- work at the bake sale
- help set up on Fri. evening, May 13th.
- help vendors on Sat. morning, May 14th
- sell raffle tickets on Sat., May 14th
- help throughout the event
- help clean up.



If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Higham at 786-7392 or jjohigham@gmail.com.

RENT YOUR BOOTH TODAY AND HELP SUPPORT THE SOUTHEAST SCHOOL PTO.

PTO Officers 2010-2011

President.....Julie Brown
Vice-presidentAndrea Lennon
Secretary.....Mike Kelly
TreasurerKimberly Clark

PTO Officers Needed for 2011-2012

The position for PTO president, vice-president and treasurer still haven't been filled. We need people to fill these positions if the PTO is going to continue serving the Southeast community!



Anyone interested in filling these positions should contact Julie Brown at 429-0801 or julie.medill@yahoo.com.

Thanks so much to the following people volunteering to fill next year's 2011-2012 fundraising positions and other PTO responsibilities: Ester Soffer Roberts (Fall/Spring bulbs, Parent Bulletin Board, Staff Luncheon), Patti-Ann Jajliardo (Box Tops for Education, Banking, Campbell Soup labels), Maryann Olson (UCONN Book Fair), Jessica Higham (Adopt-a-Family, Fall pie/bake sale), Gwen Sgro (Equal Exchange), and Suzanne Kelly (Special Persons' Day, Stories for Southeast). People are still needed to run next year's Scholastic Book Fair, the Emergency/Early Closing Tree, SCRIP, and Family Skate. Contact Andrea Lennon at 455-2100 or stevlen@charter.net if you would like to volunteer for one of these positions.

Scholastic Book Fair

May 31st, June 1st, 2nd, & 3rd
(and also during the Ice Cream Social)



Book Fair week is a very exciting time for our school and we'd love to have you join us in making it a success. We invite you to participate in this celebration of reading, which raises funds for our school.

Watch for a flyer with more details and the opportunity to volunteer to help with this event.

Cool Down at the Ice Cream Social

Friday, June 3rd 6:30-8:00



The PTO will be hosting their Annual Ice Cream Social fundraiser on Friday, June 3rd. Family and friends are welcome. Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner and enjoy a cool dish of ice cream on a warm summer's evening at the Southeast playground.

Don't forget to stop in at the Book Fair while you're there! All proceeds to benefit the Southeast PTO fund.

Watch for a flyer with more details and the opportunity to volunteer to help with this event.