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Mark Your Calendar

September 11-

- Reading Breakfast
- Wrapping Paper Sale Begins
- Class Dinner- 1st Grade,7:00pm

September 13-

Welcome Back Picnic/ Ice Cream Social, 5:00-6:30, Upper Field

September 18-

New Family Coffee, 8:45am at Nancy Saperstone's Home

September 21-

Picture Day

September 24-

Back to School Night,

6:30-7:10pm ILC, 3, 4,5 7:15-7:55pm PLC K, 1, 2

September 25-

Green Team Assembly (All School),8:45

September 28-

No School (Yom Kippur)

September 30-

Walk-A-Thon

October 3-

Sports Carnival

A Message From Nancy Harrison

Dear Upham Parents,

As we begin a new year, I just want to take a minute to say how excited I am about all of your children who are returning to Upham and all of our families who are beginning the adventure with us. As always, I am available if you have any concerns or issues that arise any time during the school year. Please feel free to call or email me if there is any way I can be helpful to you.

Many of you already know that I believe that friendships and social skills are a big component of the developmental learning process. Making

friends and learning to communicate effectively are the most critical skills our children will ever learn. As a result, I will continue to run small social skills groups which most, if not all, children will rotate through during her/his years at Upham. As with any other skill, some children adapt easily, whereas other children need more practice. Our goal is to help all our children build a sense of social competence.

If for any reason you do not want your child to be a part of a small group, please let me know. Otherwise, when you hear that your daughter/son had lunch, snack or play group with me, it is not because there is a problem. I just enjoy helping all children find her/his (appropriate) voice.

Welcome back!

Nancy

See You At The Pizza Picnic & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, September 13th
5:00-6:30 p.m.
Upper Field, Upham School

Come join new friends and old at Upham's annual Back to School picnic and Ice Cream Social!

Questions? Contact Mary Mullen by [clicking here](#).

Welcome New Families!!!!

Please join us at 8:45am, Friday, September 18th at Nancy Saperstone's (88 Sagamore Road) for coffee, conversation and information about Upham.

Wrapping Paper Sale

Annual Gift Wrap Fundraiser September 11th - 25th

Get ready to "Go Wild" this year with Upham's annual gift wrap sale. This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for our school. Upham's profit will be 50% on each item sold. Want more details? [click here](#)

It's a jungle out there, so don't monkey around.
Get ready to start selling gift wrap!

Questions, contact Lisbeth Burns at 781-235-4280 or by [clicking here](#)



Heads Up! Volunteers Needed The Sports Carnival Needs YOU!

Help make this year's Sports Carnival a "home run"! Look for the "volunteer sign-up" link in next week's Updates from Upham. Via this link you will be able to sign up for specific Sports Carnival shifts. We need participation from EVERY Upham family to make this year's

Sports Carnival a success. Thank you in advance for your support. We can't do it without YOU.

Any questions please contact our Sports Carnival Volunteer Coordinators: Kate Sample by [clicking here](#) or Gina Francis by [clicking here](#)

So save the date (Oct 3rd) and get ready to volunteer! Don't forget family members are welcome to volunteer, too... e.g. spouses, older siblings, etc. p.s. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the Walkathon on Sept. 30th!

Walk a Thon

UPHAM'S 1st ANNUAL WALK-A-THON
Wednesday, September 30, 2009
Rain or Shine!

1:00pm - 1:30pm Kindergarten through 2nd Grade*

1:45pm - 2:15pm 3rd Grade through 5th Grade*

More details [click here](#) or pledge sheets [click here](#)

Cake Walk

BAKERS NEEDED!!

We need more fabulous cakes for this year's Sports Carnival Cake Walk. We need single layer, 8 or 9 inch cakes decorated with a sports theme to be dropped off on Friday, October 2nd.

Please email Alison Monaghan by [clicking here](#) and let her know how many cakes you will be baking.

Thanks

Next week, you will receive a packet of information in your Family Communications Folders regarding important Sports Carnival Activities:

* **SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM.** Details on special opportunities for CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS.

* **WALK-A-THON.** Details on this FUN, NEW event - including PLEDGE FORMS.

* **RAFFLE.** Lots of great prizes and surprises... stay tuned for details on how to PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE.

We need YOU to make Upham's Sports Carnival a success. So please be on the lookout for these flyers next week!

SCHOOL COUNCIL BALLOT

Please choose four parent representatives to serve on the 2009-2010 School Council. The School Council is an advisory body that works together to provide ideas and opinions to help the principal. The group is made up of parents, teachers and a community representative. Meetings are held monthly and are open to all. You can place your vote by clicking on the ballot. No need to print. Please vote before 9/18.

[School Council Ballot](#)

Recorders

Grade 3 students begin their study of the recorder soon. Please complete the attached order form and return to Ms. Chaff by September 18. Thanks. Print form by [clicking here](#)

Music Lessons

All Wellesley children grades K-5 have the opportunity to sign up for private instrument instruction. There will be a registration for lessons on

Tuesday, September 15

4:00-7:00PM

Wellesley Middle School Cafeteria

[click here](#) for more information

Calling All Spellers!

The Wellesley Education Foundation's (WEF) annual spelling bee will be held on Thursday, November 5th at 7:00 pm. Upham will be sponsoring a team, and we need 3 parent volunteers to represent us. The bee does not involve "solo spelling", but rather the team works together to respond. This is always a fun night and enjoyed by all, while raising money to fund enrichment programs within the Wellesley public schools.

Please click below if you would like to participate...thanks in advance for your help and support!

[Yes! I'd love to represent Upham at this year's Wellesley Bee!](#)

Toy Drive-

finishes next week at Upham. Please help out by adding to the boxes for donation outside the office. Questions??? Contact Patricia Isley by [clicking here](#)

Thank You From Hospitality

Special thanks to Brooke Atallah, Sherri Athanasia, Lisbeth Burns, Susan Cracraft, Carol Hudson and Andrea Vallace for contributing to the Teachers' Welcome Back Breakfast held on September 4th in the Teachers Lounge.

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 195 Pack Meeting & Registration Night

Date: September 23rd

Time: 7:05 PM

Place: Upham Gym

For Additional Information: Cubmaster Paul Sullivan Email by [clicking here](#)

Kid's Trail Days

Sunday - September 20

1:30 to 3:00

Join us in celebrating the fall colors by getting kids out into the woods to have fun and explore nature. Sponsored by Wellesley Trails Committee, for more details [click here](#)

PAC

The Wellesley Parent Advisory Council (PAC), a district-wide organization of parents in Wellesley, working to enhance the education of students who learn differently presents **MEET AND GREET LINDA WATERS, NEW DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES, WPS.** September 15, 2009. 7-9 pm, Wellesley Middle School.

Lunch Menu

Wellesley Public School Website