

Dates To Remember

May

1 Admin Coffee 8:30-9:30
 METCO Family Friends Day
 5 5th Grade Moving up day to Clarke
 7-9 5th Grade Nature's Classroom
 7 SR2S/5th Gr. Parent Orientation -
 Clarke
 Gr. 4 Concert; Chess Club, 3:15-4:30

May

13-16 Gr. 5 MCAS Math/Science
 15-16 Gr. 3 MCAS Math
 20-21 Gr. 4 MCAS Math

June

17 Last day of school – ½ day

School News

SPED PAC MEETING

The Lexington Special Education Parent Advisory Council invites you to a discussion of middle school transition issues for students with disabilities on Thursday, May 1st at 7:30 PM in Room 147 at Lexington High School. Maura Johnson, Special Education Supervisor for Grades 6 - 8, and Jim Russo, Special Education Supervisor for Grades K - 5, will discuss what to expect when your child transitions from elementary school to middle school. Joanne Hennessy, Principal of Diamond Middle School, will discuss a program Diamond is piloting this year designed to build community and resilience for all children in the school. The pilot is based on the book by David Levine called "The School of Belonging". As always, there will be time for discussion and networking with other parents after the formal presentation.

If you have any questions or a need for accommodations, feel free to contact the PAC co-chairs, Dale Hernquist (862-8363) or Kevin Johnson (863-1186). We hope to see you there.

Office Reminders

Please call 781-861-2503 if your child will be absent
 All transportation changes require a written note

Emergency calls regarding transportation should be made no later than 2:00 PM

BOWMAN BOOK CLUB

The third parent/staff book discussion group will be on May 29, 2008 from 9-10:30 a.m. in the library. Raising Cain – Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys by Dan Kindlon and Michael Thompson will be the topic of discussion. If you would like to purchase a book, please make out a check to Sundial Bookstore for \$12.00 and send in your payment to the Bowman Office.

Broadside submissions are due Friday at noon, in the blue folder in the main office or by e-mail (preferred) to BowmanBroadside@aol.com. Andrea Smith 781-863-5261

A REMINDER FOR 5TH GRADE PARENTS

Don't forget to fill out the following forms for Clarke Middle School:

Directory Form – Make sure to fill out completely and legibly. We need your permission to put your child's name in the directory.

Listserve Signup – Bottom portion of Directory Form. It will allow you to receive information via email.

Membership Form – Membership is \$20.00. You may specify additional donations. If you are not a member of the JCSA you will not receive a copy of the directory.

Parent Volunteer Form – Signup to help with upcoming events at the school.

The above forms may be obtained as follows:

1. Through the Clarke website (<http://clarke.lexingtonma.org/jcsa.a.html>).
2. Outside the Clarke Middle School office door. They are on the JCSA bulletin board.
3. In the Clarke April/May newsletter.

You may bring the completed forms to the 5th Grade Parent Orientation Night at Clarke on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 or mail to JCSA, Clarke Middle School, 17 Stedman Road, Lexington, MA 02421.

All forms must be at Clarke no later than September 12, 2008. Any questions? Please contact Shirley Go at j.go@rcn.com.

**SOLVING MYSTERIES:
BECOME AN AMATEUR
DETECTIVE!**

**Cary Library program for
children in grades 3-5**

Learn how to solve mysteries,
using techniques detectives use to
gather clues and solve their cases.
These detective workshops will be
held on three Wednesday
afternoons, May 7, 14, and 21, from
4:00 - 5:00 PM. Children must be
able to attend all three sessions.

Registration begins Monday, April
28, at 7:00 PM. Telephone
registrations will be accepted
beginning at 7:30 PM at
781-862-6288, ext. 170. Attendance
is limited to 15.

Questions? Call the Children's
Room at (781) 862-6288, ext. 170, or
check the Library's website:
www.caryllibrary.org