



## East Fairhaven School October Newsletter



Headphones- As you know all classes K-5 are using computers for so many important things. We have programs to help improve reading skills, (Lexia) Spelling, (Spelling City) Math (IXL) and Study Island for English Language Arts, Math and Science. The last couple of years we have been constantly buying replacement headphones due to wear and tear. This year we are asking parents to buy some headphones for their child and send them to school in a baggie with their name on it. Children will keep their headphones in their lockers where they will then be available for them every time they need them. Of course if you can not afford to provide them we will still have extra headphones here at school.

Power of One- An Anti-Bullying Program was conducted for students in grades K-3 and 4-5. The message about what bullying is and what to do about it was presented to the younger and older students in a child friendly way. Actors relied on personal experiences, help from the audience and skits to convey their message. The children really enjoyed the presentation and I think they all left with a better understanding of the power they have to stop bullying. This presentation was paid for by the PTO.


Elementary Building Tours (Open Houses) -Saturday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, all 3 elementary schools will be open from 1-3pm. The purpose is to allow anyone interested to view each of the schools and the educational facilities offered at each to help make an informed decision regarding the upcoming votes on Oct. 25 (Town Meeting) & Nov. 2 (pending approval on Oct. 25). Members of the public, including all of you, are invited to walk around each school.

Conferences in November-This year conferences will be held on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:15- 4:30 and on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:15-4:30. Conferences are scheduled for 20 minutes. Again, because we found that both parents and teachers wanted more time to have a valuable unrushed conference we now have scheduled 2 half days to meet everyone's needs. If you are unable to meet during our assigned dates and times I encourage you to talk your child's teacher about scheduling a conference at a different time. EFS teachers try to accommodate parent requests whenever possible.



### Important Dates:


- Picture Day  
November 1st
- No School  
Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Half Days/ Noon Dismissal  
October 20th  
November 21<sup>st</sup>  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> ( No lunches served)
- Conferences  
November 21<sup>st</sup>- Parent teach Conferences-12:15-4:30  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>- Parent Teacher Conferences- 12:15-4:30
- Winter Concert  
December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:15AM and 1:00PM
- Band Practice  
Monday after school from 2:45-3:30.
- MCAS Dates  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>-April 4<sup>th</sup>- Grades 3, 4 and 5 ELA and composition for 4th  
May 10<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> - Grades 3, 4 and 5 Math (Science and Tech for 5<sup>th</sup>)



**Providing  
Homework  
Support**

- ▶ Set a regular time each day for doing homework. That time should be free of distractions such as TV and phone calls.
- ▶ Be sure your child has a place to do homework that is quiet and well lit. Make sure all the appropriate materials -- such as paper and pencils -- are available.
- ▶ Let your child know that homework is important and valuable. Consistently review your child's homework during homework time.

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**Emphasizing the  
Importance of  
Reading**

- ▶ Parents who read usually have children who read.
- ▶ Reduce TV viewing time and videogame time, and increase reading time.
- ▶ Set aside a time each day when you and your child will read.
- ▶ Read aloud to your child. Reading with expression shows a child that you love books and that you enjoy reading to them.
- ▶ Share what you have read with your child, and ask your child to do the same with you.

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