



Superintendent-Frank Keenan

As I begin my eighth year as your Superintendent, I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve. The years have flown by which always seems to be the case when a person is engaged in a job they love. This is a very special place and I have been blessed to have the privilege to work with the Easton School Board, staff, student body and community for the past seven years.

There are several new members to our staff this year. Two long time members of our staff have retired and will be greatly missed.

Jeannie Pelfrey retired as the Jr/Sr High School secretary after 41 years of service to the Easton schools. Jeannie has been an integral part of the staff during all those 41 years. Her kind heart, pleasant personality, and professionalism were always evident. She often was responsible for the first impression people had of the Easton Jr/Sr High School. Whether it was her voice on the other end of the phone or her beautiful smile as a person entered the office, she always made people feel good about our school. Jeannie was a tireless worker for students and staff at the Easton Jr/Sr High School, and her hard work and knowledge of the tasks to be done helped the students and staff to always perform at their best. Jeannie will be missed, but the staff and students wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Paul Dudley also retired after 39 years as a teacher, advisor and coach in the Easton school system. Paul was a strong advocate for the Easton Schools throughout the years. He had very high expectations for his students and challenged them to stretch themselves academically. Paul was very highly respected by his students. The high school yearbook was dedicated to him by graduating classes several times during his tenure. Students appreciated how much they had been challenged academically when they reached college. In most cases, they found themselves as prepared, or better prepared, than their fellow students from schools all over the country. Paul loved teaching and the Easton Jr/Sr High School. He gave his best to the profession of teaching and to his students. Paul will be missed.

Jeannie has been replaced by Sarah Sullivan. Sarah is a former graduate of Easton Jr/Sr High School. Sarah brings the same work ethic and caring personality that Jeannie possessed. Jeannie was very helpful in working with Sarah to help her understand all of the responsibilities of the job. Sarah has taken that information and has been doing an amazing job since day one. We are extremely fortunate to have someone with Sarah's qualities and experience to replace Jeannie.

Melissa Smith has been hired to replace Mr. Dudley. Melissa has 2 years of teaching experience at the Katahdin schools. Melissa is a Presque Isle native who was an exceptional student in both high school and college. We are very excited to have Melissa join our staff. Melissa knows she has very big shoes to fill, but has shown a determination to continue the high level of programming and the high expectations that Mr. Dudley had in place.

There are also two new coaches joining our staff. Keith Richardson will be the Boy's Jr. High Basketball coach. Keith will replace Randy Bacon who will now be the High School JV Boy's Coach. Keith was an outstanding high school basketball player for Easton. He will do an excellent job as our coach. Rachel Tomlinson will be the Jr. High Girl's Basketball Coach and is currently filling the High School Girl's Soccer Coach position. Rachel is doing a great job with the soccer team. She coached both Varsity soccer and basketball for our school several years ago and did an excellent job. She will do a wonderful job with the teams.

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Dennis Anderson has replaced Coach Evan Graves as the Girl's High School Basketball Coach. Dennis has coached the Jr. High Girl's for the last three seasons and has done an excellent job. Dennis is very excited with the potential of his team and is looking forward to working with our varsity and JV players.

I want to thank Mr. Graves for his hard work and dedication as the Girl's Varsity Soccer and Basketball Coach during the last three years. During those three years he has worked with his assistants to generate interest and enthusiasm in both sports. The work of Mr. Graves, Mr. Anderson and Ms. Miller has resulted in a significant increase in the number of students participating in each sport. He leaves both programs very healthy, with lots of talented athletes to build a successful program. I want to thank him for his commitment to our students and wish him the best in his master's program work and in training for his national running events.

"The ultimate decision to consolidate or not will rest with each community..."

This year will be remembered for the decision that the community will make on school consolidation. The law requires every community in Maine with a student population below 1200 to consolidate with neighboring school districts by January 30, 2009 or face financial penalties from the state. The Easton community is currently holding talks with Bridgewater, MSAD #42 (Mars Hill & Blaine), and MSAD #45 (Washburn, Perham, Wade). The committee members representing Easton are Mike Corey, Tom Osgood, Norm Trask and Dave Hopkins. There have been 7 meetings held. At this point, the committees are working very hard and have been very cooperative. The plan to consolidate must be first approved by the Easton School Board, then the Commissioner of Education. The Commissioner has stated that our plan must be to her by early November for her approval. There is a lot of work to do and a short time to do it, but I feel the committee will meet the timeline. Once a plan is approved by each of the school boards and sent to the Commissioner, public hearings will be held to present the plan in the various communities. The ultimate decision to consolidate or not will rest with each community when they vote in January of 2009. The minutes of each of the meetings held to-date can be found on the Easton School District webpage (www.eastonschooldistrict.org).

Finally, I want to wish a long, healthy retirement to Jackie Bradley. She has been great to work with during my tenure. She was always interested in the schools and wanted the best for our students and the community. She has been immensely helpful to me countless times. I will miss working with her greatly.

On behalf of myself and the Easton School Board, I want to extend a warm welcome to the new Town Manager, John Hangen. We wish you much success and extend to you our willingness to work closely with you and the Easton Board of Selectmen in making the best decisions for the Easton community.

Principal-Georgette Ireland

The school year is well underway and I am impressed with the progress of our students. I am always amazed at how much our students accomplish. Most students are busy with a number of activities and clubs and continue to maintain quality grades during peak times of their activities. I know this is no small feat and is accomplished with good work ethic, extra motivation and a supportive family! We encourage all students to be actively involved at school. Their involvement in clubs and athletics has a positive impact on their grades and their ability to work with others. Students exposed to teamwork learn to work together for common goals, solve problems and make a difference in their school community. Encourage a student to get involved today; they will thank you for it in the end!

School and home communication got a little easier this year with the introduction of a program called SnapGrades. SnapGrades allows teachers to post grades, assignments, and comments to an electronic grade book. Parents wishing to access this information attended one of two meetings to receive training and login information. At this time, 33% of our parents with a student in grades 7-12 have this access. A third training session will be held February 4th at 6 PM. Please contact the school if you are planning on attending this meeting.

Continuing our mission of increasing communication with families, the school web site now has several new features. There is a scrolling marquee at the top of the page to alert parents to schedule changes, important meetings, or dare I mention... storm cancellations. There is also a slideshow with upcoming events and school happenings under "What's Happening?" The school calendars section has monthly calendars and a 2008-2009 School Events Calendar. This calendar of events is also printed in the back of each student's 2008-2009 Parent/Student Handbook. As always we look forward to having parents and community members join us for special events.

Principal-Georgette Ireland (continued)

Student Recognition

Student of the Month

Each month the staff selects one deserving junior high and one senior high student. Students of the month must exhibit a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and good school citizenship. In addition to being recognized by their peers in a school assembly, students of the month also receive a \$15.00 Aroostook Centre Mall gift certificate on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Easton for this honor.

Student of the month pictures are on display in the hall and represent students selected each month throughout the school year. Congratulations to all students of the month and their parents! Below are the students who have been recognized since our last newsletter.

March – Brittanee Blodget & Garrett Gray

April – Kilynne Beaulieu & Whitney Smith

May – AnaRae Holmes

May/June – Cody Tompkins

June – Adriana Gonzalez

August/September – Megan Bradley & Jared Hafford

Athlete of the Week

Corey White

Web Resources for Parents

<http://highschoolace.com/ace/ace.cfm>

A portal for grades 9-12 content information, SAT preparation, and educational games.

<http://teens.drugabuse.gov/>

Red Ribbon Week is the last week in October and is a time for teens to make a commitment to be drug free. This site provides information about drug use and abuse – get the facts!

<http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/school/index.html>

Does your middle school student need help with organization or maybe he/she needs some help adjusting to a new teacher or schedule. This site offers suggestions on how to cope with school, teachers, and friends. You can even vote on your favorite way to deal with a situation.

Athletics

Our regular soccer games have all been completed and all teams worked hard this season. I am pleased to see so many students taking advantage of our athletic program. Coach Jessica Miller had another great season with our Junior High Girls and Coach Travis Carter once again worked with our Junior High Boys. Rachel Tomlinson coached our Varsity Girls while our Varsity Boys continue to be coached by Greg Miller. The Varsity Boys are getting ready for their next game on either October 25th or the 29th, depending on the standings. Congratulations to all players and coaches and good luck to the Varsity Boys!



Principal-Jane Sincerbeaux

Welcome back to all of our students and staff. This year we have 15 new ECP students who have just started with us and 15 new K-6 students as well.

We are off to a great start. We honored our “Local Heroes” with a breakfast and a short program on September 15th. Our heroes included local police officers, firemen, border patrol and game wardens. Plans are now underway for our annual Veteran’s Day celebration. More information will be sent out in November.

Constitution Day was celebrated on September 17th. I want to thank Mrs. Kinsey for teaching K-6 students the song “WE THE PEOPLE, the Preamble to the Constitution. Also thank you to Mrs. Goulet and the 6th Grade students who did a choral reading on the Preamble to the Constitution for our K-5 students.

Red week will take place October 27th through the 31st. We will have different themes for each day. The Elementary themes are:

MONDAY	27 th	I Pledge to be Drug Free/Wear red day
TUESDAY	28 th	I Elect to be Drug Free/Wear red, white and blue
WEDNESDAY	29 th	Being Drug Free Comes In Cans-I Can, You Can, We Can We will hold a food drive for the Easton Food Pantry
THURSDAY	30 th	Use Your Head Don’t Do Drugs/wear crazy hats, wigs or hair
FRIDAY	31 st	Show Your School Spirit Drug Free/ Wear school colors or apparel.

Mrs. Lynda Foren-Turner– Guidance Department

Fall greetings from the Guidance Office. Before harvest break I met with seniors to discuss options and future plans. Students are considering these options and narrowing down choices. Some are already working on college applications and hopefully everyone will be ready to submit these by Thanksgiving. After completing the application process we will work on financial aid and scholarships. I will be meeting with parents/guardians of seniors for approximately 20 minutes to share my timeline for seniors before the first scheduled Project Graduation meeting on October 16, 2008. I have scheduled our financial aid workshop for parents/guardians and students for Monday December 1, 2008 at 6:00pm. A reminder notice will be mailed later regarding this workshop. Students expecting to graduate with the Class of 2009 include: Samuel Bacon, Charles Beaton, Kilyne Beaulieu, Megan Bradley, Anthony Brown, Sean Daniels, Mercedes Embelton, Kacie Getchell, Timothy Langlais, Katrina Martin, Jessica Monson, Ariana Myshrall, Steven Straight and Bradley Trask.

The Maine Department of Education is requiring that all sophomores and juniors, who attend publicly funded schools, take the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 15, 2008. The Department is providing funding for all students to take this test as a result of Maine’s goal to provide all students with tools that support their preparation for post secondary education and the workforce. This initiative provides an early means of showing every student that college is an opportunity, helps to identify strengths and weaknesses of all students, increases communication between colleges and students and helps identify curriculum strengths and weaknesses. The PSAT measures verbal, math and writing skills and is a practice test that helps students prepare for the SAT, the test that many colleges require as part of the admissions process. The PSAT serves as a valuable tool to assist students, parents and schools with early college preparation and planning. For juniors, the PSAT also qualifies students to compete for National Merit Scholarships.

TAMC’s Healthcare Careers Exploration Program continues to offer workshops for grade 9-12 students who are interested in exploring careers in healthcare and wanting to gain experience in a hospital setting. The first workshop of this school year is scheduled for October 16, 2008 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Highlighted careers have not been finalized but will be announced to students when we return from harvest break.

Juniors are scheduled to take the ASVAB October 31, 2008. The ASVAB, a multi-aptitude test battery, helps students to identify skills and competencies. As a follow-up activity to this inventory, students will be involved in the ASVAB Career Exploration Program. Students will discuss results and explore careers using the Interest – Finder, a self administered interest inventory that is helpful at the beginning of the career planning process. This program is designed to help students explore the world of work and gain confidence in making career decisions.

Mrs. Lynda Foren-Turner– Guidance Department (continued)

On October 21, 2008 our 7th grade students will have the opportunity to participate in a health careers presentation with Mr. Dean Grivois, representative from the Acadia Health Education Coalition, who will introduce students to over 49 different health professions offered in the state of Maine using the web site www.mainehealthcareers.com. All careers that require advanced training or education can be attained in the state of Maine. One of the goals of this program is to offer exciting opportunities, as close to home as possible, to prevent our young people from leaving the state of Maine to pursue careers. Freshmen will also have the opportunity to think about future plans when they participate in a college aspirations program scheduled in November. Students will be involved in a highly interactive 1-hour college aspirations program where students decide, “Who Gets In!” Students will review actual college applications, transcripts and performance data and will then make decisions about students’ potential for college success. This interesting exercise is an introduction to the college application and selection process that will assist students in their academic and social planning at an early stage of high school. Following this workshop, seniors will participate in a transition to college workshop entitled “Get Students Ready for College Now”. The discussion will focus on recognizing differences between high school and college, coping strategies, building relationships and self-advocating.

Seniors who are interested in applying to the University of Maine at Presque Isle will have the opportunity to meet with Director of Admissions, Erin Benson at Easton Jr/Sr High School on November 21, 2008 for UMPI Decision Day. If seniors have their application package completed, which includes an application, recommendation, essay, transcript and SAT scores, and who are in good standing, Mrs. Benson will offer conditional college acceptance on this day. Also, the forty dollar application fee will be waived.

At the elementary school I continue to work one on one and in small groups with students. I am also available as a resource person for staff and parents. I enjoy my experiences very much at the elementary school and look forward to each Tuesday and Thursday when I am in the building. If you have any academic, social, or emotional concerns about your son/daughter please contact me at any time.

I am anticipating another successful year and look forward to many great things happening. If I can offer any assistance to you in anyway, please do not hesitate to call or stop by my office.

Mrs. Tammy White– Kindergarten

Kindergarten- This years class is adjusting to their new routines and challenges. We have been working on correct letter and numeral formation, fine motor skills, expanding our attention spans and learning to work well as a group. Our current Kindergarten consists of 11 young men and 1 young lady!! We welcome Madasyn Shorey and Zackary McLaughlin to our group. We have been working hard in math and classification, one to one correspondence, and beginning patterning. Our listening skills are improving and we are learning to work with greater focus. We are learning basic beginning reading habits with our morning message and friends from the Land of the Letter People. We have begun ‘pulling the sounds out of our mouths and transferring them to paper for writing’. We are crashing though the sounds of unknown words and beginning to think about what would ‘make sense, look right and match the pictures in our stories’. We are learning about commas, periods, question marks and exclamation marks. Show and Tell on Fridays is, of course, a big hit with students. Learning to speak in public is a life skill and they are doing very well. We have been enjoying our time with Mr. Graves in Phys. Ed. You can imagine how a group of boys and only one girl enjoy all the physical education class time they can get!! We are beginning to understand the Extended Day activities with Mrs. Condon and Mrs. Theriault after lunch and recess. Music and Art classes have now been introduced with Mrs. Kinsey and Ms. Hutchison. Our annual trip to The Science Center to see Mr. Martin and learn about Seed Travel was absolutely wonderful. We always learn so much with Mr. Martin. Our wrap up activity before Harvest Break was our field trip to Goughan’s Farm for a hayride, pumpkin picking, and ice cream. What a way to end our first few weeks together!

ECP- This years ECP class welcomes 14 new students that are anxious and eager to learn. They have done a wonderful job learning the bus routine, school rules and expectations, and classroom routines. They are enjoying the Letter People, working on following directions, and fine motor skills. Their name practice and eye hand coordination are coming along nicely. Many of us need reminders about proper pencil and crayon grasp. Scissor work has also begun and we are adapting quite quickly to this new skill. Many of us have weak muscle tone in our fingers and hands so play dough opportunities will be continued to strengthen those little hands. We are learning to cooperate with peers in small group center activities. We have been exploring puzzles, blocks and stringing beads. We love story time on the rug and our attention spans are increasing. The songs and finger plays have certainly been exciting to learn. Playground play and following safety rules of the school have also been a large part of our lessons thus far. Fire Drill and Lock Down Drill practice have gone very well. Students did an excellent job on their first official fire drill with the whole building. We have toured the building for other safe places to lock down in case of an emergency. Our field trip to the pumpkin patch at Danny Stewart’s in Presque Isle was wonderful! The weather could not have been more perfect! On Mondays we have Art class with Ms. Hutchison and on Thursdays we have Library with Mrs. Carlow. Have a safe and wonderful Harvest Break!

Mrs. Jane James– Grade One

The first five weeks of first grade have been very busy! We have spent a lot of time reviewing kindergarten skills, establishing our classroom routine, and developing good work habits. We have also started important work with vowel sounds and increased our sight word vocabularies. Some of the first graders are already making great progress in our reading series. Our class computers are used by students approximately two to three hours a day, taking turns of course! We use the website starfall.com and the program 'Read With Me' for the most part. E-books for our Houghton Mifflin readers will be added after harvest break, as well as programs for math, social studies, and science. We have studied our vegetables, and read many good books. A favorite this year was Lobster for Lunch, a funny story about a little boy named Larry and a little lobster named Lob. We had a lot of fun measuring our own little lobster that grew from about two to seven inches in length (and rather fat) and then shrunk back down again!



A fun reading activity that we have enjoyed this year has been the song that Mrs. Kinsey has taught us in music class. Mrs. Kinsey gives me copies of the songs that she is teaching and I re-type them in a reading format. It's amazing how many sight words the children can pick up when the songs are presented as charts and story sheets.

All student work is reviewed before being sent home, so be sure to check your child's papers for little notes. Papers will be sent home two to three times a week. The children's papers are review of the lessons taught in class and are really an assessment of what they can do on their own. Whenever a child has difficulty, Mrs. Theriault and I go over the work with the child individually. It is so important that they get a good foundation, and mastery of basic reading and math skills is a must for future success in school and life!

On September 15, 2008, grade one visited the Presque High School Farm and had a wonderful field trip. The rain held off, and Mr. Buzza took us on a very informative tour of the farm and we also found our way through the corn maze. It was very exciting and the corn was over ten feet tall!

Mrs. Vonda Lavway– Grade Two

Hello to everyone!! It has been a wonderful year so far in grade two! The students have settled in quickly and we have covered more "territory" in our subjects than ever before at this point of the year!! We have spent lots of time brushing up on our phonics skills in reading and have enjoyed several stories in our "Amazing Animals" theme, our "Silly Stories" theme or our "Mixing Colors" theme. Amazingly, we have covered eight new cursive letters already this year! The students are totally into it and any days that I don't have cursive letter activities planned they are *asking* for a lesson! It is great to have such enthusiastic learners!

We also completed our map unit in social studies. This unit included our annual trip to the science center with Mr. Martin where we learned to use a compass to find a yummy hidden treasure! In science, we are currently in the middle of our plant unit. Each student just recently formed their own "hypothesis" about whether or not a root could grow from a seed with no soil present. Then after making their decision we "planted" several bean seeds in plastic baggies with wet paper towels. (Grade two parents – make sure you ask your child what the results from the hypothesis question were!) Some of the students were very surprised at the results! We will also be forming a hypothesis and doing experiments on the stem, leaves, and seed travel as the unit progresses. We decided to change this particular unit from a spring unit to a fall unit this year so we could visit Mr. Martin again and have a chance to get in on his fall plant lesson. Mr. Martin is tweaking his lesson plan a bit to meet the Learning Results for learning the parts of the flower and how the pollination process happens. We also may be learning a bit about seeds while we are there. One thing we *do* know for sure about our trip...it will be fun!!

We also have completed our first unit in English on "Sentences" where we learned the telling part and the action part of sentences and how to properly write telling sentences and questions. We now are working on our second unit in English which is "Nouns". In math we have been working on addition and subtraction strategies, math facts to 20, reviewing 1st grade skills, and are currently working on making a class book called "Our Magic Pot Book". In preparation for this we practiced our doubles and then read a Chinese folktale about a poor, married couple who mysteriously found a golden pot in their garden. When they got it home they realized that it had magic powers and it could "double" anything that was dropped into it! (They definitely got into a lot of trouble by the end of the story!) Then the students did a spin-off of this concept, and wrote and illustrated their own page about what they would like to double if they had the chance to choose! After harvest they will each take home the completed book to share and read with their family. The students are all excited to share their creative ideas and show their colorful illustrations to everyone!

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE HARVEST BREAK!!

Mrs. Rebecca Allen– Grade Three

Grade three is off to an awesome start. We have a large class this year with 21 students in the class. It looks like it will be a very busy year in third grade! I would like to say a warm welcome to Allison, Joshua, Brandon, and Jayden who are new to our school.

Students have been busy with many activities in the classroom. We have completed our first unit in science in which students studied producers, consumers, food chains, predators, and prey. Students were able to go on their first field trip to our local pond where Vaughn Martin from the Science Center led the students in a study of pond life. We found many organisms in and around the pond. The students had a lot of fun using various nets to gather and examine what they found. Thank you to Mark Sotomayor, Elaine White, and Theresa Bonner for coming to the pond with us. Students ended our time together before harvest break with a field trip to the Science Center to make apple cider. We had a lot of fun making and tasting the cider!



This year students will once again have pen pals with students in the Kennebunk School District. We will start our correspondence by sending trading cards that tell them a little bit about us. In addition to the trading cards, we will be sending along some potatoes that were grown in Easton and a potato recipe book full of our favorite potato recipes. Thank you to all the parents who sent in a recipe to be included in our book. A special thank you also goes out to Gaylen Flewelling for donating the potatoes that we will be sharing with the students in Kennebunk. I look forward to taking our package down to share with our pen pals.

Mrs. Amy Goulet

Fourth grade science class has started off the year with a close look at cells. Students have made models, posters and games and are anxious to use microscopes to get a closer look at both plant and animal cells.

Fifth grade science students have been studying what's inside planet Earth. We have talked about the Earth's shifting crust and the forces that cause these shifts. We have also discussed what the Earth is composed of from the core out to the crust and how scientists can study this without being able to actually see it. We've made Earth models and posters as well as posters of how our continents used to look millions of years ago.

Sixth graders have recently returned from 3 days at science camp. Science camp is located on the beautiful Maine coast and allows students a chance to study tide pools, soil formation, tree identification, GPS units and more. This year students also performed a musical at camp based on Rachel Carson, a well-respected environmentalist. Sixth grade students have also gone to the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland to get a better understanding of the Gulf of Maine. Students used microscopes and other tools to examine and identify fish from the Gulf. Computer models helped students decide on the best fishing boats to use and the best location to find fish. This trip was taken with the students from the Mars Hill School District.

Mrs. Mary Condon

A quote: "The whole art of teaching is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds." Anatole France

Health - Grades 4, 5, and 6: We have spent the first weeks of the school year studying about anger. Everyone gets angry from time to time but we must choose what to do with that feeling. We've learned that anger can be detrimental to your health. The anger topics students have studied include: signs of anger, managing anger (how not to "loose it!"), and learning to let go.

Social Studies - Grade 5: Grade 5 is studying the history of the United States of America. We will be and have been studying the up coming presidential election. Thanks to McCain's of Easton, for supplying the Bangor Daily Newspaper again this year. Every Wednesday, for 10 weeks, the BDN is having a story entitled, "Robin Reports the Election," by Stacy Tornio. The BDN also offers a Teacher's Guide to accompany the story. Each student will have his/her copy to follow Robin's Report. As part of the social studies curriculum I will be reading nonfiction/historical fiction books and magazines pertaining to our U.S. history to the students every Friday. Before harvest, I read, The Legend of Bass Reeves, by Gary Paulsen. Bass Reeves was born into slavery. In his day, Bass Reeves became the most successful federal marshal in the United States.



Mrs. Mary Condon (continued)

PM Kindergarten: Our afternoon kindergarten is busy. On Tuesdays, we get together with grade 2 and do math and/or reading buddies. Wednesdays, half go to music and the other half go to art. Thursday, the students that didn't have music on Wednesday get to have music while the others stay with me. On Friday, those that didn't have art on Wednesday go to art and the others stay with me.

We always do a lot of reading in the afternoon. This will be continued but I plan to incorporate a substantial amount of math this year as well. The students and I are grateful to have Mrs. Anne Theriault working with us in the PM Kindergarten again this year. Thank you, Mrs. Theriault.

Mrs. Pat Nevers

Grade 6 Reading- Our grade six reading class from Mrs. McKinney's homeroom challenged Mrs. Goulet's reading class to an old fashioned country fair bake-off. As a concluding activity to our novel study of A Long Way from Chicago, by Richard Peck, this group decided to host a dessert baking contest with a variety of student homemade pastries and pies. Each entry was given a name and number, but the bakers discreetly covered their dishes and plain wrapped them to keep all identities secret.

Judges from Mrs. Goulet's room sampled the pastries, than voted for their favorites by number only. The winners were: first place, Cody Halvorson for his Cookie Pie with Candy, second place: Kerrigan Arnett with her Never Fail Chocolate Fudge, third place went to Kelsey Frank's Carmel Delight Cookies, and a special fourth place award, for prettiest entry went to Taylor Brown and her Vanilla Pudding Pie. We had some incredible edibles enjoyed by all! Mrs. Goulet's reading class will return the bake-off judging later this year when they read this novel.

Grade 5 Reading- We have just completed Bridge to Terabithia, by Katherine Patterson, for our first novel study in grade five. The day before harvest break, we watched the original movie version of this book and compared it to the novel. This class really enjoyed this Newberry Award favorite for its story of a true friendship and courage during the middle school years.

Mrs. Lori McQuade

Another school year is underway and I am happy to say that I have a great group of fourth graders in my homeroom. I really am grateful for such wonderful students here at our school.

6th grade Writing & Spelling - Sixth grade class time has been sporadic due to holiday and soccer games. We have been able to get a few spelling units in and two major writing assignments. They are a great group of writers, and I am very familiar with their skills and talents.

4th grade Social Studies - We are beginning our year with Maine studies and have covered symbols, weather & climate, and state government. This class has jumped in with both feet, so to speak. We have designed our own class government, complete with Representatives, Senators, Judges, a Governor, and laws. Students have created two bills and worked through the process to make the bills into laws. We have spent time on compromising and negotiating. This is always an interesting topic which the fourth grade students greatly enjoy.

4th grade Reading, English, and Writing & Spelling - English skills are being reviewed and refined. However, at the fourth grade level there are more expectations of these skills being carried over into everyday writing. These high expectations also hold true for the spelling of high-frequency words and following the various spelling rules. Writing class has been focused on writing complete paragraphs and what is needed to have a good paragraph. We have also spent some time as a class doing group writing. I can already see that we definitely have some great writers in our midst.

Title 1 - The school-wide Title 1 program is working well to benefit students who may need extra support in various academic areas. Our chief focus is on reading and accommodating reading levels in small groups. This offers a better student-to-teacher ratio for quick action when concerns and questions arise. Support of all students' academic success is a high priority, and Title 1 programming offers that scaffolding.

Again, I am pleased to say that all classes are doing well, we have some interesting activities ahead of us, and we are enjoying having fun together.

Mrs. Gayle McKinney

Grades 6, 7, and 8 math classes will once again be working on math team questions to prepare for the Northern Maine Math League in November. We will have two math meets during school and the final math meet will be held at the University of Maine at Presque Isle in May.

School wide we have gained many new students including five at the junior high level. This has been a great addition to our classes.

Grades 4, 5 and 6 students will be receiving a different progress report form. If you have any questions feel free to contact me from 7:30-8:20 a.m. at the high school and 2:30-3 p.m. at the elementary school.

Mrs. Polly Burnett– English Language Arts

Nature has a wonderful way of preparing us to be competent communicators – which is, after all, the goal of a language arts curriculum. As children we start out doing a lot of listening, then we practice making ourselves understood with “baby talk.” We progress to looking at pictures in books and learning our alphabet, then we pick up a pencil . . . you know the rest.

One approach to analyzing this process breaks communications skills into four areas.

	Receptive skills	Productive skills
Oracy	Listening	Speaking
Literacy	Reading	Writing

In general, literacy skills are hinged on a person’s oracy skills. The better we are at listening and speaking, the better we are at reading and writing. Furthermore, the productive skills are hinged on a person’s receptive skills. For instance, most people could not write at a high school level if they can only read at a sixth grade level.

What can we conclude from these tidbits of information? Talk with young people! Give them an opportunity to express themselves. Ask them to say something a different way (paraphrase) if you don’t quite understand their point. Help them to follow the logic (analyze).

Be a reader and encourage young people to read. Good writers are good readers. It comes with practice.

Mrs. Esther Richardson

Grade Seven Science: Students have just finished their first unit on cell structures and functions. We looked at our own body cells under the microscope. In addition students tested foods for the presence of sugar, starch, and fats.

Grade Eight Science: We are exploring the various phyla of the animal kingdom. Live specimens of hydra, planaria, and roundworms were observed and preserved earthworms were dissected. After harvest we will be looking at echinoderms and chordates.

Grade Seven Health: The special nutritional needs of athletes was the first topic of the year. Since then we have been learning about different nutrients and why they are needed by the body. Next we will finding how to use the new food guide pyramid.



Mr. Evan Graves– Physical Education and Health

The year has gotten off to a fast and busy start. At the elementary school we have been honing our soccer skills and building up our fitness base. The students have come back very fit from their summer vacation, which is very exciting. There is some great research that shows how physically active students perform better in school and these kids have that advantage of fitness to help them toward higher academics.

At the middle school level students have also been working on soccer skills as well as some flag football skills. This is a great activity where students have taken part in the many positions involved with football and have shown some great improvements over the course of the unit. Students were eager to participate and showed great promise with their abilities! Students at the middle school level are also getting their much needed fitness in a variety of ways. A new study has recently been released that shows kids need 1 hour of fitness a day. I see them for about 40 minutes every other day so they need to be active to get their energy out! I encourage families to get out and be active. The snow is coming and we can take advantage of the weather with snowshoeing and x-c skiing.

At the high school level students have been doing a variety of Frisbee activities and also working on their overall fitness and setting goals for fitness plans. We also learned about the Summer Olympics and the students completed a history project about the Olympics and what they mean. The students are very responsive to fitness and have some great goals regarding their fitness and upcoming sports seasons!

Health classes have been learning about their health triangle and analyzing their own health. The students are learning a life skills approach to their health and they are applying it to their everyday lives. The students at the high school have set some very realistic goals for long term and short term that they will work toward over their high school career and beyond.

The year ahead will be promising for fitness opportunities and I am hoping for some good snow that we can enjoy and make the most of! Stay warm and be healthy!

Mrs. Melissa Smith– English and History

This fall has certainly been exciting for the seventh and eighth grade students! Several teachers in the building heard that the Amish community in Easton was preparing to raise a barn and inquired if it would be alright for us to go watch for a bit in the afternoon. The Amish welcomed it. This was such a wonderful experience for the students to see a different way of life right in the heart of our community. In social studies they studied about some Amish beliefs and ways of life before the excursion and after the experience they wrote a paper about what they saw and learned while there. Many of the students were intrigued by how fast the frame of the barn went up and by the water pump from which the Amish draw their water. Living in a time when students observe barns caving in rather than being built, this was a great learning opportunity to see traditional skills and ways of life at work.

As for the high school English groups, the English I students are currently reading [To Kill A Mockingbird](#) and learning how prejudice affected African Americans in the 1930s. They are also learning about perception and how differently a situation can appear (or seem to be) from different peoples' perspectives, in connection with the story. The English II class has recently culminated their Shakespeare unit on the tragedy of [Romeo and Juliet](#).

Mr. Paul Sutherland– Math and Physics

The Math Team attended the first math meet of the year on September 17th hosted at Presque Isle. The team did very well. Easton took first place in the small school division. The individual scores have not been released as of yet. Great job Math Team! The kids are looking forward to meet two in Caribou on November 5th.

Last years juniors did exceptionally well on their SAT/MHSA math exam, placing near the top in the state. Great job everyone.

In Physics, we are having our annual bridge-breaking event on November 4th starting around 11:15. It's always a fun time. All are welcome to attend.

Mr. Bryan Wright– Science



Earth Science- We are presently studying astronomy. Topics have included constellations, galaxies, telescopes, electromagnetic radiation, the Doppler Effect, the life histories of stars, models of the solar system, and the contributions of Kepler and Newton.

Tech Prep Chemistry- We have been studying the properties of water including water's density, specific heat, heat of fusion, hardness, the solubility of gases in water, and water's chemical properties.

College Biology- Students have recently been studying: the care and use of the microscope, carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and nucleic acids, cell structure & transport, and cell division.

Human Biology- We have just finished our introduction to human anatomy, including a review of cell biology and a slide survey of tissues. After harvest we will begin to study body organs and systems. We will begin with the skeletal system.

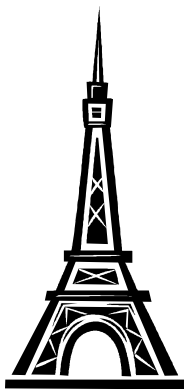
Computer Applications- We have begun the year with a review of Microsoft Word and an introduction to Excel (spreadsheets). Other topics that we will be covering this quarter include PowerPoint (presentation software), Publisher (publishing software) and Access (database software).

Mr. Darren West– Social Studies and Student Council

Student Council - The Student Council and class officers for each class have been elected, and we welcomed several new students on September 18. The Student Council officers for this year are: President: Brad Trask, Vice President: Corey White, Secretary: Megan Bradley, Treasurer: Sam Bacon

Social Studies - Sophomore class members went to King's Landing on August 29 to study colonial life. The trip was very informative and the students learned a lot about the challenges and joys of colonial life. Junior class members have been very busy studying the Populist/Gilded Age and reading the Wizard of Oz. The book is a parable on the Populist era. If you have never read the book, you will find it is quite different from the movie. The freshmen have recently finished up a unit on the Roman Empire and its decline. Overall, it has been an exciting opening of school, and I am sure we are going to have a banner year!

Mrs. Mary-Ruth Nichols– French Club



The French Club recently held its first Orientation meeting of the year for the trip to France scheduled for June 22, 2009. Twelve students and ten adults have registered for the 9-day trip, which will start in Paris and end in Marseilles. The group was treated to a variety of French cheeses and cookies. Samantha Fuller was the winner of the \$100 give-a-way. Taylor Burt won a passport carrier and Megan Bradley won a toiletry bag. The students reviewed the itinerary following along with their own personal map. A

list of suggested videos to view was given and will help them become more familiar with the cities and sites they will visit. Several ideas were discussed for fundraisers. The students decided to do the annual Christmas wreath project again this year. The students will be calling around for your order about the first of November. The delivery date for the wreaths is November 25th.

Students who have registered for the trip are: Kristen Boxwell, Molly White, Katrina Martin, C.J. Beaton, Megan Bradley, Taylor Burt, Corey White, Kaitlin Bennett, Chris Flewelling, Sydney Trask, Zachary Clark and Samantha Fuller.

Anyone wishing to join this travel group should call Mary Ruth Nichols at the high school for more details, an itinerary and an application. A few seats are still available.

Mrs. Paula Giles– Key Club

Key Club is off to a wonderful start this year! We presently have twelve members: Sam Bacon-President, Brad Trask-Vice President, Ariana Myshrall-Secretary, and Katrina Martin-Treasurer. Other members include: Lisa Dayringer, Megan Bradley, Kaitlin Bennett, Amanda Dayringer, Meghan Frank, Danielle Dudley, Holden Turner, and Taylor Lawrence.

Key Club is a service organization that works with our local Kiwanis. We look forward to giving them extra hands in any way we can this coming year.

Key Club, also, sells food at the Concession stand during some of the basketball games. The money we raise is given right back in some way to New England Key Club or any other organization voted on by the members. This past year we gave away close to 75% of our profits to New England Key Club, Maine Chapter of Multiple Sclerosis and to a local charity.

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Ms. Jane Hutchison– Art Department

I can't believe that harvest break is here! All of my students have been creating fun and exciting works of art.

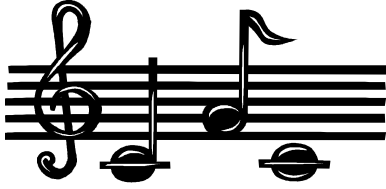
ECP and Kindergarten students are learning to incorporate story telling with artwork. They are learning how to create simple lines; shapes and colors schemes are also being introduced. First and second graders started the year by creating their self-portraits and have moved on to making an Ocean Animals Collage. They are using lines, shapes, forms, patterns, and incorporating them into compositions. Third and fourth graders are creating 2D and 3D sculptures and will continue to learn to use different mediums to make artwork. Fifth and six graders are using a variety of materials and mediums to make art. They are learning how to successfully plan and manipulate the elements and principles of design. Overlapping images and creating multiple layers in their composition will be their challenge.

At the high school level, Art I students are being introduced to a multi-cultural unit. Students are investigating the art and writing used by various cultures from ancient civilizations to create works of art. Egyptian hieroglyphics, illuminated manuscripts from the Gothic Period, and Chinese art works are included in this unit. Art II and Art III students are currently creating more difficult multi-cultural works that will further enhance the students' artistic knowledge and technical skills.

In November the upper lever high school art students and the French classes will have an opportunity to visit the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton, Canada. Beaverbrook Art Gallery features collections of many Canadian and European artists. Resplendent in the entrance hall hangs the giant work by Salvador Dali, "Santiago el Grande". Other magnificent paintings include Botticelli's "Resurrection", a portrait of Lord Beaverbrook by Graham Sutherland, Krieghoff's "Merrymaking" and a number of works by the British painters Gainsborough, Hogarth, Reynolds and Turner as well as some by Corneille, Lukas Cranach and Delacroix to name a few. I believe that the students are excited about visiting the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton, Canada and I am as well. It will be a really fun trip.



Mrs. Pamela Kinsey– Music Department



Welcome back to another busy year in the Music Department.

In August, students from the Jr/Sr High School Music Groups attended the American Folk Festival in Bangor and as usual had a wonderful day and heard some really great music. We didn't like all of what we heard, but it is always a day filled with costumes, dancing, exposure to new music and ethnic foods. We can't wait for next year!

The High School Music Department has been busy preparing for auditions and our first students will travel to Augusta on Friday, October 17 to audition for the All State Jazz Groups. On November 15, students will travel to Houlton for All Aroostook and All State auditions. Please look ahead and consider chaperoning for me if your junior or senior High School aged music student will be attending auditions. As we look into the busy season of basketball in December the band will be active and the Jr/Sr High School will host their annual Holiday Concert on **Thursday, December 18th at 7:00**. Mark your calendars now for the All Aroostook Music Festival to be held in Presque Isle on January 16 and 17, 2009.

In the Elementary Music Department students presented some special songs at our Heroes Breakfast and they did a terrific job. If you have a student in the Elementary School, ask them to sing one of these (or all of these) songs for you. September 17th was also Constitution Day, so the students learned the Preamble of the Constitution in a song. Have them give you a concert at home! Upon our arrival back from harvest, it will be time for Halloween songs, preparations for our Veteran's Day Assembly and believe it or not, the first preparations for our Christmas program!! Be sure to mark the date on your calendar now for **Friday, December 19th at 9:00am** for the elementary program, with a snow date of Monday, December 22nd.

Our younger students are busy learning about steady beat, melody, rhythm and how to use their singing voice. Ask your student to tell you what these things are! Fourth grade students are busy with their recorders while the fifth and sixth graders work with their band instruments and Chorus. Encourage your young musicians to continue their practicing at home, as this is their music homework. In all grades we are working on our listening skills and our ability to discuss and compare similar and contrasting types of music. Look for more information about our Holiday Musical to be coming soon and plan to attend our musical offerings during this festive time in December. If you have any questions about happenings in the Music Department please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Kinsey at school.

Miss Pamela Murchison– National Honor Society

SAM BACON, NHS STATE PRESIDENT

Last March, Sam Bacon was elected State NHS President at the State Convention. Sam's responsibilities are to preside at all meetings, represent Maine National Honor Society at any public function, and provide leadership in the planning and implementation of the annual Maine National Honor Society Convention.

Sam and Adviser Miss Murchison traveled to Augusta September 9 to attend the first Executive Board meeting. Other meetings will be held in October, January, and February.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The following NHS members were elected for 2008-2009:

Sam Bacon	President
Katrina Martin	Vice President
Megan Bradley	Secretary
Bradley Trask	Treasurer

Miss Pamela Murchison– National Honor Society (continued)

NHS members are:

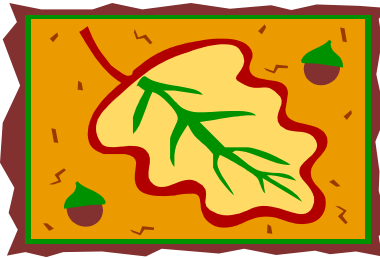
Seniors—Sam Bacon, Kilynn Beaulieu, Megan Bradley, Katrina Martin, and Bradley Trask.

Juniors—Kaitlin Bennett, Lisa Dayringer, Luke Fuller, and Corey White

Katrina Martin, Sam Bacon, and Miss Murchison attended the Annual Northern Region Dinner Meeting at the Caribou Motor Inn & Convention Center on September 15. Chapter officers, regional officers and advisers meet every year to plan the northern region's events and charities for the new school year.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS

Senior portraits are due Friday, December 5. Photographs should be either 2 ½" x 3 ½" or 4" x 6" and should be of good quality for reproduction. Also, since the seniors will be using baby pictures in the senior section of the yearbook, baby pictures will be due on December 7. All pictures should be sent to Miss Murchison.



Mrs. Ellen Trask– Varsity Club



I am so excited to be advising the Varsity Club this year. We have such a wonderful group of athletes and managers. In our meetings, we are striving to promote and encourage all of our athletes to be the best students they can be. We are also trying to encourage any one in high school to join a team. It is a great way to make friends, stay healthy, and be the part of a great group of kids.

Varsity club started out this year electing our new officers: President is Bradley Trask, Vice President is Ariana Myshrall, Treasurer is Katrina Martin and Secretary is Megan Bradley.

Our goal is to promote school spirit. Some of you may have noticed all of the Easton Bear fleece jackets around town. We have sold around 125 jackets to staff, athletes and parents. It is so great to go to a game and see a wave of royal blue covering the bleachers!

As some of you know, we will be having both girls and boys varsity and junior varsity teams this year. That means double the games! Mr. Keenan and Mr. Shaw have encouraged us to buy some stadium seats to help out with your comfort as you sit on our bleachers this winter. They are really comfortable, royal blue with an Easton Bear logo on the back. We are not sure of prices yet but will have more information, as we get closer to basketball season.

Varsity club will also be helping out the Recreation Department by setting up a lunch table for the grade 5-6 soccer tournament on October 11th. We will be serving drinks, soup, sandwiches, hotdogs and chips. Stop by to cheer on the young athletes and buy lunch to help us raise money for our varsity scholarship.

Mrs. Sarah Shields– The Right to Read

YOUNG AUTHORS- The Young Authors' Institute, sponsored by Aroostook Right to Read, will be held on a Friday this year instead of a Saturday. This move to a weekday has been initiated in order to have more junior high students attend. Saturdays always seemed to conflict with State Music festivals, final skating programs at the forum, basketball tournaments and cheerleading finals. Students will submit creative writings that will be judged in December. The Institute will be held April 3, 2009, at UMPI.



AROOSTOOK GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM - This program (ARGT) provides classes for gifted and talented students in seven high schools in the Central Aroostook area. Classes meet for 2 1/2 hours once a week for 8 weeks, followed by an Open House where students display their products and show what they have learned. This year ARG T is offering Poetry, Latin, Creative Math Problem-Solving, Drama, Storytelling as an art (graphic art) and dance. All applications must be returned to the high school office by Tuesday, October 14. Classes for the 7th and 8th grades will be offered during the winter.

Mr. Steve Hayes

Child Find Notice: In compliance with Maine Special Education Regulations the Easton School Department would like to ensure that all students between the ages of 3 and 20 years including state wards, state agency clients, students attending private schools, students attending home schools, and institutional residents who reside within the Easton geographic jurisdiction, who may be in need of special education and or supportive services, are located, identified, and evaluated. If you believe your child is in need of an evaluation or services please call the Special Services Administrator in the Easton School District at 488-7701.

Mr. Kevin Marquis– F.F.A.



Our chapter has had a busy and productive summer and early fall. We were able to sell baked potatoes at Easton field days. The Presque Isle Chamber graciously donated the use of their baked potato trailer and Cavendish farms supplied us with 100 pounds of round white potatoes. Our ice cream booth at the Northern Maine Fair was not quite as busy this year, thus our profits were down a little from previous years.

The farm business management team competed at the Big E on September 13. Tony Brown placed 6th in the competition and the team placed 4th. Those members comprising the team were; Tony Brown, Caleb Bomar and Cody Tompkins. The team will be traveling to Indianapolis for the National FFA Convention in October. Those planning to attend are: Tony Brown, Luke Budreau, Chris Flewelling and Cody Tompkins.

Our chapter has a list of members who are available for yard work and various other odd jobs. If you would like to hire one of the students please contact Kevin Marquis at 488-6846 and we will try to match a member to your needs.

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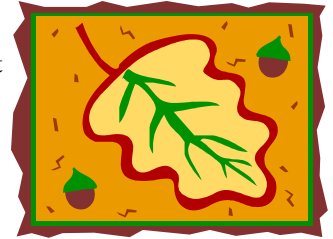
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Easton Parent Community Organization

The Easton Parent Community Organization has kicked off another busy school year with the planning of the annual **Harvest Party** to be held soon after we return from harvest break. This event is loads of fun for children up to grade 6. There are lots of new games to try this year! If you would like to make a donation of **candy or prizes**, they can be left at the elementary school office or at Mike's Family Market. We would also appreciate the donation of small toys, such as those included with fast food meals, to be used as game prizes. If you would like to help with this event, please call the school.

EPCO Cook Book: EPCO members have been diligently collecting recipes for a school-wide cook book. This book contains family favorites from students and staff from both schools, and they all look yummy! We anticipate the cook books to be ready for sale in early November with a cost of \$10. What a great housewarming, birthday or Christmas gift! Books may also be pre-bought, please contact the school or an EPCO member for more information.



It seems that we are saving so many items...
Remember, they all are for a good purpose!

The General Mills **Box Tops For Education** program earned \$354.00 last year!! Again, EPCO is holding a contest for students who bring in the most BoxTops. This will end in June. The community is encouraged to save tops for a favorite student or they can be dropped off at the checkout at Mike's Family Market. You can learn more about the program at www.boxtops4education.com. Online shoppers can buy from a number of online stores through this website, and earn money for our school!

Once again the Easton Schools are participating in the **Hannaford Helps Schools** program. Receipts from Hannaford stores can be turned into the school, or placed in the Easton School Department box at Grave's Shop N' Save. More information is available at <http://www.hannaford.com/hhs>. This program will end December 4th.

Used **ink cartridges and cell phones** can be left in a box in the elementary school office. We are able to recycle many of them for cash!

Hood SoxTops; EPCO is helping Mr. Graves collect the lids from Hood milk products. You will find a Red Sox logo on the bottle lids. Lids can be sent into school, and the classroom with the most lids collected by October 31st will get a surprise. Although this program ends October 31st, we can continue to collect these for next year's collection program.

The **EPCO provides funding for special programs** at both schools, such as cultural field trips and special events at the school. EPCO also awards a \$300.00 scholarship to a member of Easton High School's graduating class, as well as scholarships to UMPI's Project Explore program for grades 2-7.

EPCO meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Easton Elementary School library. Childcare is provided. We **thank you** for your support, and look forward to working with you to continue our commitment to the students and staff in Easton.

Heidi Thompson, Cyndi Kimball, Lisa Flewelling-Haney, Kim Finnemore

**NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA
FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are:

- A. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible students of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

- B. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.

Parents or eligible students may ask Easton School District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- C. The right of consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school unit discloses education records without consent to school officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

- D. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA follows:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202-4605

- E. The school unit may make public at its discretion personally identifiable information from the education records of a student without parental consent if that information has been designated as directory information by the school. This school unit has designated the following information as directory information: the student's name, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of athletes, honors and awards received, and other information that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed.

Such information will not be disclosed if the parent of the student informs the school unit in writing within 10 days of the first student day of the school year or within 10 days after enrollment, that such information is not to be designated as directory information to that student. Any such notice should be sent to the Superintendent of Schools at the following address:

Superintendent of Schools
P.O. Box 126
Easton, ME 04740

- F. Federal Law permits military recruiters and institutions of higher learning to request and receive the names, addresses and telephone numbers of high school students upon request, unless the student's parents or eligible student notifies the school that he/she does not want such information released. **Such information will not be disclosed if the student's parent or eligible student notifies the school unit, in writing, that such information should not be released without his/her written consent.** Any such notice should be sent to:

Principal
Easton Jr./Sr. High School
P.O. Box 66
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- G. Under Maine law, the school unit shall not publish on the Internet without written parental consent any information whether directory or otherwise, that identifies a student, including but not limited to the student's full name, photograph, personal biography, e-mail address, home address, date of birth, social security number and parents' names.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Easton School Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, national origin, sex, or physical or mental disability, in admission to, access to, treatment in or employment in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

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