



# Earl D. Taft Elementary School

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## **Taft School Operational Report for March 2010**

### **Scholastic Book Fair is Scheduled for March 1 – 5**

The Uxbridge Elementary PTO will host a Scholastic Book Fair during the first week of March in the Taft Elementary School Library.

March 1, 3, 4: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 2 & 5: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The theme this year is Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read. The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products including new releases, award winning titles, children's classics, and current best sellers. Families, teachers, and the community are invited to attend the fair. We hope to see you during the first week of March!

### **Dr. Seuss Read Across America Night**

Yes, it's that time of year again! Time to think about spreading the love of reading to young and old. Every year the National Education Association celebrates this vital goal of all teachers by holding a "Read Across America" Celebration on the Friday night closest to Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2. This year March 2 falls on a Tuesday, so our Read Across America is scheduled for Friday, March 5, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The Uxbridge Teachers Association has supported this project by holding a night of "round robin readings." Staff members are stationed throughout the building reading different stories to groups of children. The children can choose which stories they want to hear and/or which staff members they want to visit. The stories usually last about ten minutes long, so every ten minutes the children and families rotate to hear a different story.

The evening is always an enjoyable one for readers, parents and children. Last year we had over 250 children and their parents visit our readers. Spreading a love of reading is a vital goal, and I hope you can join us in helping young and old alike enjoy some wonderful stories on this special night.

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

Taft students donated \$7,764.00 to the American Heart Association as part of "Jump Rope for Heart" activities held during the first week of February. Congratulations to teachers Bonnie Dimmick and Pam Seagrave, and parent coordinator Rachel Wright and all students for another super effort.

### **Spring 2010 MCAS Testing**

Time is fast approaching for the annual MCAS testing program. MCAS tests in English Language Art/Reading Comprehension will be administered to all students in grades 3 and 4 during March 22 – 31. MCAS tests in Mathematics will be administered during May 10 – 21, 2010.

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- March 1–5 Scholastic Book Fair at Taft
- March 5 Read Across America: Dr. Seuss Night
- March 9 PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- March 9 Music in Our Schools Day
- March 12 Curriculum Planning Half-Day – 11:30 a.m. Dismissal for students
- March 23 MCAS Composition for Grade 4
- March 24-25 MCAS ELA/Reading – Grade 3
- March 30-31 MCAS ELA/Reading – Grade 4

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