



# Earl D. Taft Elementary School

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

### **Calendar of Activities for May**

The month of May is traditionally the busiest time of the school year. The May calendar of events at Taft School features varied activities including: MCAS testing for Math, teacher appreciation week events, curriculum planning half-day workshops, student chorus concerts, International Fair activities, Community Reading Day, Move-Up Day programs and the annual Flying Squadron assemblies. A complete calendar of events for May is attached.

### **MCAS Test Schedule for Math**

Spring 2010 Mathematics MCAS testing is scheduled on a statewide basis during the weeks from May 10 to May 28, 2010. Students in grade 3 at Taft School will be tested on May 11 and 12; grade 4 will take tests on May 18 and 19. The complete Math MCAS Schedule for Taft School is attached.

### **Bullying Policy Guidelines for Taft School**

The Uxbridge Public Schools Policy on Bullying (File JICFB) requires each school to develop administrative guidelines and procedures for implementation of the Bullying Policy. In accordance with this Policy, members of the Taft School Council have developed a draft of "Bullying Guidelines and Procedures." These guidelines will be finalized in time for inclusion in next year's Taft School Handbook. A copy of "Bullying Guidelines and Procedures" for Taft School is attached.

### **Taft School Celebrates Go Green Week**

Fourth-grade students in Mrs. Bazzett's classes were busy last week giving out flower seeds to students who brought a container of peanut butter for the Uxbridge Food Pantry during Go Green Week. From April 12 – 16, all students and staff at Taft School celebrated Go Green Week. The emphasis is environmental studies in preparation for Earth Day. The project, called Peanut Butter for Taft Seeds, benefited both the school and the food pantry.

Many other activities were planned throughout the week including designing and decorating Hannaford's Supermarket paper bags with Earth Day tips on them for distribution at the store on Earth Day.

Other ideas have included water conservation, planting flowers, saving electricity, wearing green, recyclable art projects with all classes, cleaning up litter around the school. "Our students are the future of our environment and starting them at a young age to conserve and care for our planet is important to us all." said Lori Fafard, Assistant Principal at Taft School/ELC.

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