COUGAR CONNECTION

THE HELEN KELLER MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2018

Raise Craze is here!!

By now you have heard all about the amazing fundraiser - a unique way to raise money while spreading kindness in the community! We know it doesn't sound possible, but so far we have raised over **$9,000!!**

Our kids have performed nearly 200 Acts of Kindness (AOK). Acts of Kindness have included: to writing letters to our service women and men, making blessing bags for the homeless, shoveling snow for neighbors, helping friends with homework, yard work and picking up trash on the beach!

Children will have an opportunity to participate in even more AOK on March 20th from 6-8pm at HKMS during a Raise Craze service night. Stop by anytime to participate in several service projects to benefit local organizations. It's a night to come together as a community.

Raise Craze will officially end on **March 23rd**. During a school assembly when your children will get to duct tape Mrs. Mohr and Mrs. Kaplan to the cafeteria wall!! It will be quite an epic day and we cannot wait to celebrate their success in raising much needed funds for their school while spreading kindness like confetti.

Yours Truly - Heidi and Christian HKMS President and Vice President

Upcoming Events

March 13th
BOF Meeting
6:45 PM
Senior Center

March 19th
BOE Meeting
7:30PM HKMS

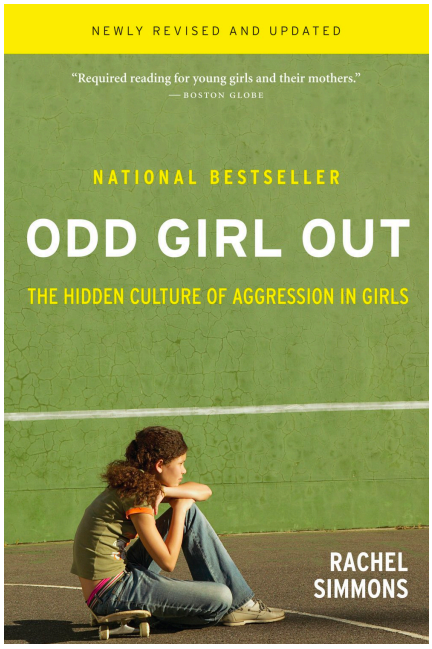
March 23rd
8th Grade
Transition Dance
Joel Barlow
7-9:30PM

March 23rd
Raise Craze Ends
Duct Tape
Mrs. Mohr
Mrs. Kaplan

March 30th
No School

April 9th-13th
No School
Spring Recess

A LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL SUSAN KAPLAN



Dear Parents,

Many years ago Rachel Simmons came to a Parent University Program in our district. I heard her give a riveting talk based on her book *Odd Girl Out*. Rachel's work has grown since then.

From her website: "Rachel Simmons is the author of *Enough As She Is: How to Help Girls Move Beyond Impossible Standards of Success to Live Healthy, Happy and Fulfilling Lives*, and the New York Times bestsellers *Odd Girl Out* and *The Curse of the Good Girl*.

As an educator, Rachel teaches girls and women skills to build their resilience, amplify their voices, and own their courage so that they—and their relationships—live with integrity and health."

As another reminder of the perils of social media websites on adolescent girls I offer you the following link to an article Rachel Simmons recently wrote about all that we have been discussing this year. I think you will find it very compelling, whether you have daughters, or just want to understand more about girls today.

Check out this story on CNN: https://www.cnn.com/2018/02/27/opinions/girls-power-expectation-depression-opinion-simmons/index.html

Sincerely,
Susan J. Kaplan
Principal

RAISE CRAZE™

FUNDRAISING THROUGH KINDNESS

Service Night March 20th

6-8pm

Participate in Service Projects including:

Writing letters to firefighters, police officers and EMS in Easton.

Assemble comfort bags for patients and their families in the ICU.

Make fleece blankets for parents in the ICU.

Bring items to donate to organizations including:

Bubbles & bubble wands

Washable finger paint and paper

Snacks (goldfish and animal crackers)

Gently used (and clean) sheets and comforters

BRADY'S SMILE

Doing Big Things For Little Ones In Need

info@bradyssmile.org 501(c)(3) organization

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INTEGRATED REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT SERVICES

Save the Date
March 23rd

To celebrate the end of Raise Craze Students and Teachers will get to Duct Tape Mrs. Mohr and Mrs. Kaplan to the cafeteria wall!!

$2 for an arms length of duct tape!!
Let's see how many strips it takes to make they stick!!

The Easton Arts Council Presents:

Youth Art Show Spectacular!

March 2018

The Youth Art Show
March 1, 2018-
April 17, 2018

- Held in the Library, Community Room.
- Reception: Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 3:00-4:00 PM
- Two-dimensional artwork must be in frames, wired and ready to hang, (no saw tooth hangers please.)
- Sculptures also accepted.
- Receiving date: Saturday, February 24, 1:00-3:00 PM in the Community Room of the Easton Library.
- Pickup date: April 14, 2:00-4:00 PM
- Questions: Please contact Kathy Davidson- (203) 261-7351
  420 Westport Rd
  Easton, CT 06612

Special Note:

Youth Art Workshop

- Held at the Easton Community Center
- February 3, 2018 12:00-1:30 PM
- Don't miss this fun-filled day of painting on canvas, then learn how to frame and hang your artwork
- The Easton Lion's Club donates all supplies

ENTRY FORM: ART SHOW

Name _____

Address _____

Age _____ Grade _____ Home # _____

Title _____

Medium _____

Email _____

EASTON ARTS COUNCIL FAMILY ($30) OR YOUTH ($10) MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.

Mail to: Easton Arts Council, P.O. Box 142, Easton, CT 06612

MARCH @ EPL

Easton Yarnsmiths (All Ages) **Thursdays, March 1st, 15th, 29th @ 5:00 PM**
Join us for an hour of knitting and crocheting! Beginners and advanced knitters and crocheters of all ages are welcome. Each meeting will be an opportunity to work on personal and/or group projects, share techniques, and ask questions. Yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks are available to borrow, but feel free to bring your own! *This is a drop-in program.*

Teen Advisory Group (Gr. 6-12) **Friday, March 2nd & 23rd @ 3:30 PM**
The group meets monthly and advises the Teen Librarian on what books to buy for the collection, programs to plan, and other special projects. *This is a group for middle and high school students.* **Registration is suggested.**

Innovation Squad (Gr. 4-8) **Friday, March 16th @ 4:15 PM**
Join us each month for some hands-on tinkering, creating and innovating. We've got Osmo and Ozobots, Makey Makeys, Perler Beads, crafts and puzzles and so much more! Each month we'll have a different project, so register now! **Registration is required.**

Register for programs here: https://www.eastonlibrary.org/calendar-list

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"Links for Literature" Mini-Golf in the Library

(A fundraiser for the Friends of the Easton Public Library)

Saturday, March 10 from 10-4

Join us for this family-friendly event!
Play 18 holes of mini-golf, enjoy refreshments, participate in our Silent Auction, and most of all, have fun!

Tickets are on sale now in the Library and online at eastonlibrary.org.
$15/person; $50/family

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