

CHATting IT UP AT CASP

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MYSTERY DINNER FUNDRAISER.....

We're excited to be hosting our **Mystery Dinner on Saturday, February 11, 2012**. As many of you are aware the dinner themes have been created by six of our families. The dinners are being prepared by CASP hosts and their friends and a lot of time and planning has gone into the menu selections and in some cases the décor. There are four contribution levels per person: **\$25, \$50, \$75 and \$100**. You pick the price you are most comfortable making for a dinner in Newtonville! One of the meals will feature a "meet and greet" with an author and a book signing. Another host is planning to decorate the house with 20's gangster posters and an object or piece of clothing for the guests to wear to get into the mood of the theme...You select your top three and the "Mystery" is in where you will be eating that evening. Couples will remain together and I will do my best to fit the single mystery goes into a group where they will have fun. This event will take place even if we have inclement weather since it's all within Newton. Proceeds will benefit student activities at CASP. Please get your reservations and checks into the **Sox** family mail folder by **Monday, January 30th**.

VACATION COVERAGE.....

The February vacation itinerary is out and in your CASP mail folders. **Registration is due back on Tuesday, January 24th at 6P.M.** The Program accepts 50 students per day on a first come first serve basis. We need a minimum of 15 students per day to hold the Program as the City of Newton increased the rental costs last year for Programs in school buildings during the vacation weeks. If you opt to have your child brush their teeth while attending a vacation program please tell them in advance so they will be prepared. Last year we had students who refused to brush and we will not enforce it in that case.

SIGNING OUT....

During pick-up from CASP all authorized persons are required to not only sign out, but to record the time of pick-up next to their signature. Families with students in 4/5 are welcome to ask staff in either lunchroom to call up to the 3rd floor for their child to come down. If students are called down the 4/5 staff will record the pick-up information and time.

VALENTINE BOUTIQUE.....

Love is in the air.....We will once again host our Valentine Boutique which will benefit the Leukemia Lymphoma Foundation and Mkoba House for Boys in Zimbabwe starting on **Wednesday, February 8th from 4-6P.M. in the lobby**. Students and staff from all three Programs are mass producing Valentine cards, jewelry, cookie dough, recycled books, love bugs to name a few of the items that will be offered. Prices will be from \$.25 up to \$7.00.

NASHOBA VALLEY...

We're half way through a challenging year for many New England Mountains. Luckily for us it's been cold enough for Nashoba to make snow that CASP students can ski or board on each week. CASP has forty students participating in the six week program at Nashoba. Edie, Emma, Katie and I can't thank parent chaperones enough for all you have done to assist us each week. You make going to the mountain possible and help to ensure that students are dressed appropriately, happy, safe and well nourished.

HOLIDAY GIFT.....

On behalf of all of us at CASP we really appreciated your generosity and kind words during the holiday season. Happy, healthy New Year to you all!