

Dexter and Southfield Community News – April 17, 2009

Briarwood Trips

During the months of April and May, students in Classes 1-8 will spend a day at **Briarwood Marine Science Center**, the Schools' satellite campus on Cape Cod. Each grade-level group will travel by bus to Briarwood in the morning, participate in a variety of marine science activities, and return to Brookline in time for regular dismissal. More detailed information about the trips will be sent home with the students.

Multicultural Fair

Fifteen countries will be represented at the Upper School Multicultural Fair on **Wednesday, April 29**, many by students whose families hail from those countries. There will be interactive displays, traditional dance, and information about each nation. Students and faculty will be able to "travel" from country to country without ever leaving campus.

Book Fair

Parents, students, and friends are invited to come and peruse thousands of titles at the spring Book Fair, to be held on **Thursday, April 30**, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Dalrymple Gymnasium. Summer reading lists will be available, as will public speaking mural note cards.

Small Independent School Arts League (SISAL) Art Show

For the fourth year, student artists in Classes 7-12 from both schools have submitted art work for review by a panel of judges. Winners will be displayed at the SISAL Art Show, to be held at the Fenn School in Concord, from **April 28 to May 3**. The awards presentation will be on **Sunday, May 3**, at 2:00 p.m.

Middle School Spring Musical

The middle school play, a musical version of "Tom Sawyer" featuring students in Classes 7 and 8 in both schools, will be performed on May 7 and 8. The morning shows are for the students, while families are invited to the evening show at 7:00 p.m. on **Friday, May 8**.

Astronomy Day

On **Saturday, May 9**, the Clay Center Observatory and the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston will host their annual Astronomy Day from 3:30 to 10:00 p.m. Demonstrations, exhibits, planetarium and laser light shows, kites, rocketry, and educational activities for all ages will be featured. For more information, visit the [Astronomy Day](#) website. This is always a very popular event for families and friends.

Field Days

On **Tuesday, May 12**, for **Southfield** and **Thursday, May 14**, for **Dexter**, students in Classes K2-8 will participate in track events during Field Day. K2 – Class 2 events begin at 10:00 a.m., while Classes 3-8 participate from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., concluding in time for the afternoon bus departure. Parents and friends make this a festive annual occasion.

Dexter-Southfield Annual Dinner

On **Thursday, May 21**, the Schools will gather for the annual Dexter and Southfield Dinner. Following a reception and show of student work, dinner and remarks from members of Dexter's 25th and 50th reunion classes, the student choirs and instrumental ensemble will perform their spring concert. The performers will assist with serving dinner and join the faculty as hosts for the 900 students, parents, alumni/ae, and friends who attend.

2009-2010 Calendar

The 2009-2010 school-year calendars can be viewed on the **Southfield** and **Dexter** home pages on the Schools' website or by following this [link](#).

This newsletter is intended as a private communication between Dexter and Southfield Schools and student families. The Schools maintain email address lists solely as a means of communication with parents and friends and do not share this information with third parties. To unsubscribe or update your email address, reply to communications@dexter-southfield.org.