

Dexter and Southfield Community News – May 7, 2009

Middle School Spring Musical

The middle school play, a musical version of *Tom Sawyer* featuring Dexter and Southfield students in Classes 7 and 8, 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**. The cast and crew have been working diligently, and the entire school community looks forward to another wonderful performance.

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. Special attractions will include Class Four astronomy posters and projects and the Class Five "Cosmic Choir." Also, the six-storey high RE/MAX hot air balloon will offer balloon rides, weather permitting.

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., followed by the spring parent sport visit, while Classes 3-8 participate from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., concluding in time for the afternoon bus departure. Parents and friends are invited, making 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, a 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 will join the faculty as hosts for the 900 students, parents, alumni/ae, and friends who will attend.

Upper School Graduations

On **Wednesday, May 27** and **Thursday, May 28**, Upper School students, parents, and invited guests will join the **Southfield** and **Dexter** Classes of 2009, respectively, for the Upper School Graduation exercises. These events will be the second Class 12 graduation for Southfield and the third for Dexter.

Kindergarten Welcomings

New parents and students in the Kindergarten One and Two programs are invited to an open house in order to meet faculty and other new families, tour the classrooms and campus, and learn more about the Schools' early childhood programs. **Southfield's** welcoming will be on **Wednesday, May 27**, and **Dexter's** will be on **Thursday, May 28**, both beginning at **1:30 p.m.** at the kindergarten complex on Newton Street.

Prize Days

On **Wednesday, June 3**, for **Southfield** and **Thursday, June 4**, for **Dexter**, the traditional Prize Day Exercises will take place at 9:00 a.m. in the Thorndike Rink. Prize Day recognizes students in Kindergarten Two through Class Eight for excellence in academics, citizenship, and public speaking and provides a transition for members of Class Eight to their secondary school years.

Summer Programs

Dexter and Southfield offer a variety of summer programs, both on campus and at the Schools' satellite facility on Cape Cod. For more information about the offerings or to register your child, visit the [summer program website](#) or call (617) 454-2725.

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](#).

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