SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K \_\_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 21, 2006 SCHOLASTIC CORPORATION (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter) ------DELAWARE 000-19860 13-3385513 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation) Identification No.) 557 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, 10012 **NEW YORK** (Zip Code) (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (212) 343-6100 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) (Former Name or Former address, if Changed Since Last Report) ------Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions: Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the [ ] Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

# Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On September 21, 2006, Scholastic Corporation issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 announcing its results of operations for its quarter ended August 31, 2006.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibits, is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any of Scholastic's filings with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) The following exhibit is filed as part of this report:

Press release of Scholastic Corporation, dated September 21, 2006, is filed as Exhibit 99.1.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 21, 2006 SCHOLASTIC CORPORATION

(Registrant)

/s/ Mary A. Winston

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Name: Mary A. Winston

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Number Exhibit

99.1 Press release of Scholastic Corporation, dated September 21, 2006

Scholastic Reports First Quarter Results for Fiscal 2007

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 21, 2006--Scholastic Corporation (NASDAQ: SCHL) today reported results for the fiscal 2007 first quarter ended August 31, 2006. Scholastic typically records minimal revenues from its School Book Fairs and Book Clubs in the first quarter of the fiscal year, as most schools are not in session, resulting in seasonal loss. Last year's first quarter loss was unusually low due to the benefit of the record-setting best-seller, Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince.

Revenues in the first quarter were \$334.9 million versus \$498.4 million in the prior year period. Net loss for the quarter was \$46.9 million, or \$1.12 per share. This compares to a net loss of \$21.2 million, or \$0.52 per share, in the prior year period.

"We are executing our plan and making solid progress toward our fiscal 2007 goals," commented Richard Robinson, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "The pressing need to raise students' reading achievement continued to drive strong educational technology sales in the first quarter, especially of READ 180(R), and higher profits in Educational Publishing. The summer was also marked by a number of strong Trade releases, including the newest title in the Captain Underpants series, which debuted at number two on the USA Today best-seller list. Additionally, School Book Clubs implemented its streamlined promotion plans for this school year. Finally, we are on track to meet our fiscal 2007 cost savings target, as we continue to take steps to reduce overhead company-wide during the quarter."

Scholastic continues to expect fiscal 2007 revenue of \$2.1 to \$2.2 billion, earnings per diluted share of \$1.55 to \$1.85 and free cash flow of \$75 to \$85 million.

#### First Quarter Results

Children's Book Publishing and Distribution. Segment revenue in the first quarter declined to \$112.6 million from \$275.3 million in the prior year period, due to Harry Potter Trade revenues of approximately \$5 million compared to approximately \$185 million in the year-ago period, when the Company released Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince. This expected decline was partially offset by higher revenues from new Trade releases, as well as growth in Continuities revenues. The operating loss for the segment was \$67.3 million, compared to an operating loss of \$19.7 million in the prior year period, primarily reflecting the lower Trade revenues.

Educational Publishing. Segment revenue in the first quarter was \$127.4 million compared to \$128.3 million in the prior year period. Educational technology revenues rose 9%, driven by strong sales of READ 180, as well as Scholastic Reading Inventory(TM) and Read About(R), while revenues from classroom libraries and Library Publishing declined. Operating income rose 19% to \$32.7 million relative to the prior year period, primarily reflecting higher educational technology sales and improved results in professional books and Library Publishing.

International. Segment revenue in the first quarter rose 3% to \$79.2 million from \$76.7 million in the prior year period, though was flat in local currencies. The operating loss for the segment was \$5.5 million in the first quarter, level with the year ago period. The first quarter is also typically the smallest for the International segment, with schools out of session in the United Kingdom and Canada, two of the Company's largest operations, resulting in a seasonal loss.

Media, Licensing and Advertising. Segment revenue declined \$2.4 million to \$15.7 million in the first quarter compared to the prior year period, primarily due to lower production revenue from fewer deliveries of television episodes in the quarter. Operating loss for the segment was \$6.1 million compared with \$5.7 million in the year ago period.

Other Financial Results. Corporate overhead declined 9% to \$19.9 million from \$21.8 million. Company-wide actions under the previously announced cost-savings plan positively impacted corporate overhead and results in the operating segments. This was partially offset by severance expense in the quarter of \$0.08 per diluted share compared to \$0.05 in the prior year period. Free cash use (as defined) in the quarter decreased to \$160.9 million from \$178.3 million a year ago, reflecting improvements in working capital compared to last year's Harry Potter-related levels, partially offset by higher net loss. Net debt (as defined) declined to \$456.1 million from \$561.4 million a year ago, reflecting strong free cash flow in the intervening period.

#### Conference Call

The conference call and accompanying slides will be webcast and accessible through the Investor Relations section of Scholastic's Web site, scholastic.com. Participation by telephone will be available by dialing 888-338-6461 from within the U.S. or +1-973-935-8510 internationally. From approximately 10:00 a.m. ET following the call, slides and an audio replay will be available in the Investor Relations section of scholastic.com or for audio only, by dialing 877-519-4471 and entering participant code 7553822.

#### Upcoming Investor Meeting

The Company will hold a meeting for investors and analysts at 9:00 a.m. ET on September 27, 2006 in New York City. At the meeting, which will be available live and by replay through the Investor Relations section of scholastic.com, senior management will present the Company's long-term strategy.

## About Scholastic

Scholastic Corporation (NASDAQ: SCHL) is the world's largest publisher and distributor of children's books and a leader in educational technology. Scholastic creates quality educational and entertaining materials and products for use in school and at home, including children's books, magazines, technology-based products, teacher materials, television programming, film, videos and toys. The Company distributes its products and services through a variety of channels, including proprietary school-based book clubs, school-based book fairs, and school-based and direct-to-home continuity programs; retail stores, schools, libraries and television networks; and the Company's Internet site, scholastic.com.

## Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains certain forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including the conditions of the children's book and educational materials markets and acceptance of the Company's products within those markets, and other risks and factors identified from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Actual results could differ materially from those currently anticipated.

# SCHOLASTIC CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED) (Amounts in millions except per share data)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED			
	08/31/06	08/31/05	Favorable/(U	nfavorable)
Revenues	\$334.9	\$498.4	(\$163.5)	(33%)
Operating costs and expenses:				
Cost of goods sold Selling, general and administrative	171.8	293.0	121.2	41%
expenses	196.6	202.4	5.8	3%
Bad debt expense Depreciation and	15.7	12.6	(3.1)	(25%)
amortization	16.9	15.6	(1.3)	(8%)
Total operating costs and				
expenses	401.0	523.6	122.6	23%
Operating loss	(66.1)	(25.2)	(40.9)	*
Interest expense, net	7.4	8.5	1.1	13%
Loss before income taxes	(73.5)	(33.7)	(39.8)	*
Tax benefit	26.6	12.5	14.1	*

Net loss	(\$46.9)	(\$21.2)	(\$25.7) ======	*
Basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding	42.0	41.0	(1.0)	(2%)
Basic and diluted loss per share	(\$1.12)	(\$0.52)	(\$0.60)	*

<sup>\*</sup> Percent change not meaningful.

## SCHOLASTIC CORPORATION RESULTS OF OPERATIONS - SEGMENTS (UNAUDITED) (Amounts in millions)

THREE MONTHS ENDED \_\_\_\_\_\_ 08/31/06 08/31/05 Favorable/(Unfavorable) Children's Book Publishing & Distribution \$112.6 \$275.3 (67.3) (19.7) (\$162.7) (47.6) (59%)Revenue Operating loss Operating margin **Educational Publishing** 127.4 128.3 32.7 27.5 (0.9) (1%) Revenue Operating income 19% Operating margin 25.7% 21.4% International 2.5 0.0 79.2 76.7 (5.5) (5.5) Revenue N/A Operating loss Operating margin Media, Licensing and Advertising 15.7 18.1 (6.1) (5.7) (2.4) (13%) (0.4) (7%) Revenue Operating loss Operating margin 19.9 21.8 1.9 Overhead expense 9% Operating loss (\$66.1) (\$25.2) (\$40.9) 

SCHOLASTIC CORPORATION SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED) (Amounts in millions)

#### SELECTED BALANCE SHEET ITEMS

08/31/06	08/31/05	Favorable/(Unfavorable)

<sup>\*</sup> Percent change not meaningful.

Accounts receivable, net Inventories Accounts payable Accrued royalties Lines of credit, short- term debt and current portion of long-term	249.8 548.0 164.3 47.7	411.7 509.2 179.3 127.2	(161.9) 38.8 15.0 79.5	(39%) 8% 8% 63% *
debt Long-term debt, excluding	301.5	33.8	(267.7)	*
current portion	174.3	546.0	371.7	*
Capital lease obligations Total stockholders'	67.7	78.0	10.3	13%
equity	999.9	926.0	73.9	8%
Net debt (1)	456.1	561.4	105.3	19%

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#### SELECTED CASH FLOW ITEMS

	THREE MONTHS ENDED			
	08/31/06	08/31/05	Favorable/(Unfa	avorable)
Net cash used in				
operating activities Additions to property,	(\$138.1)	(\$138.8)	\$0.7	1%
plant and equipment	6.2	15.4	9.2	60%
Pre-publication and production costs	10.5	16.9	6.4	38%
Royalty advances	6.1	7.2	1.1	15%
Free cash flow (use) (2)	(\$160 O)	(\$178.3)	\$17.4	10%
Free cash riow (use) (2)	(\$100.9)	(\$170.3)	\$17.4 =======	10%

- (1) Net debt is defined by the Company as lines of credit and short-term debt plus long-term-debt, net of cash and cash equivalents. The Company utilizes this non-GAAP financial measure, and believes it is useful to investors, as an indicator of the Company's effective leverage and financing needs.
- (2) Free cash flow (use) is defined by the Company as net cash provided by operating activities, less spending on property, plant and equipment; pre-publication and production costs; and royalty advances. The Company believes that this measure, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, is useful to investors as an indicator of cash flow available for debt repayment and other investing activities, such as acquisitions. The Company utilizes free cash flow as a further indicator of operating performance and for planning investing activities.
- \* Percent change not meaningful.

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