

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): DECEMBER 22, 2004

SCHOLASTIC CORPORATION  
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN CHARTER)

DELAWARE  
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION  
OF INCORPORATION)

000-19860  
(COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)

13-3385513  
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER  
IDENTIFICATION NO.)

557 BROADWAY, NEW YORK,  
NEW YORK  
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

10012  
(ZIP CODE)

(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  
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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On December 21, 2004, Scholastic Corporation issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 announcing the publication date for HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE.

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 dated December 21, 2004 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: December 22, 2004

SCHOLASTIC CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /S/ CHARLES B. DEULL  
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Name: Charles B. Deull  
Title: Senior Vice President, General  
Counsel and Secretary

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99.1	Press release dated December 21, 2004.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## AN UNEXPECTED CHRISTMAS PRESENT ARRIVES

J.K. ROWLING'S HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE TO BE PUBLISHED ON JULY 16, 2005 IN THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA

NEW YORK, NY: LONDON, ENGLAND: December 21, 2004 - HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE by J.K. Rowling, the sixth in the best-selling series, has been scheduled for release on July 16, 2005 in the United States, Britain, Canada and Australia, it was announced today by Scholastic and Bloomsbury, her publishers. On her website, [www.jkrowling.com](http://www.jkrowling.com), J.K. Rowling announced yesterday that she had delivered the manuscript to her publishers.

In making the joint announcement, Barbara Marcus, President of Scholastic Children's Books in the United States, and Nigel Newton, Chief Executive of Bloomsbury Publishing in Britain, said, "We are delighted to announce the publication date. J.K. Rowling has written a brilliant story that will dazzle her fans in a marvelous book that takes the series to yet greater heights. HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE delivers all the excitement and wonder of her best-selling previous Harry Potter novels."

In the fifth and most recent book, HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX, the last chapter, titled "The Second War Begins," started:

'In a brief statement Friday night, Minister of Magic Cornelius Fudge confirmed that He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named has returned to this country and is active once more.

"It is with great regret that I must confirm that the wizard styling himself Lord - well, you know who I mean - is alive among us again," said Fudge.'

HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE takes up the story of Harry Potter's sixth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry at this point in the midst of the storm of this battle of good and evil.

The author has already said that the Half-Blood Prince is neither Harry nor Voldemort. And most importantly, the opening chapter of HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE has been brewing in J.K. Rowling's mind for 13 years.

HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX, J.K. Rowling's fifth Harry Potter book, was released on June 21, 2003, and was the fastest-selling book in history on the first weekend of its publication. All five Harry Potter books, HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE, HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS, HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN, HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE, as well as HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX, have been number one bestsellers in the United States, Britain, and around the world.

Scholastic will publish HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE in hardcover under the Arthur A. Levine imprint with interior and cover art by Mary Grand Pre, who has illustrated the previous five books. The price will be \$29.99.

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Exhibit 99.1

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## 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, [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com).

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