



SAGAPONACK COMMON
SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 2018 Newsletter

The first half of the 2017-2018 school year was very busy for our students. Here are some of our activities and events:

Building Projects:

Over the summer we had beautiful new windows installed throughout the building, hardwood floors were screened and a replacement step was built in front of our Physical Education shed. In the fall, the driveway was repaved and included a Belgium block outline. New bushes/shrubs were planted along the south side of the school as well.

Field Trips:



Each month the children enjoy a trip to the Hampton Library in Bridgehampton. The children's librarian works with the teachers who have previously assessed the students' reading levels, to help them choose books on their own accordingly. At the end of September, we went to the Pollack-Krasner House. Students learned about the Artist, Jackson Pollack and painted their own masterpiece.

In October, we took a field trip to Harbes in Mattituck with our friends from Wainscott School. The children had fun experiencing

the corn maze and picking pumpkins. A great time was had by all!

In November, we went to a performance of *Guess How Much I Love You* at the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center and in March will see *Moon Mouse*.

On January 31st we will have the opportunity to view our art work in the student art exhibit at Guild Hall in East Hampton and see the works of other east end schools.

Guest Speakers:



The Long Island Science Center held a one hour lesson at the school on "Rainforest Treasures." The students learned about the many species of animals that live in the rainforest and participated in hands-on activities.

In October, we were fortunate enough to have a Skype session with a 4th grade class in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The children enjoyed speaking with one another about what a typical school day is like in New Mexico and New York.

Dr. Grazina, a local Orthodontist, will discuss the importance of good dental hygiene and healthy eating habits with the children in February for "Dental Health Month." We enjoy this visit each year!

Winter Sports:



December kicked off our winter physical education activities at local facilities. The students participated in swimming sessions at the East Hampton YMCA and had fun ice skating at Buckskill Winter Club this month. Tennis lessons will begin at the East Hampton Indoor Tennis Club next month. To complete the winter activities, the students will engage in yoga relaxation techniques with Kristin Davis of Peaceful Planet Yoga at the school.

Parent & Community

Involvement:



On October 31st, the students "haunted" Sagaponack Village in their costumes. They visited community members' homes and were treated to the "Annual Piñata," hosted by the Sagaponack Post Office.

Mrs. Payne, the parent of a 1st and 2nd grade student, came to the school in November to host a lantern decorating activity with the children. Everyone enjoyed decorating their own special lantern!

We always enjoy when parents and family members volunteer their time to read a story to the children. A big thank you to everyone for the continued support

throughout the school year. We always look forward to these visits!

A Thanksgiving feast was held at the school for all of our students. Everyone enjoyed a wide variety of tasty dishes.

We would like to thank all of our families for hosting birthday lunches and/or desserts for their children's birthdays throughout the school year.

Holiday Concert:



The children put on a wonderful concert of holiday songs on December 13th.

Mrs. Fleming, our Music Teacher, instructed the students on how to use multiple instruments including the bells and glockenspiel. They sang "I Want a Hippopotamus For Christmas," "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" just to name a few songs.

Refreshments were served to families and friends that attended the performance. It was nice to read all the fabulous comments on the whiteboards the next morning!

Our spring play is scheduled for May 31st at 6:30 p.m.

Please view our website at:

www.sagaponackschool.com to see the full calendar of events for this school year.