



SAGAPONACK COMMON
SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 2019 Newsletter

The first half of the 2018-2019 school year was very busy for our students. Here are some of our activities and events:

Building Projects:

Over the summer, the shingles on the front of the school building were replaced and painted and the interior floors were rescreened. A video servailance system was installed in the beginning of the school year 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 to help our students choose books that are on their appropriate reading levels. Our first field trip of the school year was to Harbes Farm in Mattituck with our friends from New Suffolk and Wainscott Schools. The children had fun experiencing the corn maze, picking pumpkins and having a picnic lunch with their friends.

In December, we went to the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center with our pen pals from New Suffolk School to see a

performance of "Rainbow Fish" and in April we will see "Me...Jane."

On February 6th we will take a field trip to Guild Hall in East Hampton to view all of the wonderful artwork in the Student Art Exhibit. East end schools such as East Hampton, Amagansett and Montauk also participate in this event each year.

Guest Speakers:



A representative from the Group of the East End came to the school in September to discuss with our students, the importance of keeping our planet clean. In November, The Cornell Cooperative Extension was invited to teach a lesson about "Nature at Night." The students learned about the many species of animals that are nocturnal and diurnal.

Alejandro from the Madoo Conservancy, planted garlic bulbs with the children in our new school garden and taught a lesson about how compost is made and utilized in the soil to help the plants grow.

In December, we had a Skype session with our pen pals from the New Suffolk School. It is always fun for the children to see who they are writing to throughout the school year.

Lori Hubbard, a local musician from Montauk, had our children moving and shaking during her two visits in October and December.

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 Bridgehampton Community Center. We will also go to the new Clubhouse in Wainscott in March for a day of bowling fun!

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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.

Diana Payne, came to the school in October to host a pumpkin painting activity with the children. Everyone enjoyed painting and decorating their own special pumpkin!

Debora Oppenheimer conducted a pottery craft in November and Lauren and Lisa Thayer hosted a pine cone tree craft for the holidays. Students created

wonderful pieces to take home to their families.

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.

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!

Holiday Concert:



The children put on a wonderful concert of holiday songs on December 18th. Mrs. Fleming, our Music Teacher, instructed the students on how to use multiple instruments including the hand bells and glockenspiel. They sang "Must Be Santa," "Jingle Bells" and "Twelve Days of Christmas" 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 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Please view our website at:

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