



## **SAGAPONACK COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **January 2020 Newsletter**

*The first half of the 2019-2020 school year was very busy for our students. Here are some of our activities and events:*

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#### **Giving Back:**



Students participated in the annual Candy Buy Back Program hosted by Bach & Grazina East End Orthodontics. The Sagg students collected six pounds of Halloween candy which will be sent to service men & women that are stationed overseas over the next few months.

In collaboration with East End Physical Therapy, students and staff donated items to local families in need during the holiday season. Items such as hats, gloves, pajamas and dolls were distributed. Our students learned the value of giving back during each of these activities!

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#### **Field Trips:**



The children enjoy a monthly trip to the Hampton Library in Bridgehampton. The children's librarian works with the teachers who have previously assessed the students' reading levels. Students then choose two books in their respective reading

levels to check out of the library during each visit. In October, we had fun pumpkin picking with the Wainscott School at Pumpkintown in Watermill. Students learned about sustainable farming and environmentally friendly agriculture and took a hayride through the corn field.

In November, our students and teachers visited the Gold Eagle Art Studio in East Hampton. The children participated in a water coloring activity and enjoyed a picnic lunch on the grounds of the studio. A field trip to the Long Island Science Center in Riverhead also took place in November. Our K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students learned about engineering with Legos and developed structures utilizing teamwork techniques.

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#### **Guest Speakers and Readers:**



Southampton Town Police Officer, Eugene Lafurno, discussed "Stranger Danger" with the children. This was an informative question and answer activity that takes place every year in the fall.

Once again, we will be working with Madoo Conservancy this school year planting new crops in our school garden and learning about agriculture and what grows best in the local soil.

Parents, recent alumni, and local authors are invited to read books to our K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. In December, it was a pleasure to

have two former Sagg School students, Jack & Luke Louchheim read holiday stories to our students. Tom Schultz, a parent of a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student read "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" in his "grinchiest" voice. We look forward to our readers each year!

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### Winter Sports:



December kicked off our winter physical education activities at local facilities. The students participated in swimming lessons at the East Hampton YMCA. Currently, the children are having fun ice skating at Buckskill Winter Club and next month, tennis lessons will be conducted at the East Hampton Indoor Tennis Club. To complete the winter activities, they will engage in yoga relaxation techniques at Peaceful Planet Yoga Studio in Bridgehampton.

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### Parent & Community Involvement:



On Halloween day, the students "haunted" Sagaponack Village in their costumes. They visited community members' homes and were treated to the "Annual Piñata" in front of the Sagaponack Post Office. Our Parent Refreshment Committee provided a delicious snack to complete the festivities.

In November, Alden Fenwick, a parent of a 1<sup>st</sup> grade student, hosted a Thanksgiving necklace

craft utilizing different shapes and sizes of uncooked pasta. Fun was had by all!

In December, Lisa Thayer, a grandparent of two of our students, hosted a holiday craft. The children designed and decorated their own plastic ball ornaments. We always enjoy Ms. Thayer's arts and crafts activities!

Thank you to all of our parents and community members for their continued support!

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### Holiday Concert:



The children put on a wonderful concert of holiday songs on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Fleming, our Music Teacher, instructed the students to use tone bars and hand bells throughout the performance. They also sang "Feliz Navidad," "Jingle Bell Rock," and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," just to name a few holiday favorite. Refreshments were served and parents wrote congratulatory comments to our future Broadway stars!

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, our students along with their peers from the Wainscott School, sang holiday songs from the concert to local community members at the Bridgehampton Senior Center.

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Please view our website at: [www.sagaponackschool.com](http://www.sagaponackschool.com) to see the full calendar of events for this school year.