

SAGAPONACK COMMON  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 2019 Newsletter

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

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Hampton Library Visits:



During the winter months, the children wrote their own short stories. The stories were displayed at the Budding Author's Reception at the Hampton Library in April. The students and teachers attended the reception. Fun was had by all!

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Field Trips:



After a long winter, field trips began again in May and June. The children and teachers were invited to Madoo Conservancy here in Sagaponack for a lesson in planting seeds and learning about the importance of nutrients in our soil. We also saw a performance at the Westhampton Beach Performing Art Center about the life of Jane Goodall, Primatologist & Anthropologist.

In June, our end of the year trip was to the Long Island Aquarium. The children, parents and teachers participated in a

meet and greet with penguins and afterwards toured the facility. All of this year's educational field trips were geared towards local farms, conservation and wildlife programs on the eastern end of Long Island. Lastly, we had our annual beach day at Sagg Main Beach on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The children always enjoy a day of water play and a picnic lunch under the umbrella at the beach! Everyone had a great time!

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Guest Speakers/Events:



In February, Dr. Victor Grazina, a local Orthodontist, visited the school to discuss the importance of good hygiene and eating healthy foods. The children always enjoy Dr. Grazina coming to the school each year. Over the course of the school year, we connected with the New Suffolk and Wainscott Schools. The children wrote penpal letters, had Skype sessions and took field trips with the students from these two schools.

In May, Brendon Manley, the owner of Innovators Camp, came to the school to work on a drone activity with the students. Children learned how to program and fly the drone through the

use of Chromebooks. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, we invited our incoming Kindergarteners and their families to a read-a-long and ice cream social event. Our students read stories to the younger children and enjoyed flying saucers from Carvel.

A retired Sagaponack School Teacher, Mrs. McGinniss, visited the school in June and enjoyed meeting all of our students.

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Educational School Garden:



Our educational school garden continues to thrive! The students, along with Alejandro Saralegui from the Madoo Conservancy planted dill, carrots, radishes, spinach and peas. Half barrels were donated by Wolffer Vineyard and utilized for blueberry and strawberry plants. We also included a storage bench, sun thermometer and Adirondack chair in the garden space.

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Spring Concert :



The children put on a wonderful spring play, "Bremen Town Jam" on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The children wore homemade costumes depicting their characters in the play.

Ms. Fleming, our Music Teacher, worked very hard with the students over the course of three months to prepare them for the play. After the performance, refreshments were served and parents wrote congratulatory comments on the whiteboards to our future Broadway stars!

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Many Thanks:



We would like to thank all of our parents and community members for being an active part of our school throughout the year! Your involvement is what makes Sagaponack School such a wonderful and unique place for our students!

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Best Wishes:



Our graduation and moving up ceremony took place at the school on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. The children were presented with awards and goodie bags for a job well done this school year! We wish our graduates, Bryn Cunningham and Jessica Payne good luck in 4<sup>th</sup> grade!

*Please view our website at: [www.sagaponackschool.com](http://www.sagaponackschool.com) in September to see a calendar of events for the 2019-2020 school year!*