



SAGAPONACK COMMON
SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 2022 Newsletter

The first half of the 2021-2022 school year was very busy for our students. Here are some of our activities and events:

Beginning of the 2021-22 School Year:

In September, we welcomed our students back into the classroom with in-person instruction. Masks and social distancing have been maintained daily to ensure the safety of all the students and staff. We will continue to follow the Suffolk County Department of Health and the New York State Department of Health's safety guidelines and protocols throughout the school year.

Field Trips:



Each month the children enjoy a trip to the Hampton Library in Bridgehampton. The children's librarian coordinates 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 Madoo Conservancy, in Sagaponack, where the children viewed Spencer Finch's "This Room Needs Color" exhibit. Fun was had by all!

A trip to Pumpkintown in Watermill took place in October. The children experienced the corn maze, picking pumpkins and learning about the life cycle of a pumpkin.

A field trip to the Golden Eagle Art Studio in East Hampton was held on November 4th. The students had the opportunity to learn and create prints using Suminigashi, a Japanese marbling technique. A picnic lunch was enjoyed after the art activity.

Guest Speakers/Visitors:



In September, the children worked with Eastern Suffolk BOCES School Counselor, Gena Marino through a social-emotional learning activity. This activity was geared toward how each individual person is important to the world around us.

In November, Judy Isbitiren, a representative from the Long Island Science Center conducted an ecosystem science lesson. Using water samples from a local river source, the students assessed the quality of the water, and the negative and positive effects of various environmental factors have on the river.

Lori Hubbard, a local musician from Montauk, had our children moving and shaking during her two visits in November. We always look forward to having Ms. Hubbard visit Sagg School!

Our Sagaponack CSD Board of Trustees Vice President, Thomas Schultz, read "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" through Google Classroom to all of our students on December 21st. We always look forward to Mr. Schultz as an annual guest reader!!

Winter Sports:



December kicked off our winter physical education activities at our local facilities. The students participated in a bowling session at the Clubhouse in Wainscott. Ice Skating will take place each Friday in January. A skating instructor will work with the children on the basic skating techniques. 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. Namaste!

Community Involvement:



On October 29th, the students "spooked" Sagaponack Village in their costumes. The wonderful staff at our local post office handed out goodies to the trick-or-treaters and parents took photos before the annual pinata activity. Afterward, our "ghosts and goblins" visited community

members' homes for more tricks or treats. Fun was had by all!

The Sag Harbor Schaivoni Market catered a luncheon the day before our Thanksgiving recess. Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, broccoli and pies were thoroughly enjoyed by the students.

The Hildreth Family graciously donated Merrall's hand-crafted school dollhouse to the Sagaponack School. The 2008 dollhouse is a beautiful replica of the actual school building.

Holiday Concert:



A sing-a-long event took place outdoors on December 14th. Ms. Fleming, our Music Teacher, along with our Kindergarten through 3rd grade students sang songs to parents and community members. Some of the songs included "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." Hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies were served after the sing-a-long. It was nice to have everyone come together for some holiday cheers!

We are looking forward to our spring play which is scheduled for June 2nd.

Please view our website at: www.sagaponackschool.com to see the full calendar of events for this school year.