

**SAGAPONACK COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**January 2024 Newsletter**

*The first half of the 2023-2024 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 Dr. Grazina and his team from Facing the Future Orthodontics. The Sagg School students collected seventeen (17) pounds of Halloween candy which will be sent to service men and women that are stationed overseas over the next few months. We look forward to this program each year!

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**Field Trips:**

C:\Users\SagServer\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\X0C5HIY6\MC900388732[1].wmf The children have been enjoying their monthly visits to the Hampton Library in Bridgehampton! Shannon Hughes and Richard Crowley, the wonderful librarians, conduct a craft and story time activity. Students are able to choose two books in their respective reading levels to check out of the library. In September, the children took a field trip to the Longhouse Reserve in East Hampton. The students participated in a guided tour and learned about Jack Larsen and other local artists. On October 19th we were invited to

Pumpkintown, in Watermill, for our annual pumpkin picking fun! On January 24th, we had the opportunity to view the Student Art Exhibit at Guild Hall in East Hampton and take part in a natural resource painting activity.

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**Guest Speakers and Readers:**

Ms. Gena Marino, a School Counselor from Eastern Suffolk BOCES, hosted a self-portrait lesson in the fall. This month, she discussed community helpers and their jobs with the students. Judy Iannone, a representative of The Long Island Science Center organized the Star Lab lesson at to the school in November. The children learned about the planets and stars while sitting in the inflatable lab. A “physics of toys” lesson will be held in March! Lori Hubbard, a local musician from Montauk, had our children moving and shaking during her visit in November.

Last month, it was a pleasure to have former Sagg School student, Luke Louchheim, read holiday stories to the children. Thomas Schultz, the School Board of Trustees Vice President, read “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” in his “grinchiest” voice with the help of his son, Harrison, who graduated from Sagg School.

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**Winter Sports:**

December kicked off our winter physical education activities at local facilities. The students participated in swimming lessons at East Hampton YMCA. Currently, the children are having fun ice skating at Buckskill Winter Club and tennis lessons will be conducted at the East Hampton Indoor Tennis, in February. To complete the winter activities, Kristin Davey, owner of Peaceful Planet Yoga, will teach our little “yogis” poses and breathing techniques through fun activities. The children will also visit The Clubhouse in Wainscott in the spring for a bowling outing.

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**Parent & Community Involvement:**

 On October 2nd, the Sagg School Board of Trustees and staff hosted a bench dedication ceremony to honor long-time community member and neighbor, Barbara Albright. The bench is now a permanent fixture in our playground area! On Halloween day, the students "haunted" Sagaponack Village in their costumes. They visited community members' homes for some trick-or-treating fun and had the "Annual Piñata” in front of the Sagaponack Post Office. For Thanksgiving, the children made placemats in class and enjoyed a Schiavoni’s Market lunch of chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, vegetables and delicious pies with their classmates and teachers.

Each month, we welcome parents of our students to host a story time or craft at the school. In the fall, a few of our parents hosted painting projects, a health lesson and a cookie decorating activity. We are looking forward to a Lunar New Year and Valentine’s Day activity, next month. Thank you to all of our parents and community members for their continued support!

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**Holiday Concert:**

C:\Users\SagServer\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\80NFP5T4\MC900410535[1].wmfThe children put on a wonderful concert of holiday songs on December 13th. Mrs. Baer, our Art Teacher, along with the children, made beautiful paper snowflakes and the scenery to set the ”stage” for the outdoors event.

Mrs. Fleming, our Music Teacher, instructed the students to use instruments throughout the performance. They also sang " I Want to be an Elf," "Dreidel," and “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” just to name a few holiday favorites. Hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies were enjoyed by all after the concert!

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