



## **SAGAPONACK COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **January 2025 Newsletter**

*The first half of the 2024-2025 school year was very busy for our students. Here are some of our activities and events:*

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#### **School Garden:**



The garden was thriving over the summer and into the fall months with an abundance of vegetables such as cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and pumpkins! The children planted seeds and cared for the raised beds and pots. They learned about the importance of fresh vegetables and herbs. Our Sagg School families enjoyed the produce throughout September and October!

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#### **Field Trips:**



The children are taking pleasure in 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 walking field trip to the Madoo Conservancy. A trip to the Milk Pail Apple Farm was held on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The students

participated in a guided tour and story time for both venues. On October 16<sup>th</sup> we were invited to Pumpkintown, in Watermill, for our annual pumpkin picking fun! On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the children learned all about local artist, Jackson-Pollock, at the Pollock-Krasner House in East Hampton. On November 12<sup>th</sup>, the children saw the performance of My Father's Dragon at the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center.

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



Gena Marino, a School Counselor from Eastern Suffolk BOCES, hosted a self-portrait lesson in the fall. She will be visiting the school at the end of this month to discuss careers and occupations with the students. Judy Iannone, a representative of The Long Island Science Center conducted a lesson on the properties of air, on November 7<sup>th</sup>. An insect 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 Thomas Schultz, the School Board of Trustees President, read "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" in his "grinchiest" voice with the help of his son, Harrison, who graduated from Sagg School. Afterwards, Mrs. Schultz provided cookies to all of the children at snack time.

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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 the Buckskill Winter Club and tennis lessons will be conducted at the East Hampton Indoor Tennis Club, 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 for a bowling outing, in the spring.

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## Parent & Community Involvement:



American Pie in Bridgehampton provides a delicious pizza lunch to our students every Friday. Our Back to School Parent Meeting took place at the school on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Officer Vecchio, the Southampton Town Police Dept. School Resource Officer, came to the school to conduct a "stranger danger" lesson on October 9<sup>th</sup>. On Halloween day, the students "haunted" Sagaponack Village in their costumes. They visited community members' houses for some trick-or-treating fun and had the "Annual Piñata" in front of the Albright House. For Thanksgiving,

the children made placemats in class and enjoyed a Schiavoni's Market lunch of chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, veggies 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 windchime activity and a holiday cookie decorating event. We are looking forward to a Lunar New Year and Valentine's Day activity, in the next few weeks. 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 12<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Baer, our Art Teacher, along with the children and Ms. Minskoff, our Teacher Aide, made beautiful paper snowflakes and the scenery to set the "stage" for the outdoor event. Mrs. Fleming, our Music Teacher, instructed the students throughout the performance. They sang "Must be Santa," "Dreidel," and "Jingle Bells," 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](http://www.sagaponackschool.com) to see the full calendar of events for this school year.