



SAGAPONACK COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 2026 Newsletter

The first half of the 2025-2026 school year was very busy for our students. Here are some of our activities and events:

School Garden:



The garden was thriving over the summer and into the fall months with an abundance of vegetables such as cherry tomatoes, eggplant, 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! We are looking forward to planting new crops this spring such as lettuce, carrots and zucchini to make fun and delicious recipes at the school.

Field Trips:



The children are enjoying their monthly visits with Shannon Hughes and Richard Crowley from the Hampton Library. The wonderful librarians are conducting story time and craft activities at the school while the library is under renovations this school year. Students are able to choose two books in their respective reading

levels to check out of the library. In October, the students took a trip to the Milk Pail Apple Farm and enjoyed a hayride through the orchard and afterwards picked apples and pumpkins. They also went to the Bridgehampton Fire Department on October 21st to view the fire and EMS vehicles. On October 23rd, the children saw the Eric Carle Show at the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center. In November, the students participated in a guided tour and art activity at The Church Art Studio in Sag Harbor.

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 all about buoyancy, on November 13th. An engineering 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, our teachers held Parent-Teacher Conferences at the end of the first trimester on December 11th & 12th.

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.

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 September 24th. Officer LaFurno, the Southampton Town Police Dept. School Resource Officer, came to the school to conduct a "stranger danger" lesson on October 9th. On Halloween day, the students "spooked" 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 fishing lesson 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!

Holiday Concert:



The children put on a wonderful concert of holiday songs on December 10th. Mrs. Baer, our Art Teacher, along with the students made a beautiful scenery to set the "stage" for the outdoor event.

Mrs. Fleming, our Music Teacher, instructed the students throughout the performance. They sang "One Little Light," "Dreidel," and "Jingle Bells," just to name a few holiday favorites. Hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies were enjoyed by all after the concert!

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