

TIGER TALES



THE TISBURY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Information is updated routinely.

Attention 8th Grade Parents:

If you would like to place an ad in the yearbook, please let me know. You can send me pictures and words and I will design it or you can design it yourself.

A message box of 2 or 3 lines is \$15.00.

(Business card size 3.5" x 2")

A 1/4 page of a message and photo is \$25.00.

(3.75" x 5")

A 1/2 page is \$50.00. (7.5" x 5")

DUE DATE is April 1st!!!

Let me know how I can help,
Sue Leonard
(sleonard@mvyps.org)



Principal's Letter

Tisbury School Community:

Last month I had the opportunity to tour the construction site of the school building. I had not been inside of it for several months, and was thoroughly impressed with the progress. Passing by the school, it is easy to see the work taking place on the exterior of the building. Inside there is much happening as well, and the project continues to remain on schedule and on budget. It is increasingly exciting to imagine occupying the renovated school. We should not take for granted what it's taken to get us to this point, most notably the support of Tisbury voters. As well, we are fortunate to be in the capable hands of an exceptional professional team: W.T. Rich Company (construction manager), Tappe Associates (architect), and CHA (owner's project manager).

I am ever-mindful of the strong, ongoing support offered to our school by the good folks at American Legion Post #257. For many years, the Legion has helped our school whenever it could. School staff have been allowed to park in the Legion lot, which is private property, but offers proximity to the school and spaces to alleviate the restricted parking on campus. For the past year, as we have occupied the temporary school, the Legion has opened its building to serve as the school kitchen and cafeteria. This gesture alone cannot be overstated in terms of its importance. The Legion is a wonderful neighbor, and Post Commander JoAnn Murphy and the Legion staff are always there for our school. Our partnership also offers valuable experiences for students, including recognition of Veterans Day, attendance at the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony, and observation of Memorial Day with our March to the Sea parade. American Legion Post #257 supports our school and serves our community. They do so willingly and in an understated manner, and we owe them sincere gratitude.

Over the years, in this space, I have shared some of the "little things" that take place regularly, contributing to my enjoyment and pride working at our school. Some examples include raising and lowering the American flag with students, being in the cafeteria during students' lunches, welcoming students to school at drop-off each morning, seeing students at bus stops as I drive past, and covering classes when teachers are absent. Since we moved into the temporary school a year ago, due to a lack of space, each Tuesday morning, instrumental music lessons are held in the office I share with Assistant Principal Mrs. Ogden. I enjoy watching the students play and learn, and I've shared with them that I have a sincere appreciation for students learning music, as I was not successful in that area when I was a student. Therefore, it's meaningful to be present on Tuesday mornings when the clarinet and flute students practice. When we move into the renovated school, and the band program has its own dedicated space, I'll likely visit often. I appreciate that our school continues to value and support music education in particular, and the arts in general. We should all be proud of this.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and our important work with children. The Tisbury School is a special place because of this support.

With gratitude,
John

PTO NEWS

The Tisbury School Wellness Committee and Tisbury School PTO held a “Pumpkin Hike” at Sheriff’s Meadow Foundation West Chop Woods Trail from 11/17 to 11/30. Students and staff enjoyed searching the trails for pumpkins and gourds. Some of the favorite parts of the hike that participants shared include: finding the pumpkins, the pine needle covered trail, discovering a favorite “sit spot” (there’s a great sitting stump where the red and green trails cross) and picking up a giant leaf bigger than my head!

Wonderful raffle prizes were generously donated by Island Spirit Kayak and Misty Meadows Equine Learning Center. Many thanks to these two organizations for their support!

We hope all of our participants enjoyed the benefits of hiking: exposure to daylight, nature and fresh air, physical activity, restoration of emotional health, time spent with others, and most of all FUN!



5th Grade News

On a sunny Friday morning in November, the 5th graders took an off-island field trip to Plymouth to visit Plimoth Patuxet and the Mayflower II.



Upon arrival in Plymouth, the students boarded the Mayflower II to explore above and below decks. To get a sense of what the 66 day journey was like for the weary Pilgrims, students laid down on the floor to experience how crowded it must have been.

Highlights of the visit to Wampanoag village at Plimoth Patuxet included sitting on deerskins around the open fire in the cozy wetu longhouse and

climbing into a massive mishoon while learning about how it was burned and scraped to hollow it out.

When they reached the village, students bravely marched through, engaging with every actor they encountered. Singing Pilgrim songs, building a fence, sawing wood, sweeping the floors, and puzzling over riddles posed by the actors playing Pilgrims were all experiences that will be forever remembered.

It was a very memorable trip for all!

NURSE'S NOTES

Vineyard Smiles Dental Clinic is coming to the Tisbury School January 10th and 11th
Register through the link below:

[Children's Dental Clinics, Schedule and Registration | Vineyard Health Care Access \(mvhealthcareaccess.org\)](https://www.mvhealthcareaccess.org)

Health Education

1st graders finished their unit on fire safety with a visit to the Tisbury Fire Station. Students had a classroom lesson with Fire Chief Greg Leland and Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Rolston, got to explore one of Tisbury's fire trucks and got to spray the fire hose. What a fun opportunity! Thank you to Chief Leland and Deputy Chief Rolston for being part of this important unit.

2nd graders are participating in the L.E.A.D. program with Major Sterling Bishop from the Dukes County Sheriff's Department. L.E.A.D. helps students learn to make safe choices and build strong friendships.

6th graders concluded their skeletal and muscular system unit with a field trip to the Body Worlds exhibit in Boston last month, which is an exhibit of plasticized humans. Students were able to see different organs, bones, the digestive system, the human heart & lungs and the human nervous system. They all enjoyed seeing what allows their bodies to move around in the world. Thank you to Coach Nichols, Mrs. Connelly and Mr. Cutrer for chaperoning this great field trip.



7th and 8th Grade Science

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The seventh graders have begun a unit called Electromagnetic Force. They have learned how to measure force in Newtons using a spring scale and how friction affects the amount of force needed to move objects. Other topics of this unit include magnetism, electromagnetism and motors with the transfer of energy.

The eighth graders are deep into the study of chemistry. After balancing equations, we are studying particle movement in solids, liquids and gases. We will make some ornaments from a supersaturated solution of Borax as we study solutions, phase changes and reactions.



Sue Adamo
7/8 Science



Tisbury Garden News

This past month we moved our garden lessons indoors.

It's that time of year again.

There's still some kale out in the garden that may last all winter, though! We'll have to keep an eye on it and see if this hardy nutritious friend lasts until spring.

In 5th and 6th grade we will explore soil, the foundation of all of our food.

In 3rd and 5th grades we will continue to explore first foods, from Wampanoag traditions to the first plants and animals brought by the colonists.

And in 7th grade we will explore the foods and farming techniques of ancient Mesopotamia and recreate a recipe from 1750 BC.

This month's Harvest of the Month is winter squash.

The squash family includes some of the largest and most diverse fruits in the plant kingdom and is a significant source of food for many cultures.

Originating in Mexico and Central America over 9,000 years ago, squash was being grown in our area as part of the 3 Sisters growing system over 1,000 years before the first Europeans settled here!

In fact, our word 'squash' comes from the Wampanoag word 'ashk8tashq'.

People and food moving together is a fascinating story that I love sharing with students.

ISLAND GROWN

HARVEST OF THE MONTH

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WINTER SQUASH



ART

Second grade students have been studying, nocturnal owls in the classroom and the art room.

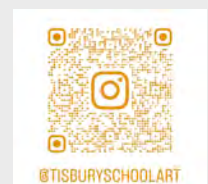
Second through fourth grades will practice color theory order while making a painted paper candle collage.

Third Grade Castles

Fourth Grade viewed Claude Monet's San Giorgio Maggiore at Dusk then painted sunset silhouettes

Fifth Grade Colonial inspired potholders

Eighth grade will be enhancing their cutting skills and crafting a winter village with an electric tea light.



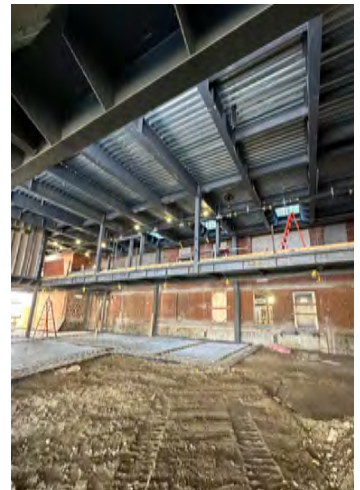
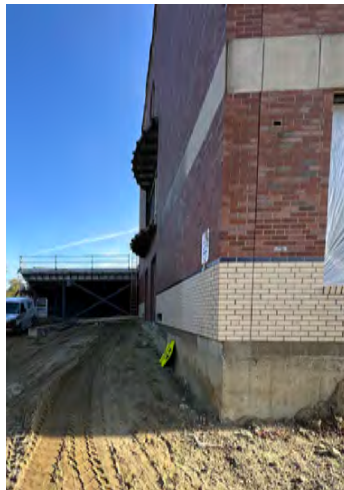
Check out what's happening in the art room! https://instagram.com/tisburyartschoolartigshid=NGVhN2U2NjQ0Yg%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

Tisbury School Renovation/Addition

Project Update Newsletter

November 2023

While passing by the school project site, one can readily discern the transformation from what was a mere concrete foundation just a few months ago, to the new school building standing there today. The robust steel superstructure is adorned with partition walls, sheathing, and masonry veneers – seamlessly merging the old and new elements. All buildings have completed roofs, and the installation of windows and curtainwall is in progress. To combat the impending cold weather, three temporary heating systems have been implemented, ensuring the unabated progress of the interior construction work according to the established timeline. While site operations and infrastructure activities have temporarily decelerated, they are slated to resume in the spring. We remain steadfast in adhering to the schedule, with the anticipation of the unveiling of the new school planned for the autumn of 2024.



Contact Us!

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11/13/2023 - 11/30/2023

1929/1995 Buildings, 3rd Floor –
Complete ductwork and branch
lines



11/13/2023 - 12/8/2023

1929/1995 Buildings, 1st Floor –
Continue interior partition
framing



11/13/2023 - 11/30/2023

Gym/Cafeteria, 2nd/3rd Floors –
Begin layout and ductwork
installation



11/13/2023 - 11/22/2023

1929/1995 Buildings, 2nd Floor –
Install exterior spray foam
insulation at exterior walls



11/13/2023 - 11/28/2023

Gym/Cafeteria, Ground Floor & 1st Floor –
Begin layout and excavation for
underground infrastructure



11/13/2023 - 12/8/2023

Gym Addition, Exterior –
Continue exterior masonry
veneer

