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ELL NEWS

What a year this has been! A beautiful new school for the new school year. Students who are also language learners lit up our community again during this school year! Island-wide, multi-lingual learners made record gains in their English, as reflected by Access 2.0 testing. Congratulations to the fourteen who graduated from the ELL program here at the Tisbury School and to the many more across Martha's Vineyard. We are so proud of our bilingual community, and wish all our Tisbury School families and island community members a safe and healthy summer. See you in September!

Liz Bradley, Jen Demirs, Nicole Miranda
and Laura Weisman



Principal's Letter

Tisbury School Community:

At our recent March to the Sea ceremony in recognition of Memorial Day, I again was reminded of how meaningful it is to have a school that includes students in grades Kindergarten through 8th. K-8 schools are increasingly rare, but offer some unique and wonderful opportunities – for children and adults. Students benefit from working with and observing children of differing ages. Often, we look to our older students to demonstrate for younger students appropriate behaviors and expectations. This modeling is powerful, and provides older students with valuable opportunities to show responsibility – something I remind them often. Our early elementary students maintain a special regard for their older Tisbury Tigers, and watching them interact is gratifying. Throughout the year, we facilitated “buddy” activities, partnering younger and older students to work together on special projects. These took place during Unity Day, Tigers Give Week, Random Acts of Kindness Week, and Wellness Week. These opportunities were important and positive for students, and we used them to also acknowledge our school's pillars – Respect, Community, Responsibility, and Compassion.

The school year is winding down, and as excitement about summer grows, I encourage you to reflect back to September. It seems there is no longer any “down time” during the school year, as throughout the past ten months teachers and students have been engaged in so many activities and projects, and together we celebrated being in the renovated Tisbury School. Much growth and learning can be seen in students' work, but I also look forward to hearing students discuss what they've learned and enjoyed over the past year. Listening to them reinforces that our students have worked hard, learned much, and had fun in the process. These children are supported by adults who are sincerely committed to their success. There is no stronger group than the Tisbury School teachers and staff. As parents, your support and trust provides the backing that is so important to a school's success. The partnerships we've built with you strengthen our work with your children. The Tisbury School Committee, School Advisory Council, and Parent-Teacher Organization are also devoted to ensuring meaningful opportunities for students. We all benefit from our positive and strong school community.

September will be here soon enough. So enjoy the summer, and your time together as families.

Sincerely,
John

1st Grade News

First graders are becoming quite the mathematicians. They have been working hard to memorize their addition and subtraction math facts. Congratulations to Luisa for memorizing their addition facts to 10. A BIG SHOUT out to Dylan, Corbin, Jaylen, and Victoria for learning their subtraction facts to 10! Keep up the great work!



Mrs. Krauthamer and Mrs. Webster

7th Grade Science

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The seventh graders are finishing up the Weather and Water unit. Our last concentration will be on forms of heat transfer: convection, radiation and conduction. Labs include smoke chambers and hot/cold water for convection currents, heating Earth materials for radiation and fluid conduction.

We had a spectacular trip to Felix Neck! We were joined by the Edgartown shellfish constable and crew for a session on our local species in Sengekontacket Pond. Other activities included kayaking in the salt marsh, making a nature journal with Mrs. Jones and a predator-prey walk on the trails there. We head to Penikese Island in the beginning of June!

Sue Adamo
7/8 Science



Summer Sports Program



Hello families-

After 4 long years my Summer Sports Program will be returning! If you are looking for something for your child to do this summer to keep them active, this is it! This is not a school sanctioned activity so if you would like more details, please contact me at coachnicholsmv@yahoo.com

Thank you!
Coach Nichols



Tisbury School Library



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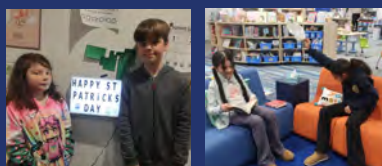
We're so grateful to all the staff and volunteers who kept our Library running smoothly and helped unpack it at the beginning of the school year!



We started this year surrounded by boxes!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the many student helpers who helped in the Library this year.



Many 4th graders were incredibly helpful!

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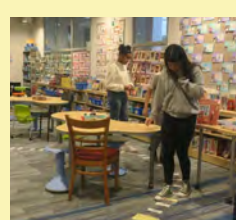
Many thanks to the Vineyard Haven Library for generously loaning us over 600 books for students and staff throughout the year—and to Tim and Chris Burke for their dedication in handling daily pickups and deliveries!



HAPPENINGS



Kindergarten through 8th graders were able to read, build, create, play chess, walk poems, and do other hands-on activities throughout the year.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All library books are due. Please check homes and cars for ANY Tisbury School Library books. If you have any questions about what is due, please email: kharcourt@mvyps.org.
- Summer Reading: check out the [Tisbury School Library](https://tisburyschoollibrary.weebly.com/) website for ideas about summer reading. Go to <https://tisburyschoollibrary.weebly.com/> and click on Summer Reading for reading lists, favorite authors, and other resources.

Have a great summer filled with fantastic book adventures!

Whitney Burke & Kathryn Harcourt
Tisbury School Library



Spanish News



Hola, Hola,... Hello, hello, I am so happy to share our last month together. Kindergarten, first and second graders practice more Spanish through music, games and art activities.

Thanks to our librarians we read books in Spanish and English in third grade. Our last project was based on the book "old hat" "Sombrero anticuado" The kids were engaged and created their own hat.

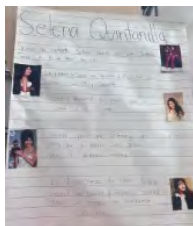
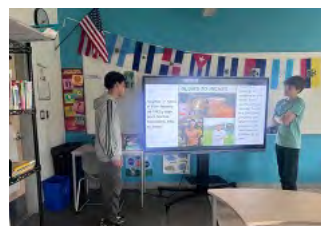
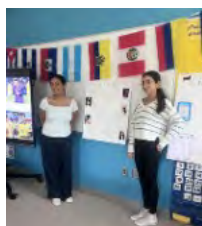


Fourth graders were planting potatoes and more vegetables in our Salsa Garden. And finally our Chia plant is growing. We are grateful to Sam Greene. We will be making Tortillas soon.

Fifth graders created their own restaurant. They are pretty amazing. Some of them are "La Casa del Sabor" "Nachos de Enzo", "La mejor Pizza", "Café Sabor", "Café Gucci", "Samell", "Tung Tung", etc.

Sixth graders created their own Food Truck. They even created their marketing in Spanish. They had millions of IG followers.

Seventh graders presented famous Spanish people and one group decided to share everything about Brazil. I am impressed by their hard work. Eighth graders presented their last project as well. They spoke in Spanish about different countries in South America and famous athletics.



I am so proud of each of them. Thanks for sharing your kids with us! Enjoy the summer!

Lorena Crespo
K-8 Spanish

Health Education

Kindergarteners finished their safety unit with a walking field trip to the Tisbury Police Station. Officer Medeiros, Sgt. Sherman and Detective Hollinger asked us to help them solve a crime:

someone stole challenge coins from their police station. When we got to the police station, we had a lot of evidence to discuss. We used our critical thinking and observation skills to help our friends at the Tisbury Police Department determine that Sparkles the Cat was the thief. We are so happy that he was “cat-tured”



2nd and 3rd graders had special guests Amy and Stephen Benford from the Keep Smilin' 4 Abbie foundation join us to help us better understand food allergies. We learned about different types of food allergies, how to treat them and that even a teensy, tiny little bit of a food someone is allergic to can cause a reaction. We were also joined by our friends at the Tisbury Ambulance that explained how they take care of folks that have food allergies. Thank

you to the Benfords, Paramedic Supervisor Jason Davey, EMT Ashley Wood and EMT Henry Bassett for joining us for this important unit.

6th graders finished their unit on the skeletal system. In this unit, they learned about different types of fractures, the job of bones in the human body, how bones grow and different types of images to assess injuries to the skeletal system. We concluded this unit with a visit from the folks at the MVH Radiology and Imaging Department. Dave Caron and Natasha Hartmann joined us to explain different types of images and showed us some really cool old-school X-Rays.

As **8th graders** finished their career interest unit, they got to speak with community members that have traveled various professional paths. All of these folks are Tisbury graduates and were excited to be back in our school and see the finished building project. 8th graders asked meaningful questions and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with former Tigers. We are thankful to: Ila Halby, class of 1995, Diane Patino, class of 2007, Kai Rose, class of 2016, Jason Davey, class of 2015, Patrick Rolston, class of 2001, John Custer, class of 1984, Liz Olson, class of 1995, Karem Guimaraes, class of 2012, Katie Ogden, class of 2020, Tayna Silva, class of 2021, Avery Mulvey, class of 2021 and Kevan Nichols, class of 1982.



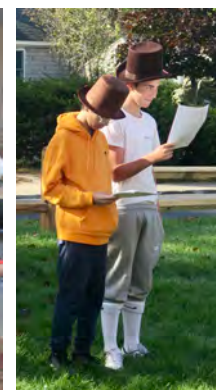
Jane Taylor
K8 Health Education

Women in History Theatre Program with Phyllis Vecchia

Phyllis Vecchia's Women in History Program program was taught this past year in the 8th and 6th grade. The 8th grade studied the life and times of Mary Chipman Lawrence, (Whaling Wife from Falmouth) and Greta Thunberg, climate activist from Sweden.

The sixth grade learned about Anne Hutchinson, women from the Salem Witch Trails, and Clara Lemlich, (labor organizer from the turn of the 20th century).

The students enjoyed taking on a character, trying on a hat and acting out the play.

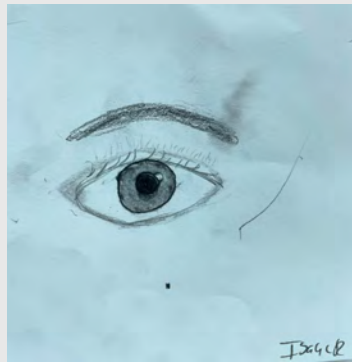
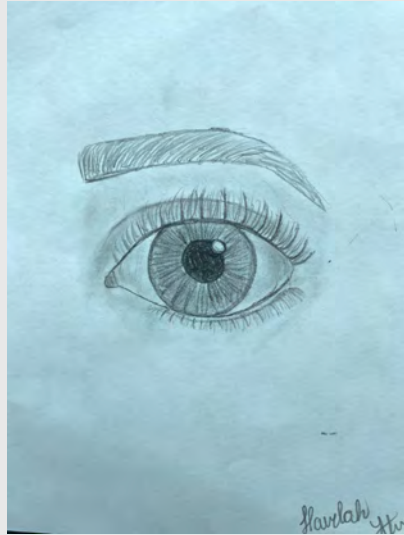


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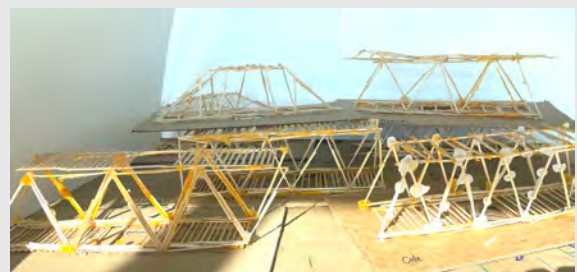
At the end of May, four students completed the Heartsaver CPR and First Aid Training with Mrs. Coogan. Congratulations to Kylie Moreira, Layla Roddy, Philip Santos Torres and Gusto Martone.



ART



Above: 7th grade charcoal eye drawings
Below: 3rd Grade Portraits



8th Grade Bridges