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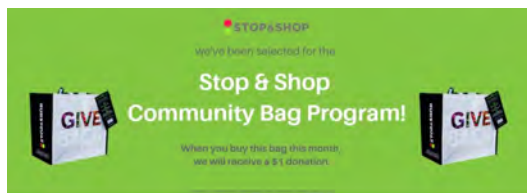
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TISBURY PTO

Box Tops for Education: A reminder that the Tisbury School participates in the Box Tops for Education program. To join, please download the Box Tops app to your smart phone, select Tisbury School as your receiving school and begin scanning your receipts, both paper and digital (yes, online purchases

from Amazon, Target, Walmart, etc can be submitted!). Our 23/24 earnings to date are \$102.20 with approximately 7 participants scanning their receipts regularly.



For the entire month of March

Tisbury School PTO will receive \$1 from every **Community Bag** sold at: Stop & Shop located at 50 Water Street, Vineyard Haven

Please consider supporting our school and the environment with one of these great reusable bags this month. **Thank you.**



Principal's Letter

Tisbury School Community:

Undoubtedly, we look forward to being in the renovated school in September. That is something that has kept us going - the promise of a wonderful building to support teaching, learning, and growth. As we go about our business in the temporary school, I'm reminded daily of the creative, flexible approach we have adopted for the past 16 months. It's been impressive, taken a lot of work, and required much compromise.

For the past few years, we have endured relocation (2019), schooling during a pandemic (2020-2021), and moving into and occupying a temporary school (2022-2023). There have been times when I've felt discouraged and even embarrassed that we were not able to provide for students what we wanted to. But there have been many more occasions when I've felt proud and inspired, as I've witnessed our staff and students rise up, accept adversity, and work to overcome challenges. These challenges have included restructuring activities such as lunch, recess, sports, and extracurricular events. Without proper space in the temporary school, teachers and students have adapted, getting the most out of what we have. (Recently, when walking through the school construction site, some teachers remarked that they have nearly forgotten what it was like to have a gymnasium, cafeteria in the same building, stairwells, wide hallways, and enough classrooms to house all programs.) We have adjusted to the new conditions and routines required in the temporary school. Certainly, there are moments of frustration when the space limits our opportunities. However, I hear little negativity and complaining. That says something about our school culture.

As I noted at a recent faculty meeting, I never take this for granted, and acknowledge that it does not simply happen on its own. A healthy, positive school culture requires buy-in, professionalism, and a collective spirit focused on students' needs. The Tisbury School has enjoyed a positive culture for a long time. I felt this immediately when I joined the staff in 2004. Even with the significant challenges over the past few years, our school culture has remained strong. The support from families, taxpayers, the School Committee, and town departments provides important backing that allows staff to focus on children's learning and growth. I've believed for many years that there is no more important building in a town than its school, as the work that happens in schools cannot be overvalued. Kids benefit when their school experience takes place in a building with a strong, healthy culture. Staff benefit from it, too.

We are fortunate. I remind myself and others of this occasionally, but probably not often enough. Acknowledging our school's strength and healthy culture is important, even as we look to improve in certain areas. Public schools are seeing some real challenges as they work to address students' academic and social-emotional needs, following the pandemic. At times, it can feel daunting, as we consider the magnitude of our responsibility. I have great confidence in our school, because I observe regularly how much we care about this responsibility and about our students. As much as anything, that collective care defines us, and is a major reason why we - the Tisbury School community - are fortunate. Thank you for doing your part to contribute to our strength.

With gratitude,
John



Tisbury Garden News

The harvest of the month for March is eggs! Chickens begin to lay more eggs this time of year due to increasing daylight.

The first grade classes will incubate chicken eggs this month and have baby chicks hatching in the classroom in mid April. We will learn a lot about chickens, and even see the developing chicks inside the eggs by shining a bright light on them. This is called 'candling' and it's a special thing to see.

Did you know that almost all bird's eggs are edible? People often eat duck, goose, quail... and even ostrich eggs, which can weigh 3 pounds a piece!



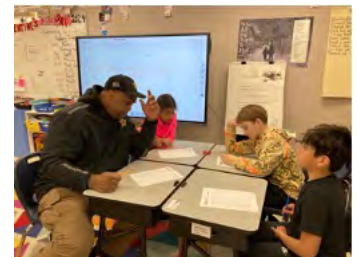
Health Education



3rd graders had a visit from Tisbury’s emergency personnel to discuss when to make an emergency call. Students worked in small groups with these adults using our vocabulary words from health class: dangerous, destructive and disturbing. Thank you to Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Rolston, School Resource Officer Scott Ogden, Major Sterling Bishop and Sergeant Max Sherman for visiting 3rd graders.



4th graders also had a visit from Tisbury’s emergency personnel to participate in a mock emergency call. Students learned what information they would need to share, should they ever have to make one of these phone calls. Thank you to Deputy Rolston, Officer Ogden, Major Bishop and Sergeant Julia Bossio for visiting 4th graders for this important unit.



7th graders finished their unit on nutrition and financial literacy by creating their own food trucks. Students planned a menu, priced items accordingly and created a business logo for this project. Josh Aronie and Becky Minnich, of The Food Truck, visited 7th graders to share about life on the food truck, owning your own business, consistency in your work and running a safe and healthy kitchen. Thank you to Josh and Becky for visiting our 7th graders.

Jane Taylor
K8 Health Education

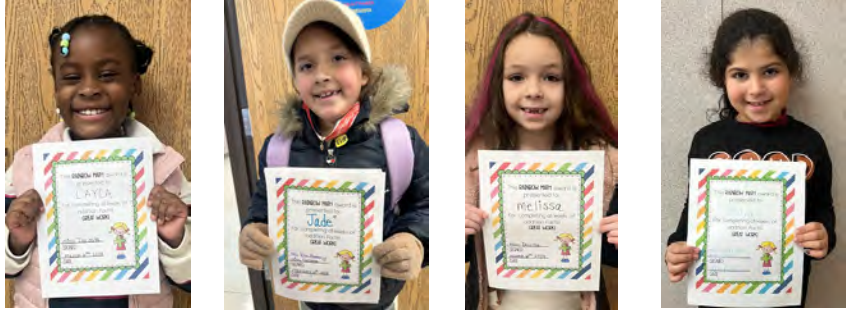


Island-wide Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Rocco Baccelli!!
4th place at the island-wide spelling bee.

1st Grade News

The first graders continue to work hard to learn their addition facts. Congratulations to **Layla, Jade, Melissa, and Julia** for memorizing their addition facts to 10! Next, they will work on memorizing their subtraction facts to 10. Way to Go First Graders!



Recently first graders got to go ice skating for 4 of their gym/health classes with Coach Nichols and Ms. Taylor. Some kids learned to skate for the very first time while others were improving their technique. Everyone had a blast!



Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Krauthamer



7th and 8th Grade Science

7th Grade Science

Seventh graders are still working in the Weather and Water unit. They have completed a popcorn lab to demonstrate three types of heat transfer. They are studying local and global winds, learning about the Coriolis Effect on Earth. We are also headed out into the neighborhood to check on our adopted drains!

8th Grade Science

Eighth graders have started Earth science work. They are plotting earthquakes and volcanoes, learning about the movement of tectonic plates and the earthquake rating scales. Next we profile the ocean floor and close with a look at how glaciers were instrumental in forming the island of Martha's Vineyard.

Sue Adamo
7/8 Science



Vocal Music

The Tisbury Music program is having a BIG month in March!

We are celebrating March as “Music In Our Schools Month” by having an all school assembly at the Performing Arts Center, or the PAC, at the High School where we plan to put ALL of our students onstage on March 22! Our theme this year is “Music Moves Us Around.” Each grade level will go onstage together to perform some circle dances and to sing pieces that work as “rounds,” creating harmony as we repeat the same line. Parents cannot come to this event, because it takes place during the school day. **HOWEVER!** Mark your calendars! We are hoping to have a Spring Concert this year at the PAC on the evening of Thursday, June 6 for ALL of us.

Also, many Tisbury students are in full swing with Moana Jr. rehearsals. On Tuesday and Thursday, our rehearsals are at the Katharine Cornell Theatre at top of the Tisbury Town Hall. We LOVE walking down to this beautiful space to do our work! On Wednesdays, we rehearse in the PAC. The All Island Youth Chorus, directed by Ms. Sanseverino, is cast as the Choral Ensemble for our show. It's fun to make new friends and to share the singing experience with students from other schools! However, all of the lead actors are our Tisbury middle schoolers (with a few awesome 5th graders). They are being so brave, getting onstage after 5 years with so few acting opportunities! Many passionate teachers are coming together to support our young singers and actors, and we are beyond grateful for their help, their talents and their time.

The Tisbury Moana Jr. shows will be amazing, and are FREE! Remember to join us! Shows will be on Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6 from 6:30-7:30. Families are welcome! We hope to see you there.

While we are marking our calendars, remember that May 15 will be our band's big concert night and May 21 is our strings concert, and both are also at the PAC. PLEASE remember that learning musical instruments takes time, effort and practice. Teachers at Tisbury are doing their best to give quality lessons here, but let's remember that we are teaching in the hallways (or other odd places... hi Mr. Custer!) and that our students need your support at home.

Jessica Sanseverino
Vocal Music



ART

Kindergarten Selfies
First grade spring theme
First grade 3-D figures
Fourth grade skimmer steam challenge
Sixth grade solar system mobiles



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NURSE'S NOTES

**Tisbury Wellness Committee Announcements!
Earth Day is April 22nd!!**



**Check out the Beach Clean-ups through the Beach Befriender
Program**
[Events – Vineyard Conservation Society](#)

Wellness Week is May 28th-31st at the Tisbury School

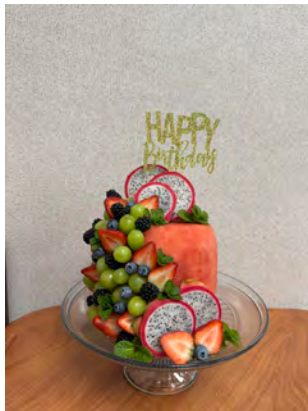
**Eat a Rainbow of Foods
Tech Free Day or Night
Play Outside
Walk on the Beach
Listen to Music
Think before using Single Use Plastic
Plant a Tree
Stop, Sit and Listen to the World around you**

**Come and join our committee
Next meeting is May 7th @ 3:00PM**

A few healthy food ideas for celebrations:

**Fruit Kabobs
Veggie Sticks and Hummus
Popcorn cups
Yogurt Parfaits
Smoothies**

Note: If food is being used in the classroom or if a family plans to bring in food, we ask that all parties involved are notified at least 24 hours in advance. We have students with severe food allergies and we want to keep everyone safe, and allow accommodations for those students so that they don't feel excluded.



*Pictured: A great cake example **made completely with fruit!** This beautiful cake was made by Khloe Aredes's mom to celebrate her birthday at our school. The kids loved it! Way to stay healthy!*

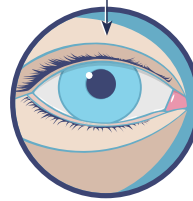
HELP PROTECT YOURSELF FROM GETTING & SPREADING PINK EYE (CONJUNCTIVITIS)

PINK EYE IS OFTEN HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS.

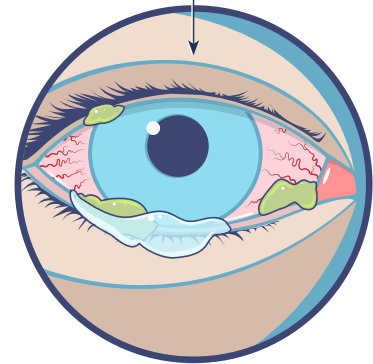
IT CAN BE CAUSED BY

- 👁️ Viruses (very contagious)
- 👁️ Bacteria (very contagious)
- 👁️ Allergens, like pollen (not contagious)
- 👁️ Irritants, like smoke or dust (not contagious)

Healthy Eye



Infected Eye



SYMPTOMS USUALLY

INCLUDE:

- 👁️ Redness or swelling
- 👁️ Itchiness, irritation, or burning
- 👁️ Watery eyes
- 👁️ Discharge
- 👁️ A gritty feel
- 👁️ Crusting of the eyelids or eyelashes

SEE A DOCTOR IF YOU
HAVE PINK EYE ALONG
WITH ANY OF THE
FOLLOWING:

- 👁️ Eye pain
- 👁️ Sensitivity to light or blurred vision
- 👁️ Intense eye redness
- 👁️ Symptoms that get worse or don't improve
- 👁️ A weakened immune system, for example from HIV or cancer treatment
- 👁️ Pre-existing eye conditions

👶 Newborns with symptoms of pink eye should see a doctor right away.

A doctor can usually diagnose the cause of pink eye based on symptoms and patient history.



PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM PINK EYE

- 👁️ Wash your hands often with soap and water, and help young children do the same. Wash hands especially well after touching someone with pink eye or their personal items.
- 👁️ Avoid touching or rubbing your eyes. This can worsen the condition or spread it to your other eye.
- 👁️ Avoid sharing personal items, such as makeup, eye drops, towels, bedding, contact lenses and containers, and eyeglasses.
- 👁️ Do not use the same eye products for your infected and non-infected eyes.
- 👁️ Stop wearing contact lenses until your eye doctor says it's okay.
- 👁️ Clean, store, and replace your contact lenses as instructed by your eye doctor.

WWW.CDC.GOV/PINKEYE

