

TIGER TALES



THE TISBURY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Letter

Dear Parents:

Happy New Year, and welcome back from what I hope was a restful vacation. As we return, I'd like to reflect on some of the notable recent happenings at our school.

The annual Winter Carnival, benefiting the Red Stocking Fund, raised over \$1300 to assist families in need. This Tisbury School tradition demonstrates the importance of helping others. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make it a success.

5th and 6th grade students and teachers attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony, organized by American Legion Post #257. We were pleased to have the opportunity to be present for this meaningful event.

Senior volunteers, part of the Read MV organization, have been partnering with students in grades Kindergarten through 3, sharing their love of books. The Tisbury School is pleased to welcome them.

Under the direction of Donna Swift-Ellis, the 4th grade musical theater performances on December 16 were a huge hit. All students worked hard on this project, and they entertained audiences at both the afternoon and evening performances.

The all-island A and B bands showcased their talents at a winter concert at the high school on December 15. The performance was evidence of students' dedication and practice. It was noted that some band members only began playing their instruments 12-14

months ago.

The Facilities Needs Committee continues to meet regularly to identify and plan for short- and long-term school needs. The School Committee created this group last spring to focus on the building and school campus.

January promises to be full of significant events as well. 7th graders will embark on their ski trip at Breton Woods, New Hampshire. The School Committee will present the FY13 budget to the town in preparation for April's Town Meeting. Teachers will host the inaugural Literacy Night for students and parents on January 18. (The third edition of Math Night is scheduled for February 15.) 6th graders will present at Biography Night on January 26, an annual highlight. The boys and girls basketball teams will compete against rival schools as the playoffs approach. Bonbon (the school literary club) and the Computer Club continue to meet. Even in the midst of winter, much activity is taking place at our school. Our students have the privilege of enjoying such diverse and meaningful opportunities.

While we were fortunate to enjoy seasonably warm weather for most of the fall, we expect January will not be as merciful. However, thanks to the hard-working crew of Alan P. Fortes Plumbing and Heating, a failed hot water boiler was removed and replaced in a matter of days, restoring a main heat source for the school. As most contractors find, working in this old school is often a challenge. Therefore, we appreciate when things go smoothly.

Best wishes to your families for a healthy, enjoyable 2012.

Sincerely,

John Custer



Literacy and Math Nights!!

We're starting off the New Year with our first **Literacy Night**, to be held on **Wednesday, January 18 from 6:00 to 7:15 pm**. Bring your whole family for a night of fun, games and prizes!!

The 3rd Annual **Math Games Night** will be **Wednesday, February 15**, also from **6:00 to 7:15 PM**.



Canned Food Drive

A heads up: *Share the Love* will be held in February, during the weeks around Valentine's Day. Some things you could start setting aside:

Toilet paper, paper towels or other toiletries.
Boxed foods, such as pasta, rice or Rice-a-Roni.
Laundry supplies (not too heavy, please)



Thanks for caring and sharing!!

Tisbury School Welcomes Officer Shaw

In partnership with the Tisbury Police Department, we are happy to announce that Officer Dustin Shaw will be on campus two mornings a week. He will play roles similar to the School Resource Officers in other island schools, which includes building positive relationships with students at recess and lunch, and just being another friendly face in the hallways. He will also act as an additional resource for teachers and the administration, as well as attend school-wide and after-school events when possible.

Officer Shaw will usually be in uniform and therefore easy to spot, so take a moment to welcome him the next time you see him on campus.

Buy a Yearbook Ad – Class of 2012 Deadline Feb. 1st!

Help the Yearbook price stay at \$15.
Ad forms available on the Tisbury School website
<http://www.tisbury.mvyps.org/>





Dates to Remember

- January 10** School Committee Mtg 8:30-9:30AM
- January 12** All Island Elementary String Concert @ PAC 6:30 – 8:00PM
- January 16** **Martin Luther King, Jr Day**
No School
- January 18** Literacy Night 6:00-7:15PM
- January 24** SAC Meeting 8:30AM - 9:30AM
- January 25** Deadline for Parent Newsletter Info to Mrs. Teves. Email submissions to: ETeves@mvyups.org
- January 26** Biography Night 6PM - 8:15PM
- January 27** End of 2nd Quarter
- January 31** PTO Meeting w/childcare 6:00 - 7:00PM
- February 3** K-4 Report Cards sent home with students
5-8 Report Cards mailed home
February Newsletter Out

Ongoing Events:

Bonbon Literary Magazine in the Library

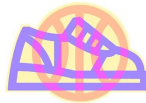
Every Thursday 2:45 – 3:45PM

5 – 8 Computer Club in the Big Lab

Every Monday 2:45 – 3:30PM

8th Grade Yearbook Committee

Every Wednesday 2:45 – 3:30PM



Girls' Basketball Practices

Mondays: Jan. 9, Jan. 16*, Jan. 23, Jan. 30 4:30 – 6:00PM

*Practice 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Wednesday: Jan. 25 4:30 – 6:00PM

Thursdays: HW and Capt. Jan. 19 2:45 – 4:30PM

Fridays: Jan. 13, Jan. 20, Jan 27 4:30 – 6:00PM

Girls' Basketball Games

Tuesday, Jan. 10 Girls at OB 3:30PM

Tuesday, Jan. 17 Girls vs. Edg 3:30PM

Girls' Basketball Playoffs

Thursday, Feb. 2 #4 at #1 and #3 at #2 3:30PM

Boys' JV Basketball Practices

Tuesdays: Jan. 24 4:00 – 5:30PM

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Fridays: Jan. 13, Jan. 20, Jan. 27, Feb. 3 3:00 – 4:30PM

Boys' Basketball Games

Tuesday, Jan. 10 Boys vs. WT 3:30PM

Thursday, Jan 19 Boys at Charter 3:30PM

Thursday, Jan. 23 Boys vs. Charter 3:30PM

Boys' Basketball Playoffs

Tuesday, Jan. 31 #5 at #4 3:30PM

INDUSTRIAL ARTS NOTES

Kindergarten and first grade students made fairy or angel sculptures out of paper, wood, and paint. They also created "winter wonderland" collages with paper gingerbread people, snowmen and colorful, decorated houses. Fifth graders carved pegboards for coats shaped like local fish, using coping saws, scroll saws, files, and the drill press. Sixth graders built treasure boxes with hand tools and learned how to measure and attach hinges. Seventh graders designed 'egg basher' cars. The object is to build the fastest car that will protect an egg from cracking as it crashes at the end of the ramp. Eighth graders are designing their own individual wood projects, many choosing to build sea chests.

*If possible to send your K or 1st grade student to school in play clothes on the days when they have art class, it would be very appreciated. Harding/Lopes Mondays, Jeffers/Dillion Wednesdays - thank you!

Tisbury School Wellness Committee's Nutrition Corner

10 Tips to Help You Eat More Vegetables

It's easy to eat more vegetables! Eating vegetables is important because they provide vitamins and minerals and most are low in calories. To fit more vegetables in your meals, follow these simple tips.

- 1) Discover fast ways to cook such as in the microwave.
- 2) Cut up a batch of vegetables & pre-package them to use when time is limited.
- 3) Choose vegetables rich in color: bright red, orange, or dark green.
- 4) Use frozen vegetables, they are quick and easy to use and are just as nutritious as fresh veggies.
- 5) Canned vegetables are a great addition to any meal, but select ones labeled as "reduced sodium," "low sodium," or "no salt added."
- 6) Make your garden salad glow with colorful vegetables.
- 7) Sip on some reduced or low-sodium vegetable soup.
- 8) While you're out, order an extra side of vegetables or side salad instead of the typical fried side dish.
- 9) Savor the flavor of seasonal vegetables for maximum flavor at a lower cost.
- 10) Try a new vegetable — add it to your recipe or look up how to fix it online.

Go to www.ChooseMyPlate.gov for more information.



PTO NEWS

The Tisbury School PTO would like to thank the administration, faculty and each of the Tisbury School families for all of their support in 2011. Hopefully, you are aware of at least one of the many ways that we return our support to the school community. If not, please make your New Year's resolution to find out more about us...join us on January 31, 2012, for our first meeting of the new year. The meeting will take place in the library at 6:00 PM. Childcare will be provided. Along with our regular business we will hear all about Math Night, taking place on February 15th, from Anne Williamson. (The PTO sponsors the games and prizes for Math Night as well as ELA night on January 18th). We look forward to seeing you on the 31st.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, February 11th is the PTO Sweetheart Cakewalk! Bring a cake! Prizes for: Most Original, Silliest, and Most Beautiful! **5:30PM til 7:30PM** at the Tisbury School. Hope you can come!

CREATIVE DRAMA

Phyllis Vecchia Creative Drama worked with the 8th graders in their social studies periods this month. This is a part of the Women In History program offered to the 6th and 8th graders this year. They re-enacted the life and times of Abigail Adams. The material went along very well with their social studies curriculum. Mr. Fitzgerald had just finished teaching the children about the events leading up to the Revolutionary War. You can ask your child over dinner what part they had in the play. Any questions, please contact Phyllis at 508 696-8738.