



Eastham Elementary School

committed to:

Building Community, Promoting Individuality, and Inspiring Possibility

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List of Accomplishments 2017

The positive school climate and culture at Eastham Elementary is a perfect environment for students to attain academic excellence and to realize their full social and personal potential. The teaching staff, the supportive families, and the administration work collaboratively to sustain this growth year after year. This past school year was no exception, and the following accomplishments are but a glimpse of the all the amazing experiences that happen everyday, in every classroom.

Read Across America!!



ACHIEVING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Eastham Elementary's talented staff is committed to designing and implementing a student centered, engaging curriculum to meet individual student strengths, weaknesses, and interests.

Our resident expert in science education and the Next Generation Science Standards, Maggie Brown works collaboratively with the K-5 staff to develop and implement a world class science experience for all Eastham Elementary students including our preschool students.

Mrs. Brown utilizes the natural resources of Cape Cod with purposeful field trips, resident field experts, and incorporates hands-on, project based learning to make the NGS Standards come alive.

The following is just a glimpse of some of the grade level field trips:

- Our 5th grade students participate in a year long study of the Salt Pond and First Encounter biotic and abiotic environments.
- Our 3rd grade students participate in an extensive study with the National Seashore investigating Vernal Pools.
- The 4th grade collaborates with the National Seashore to study weathering and erosion with visits to Doane Rock and Nauset Light Beach.
- The Audubon Naturalists come for all grades with a focus on 1st grade (habitats) and 4th grade (oyster reefs and oysters)

STEM Night



Our Wonders literacy initiative is in its' fourth year of implementation and teachers are impressed with the challenging expectations of the unit themes, as well as the resources for meeting individual needs.

To further support literacy growth and development:

- Grade level literacy team meetings are held three times each year to discuss student growth
- Teamworks leveled reading groups meet each day to receive small group instruction in addition to classroom instruction as outlined in the Nauset Tiered System of Support (NTSS)
- Standards-based writing prompts, rubrics, and holistic scoring using grade specific writing benchmarks have been used to inform individual instruction
- Tina Escher, the Title I coordinator plans and schedules academic support in both reading and math for Grades 1-5. She also facilitates the literacy team meetings.
- Our literacy coordinator, Lorraine Johnson works with teachers across the district coaching and supporting teachers with implementing our new writing portfolios and with resources to have an immediate impact on their teaching.
- This year our resident math expert, Nauset District's math coordinator and Elementary Teacher of the Year Tracey Deegan, worked collaboratively with district teachers and assistant superintendent Keith Gauley to provide training and support to implement the new math resource.



THE ARTS ARE ALIVE AT EASTHAM ELEMENTARY

- Our phenomenal art teacher, Molly Driscoll brings out the best in her students' artistic ability! This year she collaborated with local artists from PAAM to teach her students how to paint outdoors.



Artist Studies and Big Ideas in the Art Room Organized By Grade

<p>Kindergarten</p> <p>Eric Carle</p> <p>Wassily Kandinsky</p> <p>Tools of the Mind Themes</p>	<p>First Grade</p> <p>Eric Carle</p> <p>Vincent van Gogh</p> <p>Claude Monet / Impressionism</p> <p>Gustav Klimt</p>	<p>Second Grade</p> <p>Piet Mondrian</p> <p>Vincent van Gogh</p> <p>Henri Matisse</p> <p>Analogous Colors</p>
<p>Third Grade</p>	<p>Fourth Grade</p>	<p>Fifth Grade</p>

Frida Kahlo	Drawing Techniques	Color Theory
Wayne Thiebaud / "Pop- Art"	Value Scale	Vincent van Gogh
Joan Miro / Surrealism	Vincent van Gogh	Alexander Calder / Kinetic Sculpture
Georgia O'Keeffe	Jim Dine	Andy Warhol
	Pablo Picasso / Cubism	Edward Hopper
	Self Portraits	

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, CHORUS, and CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

- Mr. Hollander-Essig and Mrs. Poitras lead the melodies at Eastham Elementary
- In the music room children perform, create, and respond to each one of the elements of music: pitch, rhythm, form, harmony, texture, history/style, and tone color (timbre).
- *MusicWorks! Everyday* program in partnership with the Cape Cod Symphony
- Students participate in the Cape- Wide Music Memory Contest
- Band and spring choral concerts are an annual event
- Grade 4 and 5 students visit with community members at the Council on Aging to sing and enjoy light conversation.



THE DRAMA CLUB

- Mrs. Donna M.L. and Mrs. Peno worked with 5th grade students to produce their rendition of Fractured Fairy Tales.
- 5th grade students perform in a talent show at the end of their EES careers.



TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

Eastham Elementary continues to work towards full implementation of the Nauset District's Technology plan by leasing 75 new Ipads and equipping every SmartBoard with Apple TVs. This year, through the generosity of the Town of Eastham we will purchase 40 new Ipads which will give us a 1:1 ratio in grades 3-5. Ms. Menza (tech integration specialist) works closely with teachers to provide support and curriculum focused project ideas.

BUILDING SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- Responsive Classroom - social emotional curriculum that is the foundation for teaching and practicing compassion, respect, and responsibility
- Kids Fitness Challenge, Field day, All School Move, BOKS (Build Our Kids' Success) morning workouts
- Arts Night: Exhibition of student art and musical performances
- Family breakfasts, classroom plays and presentations
- National Walk to School Day, Veteran's Day walk and flag planting at Salt Pond Visitor's Center lawn, Memorial Day March and Field Day family picnics
- Transition activities for incoming kindergarten students (registration, parent orientation, screening, bus ride, and meet the teacher)
- Transition activities for fifth grade students moving to the Nauset Regional Middle School

- Morning classical music, student lead Pledge of Allegiance and announcements
- KABOOM after school activities and enrichment
- Theme based All School Morning Meetings
- Whole school celebrations and events e.g. Community Readers, Read Across America, Readers are Heros.
- 80th Birthday Celebration for the 1936 Building! A tree was planted as a gift!

The EES community comes together!



80th birthday celebration at the old schoolhouse.



Birthday Tree



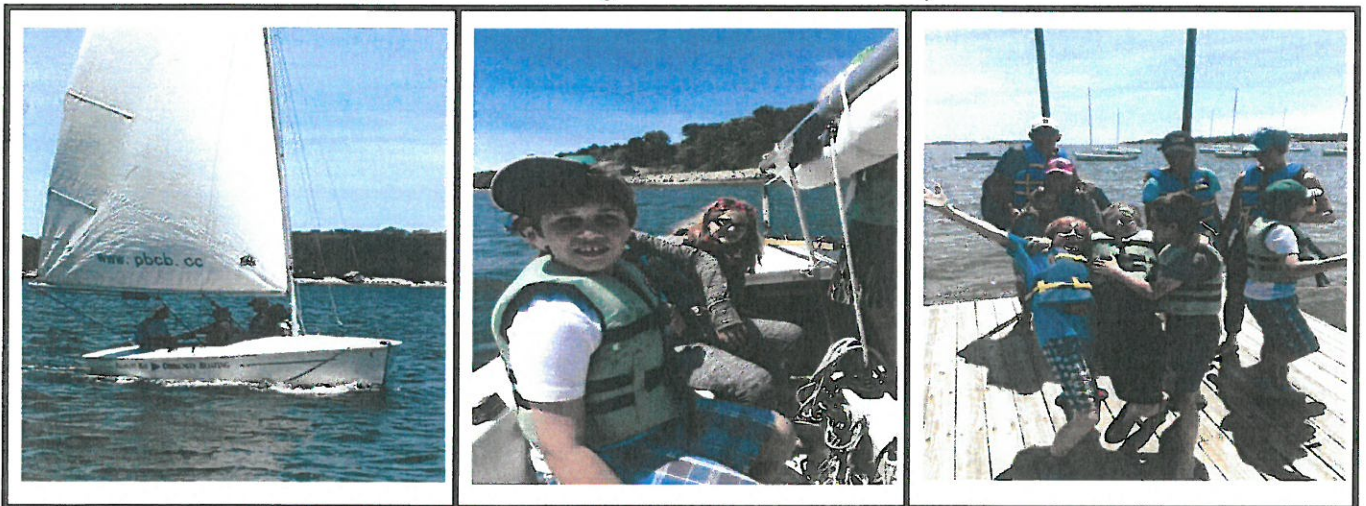
Memorial Day with Retired Marine Corps Sergeant Dan Clark and Air Force General James Dishner

PARENT / COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Educating the children of Eastham takes the collaborative efforts of an entire community!

- This past year, the Eastham Elementary School Parents' Group fully funded over 50 field trips.
- Community Read-Aloud program
- Cultural Programs sponsored by EESPG: Ooch motivational speaker and Hyannis Sound Acapella Group
- Student Parent Handbook, lunch menu and activity calendar, classroom newsletters, teacher web-pages and teacher email blasts
- Eastham Elementary School web page
- Use of the Blackboard Connect program to facilitate school/parent communication
- 4th and 5th Grade students visit the Council on Aging
- Open House format including a curriculum overview presentation in each classroom
- Grade specific curriculum nights for students and parent(s)
- Community leaders visited EES to experience classroom instruction.
- Teachers communicate instantly via the REMIND application

The 3rd grade went sailing with the Pleasant Bay Boaters Club



1st grade trip to Bray Farm and the Crosby house for a penpal meeting



2016-2017 Principal Report Highlights

October 2016

Beacon awards were started this year as a way to recognize each student's success and contribution to our school community.



November 2016

We had an amazing 80th birthday celebration for Eastham Elementary School! Alumni from the original schoolhouse and the 1936 building united with present day EES students to recreate the march down Schoolhouse Road. Mr. Hollander-Essig and his 5th grade marching band led the way along with some very enthusiastic alumni!! It was a sight to behold!!

In preparing for the event, teachers and students did some research on the history of Eastham and the original schoolhouse. In our school's library, there are recorded interviews of local Eastham residents who had attended the school and were asked questions about their experiences. Our 4th graders read and listened to the recordings, took some notes, and did a wonderful job presenting their findings at the celebration. Here's the link to the Lower Cape TV video of the event.

<https://vimeo.com/187852251>

Not only did the students do some research about the history of Eastham, but so did their principal. Did you know that one of Eastham's early settlers was a man named Thomas Crosby?? It took some time, but finally another Crosby has landed here on this beautiful land between two seas...and he couldn't be happier!

February 2017

On Wednesday, February 1, 2017, I had the honor of driving a very distinguished group of Eastham Elementary teachers to the State House in Boston to attend the very first commendation ceremony, acknowledging over 50 Massachusetts schools for high academic achievement. School representatives from across the state gathered on the 3rd floor of the beautifully adorned State House, while the Commissioner of Education Mitchell Chester, Secretary of Education James Peyser, and the Lt. Governor Karyn Polito addressed the proud recipients with words of congratulations, along with the charge to continue the course we have set with resolve and perseverance. It was an absolute honor and privilege to represent the dedicated Eastham Elementary students, staff, and families! This recognition is the result of the combined efforts and support of the entire Eastham community! You all should be very proud!!

