

February 5, 2018

Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank's 18th Annual Educational Mini-Grants Awards Reception was held on January 17th at the Tilden Arts Center at CC Community College. Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District was represented by winners:

- **DYRHS's Julia Signalovsky, and her program: First time at DYRHS – Advanced Placement Chemistry Course!**
- **Dale Fornoff and Lisa Fedy, "The Tassle is Worth the Hassle;"**
- **M. E. Small's Susan Gubbins, Carol Conway, Suzanne Fereirra, Beth Hollister, and Nancy Timoney with "Just Me and my Dad" Camp Out;**
- **and Regina Wood, a teacher at the Mattacheese Middle School with "Levitating Model Trains."**

Twenty-two Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Art students won a total of 25 awards this year across four categories at the 2018 Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards have been held annually since 1923. Our state-wide, regional competition is sponsored this year by both the Boston Globe and Tufts University. Last year they received about 18,000 submissions, viewed by more than fifty judges, and nationally, there were more than 330,000 entries.

Gold and Silver Key winners will be invited to a ceremony at Cohen Auditorium at Tufts University on March 17, and Gold Key artwork will also be exhibited during the month of March in Breed Hall, Tufts University, Medford.

The five students receiving a Gold Key will go on to compete in the national competition. National award winners will be announced in mid-March. The five DYHS Gold Key winners for 2018 are Glen Kuznetsov, gr. 12; Renee Levesque, gr. 11; Allison McCarthy, gr. 10; Rhea Brennan, gr. 9; and Shannon Donahue, gr. 8.

In other news:

- **The Dolphin Girls Ice Hockey Team has just earned the title of Atlantic Coast League Champions!**
- **On Saturday evening, the DY Winter Guard achieved 1st place while performing in a competition in Tewksbury, MA.**
- **The Math Team won its first ever meet against Falmouth and Bourne. The senior point leader was Alex Smith and the freshman point leader was Tynan Nunes.**
- **DYHS 11th grader, Alice Stoffel, is the 2018 recipient of the Poetry Out Loud competition.**

The National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition Foundation, Inc. Dyrhs winners are Glenn Kuznetsov and Jon Pecoraro. These students' work will be included in this year's Annual National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition in Pittsburgh, PA from 3/14/18 to 3/16/18. Decisions of the juror are based upon an examination of 1203 entries. Glenn and Jon's work will be included among the best from around the country and will be eligible for many awards.

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MMS

MMS students have just produced their second Mattacheese newscast. It will be available for viewing on the website in the very near future. Also, please stay in touch by reading the "Principal's Blog."

EHB

On your mark, get set, **GIVE**. Each year for the past 6 years, the students at EHBi have been involved in the Penny Harvest, a youth philanthropy program in which students collect money, research causes, and donate to charity. We are about to begin with our important first phase. Students in grades 2 and 3 have written essays to apply to become members of the Philanthropy Round Table, the student governing body of the Penny Harvest. Round Table members will be announced later this week, with our collection phase to begin shortly! Stay tuned in future weeks for more info!

Read Around Town is well underway. Mr. Depin is reading at each of the Dennis libraries. This Wednesday, reading will take place at the Public Library in DennisPort, on the 31st at the school, hosted by the South Dennis Library, and finishing up on February 7th at the West Dennis Library. At each event, Mr. Depin is giving clues about our Family Book Club selection. The Family Book Club, a common chapter book read at home by families and discussed in school, will begin after February vacation!

DYRHS

As noted before, Kaylee Romilus -Grade 11, received the VFW Voice of Democracy Cape and Island's district award with a presentation yesterday in Milford. Also, the DYRHS Math team won their 1st ever math meet, and the annual Poetry Out Loud event took place on Friday, January 19th in the D-Y auditorium.

SAE

At SAE this month Mrs. MacArthur (Grade 1) and Mrs. Siegel's (Grade 2) classes focused on the theme of respect. They used the book "The Ugly Duckling" for inspiration and connected the lesson from the book to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s message.

NHWi

At Wixon we previously mentioned that Lily Leandre was the winner of the Dennis, Department Public Works, transfer station sticker art work. Her artwork will appear on the 2018-2019 Initial Pass stickers.

Five students will receive an Honorable Mention; Zachary Quintiliani, Max Hulten, Kaitlin Clarke, Victoria Lapointe and Lila Hurden. They will be recognized for their artwork at the Dennis Board of Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, February 6th.

MES

After MES's Third Grade Team Leaders partnered with the Yarmouth Police Department for "Secret Santa for Seniors 2017"; they received a few phone calls from seniors that were delivered baskets for the holidays. They were very appreciative of everything they received, including homemade cards from our students.

MES's "Raise the Flag Friday" program is going very well. Every Friday Deputy Chief Xiarhos arrives before the morning announcements with veterans, active duty soldiers, and/or community members. MES then recites the Pledge of Allegiance and announcements for the day in the office. We then move outside and raise the flag at our outside flagpole. We are honored to have been chosen for this program.

January 8, 2018

MMS

Tomorrow will be the first meeting of EarlyAct, a new community service club at Mattacheese. Students will work together with D-YHS students on projects in the district. Interact is the high school club that will work with our students. Madame Mason is the club advisor. All are welcome and students can take the 4:00 late bus home after the meeting. Make a difference, join EarlyAct!

Congratulations to Regina Wood, a Mattacheese 7th grade science teacher, who has been awarded a Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank Charitable Foundation Trust Mini-Grant. Regina's submission was Levitating Model Trains. Ms. Wood will be recognized along with all other recipients at the Mini Grants Reception at the Tilden Arts Center at Cape Cod Community College on January 17th.

We are happy to announce that on Friday, January 19th, Bill Gaine, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, will be speaking at Mattacheese. The MIAA provides leadership and support for the conduct of interscholastic athletics which will enrich the educational experiences of all participants. Athletics provide lifelong and life-quality learning experiences to students while enhancing their achievement of educational goals. As always, parents are welcome to attend. More details will be are forthcoming.

Also on Friday, January 19th there will be an MMS Dance from 7:00 to 9:00 in the cafeteria. The cost is \$5.00.

EHB

The new year brought new opportunities for students at EHBi... and the first round of after school activities has begun. One-third of Baker's student population is taking the opportunity to explore activities like gym games, knitting, soccer, clay, or drama. Parents and teachers volunteer their time so that 5 weeks of activity are affordable for families. Check the website for pictures of students engaging in purposeful, enriching activity after school hours at Baker!

DYRHS

Many students and staff participated in the annual gingerbread house building contest prior to Christmas break. DYRHS is also proud to announce that Kaylee Romilus (gr. 11) has been chosen as the Cape & Islands District winner of the VFW Voice of Democracy Speech Contest. Miss Romilus will be honored at an upcoming banquet.

SAE

At SAE, Grade 1 has an upcoming trip planned this month to visit the Cotuit Center for the Arts. This is an Art appreciation/cultural field trip with "Sensory Overload" as the exhibit. The art teachers and homeroom teachers will accompany their students to the Center.

NHWi

At the Wixon Innovation School, the Book Checkout and Read Contest is taking place in the school library. Students must read books and post a review on the book. The contest is to see which 4th grade and which 5th grade class have read the most books during January and February.

MES

At M.E. Small Elementary, we are very excited to be implementing flexible literacy groups during the month of January.

Flexible grouping is a term that describes a variety of ways to group students for the purpose of delivering specific instruction and maximizing growth for individual learners. Our entire team of K Teachers, assistants, and small group interventionists are collaborating to implement flexible grouping as part of our overall literacy instruction.

Our existing school-wide literacy assessments were used to gather up-to-date information on progress students have been made since October to form our groups. The information was reviewed by our entire Kindergarten team to place students in an appropriate group.

All students are included, and there are whole group and small group learning center components to the lesson. These lessons are scheduled from 2:30-3:15 each day. Students begin in their own classroom with a brief whole group activity and then transition to their small groups, which might be in a different Kindergarten classroom. The groups work with a teacher or staff member on targeted literacy skills and then conclude the lesson with a whole group activity.

Each teacher will monitor the progress of individual students during the daily center based activities. Students will be re-assessed at the end of the 5 week period, and may be re-grouped accordingly.

December 18, 2017

NHWi

The Dennis Transfer Station sticker winner for 2017 is Lily Leandre from room 316.

DYRHS

D-Y Senior Sydney Berkeley has an art showing in the Pauline Hopkins Gallery through December 20th. A reception for the artist was held on Thursday, December 7th.

Dale Fornoff, head of the DYRHS Guidance Department, has informed us that one of our seniors has been accepted to MIT--Alex Smith!

SAE

SAE teachers Mrs. Andre, Mrs. Potter and Mr. Allanbrook have been talking to our classes about kindness during this season of giving. Students have read three books with themes of lights and kindness: "The Light of Christmas", "Celebrate Hanukkah With Light, Latkes, and Dreidels," and "Seven Candles for Kwanza." SAE students have decorated the holiday tree in the hallway with paper Kindness Lightbulbs to brighten spirits, and hopefully inspire others to remember Kindness in our everyday interactions.

MES

The MES holiday concert was extremely well-attended with approximately 350 of our family members and friends in attendance. We were fortunate to be able to partner with MMS to present our students' musical talents in the large auditorium. The program included holiday favorites as well as selections in Portuguese that were performed by our Brazilian students and our entire second grade. It was our pleasure to have the MMS student ambassadors assist us with handing out programs and greeting the MES parents as they arrived. We look forward to partnering with MMS in the future for our spring concert.

Four of MES's teachers received Grant Awards from the EFDY Grant Presentations on December 4th.

Carole Depin	Poetry For All (Poetry Night-multilingual)
Elizabeth Duggan	Small Garden (Plan/build/tend pollination garden)
Sue Gubbins	White Lab Coat (Preschool take home STEM kits)
Kim Keith	STREAM maker space (STREAM maker space in library)

MES loaded 10 large boxes filled with donated items into two Yarmouth Police vehicles this morning (12/18) for the **Secret Santa for Seniors 2017**. Our Grade 3 Student Leaders were very enthusiastic about partnering with the YPD for this special program. The Items will be delivered to Seniors in need on Wednesday (12/20).

EHBOn Thursday, Baker's learning community will gather for the annual holiday concert. Students have been working in music classes to prepare holiday selections to perform for their friends and families. Families are encouraged to attend. The event begins at 10:00 AM.

After school activity forms have been distributed and are due on Wednesday. Activities begin when we return in January.

MMS

As with all of our schools, this is Concert Season. Mattacheese was thrilled to have the M.E, Small school perform their school-wide concert in the MMS auditorium. What a treat it was to see our classes of 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030 perform. Great job everyone!

MMS's seventh grade concerts took place on Tuesday, the 12th. Included was the string orchestra, Steel Drums, Fiddlers, chorus and band. The 6th grade concerts are tomorrow, Tuesday the 19th. Performances are at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm. Parents are invited to join the student body in the morning to watch the morning performance or even attend both concerts. Featured will be the 6th grade band, chorus and orchestra as well as Vocal Minority and Jazz Band.

Parents are also invited to the Mattacheese auditorium this Friday, the 22nd, at 2:00 to enjoy a school-wide performance by the renown D-Y Jazz Band. And finally, many thanks to the Mattacheese staff who, as of this morning, have donated \$2025 to be distributed in various ways to our needy students during this holiday season. Thank you all.

December 4, 2017

NHWi

The Dennis Lions Club awarded three Wixon students prizes in the Peace Poster contest. Tyrelle Hayles received first place, Michael Berry second and Tyler Hamilton third. A ceremony will be held at the Dennis Police Station December 13th at 6:30.

Health teacher Penny McGee was instrumental in collecting and mailing over 200 pounds of leftover Halloween candy to the troops. This is an annual event for Mrs. McGee.

DYRHS

There will be a reception for the ongoing Sydney Berkeley art show on 12/7 from 3:00 to 5:00 at the high school.

On Wed morning, Dec 6th, DYHS Music Teacher Ray Costano will accompany his intermediate guitar class to the SAE and sing a few songs with a kindergarten class.

SAE

On November 21 the SAE community came together for our annual *Power of One* All School Meeting. A generous donation of collected non-perishable items was given to the Yarmouth Food Pantry. Also, time was taken to talk about the ways SAE students are engaged at this young age in giving back to the community.

SAE Grade 3 Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 with all invited.

MES

We are happy to be sharing some exciting news at M. E. Small! We are partnering with the Yarmouth Police Department for some wonderful community events.

Friday, December 1st we started our **“Raise the Flag Friday”** program. Every Friday morning a police officer and students will recite the Pledge of Allegiance and raise the American Flag at our outside flag pole. We had quite a few in attendance for our first day. Deputy Chief Xiarhos led the morning program. Michael Stone from the Yarmouth Board of Selectman, many veterans, 2 Marines (that just finished their training) and a young Marine were here along with our Grade 3 Student Leaders.

EHB

The totals are in! Last month, at the Baker Family Dinner, we collected canned goods and other food items for the Family Pantry of Cape Cod. Baker collected 425 pounds of food, with an estimated

value of \$705.00! This was the first opportunity for students to put our core value into practice: "Students can make a difference in the world! We will have at least 2 more school-wide community service projects throughout the year.

MMS

Seventh grade students Aiden Green, Keegan Gallagher, and Parker Donovan worked with the MMS Technology Coach, Mrs. Fedele to create the first Mattacheese Newscast. The students researched and authored the stories, video recorded the newscasts with the green screen, and edited the footage. The result was a nine minute update on MMS current events including the fall dance, sports wrap up, and an author visit from Lauren Wolk. All MMS students viewed the newscast in advisory classes this past week.

Congratulations to Eliana Castano, Taylor Laverty, Alyssa Norton, and Annika Swanson who were selected to participate in the 2017 - 2018 Massachusetts Music Educators Association Southeastern District Junior Festival. Great job ladies.

Good News: October 23, 2017

NHWi

Thanks to the combined efforts of the Yarmouth Public Health Department, Yarmouth Police, and the Yarmouth Transfer Station, the Wixon bicycle program has been revived at Wixon Innovation School. The generous donation of bicycles makes it possible for students to improve their biking skills while learning about bike safety. The biking classes are offered three days a week during enrichment period.

DYRHS

The third annual Residential Construction Career Day was held on Thursday, October 19th at the Cape Cod Fairgrounds. Students who attended were able to interact and learn from a variety of industry professionals; explore educational, internship, and employment opportunities, and to have fun and be engaged with hands-on activities and demos.

The annual Credit for Life Fair for D-Y seniors is next Wednesday, October 25th in the upper gym at the high school.

EHB

Last Friday, the EHBi Pumpkin Patch was opened for business. Once each year, The Baker PTAC fills the reading garden with pumpkins so that each child can visit and choose a pumpkin of their very own. This is a tremendous undertaking that is greatly appreciated by our students! Check out the Baker website in the coming days to see pictures from this event.

This week, second graders have a visit from Elements Science, a community resource that has planned experiments to match their current unit of science study!

Plans are well underway for our annual Family Farm to Table Dinner. This year, pasta, bread, and of course salad are on the menu, as well as number bonds, fractions, and addition facts. You guessed it, we are coupling this event with a family math fair, which will showcase and celebrate our Eureka math curriculum! The night is scheduled for Thursday, November 9th!

SAE

Kendra Johnson, Grade 1 Teacher, successfully completed the Chicago marathon over the Columbus Day weekend. She received her medal and had our former grade 3 teacher's name (Mrs. Nelson) engraved on the back. Kendra ran in memory of Mary Nelson.

The Jump Rope For Heart, American Heart Association Fundraiser, will take place at SAE on Friday, October 20, during recess. This program teaches heart-healthy habits and helps the American Heart Association raise money for research and education that saves lives in our community.

At SAE's first staff meeting, each teacher expressed why they teach. A poster has been made with all of their reasons, I teach because..., to be displayed at SAE.

Many handmade mittens, hats and scarfs were dropped off by a community member for students who may not have these items. The community member conveyed she is part of a group from the Yarn Hound Charity Knitters in Dennis.

MES

A message from Kathleen Healey, the music teacher at MES.

In January of 2017, M. E. Small was awarded a Cape Cod Five Mini-Grant in the amount of \$500 which helped purchase 10 ukuleles and went toward a goal of having a complete classroom set of instruments. In June, Vinegrass Organization purchased 5 more and donated them to MES. Susan Anarino gave us 8 more from her collection of enrichment ukuleles, so we now have a classroom set of 23.

In July, Vinegrass sent Ms. Healey to Toronto, Canada to participate in a Ukulele in the Classroom curriculum training through the James Hill Ukulele Initiative where she learned a lot about teaching music theory to young children by teaching them how to play the ukulele. She also learned that in order for them to be truly successful, the kids would need to be able to take the instruments home and practice. So now, in addition to the classroom set, I realized I needed enough ukes for every student in the grade.

In September, Vinegrass applied for a grant to the John K. and Thirza F. Davenport Foundation and they were awarded \$4200, which was enough to purchase 60 ukuleles, 60 tuners, and 60 padded carrying bags which they donated to MES students. Students will now be able to sign the instruments out for a two or three month period and reinforce at home what they are learning in school.

Ms. Healey is very excited to be launching this Ukulele in the Classroom pilot program with the entire third grade in the fall, as a precursor to our recorder unit, and with the entire second grade in the spring. Over the course of the school year, the kindergarten and first grade students will also get to use the classroom set of instruments during introductory lessons.

Some background information about the organizations who provided the funding:

Vinegrass is a 501c3 non-profit and their mission statement is to:

"enhance the cultural quality of life through the production of American Roots concerts and festivals. We will preserve and foster this traditional American genre of music by providing scholarships, workshops, and instruments, ensuring its place for generations to come."

Cape Cod 5 Educational Mini Grants are awarded to applicants who meet the following criteria:

Prospective programs must be related to the subject/curriculum taught and should be designed to have broad impact - e.g. for an entire class, classes or grade level or a large subset of students throughout the school as opposed to for a small, select group of students. Submissions that foster creative thinking, demonstrate imagination, are reproducible and/or re-usable and/or impact many students will be favored.

John K. & Thirza F. Davenport Arts Foundation offers funding for projects meeting the following criteria:

The John K. and Thirza F. Davenport Foundation will accept grant requests from Barnstable County based nonprofit organizations with a commitment to excellence in the visual and performing arts. Preferences will be given to projects, activities or capital needs that are one-time and student

driven situations. Special consideration will be granted to Mid-Cape based and matching funded events.

MMS

For this week's Good News we'd like to share with you messages we have recently received:

From a MMS Mom:

"I wanted to express my thanks for the girls' soccer team uniforms. As the season has progressed I have noticed just about all of our opponents do not have a full uniform. Often a school shirt and whatever shorts/soccer socks they choose to wear. I am happy to see that Mattacheese supplies a full uniform (shirt home/away)/shorts/socks as these kids are learning what it means to be part of a team. I believe they should dress alike and have the responsibility of wearing that uniform when they compete for Mattacheese. Thanks to Mattacheese for providing a full uniform that the girls can wear proudly as a team!"

From the St. Pius Athletic Director:

"Well done! Mattacheese girls making a 'tunnel' cheer for our team was priceless! True humble group of girls you have and a coach showing outstanding sportsmanship. You should be proud of your girls! Well done."

From Adam Feinberg, Assistant Research Professor and the Northeast PBIS Network Director:

"Congratulations, we at the PBIS Academy are excited about the great work that you have been building at Mattacheese Middle and would like you to be the exemplar school for one of the roundtables." Congratulations, Mattacheese is now a PBIS Level 2 school!

Good News: October 2, 2017

NHWi

Wixon's Cross Country Team has over 100 runners this year and is off to a good start. The first meet was this past Tuesday against Monomoy and St. Pius. Both the girls' and boys' teams were victorious. The boys' winner was Xavier Pigo-Cronin. His name may sound familiar as his sister Kenyatta, who is now in 6th grade, was a cross country standout last year.

Tomorrow afternoon, seven Chinese exchange students will be arriving at Wixon and staying with their Wixon host family for the next 11 days. The exchange students and families have already begun communicating with us through the app "wechat." We are so excited for our students and school to have this incredible opportunity.

DYRHS

Beginning on September 22nd, Senior Ambassadors visited Grade 8 Seminar Classes to mentor our new eighth graders. This project is designed to improve transition to Grade 8 for new students, and addresses an important component in the DYRHS Improvement Plan. Senior Ambassadors are excited to choose a Seminar to visit 3 consecutive times over the course of this week and next week!

During the visits Ambassadors will encourage and empathize with new students asking how their experience is going, and encouraging them to get involved and to do well. Senior Ambassadors choose their Seminar Periods carefully, in order to have the least impact on their own schedules and duties, staying for 8-10 minutes to offer mentoring to eighth graders. After 3 visits, Grade 8 students will meet Ambassadors during their lunch on Tuesday, October 3, in front of Coach Funk's door in the cafeteria, as a designated meeting place. From there they will sit together in the cafeteria to go over any other questions that Grade 8 students may have for Senior Ambassadors.

A survey will be sent out to the participants, both Grade 8 and Senior Ambassadors, to gain insights in order to improve the planning for next year. With a smoother transition into DYRHS, Grade 8 students will enjoy better success.

On another note, Members of the Class of 1967 enjoyed a tour of the high school Sunday as part of their 50th reunion weekend.

EHB

On Thursday, EHBi rounded out the Open House Season. It was a great evening attended by nearly all of the school community. Many visitors got to see Baker's new entrance and office for the first time. The reviews were overwhelmingly positive...even by the firefighters who made an unexpected visit, due to a faulty smoke detector!

Tomorrow evening Baker's PTAC will hold their first meeting of the year. Our Parent Teacher Advisory Council works diligently to enrich the school lives of our students. They are busy with fall fundraisers, and planning key events, The EHBi Pumpkin Patch and grandparents/Special Friends Breakfast.

The Baker School is currently seeking volunteers to offer classes for the first round of after school

activities, which will begin later this month. Interested parties should contact Mr. Depin or Mrs. Flanagan.

SAE

Kendra Johnson, SAE Grade 1 Teacher, will run in the Chicago Marathon this weekend on October 8 as a Lupus Charity Runner in memory of a former SAE teacher, Mary Nelson.

One of our district-wide initiatives is PBIS which stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. The PBIS team works to support students and teachers in goals for positive behaviors in class and in the common areas - lunchroom, playground, hallways, etc. We follow the motto: At Station Avenue Elementary we care about being safe, respectful, responsible and caring.

We are working towards infusing picture books that have a positive message into our behavior curriculum. For the month of September, Mr. Spano's grade one class along with Mrs. Ramsay's grade two class read the book, *The Crayon Box that Talked* by Shane Derof. Their responses to the message in the book: "together we can do anything!" are displayed in the hallway outside the cafeteria. Each month there will be a new story and new responses.

MMS

Last Friday at Mattacheese was our first school-wide Walk-Run of the year. All students and teachers participate and may choose to join the runners or walk with their advisory. The top twenty student runners are recognized and receive a t-shirt or other memento. Top runners were:

First.... Tanner Agurkis

Second..... Nick Terranova

ThirdJackson Duarte

First Girl... Kenyatta Pigo-Cronin

Second Girl.. Julia Revinskas

Congratulations to these students and our entire school community for a healthy end to our school day.

This afternoon the members of our Bee University suited up in their protective beekeeping clothing and got bee-zy working with the Mattacheese hive. Thanks to our very own Mr. Beach, a former President and present director of the Barnstable County Beekeepers Association, who keeps our hive healthy and teaches our students basic beekeeping. Now you know what all the buzz is about.

MES

The M.E. Small PTO has been very active so far this year with several new parents joining us for our first meeting. The PTO has already held a Bowling Night fundraiser at Ryan Family Amusements, with over 100 students attending with their families. This Wednesday evening they will be holding an Ice Cream Social in conjunction with Ben and Jerry's and our school book fair. We are anticipating another great turnout and encourage anyone who loves reading and ice cream to join us from 5:30-6:30!

Good News: September 18, 2017

DYRHS

From the D-Y Theater Company: The November black box show will be Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." The April musical will be The Wizard of Oz based on the book. The Theater II ensemble will also develop two short plays, one for Festival in March, and another for school performance in May.

SAE

SAE has received many generous donations. Frank Mirasola & the Howard Lodge donated 75 student ready back to school supplies (packed pencil boxes, single subject notebooks, rulers)... Braxton Huggins and his grandparents', Chris & Paul made a donation of 2 back to school back packs with supplies and a new clothing outfit in each.

The SWAC, Shop with a Cop Program, provided delivery of 4 filled student backpacks. We also received Katelynn's Closet support with back to school clothes and sneakers for 4 SAE students AND our first fire drill was given 2 thumbs up by the YFD!

MMS

Mattacheese is gearing up for another great year of After School Activities. Beginning next Monday the first session of three will be offering 27 activities; some are new with new presenters as well as some popular repeats. What's not to love about tap dancing, cooking, yearbook, guitar lessons, flag football, stage and body movement, and 21 other opportunities and it's all free!

The ASAs occur on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and 4:00 buses are available.

Our sports programs are also beginning.

Come cheer on our :

Boy soccer

Girls soccer

Field Hockey

X-Country

Volleyball

Teams. Go Mattacheese!

MES

At MES we had a very successful Open House on Thursday, September 14th. It was wonderful to see so many families in attendance! Our PTO also held their first Bake Sale at the open house and raised over \$400.00 to help fund our students' field trips.

EHB

Last Thursday, Baker Innovation School had its first Whole School Meeting. Students attended the NED assembly, an informative, interactive presentation that encourages students to **Never Give Up**, **Encourage Others**, and **Do Their Best**.

Students were enthralled by the show that incorporated magic and yo-yo tricks as well as the powerful message. This assembly was chosen to kick off our year because of its similarity to our Dolphin Way initiative:

Be respectful

Be Responsible

Be Caring

NHWi

On Friday, September 15th, the students of NHWIS culminated their Summer Reading program by participating in discussion groups led by Wixon staff members. Students chose their book in the spring based on interest from a list of pre-selected fiction and non-fiction titles representing a variety of reading levels. Students were loaned a copy of the book to read over the summer.

544 Wixon students participated in this program. 46 different discussion groups met, and the feedback from students and teachers was overwhelmingly positive. The group who read the informational text about service dogs, My Dog is a Hero, was treated to two real life service dogs. One was Jax, who came with his owner Derrick, a Marine war veteran, and the second was Bodo, a K-9 who works with Dennis Police Officer Jessop.

Good News: September 11, 2017

SAE

SAE welcomed 423 students on opening day, Sept. 6, with 98 of those Kindergarten students. A "Buddy Bench" in memory of Mary Nelson, former grade 3 teacher, and Janice Wixon, Reading Teacher, arrived and is ready to be placed at its site.

MES

ME Small students each had the opportunity to take home almost 20 books over the summer to read thanks to the coordinated efforts of the librarian, consulting teacher of reading, and classroom teachers. M. E. Small looks forward to recognizing our summer readers at a special ceremony on September 25.

ME Small is also implementing its Birthday Books wellness initiative this year. Students will be celebrating their birthdays by inviting a special guest reader to their classrooms to share a favorite book, or will create their own in-class birthday books to for their classmates.

EHB

At EHBi, a new year means a new look! This summer, Baker's main entrance and main office were revamped! Thanks to the Town of Dennis, Baker has successfully relocated its main office to provide more security in addition to hospitality. When visitors enter into the bus port, they are now greeted by office personnel and are scanned in before they enter the building.

All our students have done an excellent job with their summer reading. Students have been returning their summer reading logs! When logs are returned, students receive a certificate and have their pictures taken. Those pictures will be presented on the Baker school website. Please check out the Baker website to take a peek at some of our readers!

NHWi

Wixon students and staff are looking forward to Cooperative Game Day on Monday, September 18th. Cooperative Game Day is a school-wide event coordinated by Mrs. Malkasian, a physical education teacher at Wixon. The event gives Wixon students and staff the opportunity to engage in team building and problem solving games, ultimately developing strong relationships across the entire Wixon community.

DYRHS

DYHS students are working with the Town of Yarmouth's Senior Center to build and decorate a time capsule which will contain items representative of our schools and community services. Students

have also been asked by Yarmouth to decorate its new reading room with their art work. The DY Dolphins football team was successful against Barnstable 49-14.

MMS

Despite the rain on September 6th, Mattacheese had a fantastic first day of school followed by two more exciting days.

As a school we look to build relationships with our parents and make every minute count. On Thursday night the 7th, MMS had its **Welcome Open House** from 6:00 to 8:00. All parents received a copy of our **Mattacheese Look Book**, a multi-page color picture handout that features a picture of every adult who contributes to the success of our students. We also provided families with a **Reference Card** that lists the numerous ways MMS provides information complete with the directions on how to access those resources. Twenty student leaders made up of Executive Board and Ambassadors who came to Mattacheese during the summer for training made themselves available throughout the night to give directions and provide tours. Our parents maneuvered their way through their son or daughter's schedule.

Friday was picture day at Mattacheese but every day we are seeing lots of students with lots of smiles.

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