

## Good News: June 12, 2017

### **EHBi**

Paul McCartney was right! Sometimes you get by with a little help from your friends! Baker's friends, in this case, are the employees at Cape Cod 5! Baker was having difficulty getting the Penny Harvest proceeds counted. Just as we were about to ask students and families to roll coins, thousands and thousands of coins, Cape Cod 5 offered to count our money! The total collected surpassed our estimates, but you'll have to wait until our Penny Harvest Check Award ceremony to release that figure!

Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, Please shine down on us...tomorrow! Tomorrow, we have the make-up day for Field Day, which got rained out last week! Mr. Fantaroni and Ms. Cevoli have planned great games for all of our students. It should be a great time!

### **SAE**

The SAE community collected \$3,822.60 for *Dream Day of Cape Cod* this year, a fundraiser they've been participating in for ten years. The children train in April and May to prepare to enter a Triathlon of math, reading, and walking/running to help others less fortunate. Over the past ten years SAE has raised \$35,553.53

Third graders have been quite busy at SAE:

- Students hosted a concert on June 5 with many families attending. Some of the grade 3 students also participated in the Music Memory Contest with other Cape Cod schools on May 31.
- Step Up Day at Wixon was held June 6<sup>th</sup> to introduce students to their 4<sup>th</sup> grade school.
- Last week a video presentation and demonstration called "Nutrition Detectives" was shown by Lisa Bushy, R.N., a VNA Nurse, to students to help them read food labels and make the best nutritional food choices.

Field Day for Kindergarten and Grade one was recently held on June 8 with many families visiting. All had a great time and no rain! The Art Show (Art, Physical Ed., Library and Music come together!) opened at the Cultural Center on June 8 with many SAE students performing and exhibiting their art work.

### **MES**

From May 10<sup>th</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup> MES has been focused on safety through PBIS. When a child was seen being safe, they received a blue flower to write their name on and also a blue bead for their necklaces. The flowers have been taped up on the hallway walls around the school. There are over 400 flowers around the building! We are proud to be safe at MES!

We at MES have had a relationship with Therapy Dogs International and their Director, Nancy Dawley for quite a few years. One of her members; Denise Marcella is working on her doctorate in Humane Education and has received a \$1,000.00 grant from the Pollenation Project. Ms. Marcella will be using part of this grant in a section of the library for "Classroom Canines for Kindness" and it will be called "Cindy's Corner." Denise has received books and resources for this program and will be donating a copy of every book to our school.

## **NHWi**

VFW Post 10274 from Dennis placed American flags at the Oakridge Cemetery on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> with the help of Wixon students; fifth grader Kira Stewart and fourth grader Maeve Dolan. Students helped place flags on the graves of veterans, and they received a certificate of participation for their help.

Our turtles have been released! Miss Dunn's fifth grade class took the trip to Sandy Neck on Friday, June 2 for the annual Terrapin Diamondback turtle release into the marsh. For the past four years, Ms. Dunn's instrumental efforts, on behalf of Wixon students, have allowed our school to take responsibility for the nurturing of immature Diamondback turtles. Students were able relate this effort to the curriculum with regards to ecology, habitats, food chain and aiding in the support of a threatened species.

## **DYRHS**

The 2017 D-Y Jazz Band had their last concert on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to next year!! The annual Work Based Learning Employer Appreciation Breakfast was held in the high school library on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **MMS**

Career Day was celebrated recently at Mattacheese Middle School. Guests shared their career stories with small groups of students on the morning of Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. MMS's goal is to expose students to a variety of potential careers!

A Related Arts Breakfast was hosted at MMS on June 8<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed by all. Concerts are scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> for grade 6 and June 20<sup>th</sup> for grade 7. Please join us!

## **Good News: May 15, 2017**

### **SAE**

1) On May 11 SAE had the *Weather Warrior* from Channel 10 News visit grade 3 students. This was a wonderful informative visit for our students. Meteorologist Tim Kelly spoke to the students about the weather tying it into their Science Curriculum. SAE even made the evening news!

2) Also, on May 11 SAE held its Family Reading Night from 6:00-7:00 in the Cafeteria. It was well attended with over 100 families visiting. Mr. Crowell enthusiastically read two books written by *Mo Willems* to the students. There were activities and snacks and all enjoyed!

On Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, an evening of family fitness and an ice cream social will be held at the Station Avenue Elementary School.

### **MES**

At Marguerite E. Small we celebrated Screen Free Week in a big way! Students filled out Pledge Cards stating what they would be doing for the week and they were posted in the front lobby for everyone to read. Some students were chosen to read their pledges during the morning announcements each day. Mrs. Agurkis, our school nurse and Mrs. Caldwell, a first grade teacher, were interviewed by a reporter from Wicked Local with a nice article posted on May 10th.

MES hosted a Bike Rodeo after school in the upper parking lot one afternoon. It was well attended by families and staff. A few Yarmouth Police Officers were there with their bikes too.

There was also a reading night at the Yarmouthport Library. Our Literacy Coach, Shannon Carlson, dressed up as "Piggy" and read to families from the Elephant and Piggy books.

Mrs. Gubbins, a Pre-K Teacher hosted a tidal flats walk at Long Pasture Audubon on another afternoon.

### **EHB**

As if Terrapin Turtles weren't enough...The first graders at EHBi are doing their part to save another species...The eastern Spadefoot Toad. Tadpoles arrived last week! Over these last weeks of school, we will watch these amazing creatures transform from tadpole to toad!

This Wednesday evening, our amazing Gym teachers will host Family Backyard Game Night from 5:00-6:30. Families visit school for an active evening of catch, basketball, wiffle-ball, and hopscotch! What a great way to celebrate spring!

Baker is busily preparing for the arrival of our new kindergarten students. On May 31st and June 1st, prospective kindergarten students come to school with their families for their first official visit since kindergarten registration. While parents learn important information about our kindergarten program, students will have a chance to sample kindergarten classroom life. The morning visits end with a small bus ride! What fun!

## **NHWi**

Students, Hannah Willis and Tanner Chicoine were this year's winners of the "Just a Good Kid" award given by The Rotary Club of Harwich-Dennis. Hannah and Tanner embody the attributes of good students that work hard, volunteer to help others as well as being respectful, courteous and honest. They were celebrated with a breakfast sponsored by the Rotary Club and awarded \$50 gift certificates to Barnes & Noble.

Wixon had its annual "April Vacation Reading Challenge". Of the students who participated, 65% read 270 minutes or more over the break. Raffle prizes were awarded to ten students from each grade.

Peter Pan will be performed by Wixon students this Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

## **DYRHS**

The DYRHS Winter Guard won the New England Scholastic Band Association A Championship for the second year in a row in April.

Mr. Jim Hoar was selected the recipient of the 2017 MA Interscholastic Athletic Association Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year Award. This award is based upon excellence of character, impact on students and community, and Mr. Hoar's coaching credentials.

## **MMS**

On Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> thirty-four 6<sup>th</sup> graders took part in a MSSAA-MIAA Middle Level Athletic Workshop. Dana Holt, a national level trainer, facilitated the workshop. Topics included the four pillars of MIAA Educational Athletics: wellness, leadership, sportsmanship and community service. Participants stepped outside their comfort zone, talked about a person who impacted their life, worked to mingle, mingle mingle but learned more about those who were left out; danced, ran, hopped, cartwheeled, twirled, and created dozens of other individual innovative ways to get across the stage and ripped up their cool cards to move forward as a class act.

Thank you to MIAA for making arrangements that allowed Dana Holt come to Mattacheese and also to Coach Vigliano, Coach Colgan, Mr. Bovino and Coach Freeman for being active participants throughout the workshop. It was an impressive learning opportunity for our rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

On Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> twenty-three students and multiple adults rode their bikes to MMS. The group met at the Yarmouth Port Fire Station. They were joined by teachers; Mr. Beach (in his shirt and tie), Ms. Nickerson and Mrs. Wright as well as Yarmouth Police; Officer Brewer, Officer Wenberg, Officer Xiarhos, and Deputy Chief Xiarhos. Two cruisers escorted the group on their route. Thank you to the Bike Zone for their partnership, for riding with us and for supporting our efforts concerning bike safety. They will be joining us again for an assembly on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Finally special thanks to Emily Budzynkiewicz, School Outreach Coordinator for Safe Routes to School from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> twenty-five students performed in the Annual MMS Solo and Ensemble Concert. It is a low key, yet wonderful opportunity allowing our students to perform the music of their choice. Students may form their own groups, try something new in a smaller venue, or perform a song they have always loved. The audience is purposely small and primarily made up of friends and relatives. Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Cutler and Mr. Graf are the “guides on the side,” it is the students who have the voice and choice.

The evening is a smorgasbord of talent. Congratulations to all of the participants and thank you to our dedicated music staff. It is because of educators like them that our students can spread their wings and fly.

Spring concerts are scheduled at the Mattacheese Middle School at 7 p.m. for June 20<sup>th</sup> - grade 6 and June 14<sup>th</sup> - grade 7.

## Good News: March 8, 2017

### SAE

Mrs. Edwards from the DYHS library and Mrs. Sweeney from SAE along with Anna Braude from the High School ELL program coordinated a visit with high school student volunteer readers. These volunteers came to read to all of the classrooms at Station Avenue on Thursday, March 2, 2017 to celebrate Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's birthday. In addition, SAE held its All School Meeting on Friday, March 3 with many Dr. Seuss related activities. On March 10 community members have been invited to come to our school and read to a classroom.

This week SAE started its annual "Pennies for Patients" / Leukemia & Lymphoma Society fundraiser. A representative visited during lunch periods and spoke to the students regarding this important fundraiser, the fight against blood cancers. Each student went home with information and a "penny" box. Students were told they can save lives just by turning in a small amount. Ms. Richardson, our Home/School Counselor, will oversee the program. This year this cause is especially close to SAE as one of our treasured staff members just lost a child to this disease.

Len Cabral, Storyteller, visited SAE on Monday, March 6 to present to the student body. Mr. Cabral is a yearly visitor and this program is sponsored by SAE PTO.

### MES

Mrs. Kathleen Healy, MES's Music Teacher and Mrs. Susan Anarino, a Kindergarten Teacher were awarded an Educational Mini-Grant Award from The Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank Charitable Foundation Trust. They received their awards and a \$500.00 check at a reception held on February 15, 2017 at the Tilden Arts Center at Cape Cod Community College.

Also on February 15<sup>th</sup>, MES was fortunate to have The Cape Cod Community Orchestra come to school and perform.

### EHB

At EHBi, the first week back from February vacation has been busy! We celebrated Read Across America day by hearing the story **Thidwick the Big Hearted Moose**. Baker has planned literacy events throughout the month. The fun continued on March 2nd with our first Read Around Town Event at the Jacob Sears Library. Each week we will have a reading night at a different library! Every family that attends will receive a free book to take home.

Each week, we will celebrate literacy in school with different reading and writing activities like "Drop Everything and Read," "Drop Everything and Doodle," "Drop Everything and Write," and Community Readers' Day. We at Baker School can't think of a better way to celebrate the transition from winter into spring!

### NHWi

Wixon has kicked off a "school spirit" week this week. Students and staff are encouraged to follow a prescribed dress code for the entire week. The week will end with everyone wearing their Wixon T-shirts as a show of support for the Wixon staff who will be participating in the second annual Dennis Police Department vs. Wixon staff basketball game, Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

Wixon 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in a winter break reading contest called the Marshmallow Reading Challenge. This challenge was initiated by the Wixon School Wide Literacy Team. Students were sent home with a diagram of a cup of hot chocolate. The second sheet had 48 drawings of marshmallows and written on the marshmallows were different reading challenges such as; read an e-book, read to your stuffed animal, read with a scarf on, read with a grandparent, and read a newspaper to name a few. When the students accomplished 14 of the 48 challenges, they glued the marshmallow to the cup of coco and decorated their mug. Parents signed off on the cup of coco so the diagrams could be entered for randomly drawn prizes.

### **MMS**

Congratulations to the MMS School Resource Officer, Sean Brewer, who received the Community Policing Service Award for coaching and mentoring youth in the Yarmouth Community. Great job Officer Brewer! This Saturday is our re-scheduled dance from 7:00 to 9:00. Tickets are on sale during lunches and at the door.

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> is MMS's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Step-Up Day at Mattacheese followed that evening by the Fifth Grade Parents night from 6:00 to 7:30. MMS's student leadership has been working overtime to be prepared for their incoming students and their parents. All are welcome to attend.

There are fifteen more days until the first performance of Lion King Jr. "Be prepared" because this production is "enough to make kings and vagabonds believe the very best."

### **DYRHS**

The Annual Holly Young Memorial Volleyball Tournament took place on Monday, March 6 and this Thursday, March 9th. All proceeds benefit the Holly Young Scholarship Fund.

The Junior Parent College Kickoff Breakfast took place on Wednesday, March 1st in the cafeteria at the high school.

The DY High School Peer Leaders, in conjunction with Independence House, held the White Ribbon event during lunches on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to Spanish teacher, Ms. Colleen Ladd, and her students for their great work.

## **Good News: February 13, 2017**

### **SAE**

SAE will have a visit from the Cape Community Orchestra (about 35 guests) for a 45-minute All School Assembly on Wednesday, February 15 at 1:45.

SAE's February All-School Meeting will be held Friday before vacation, February 17, when grade 1 will host and focus on Caring and Kindness. All are welcome at 2:30 in the Gymnasium.

### **MES**

On Friday, February 10, ME Small students in Cub Scout Pack 2 had a special visit by Marine Sergeant Matthew Zahn. The scouts had sent a care package to Sergeant Zahn's Marine Unit just before Christmas. During the visit, Sergeant Zahn shared photos of his deployment and thanked the Cub Scouts for thinking of our soldiers deployed overseas during the holiday season.

### **EHB**

It's hard to believe, but EHB is completing its fifth year as an innovation school! This year, the faculty, school council, and PTAC have been discussing Baker's 5 years of innovation, and what the plan might look like moving forward. Baker is asking families to complete a brief, on-line, survey to help them judge the effectiveness of some of the current practices. We encourage all of our families to take this survey! Thanks!

Some good news bears repeating! This weekend, February 17th-19th, WholeFoods Market will be sponsoring "Coffee for a Cause." WholeFoods will donate \$5.00 for every cup of coffee sold. All of the proceeds will support Baker's student fruit bowl. If you like coffee, and student wellness, please consider stopping by coffee for a cause!

### **NHWi**

Wixon is fortunate to offer to its students an after school program called "Food Explorers". This program takes place once a week for six weeks. It educates students about nutrition, portion control and "hands-on" cooking of after school snacks and healthy side dishes with dinner. The program works in conjunction with Cape Cod Cooperative Extension's Family Nutrition Program and UMass Extension's Nutrition Education Program with funding from the USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program helps low-income families select and prepare the food they need for good health.

### **MMS**

This Thursday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, is Mattacheese's Annual Student - Staff Basketball Game. The fierce competition begins at 3:00 and ends at 5:00. Be sure to join the fun and cheer on your favorite Dolphin Hoopsters.

Just a reminder that the MMS school-wide assembly this Friday is open to interested parents. Dr. Thomas Burns will be speaking to our students about sharks. Dr. Burns has been photographing sharks for 25 years. The assembly begins at 9:00 a.m.

MMS's Valentines' Day Dance will be re-scheduled to March 10<sup>th</sup>. Wear green not red! As always, the dances are from 7:00 to 9:00. Happy V-Day to all.

**DYRHS**

Several members of the DYRHS Chorus, Band and Orchestra participated in the All-Cape & Islands Music Festival on Friday, February 3rd. A group of Life Sciences teachers and students traveled to the Providence, RI Convention Center to see the internationally acclaimed exhibit of BodyWorlds on February 2nd.

## **Good News: February 6, 2017**

### **SAE**

SAE began its 21st winter session of After School Activities this week offering over 20 activities running weekly for five weeks. Last Friday, some of SAE's grade 1 and 3 classrooms visited the Cotuit Center for the Arts, and from February 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>, kindergarten through grade 12 art will be on display at the Cape Cod Museum of Art in Dennis entitled "Through Young Eyes."

### **MES**

Mrs. Keith, the librarian at MES, received an Edcamp Impact Grant. These grants are awarded to educators who have attended an Edcamp and want to implement an idea that they learned there. Each grant is for up to \$1,000. The goal is to support the spread of what happens at an Edcamp and incorporate it into schools around the country.

Mrs. Keith's grant was for Bee Bots: Buzzing into Robotics. According to Ahmad Khanlari, researchers and educators have stated many benefits of using technology in the classroom and they claim that technology-rich environments have had positive effects on students' achievement in all areas. Robotics offers students hands on exposure to a wide range of subjects. Bee Bot is an exciting robot designed for use by young children. The colorful, easy-to-operate and friendly little robot is a perfect tool for teaching sequencing, estimation, problem-solving and just having fun!

### **EHB**

Who doesn't love coffee? If you love, or even like coffee, please consider stopping by the Cape Cod Cafe at Whole Foods Market between February 17<sup>th</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup>. Whole Foods Market will donate \$5.00 to the EHBi fruit bowl fund for every cup sold, up to \$500.00! Whole Foods has been supplying a case of fruit each week for the last 2 months to the students of the school! This "Coffee for a Cause" effort will extend their support of providing the students at EHBi access to fruit during the school day! Thanks for your help!

### **NHWi**

The Egghead Helmet Experiment was well attended on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The event was sponsored by Cape Cod Stem Network to promote STEM activities across Cape Cod. Thirty seven teams consisting of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Wixon, EHB, SAE and MES participated in the event. Teams made their helmets from a variety of materials, tested them, and revised them to see if the helmet protected the egg inside when dropped. Participants learned the importance of utilizing appropriate head protection to prevent concussions. Students were awarded certificates for the highest drops. Many thanks to all the staff members and student volunteers that helped make this event a great success.

### **MMS**

MMS's first dance of 2017 is this Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00, the PTO is meeting on Monday, February 13, and School Council is on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. MMS is looking forward to its annual Student-Staff basketball game on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00. Come and cheer on your favorite age bracket.

On Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, MMS is having a school-wide assembly. Dr. Thomas Burns, a veterinarian and director of The Veterinary Associates of Cape Cod in South Yarmouth will be speaking; however, he'll be talking to our students about sharks. Dr. Burns has been photographing sharks for 25 years.

In July of 2016 he was a contributor to National Geographic's coverage of sharks and their conservation. He does his diving without scuba gear and will be talking about the sharks of New England including basking, tiger, blue dog, mako and scalloped hammerhead.

A reminder that the Mattacheese Principal's Blog provides the latest in news, educational resources, and updates on the events at Mattacheese Middle School. If you follow the blog you will receive an email to inform you there is a new post so there is no need to check in. All information is archived so you can return to any topic for reference.

## **DYRHS**

The DYRHS Visual Arts Department is proud to announce this year's awardees in the annual nationwide Scholastic Art competition. The first round of competition is at the state level and students compete for Gold Key, Silver Key, and/or Honorable Mention. Gold and Silver Key winners and their teachers are invited to participate in the Massachusetts Scholastic Art and Writing Awards regional awards celebration, which will be held on Saturday, March 11 at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

State results for our students, sponsored by the Boston Globe, are as follows: Lee-Ann Bell, Silver Key; Noel Criser, Silver Key, Melony Ellis, Silver Key, Honorable Mention; Ashley Frye, Honorable Mention, Glen Kuznetsov, Honorable Mention, Marlana Lynch, Silver Key, Silver Key; Jon Pecoraro, Silver Key; Erika Robbins, Silver Key; Olivia Klutz, Honorable Mention; Peyton Sumner, Silver Key, Honorable Mention. Students work was recognized in the categories of Sculpture, Ceramics and Glass, Photography and Drawing/Illustration.

**January 9, 2017**

### **SAE**

Mr. Castano and his high school guitar class visited SAE prior to the holidays and entertained some of our students. Also, Mrs. Riley and her students performed holiday music for our enjoyment in the foyer. SAE students are very fortunate to be in close proximity to the high school and have the participation of the high school students.

Also, SAE grade three students are scheduled to visit the Cotuit Center for the Arts during the month of January.

### **DYRHS**

Mrs. Stephanie Riley shared some great news about her receipt of a second grant through the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod to continue the private lesson program this year. Through this she is able to fulfill her total goal of \$4800 with the addition funds for \$2400. This will enable our students to continue to study music privately and grow as musicians.

There will be a Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at the high school on January 16<sup>th</sup> and donations will be accepted at the main office.

### **EHB**

Next week, Baker will kick off its fifth annual Family Book Club! As a school community, Baker has read A Cricket in Times Square, Stuart Little, Henry and Ribsy, The Chocolate Touch, and this year, **Babe the Gallant Pig!** Students will be introduced to the book on January, 18<sup>th</sup>, and a copy will be sent home to each family on January 20<sup>th</sup>! This year, families can access EHBI staff members reading selected chapters on our webpage! Nothing unites a school community like great literature! Happy Reading!

### **MMS**

Today is the first day of MMS's Trimester Two After School Activities Program. This session offers Art Club, Homework Club, Knitting, Coding Club, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Squad, Learn to Hook and Crochet, Harry Potter Club, Bowling, Pokemon Fan Club, GEMS Club (Girls Excelling in Engineering/Math/Science), Yearbook 2, Guitar Lessons, Blanket Making, Anime/Manga Club, Adopt a Grandparent, Craft Class, Creative Cooking/Baking, Dance Committee, Nail Art, Library Committee, Fiddlers and Lego Club! There's something for everyone.

On December 21<sup>st</sup> after MMS's in-school 6<sup>th</sup> grade concert, the entire school took on the Mannequin Challenge. The video can be seen on the MMS Principal's Blog. Special thanks go to Molly Fedele and Danielle Ryder who filmed the event. Molly edited the footage and the music track. It was amazing to have 500, still silent people in the MMS auditorium.

On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the last day of school, we began to hear beautiful music towards the end of the school day. After investigating we found Mrs. Cutler, Isabella Restaino on Viola, Chyna Silva on bass, Shelby Gomes on viola and Amanda Staffier on viola were playing at the bottom of the "Y".

The music spread throughout the three wings sending our students and staff off to a lovely start of vacation. Thank you ladies!

### **NHWi**

Over this past December holiday, Wixon helped 26 families. Through donations from staff, community businesses, and charitable organizations, Wixon was able to provide families with food, clothing, toys and gift cards to many local businesses.

### **MES**

MES students performed two holiday concerts on December 20 and 22 to standing room only audiences of parents, relatives, and friends. They enjoyed welcoming so many people to M.E. Small to celebrate the season, and to feature the hard work and musical talents of our students.

**December 19, 2016**

SAE

The Hour of Code is a worldwide initiative that takes place during Computer Science Education Week. SAE hosted a special event in addition to having all students in the school participate in the Hour of Code. The objective of the event was to have high school students work with younger students to complete computer coding activities that the older students had designed. High School computer teacher Tamara Endich, Library Media teacher Deb Sweeney, and the high school library media teacher Jennifer Edwards met ahead of time to plan and coordinate the event.

All participants from both schools were female with the purpose of increasing their interest in computer science. The third grade girls and the high school students met in the gym to do the fun "unplugged" activities that the older students designed.

DYRHS

The Key Club is collecting non-perishable food items for the food pantry to assist Dennis and Yarmouth families during the holiday season.

The Dolphin Chapter of Tri-M, Music Honor Society held their first "Cookie Express" fundraiser on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, in the music suite.

EHB

We have exciting news to share! As you know, the Baker community fruit bowl is a popular snack option for students. Word was received late last week that two of our community partners are teaming up to help provide fruit for the bowl! Our friends at the Dennis Memorial Library have agreed to conduct a weekly story time at Whole Foods Market in Hyannis. In return, Whole Foods Market will send 2 cases of fruit to our school every week! This fruit donation covers a substantial amount of our fruit needs each week!

MMS

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, MMS hosted its Trimester 1 Recognition Ceremonies in the MMS auditorium for grades 6 and 7. Certificates for both honor roll and high honor roll were distributed by each student's advisor. To receive high honors students must receive a grade of A- or better in all subjects; students who achieve grades of B- or higher in all subjects will be on the honor roll.

NHWi

Through the generosity of the community and staff at Wixon, they are able to help 22 Wixon families with Christmas gift cards, and food.

MES

The M.E. Small Elementary School library media teacher Kim Keith used ScratchJr. to instruct her students during the Hour of Code last week. With ScratchJr, young children can program their own interactive stories and games. In the process, they learn to solve problems, design projects and express themselves creatively on the iPad and at MES in particular, students are learning to make the sun set and the moon rise, coding a race between a pig, dog and rabbit, and making up their own story of a dragon living in a city park.

The Yarmouth Rotary Club hosted their annual Christmas party on December 11th and MES was able to send 10 families. Station Avenue and Wixon also invited families. A total of 27 families were treated to dinner, fun with Santa, and gifts to bring home.

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Carole Depin.	MES School.	A Family Affair.
Pam Barton.	Ezra Baker School.	Makerspace
Sharon Howard.	Ezra Baker School.	Come Story Walk with Us
Sharon Howard.	Ezra Baker School.	Lego My Story!
Alexandria Boudreau.	SAE School.	Art Appreciation.
Scott Graf.	Mattacheese School.	Musical Drama-Lion King
Nancy Dunn/Amy Travers	Mattacheese School.	GEMS Club.
Regina Wood.	Mattacheese School.	Tomatosphere
Sue Gubbins.	MES School.	Just me and my Dad.

**December 5, 2016**

### **SAE**

Station Avenue Elementary was happy to distribute 15 *Create The Good* turkey dinners to their families in need this year. SAE's annual Holiday Fair will take place on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10-1:00 at SAE. This exciting fair featured the popular "Kids Only" shopping room where children along with their personal shopper selected gifts for family and friends. Breakfast and lunch were made available and the Scholastic Book Fair was on display for browsing and selecting great books.

### **DYRHS**

DYRHS teachers Ed Fiorentino and Thad Rice received a grant award from The League of Women Voters Civic Education Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation. They will use the resources of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute to offer their students experiential learning opportunities to understand the legislative process. The Institute offers the Senate Immersion Module for students at the high school level.

First Term Perfect Attendance: 110 students in grades 8-12 have been in school every day with no tardies and no dismissals. They received perfect attendance certificates for first term on November 9, 2016.

### **EHB**

"Every Penny Counts, Every Person Counts" is the motto at EHBi as they begin their fifth annual Penny Harvest. Last week, students began this year's philanthropy drive with the Wheel of Caring assembly. Baker has set an ambitious goal of raising \$1600 this year. That money will be distributed to local charities and non-profit organizations. Charitable causes will be voted upon by the entire school, and Penny Harvest Student Leaders will decide which organizations will be awarded grants by the Ezra H. Baker Innovation School. This year, Baker will surpass \$10,000 donated to various charities through the annual Penny Harvest.

### **MMS**

Mattacheese Middle School begins its second trimester with all exploratory foreign language students moving to their next language class with Senora Crowley, Herr Dadman and Madame Mason welcoming their new classes. The first Related Arts breakfast of the year will be held for students chosen from each related arts discipline. The 47 students and their families are invited for breakfast.

November marked the first month of the Mattacheese Blog. During the month there were 1,363 visits. You can visit the blog through the MMS website or through your browser at "Mattacheese Principal's Blog." This is an effort to increase communication with families. The blog is similar to a newsletter that is updated almost daily. You can register to be notified when a new post goes up.

### **NHWi**

Through the efforts of our Community partners and the Helping Hands Committee, Wixon was able to provide 20 families with "Thanksgiving Dinner." The menu included a turkey, fresh produce, cranberry sauce, rolls and pies. All families were appreciative and thankful. Mrs. Brembt's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class is once again providing an area in her room for the collection bin for Katelynn's Closet. New and gently used clothing is collected for children in need. The collection runs through November and

December. Last year this drive was very successful and rewarding for all, and they are hopeful that this year's efforts will surpass last's.

Wixon School's Michelle Dunn has also received a grant award from The League of Women Voters Civic Education Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation.

### **MES**

The third graders in Mrs. Zabielski's class have been invited to participate in a fun book trailer for a new children's nonfiction book by award-winning author Melissa Stewart and Caldecott honoree Steve Jenkins, who will be at the school on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> to begin work on the project. The target publication date for Can an Aardvark Bark? is June 13, 2017. The book trailer will be released in advance to help promote the book.

**November 21, 2016**

### **MES**

On Wednesday night, November 16th, the MES PTO hosted Dining for a Cause at the 99 Restaurant. Between the percentage donated from meals and a raffle, they raised a little over \$300.00 to help fund their field trips.

On Friday, November 18th the MES students are going to a World Music Concert at Mattacheese. They will be listening to Polka Dan's Beetbox Band. Mrs. Healy, our music teacher, made this possible with a grant through Cape Cod 5.

### **DYRHS**

The National Honor Society held their annual blood drive on Wednesday, November 16th at the high school.

On Monday, November 21st the Marching Band, Color Guard, Football Team, Cheerleaders and the students from SEA2 and WAVE went to Station Avenue Elementary for the annual pep rally.

### **NHWi**

The Wixon Cross Country Team sent 50 students to Lynn, MA on Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> to participate in the Massachusetts Third Annual Cross Country State Championship. Wixon boys took home the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy with Will Crowell placing 3<sup>rd</sup> and Will Burgess placing 4<sup>th</sup>. The Wixon girls took home the 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy with Kenyatta Pigo-Cronin taking 1<sup>st</sup> place and Siena Healy along with Lexi Montalto finishing in the top 10.

Wixon health teacher, Penny McGee, loaded her car today with just over 200 pounds of donated Halloween candy to deliver to a distribution center. This candy will find its way to service men and women all over the world.

### **EHBi**

Last week was spectacular at EHBi! They hosted Grandparent/Special Friend Coffee Hour at each grade level. Visitors stopped by the cafeteria for coffee and a small snack, and then visited the classrooms of children they know. It's hard to know who enjoyed the visits more, our guests or our students!

Baker capped the week off with the Family Farm to Table Dinner. EHBi's student Wellness Committee invited families and friends to a delicious meal of soup, salad, and bread, skillfully prepared by the food service department led by Food Service Director, Rooney Powers. Local farms and businesses donated almost all of the food. The event was free for families, but many brought non-perishable food items that were donated to the Family Pantry of Cape Cod! Please check out the EHBi website for pictures from the night!

### **MMS**

The MMS cafeteria staff made our students a wonderful Thanksgiving feast this past Thursday. We used this as an opportunity to reinforce our school-wide expectations of being responsible, resourceful and respectful as they enjoyed their lunches. Students waited patiently, thanked our staff and were well-mannered and appropriate during the meal.

Tomorrow morning Mattacheese will screen the documentary about our recent guest speaker, Razia Jan. A two minute trailer of "What Tomorrow Brings" was shown this morning. Tomorrow, following the documentary, students will return to their advisory for post-viewing activities. The extension activities may help our students realize what other students go through to receive an education.

This morning Mrs. Wood's students added to "the good" by making pies during their Advisory. Our fantastic cafeteria staff baked the pies for the group and the warm cherry, blueberry and apple pies were brought to the Main Office to add to the Thanksgiving dinners for our families. Thank you to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade advisees and Mrs. Wood for their thoughtfulness.

### **SAE**

The SAE PTO recently received a donation from Kohl's of \$1,500! This was a special promotion for the month of October, (Kohl's volunteers baked goods promotion). This money will help with Field Trips and Enrichment programs here at SAE.

The SAE *Power of One* All School Meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 22 at 10:00. The entire school, joined by the Yarmouth Food Pantry, will assemble in the Gymnasium to donate a non-perishable item. As we all watch the pile grow, we visually see how we can all contribute to helping many.

**November 7, 2016**

**DYRHS**

On Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> the D-Y Marching Band and Color Guard won its 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive Massachusetts State Championship Title at the US Bands Championship Finals in New Britain CT. They earned first place captions in the categories of visual, general effect, percussion, and color guard. This is the second year D-Y has won best percussion and the 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row they have won best color guard. In addition, out of the 27 bands that performed, D-Y received for the first time the "Esprit de Corps" award. This award is an honor given to only one band by the United States Marine Corp for excellence in their performance and spirit.

The high school math team came in second at their recent meet, outscoring all teams from Barnstable and Bourne. Only one Falmouth team scored more points! Alex Smith was the highest scoring 11th grader and Tainan Nunes was the highest scoring 8th grader.

The D-Y Theater Company will present *Steel Magnolias* the weekend of November 17-20 at the high school auditorium.

Officer Nick Pasquarosa and the Police Explorers group attended the "Salute to Scouting" Community Breakfast honoring Ted Zambelis on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Yarmouth House Restaurant.

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, the D-Y Women's Club hosted a luncheon. The guest speaker was DYHS junior Thomas Gruttadauria who attended along with Josh Clarkin, a DYHS guidance counselor. Thomas was the Mass Star representative last year and spoke about his experience. The Women's Club plays a vital role in funding the Mass Star experience for our students. The MA Youth Leadership Foundation provides outstanding high school students with the skills, opportunities, and inspiration to affect positive change in their communities. The Foundation's values are highlighted by the five points of its MassSTAR Conference's Curriculum: Respect, Responsibility, Collaboration, Initiative, and Intentionality.

**NHWi**

Wixon's Cross Country Team attended the All Cape Meet on Tuesday, November 1 at Mattacheese. The 10 teams present included students up to the age of 16. The Wixon boys' team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the Wixon girls' team also placed second. Wixon's Kenyatta Pigo-Cronin, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, placed first for the girls overall.

Wixon had 36+ essays entered into the VFW's "Patriot's Pen". This years' theme was "The America I Believe In." Students had to submit an essay of over 400 words in their own voice. All essays were read by 5 judges from VFW Post 10274, Dennis MA. The First Place winner was Maggie Li, Second Place was Ryan Shea and the Third Place winner was Charlie Crowell. Winners will read their essays at Wixon's Veterans' Day assembly on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15.

The DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) Youth Dance Program visited Wixon on Tuesday, November 1 and performed for the Wixon 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The dance program is part of the DEA

Educational Foundation that was established to empower kids by providing a free and positive afterschool alternative to drugs through the fun, healthy, and expressive art form of dance.

### **EHBi**

How do you combine good food and good deeds? Why the Family Farm to Table Dinner, of Course. Our annual Farm to Table Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, November 17th, beginning at 5:30 PM. Families are invited to school to share a meal of locally grown produce, fresh baked bread, and hearty soups. Families that attend are asked to bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Family Pantry of CAPE COD. Students are already collecting food items in the weeks leading up to the dinner. Last year, EHBi donated \$1900 worth of food and hygiene products to the pantry!

Our annual Grandparent/Special Friend Coffee Hour is scheduled for the week of November 14-17. Each day a different grade level invites people to enjoy coffee and a muffin with Mr. Depin, and then visit students in classrooms. It is a highlight of our year!

### **MES**

MES will celebrate Veterans' Day on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. In art classes this time of year M.E. Small's kindergarten and first grade students are making 3D turkeys with modeling dough and feathers. Grade 2 is drawing Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" and painting them with watercolors while grade 3 is working on Van Gogh's "Starry Night" drawings with craypas.

In our physical education classes students will be working on the Native American and Pilgrim Games Unit. They will learn about the simple games and toys Native American and Pilgrim children played with.

### **SAE**

Before an October staff meeting, we all gathered together in the SAE Gymnasium to watch the personalized banner made in honor/memory of Mary Nelson be raised to the ceiling while listening to "Sweet Caroline" as we all know what a Red Sox fan Mary was. We would like to thank our Maintenance Department who made this ceremony more special by taking the time to assemble the pulley system needed to raise the banner. It will now be a permanent part of our SAE Gymnasium for all to view where we meet at least monthly as a whole school.

A memorial bench and butterfly bush is being planned as a tribute to Jan Wixon, SAE Reading Teacher, whom we lost last December.

Our October All-School Meeting focused on Safety. Both the YPD and YFD joined us.

Looking forward to our next All-School Meeting which will be our *Power of One* ceremony on Tuesday, November 22 at 10:00. All are welcome!

### **MMS**

Last week was the first Mattacheese Spirit Week of the year. As always the highlight of the week garnering the largest participation was Twin Day on Thursday.

On Friday, in order to welcome our guest speaker, Razia Jan, we had a "Dress for Success Day." Razia was born in Afghanistan and moved to the United States to go to college. Since that time Jan has received more than 40 awards and recognitions for her humanitarian work, including CNN's 2012 Top 10 Heroes Award and the Woman of Action award from Rotary International at the United Nations in New York City.

In 2007, Jan founded the Massachusetts-based nonprofit organization, Razia's Ray of Hope to provide an education for girls who never had access to a school. The Foundation raised enough money in 2008 to build the Zabuli Education Center in Afghanistan. Ms. Jan has kept its doors open to educate more than 400 girls per year for free despite the constant threat of violence. Today, in order to continue her humanitarian work, school administration, and fundraising efforts, as well as spending time with family, Razia travels frequently between Afghanistan and the United States. A documentary about Razia and the girls' school she built was just released after seven years in the making. "What Tomorrow Brings" was screened Friday night at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center. Duxbury honored her by declaring November 5<sup>th</sup> Razia Jan Day.

Today MMS sponsored our own U.S. Presidential election for students. Voting was done electronically during Advisory and announced at the end of the school day.