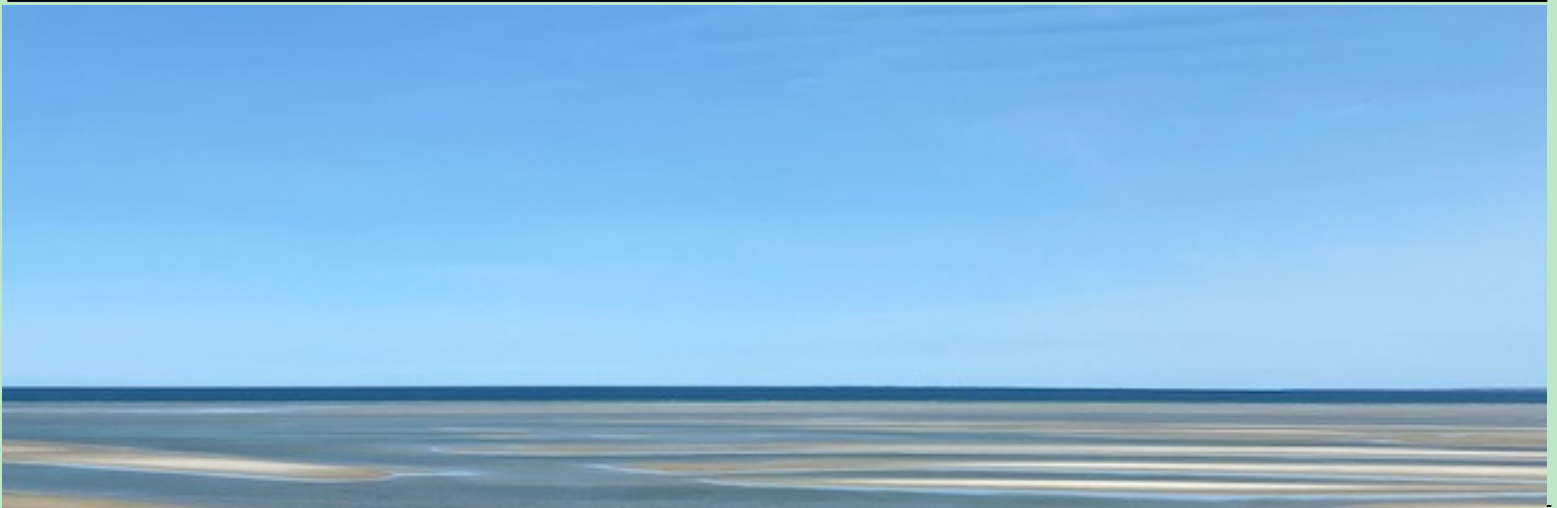


THE DOLPHIN WAY: BE HERE - BE RESPONSIBLE - BE RESPECTFUL

**Hello!**

Happy August everyone, and welcome to the second edition of The Bennett Beat!

The summer is rolling along nicely here at the high school with camps, trainings and registrations.

We're busy planning the opening of school and look forward to seeing everyone.

Thank you,
-Kendra Bennett
Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth High School

**Top 5**

1. Co-curriculars and athletic teams have had successful fundraisers this summer. Thank you for your support!
2. Band Camp is starting this month!
3. I have unearthed Dr. Funk's *First 100 Days* document. It has been a joy to read.
4. High School teachers have volunteered to be on a Cell Phone Committee. More information to follow.
5. Parents have been sharing articles on education with me. Keep them coming! I have a collection of articles I'll be using this year. Keep your eye out for yours!

Joke of the Issue:

How do trees access the internet?

They log in.

Events:

August 24th: New Student Cookout and Tours 4pm-7pm - iPads will be available for pickup

September 6th: First Day of School

Resources:**Read with Me**

The Atlantic: [Get Phones Out of Schools Now](#)

Prompts for discussion:

How difficult is it to not be distracted by your phone?
"Now imagine a phone in a child's pocket, buzzing every few minutes with an invitation to do something other than pay attention. There's no mature frontal cortex to help them stay on task."

Why do we think students on their phones are performing lower academically?

"Many studies show that students who use their phone during class learn less and get lower grades."

Do you feel safer with your phone during an emergency?
"Ken Trump, the president of National School Safety and Security Services, warns that using a cellphone during an emergency can increase safety risks."