

## **April 2, 2018 - Good News**

### **MES**

On March 21, the M.E. Small PTO sponsored MES's first annual Spring Fling. Over 100 families attended this wonderful event which included an egg hunt, Scholastic Book Fair, games in the cafeteria, and refreshments. This was an opportunity for our school community to have fun together on a Saturday morning to welcome spring! MES is grateful to the PTO sponsorship and volunteers who made this event possible!

### **NHWi**

Wixon's Third Grade Step-Up Night, "Open House", took place last Thursday night. Families were led on an informative tour by student ambassadors and staff members. The event was very well attended, and families were able to see firsthand all the attributes that make Wixon a great school.

### **SAE**

SAE was visited last week before the March 29th All School Meeting by some of the high school students who will be performing in *The Wizard of Oz*, and they put on a short presentation to our students.

SAE Grade 3 classrooms were recently visited by Jane Robinson, Red Cross Representative, presenting the "Pillowcase Project", a grant funded project which taught the students emergency procedures and preparedness regarding fire, natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods, etc.

Each student received a pillow case (sponsored by Disney) to design and take home. They were instructed as to what the pillowcase should contain (water, flashlight, toothbrush/paste, a favorite stuffed animal/toy, etc.). They also received an activity booklet.

### **DYRHS**

Ms. Emily Mezzetti, Director of Education Programs of the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum Foundation, Inc., and former principal at DY, wrote the following note to DYRHS.

*Thanks so much for collaborating with the JFK Hyannis Museum and developing such a fabulous student art show. The work done by the students was by far the best we have seen; the critical thinking that went into their newly developed knowledge of President Kennedy's legacy and the way they applied this to their art projects was amazing! I loved being with you to celebrate their tremendous accomplishments. Congratulations to your students on an exceptionally well-done job!*

D-Y High School was selected by the Boston Bruins as a recipient of their "BFit" student presentation. Our 8th graders will get a healthy presentation on the importance of physical activity, good nutrition, and sportsmanship (as well as a new set of floor hockey equipment for PE classes). Department Chair Val Serijan applied for this opportunity with "the help and writing expertise of Annie Economides." The program was brought to Val's attention through National Guardsman Sgt. John Sargent. The presentation will take place on Monday, April 9 from 1:00 to 1:45.

DYRHS student, Kimberly Calle, a German 4 Honors student, was awarded a gold medal on the National German Exam, the first time the exam was administered at DY. This made her eligible to apply for a Study Trip Award with the National Office of the American Assoc. of Teachers of German (AATG). Kimberly was interviewed in German through Skype and subsequently was informed that her application will go to headquarters as one of only two applicants from MA – she'll be notified in a few weeks.

## MMS

A family from out of town was invited to see one of their friends' son perform in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* and wrote Mrs. Knell, principal at MMS, a note. This is what it said: *We were very glad we made the trip from CT to see the play! It was terrific! Your students did a great job and you could see their hard work in preparing for their roles, their cooperation with each other, and their pride in a job well done. The parents, family members, and friends in the audience were supportive, polite, and so excited for these youngsters.*

*Your school was a welcoming place where as a former teacher you just know good things are happening. From reading the program, it is easy to see that teachers, staff, and parents work together for the students. As the leader of your school, you must be very proud! Good luck for the remainder of this school year!*

For the fifteenth year, MMS's P.E. department sponsored Hoops for Heart this year on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. \$310.00 was raised, all of which was donated to the American Heart Association. Great job everyone.

This past Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, the Mattacheese Related Arts teachers sponsored the second RA breakfast of the year. Fifty-five students and their families were treated to food prepared by our P.E. teachers, school counselors, art, band, music, strings, health and technology teachers. This breakfast is always a highlight for all involved. Thank you Related Arts teachers.

Over 80 parents attended our Recognition Ceremonies last Thursday during the school day. Thank you parents for making the time to attend. MMS and our students appreciate your support. Congratulations go to the 137 students on honor or high honor roll.

This Friday night, April 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m. **Mattacheese Middle School** will take on the **Yarmouth Police Department** for the epic **Basketball Battle on Higgins Crowell**. Donations will be accepted at the door and all proceeds are to benefit the students of MMS. There will also be a halftime three point competition with prizes, 50/50 raffle, snack bar and music. We hope to see you there at April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00!

## **EHB**

The Ezra H. Baker Elementary Innovation School is launching its 8<sup>th</sup> Penny Harvest this spring!! The Penny Harvest, formerly a program of Common Cents®, engages students in philanthropy and service-learning by transforming the multi-million-dollar resource of idle pennies into the philanthropic property of children. Children convert their natural compassion for others into action by collecting pennies and turning those pennies into grants for community organizations to address needs they feel are important. *The Ezra H. Baker School is the only school on Cape Cod to implement the Penny Harvest program.* With the close of our 7<sup>th</sup> Penny Harvest last year (in which we raised \$1,556.30), we officially

exceeded the \$10,000 mark in pennies and awarded over 30 grants to a variety of local, national and global non-profits. We are so proud to report that the cumulative total since the Penny Harvest launched in 2010 is \$11,227.14!!

In addition to the Penny Harvest, the Baker students begin their annual Jump For Heart fundraiser next week!

**School-wide Service Project #2: Letters of Perseverance.**

**On *Wednesday, April 25, 2018 from 9:30 - 10:45 am*, D-Y high school students will join our school community in writing letters to those who have persevered through times of great hardship -- including Wounded Warriors/Veterans, Cancer Survivors and Victims of Natural Disasters. The high school students will come to their assigned classroom and accompany Baker students to the gymnasium. There we will gather for the Pledge of Allegiance and opening remarks. Students will then have the choice of writing as many letters as they would like to the different service recipients. We intend to make this fun & festive with music and lots of camaraderie -- as we celebrate joining together in service.**

## March 19, 2018 - Good News

### SAE

On Friday SAE Kindergarten students enjoyed a presentation from *The Rainforest Reptile Show* of Beverly, MA funded by our PTO. This is the fourth year the program has visited and ties into the end of their Rainforest unit with the Tools of the Mind curriculum. Students will have a chance to view creatures such as snakes, alligators, iguanas, and hear more about their habitats and source of food, etc.

The upcoming week of March 19 is a busy one for SAE. The Barnstable County Extension Program, *Coastal Explorer*, visits all week. Also, PTO will host the Scholastic Book Fair in half of the gymnasium. Parents/guardians/grandparents etc. are invited in to view the book fair, and designated days have been assigned for parents/guardians/grandparents, etc. to have lunch with their student.

### DYRHS

The DY Theatre Company will perform the Wizard of Oz on Thurs., Friday, and Sat. April 5-7 at 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. First graders from the SAE will also be part of the performance.

The junior class held their annual talent show on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, and girls' basketball coach Traci Wyse and the basketball program were featured in The Register.

The Visual Arts Department at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School is proud to announce that senior Glen Kuznetsov has been awarded a National Scholastic Gold Medal for his ceramic plate triptych. A *Triptych* is a picture or relief carving on three panels (artistic, literary, or musical works), typically hinged together side by side and used as an altarpiece.

Mr. Kuznetsov will be invited to exhibit his work in New York City at Parsons School of Design at The New School and accept his award at a ceremony at Carnegie Hall later this spring sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. Last month, Mr. Kuznetsov received a Gold Key in the statewide Boston Globe Scholastic Art competition. His work was then reviewed by a distinguished panel of artists and educators in NYC to be considered for national recognition.

His instructor, Mr. Craig Brodt, will also receive a medal at the event recognizing him as "an outstanding educator whose dedication, commitment, and guidance are represented by student work selected for national honors."

This is the 5th national medal won by DYRHS students in the last five years and highlights the collaborative accomplishments and success of our staff and our curriculum.

### MES

At MES we will be holding our FIRST ANNUAL SPRING FLING CARNIVAL on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-Noon! The festivities include an Egg Hunt, Book Fair, Games, Face Painting and MORE!! We are very excited and can't wait to see everyone there!

### NHWi

Mrs. Griffith, Library and Media Specialist, challenged Wixon students to a "Check Out and Read Contest." All classes participated in the months of January and February. Students were to have checked

out and read books, then posted a review on the book. It was a whole class contest and there were two winning classes, one for each grade level. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade winner was Mrs. Kathy Walker's class and Ms. Tammy Neter's class was the 5<sup>th</sup> grade winner. Each class checked out over 100 books and posted reviews. Congrats.

Mrs. Penny McGee, our Health teacher, received a Grant from the Village Garden Club of Dennis. This money will be used to continue efforts made to enhance our courtyard garden area and expose students to the satisfaction of gardening.

Mr. Judson Graham was instrumental in arranging a visit and performance from The Cape Cod Conservatory Jazz Trio. They performed for the students on Friday, March 9 allowing our students another genre of music.

On behalf of the 73 teams who competed this past Saturday at Destination Imagination, thank you again for your support of our program. It was an awesome day, filled with creativity, engineering and artistic marvels and happy, proud kids from kindergarten to 12th grade!! If we used your space, I hope we returned it to the condition we found it in.

And thanks for your hospitality, we will once again donate \$100 in Stop and Shop gift cards to kids in need at DY.

### **MMS**

Please don't forget the performance of Beauty and the Beast at MMS. It begins on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. and runs both Friday night (7 p.m.) and Saturday at 1 p.m.

### **EHB**

This week, the Baker school finishes up the last 2 chapters of The Fenway Foul-Up! We've been reading this book all month. Students are excited by this Ball Park Mystery. On March 29th, David A. Kelly, the author of the series, will be at school to present a workshop to all students about writing!

The Monday Morning Writing Club has produced its second EHBi Magazine. Students meet every Monday morning with Mr. Depin to write articles and publish the magazine. To recognize National Poetry Month in April, the writers will fill the next issue entirely with poems. Roses are red, they start as a seed, visit our website and have a good read!

## March 5, 2018 - Good News

### SAE

From two SAE teachers (Erin Hall - Kindergarten and Megan Higgins - Grade 3)

To kick off March, Megan and I will be talking about gratitude with our students. They will be writing what they feel lucky for on shamrocks and hanging them on the tree in the hallway. If anyone else would like to join in the fun, there are some shamrocks in the staff room and Megan has the template if you need more. Megan will be passing around a poetry book called *All the World* starting in the third grade wing and I will be using *Do You Know How Lucky You Are?* by Dr. Seuss.

Also, SAE will have over 22 readers visit on Friday, March 9 to help celebrate *Reading Across America*. Our readers, from the community and other district schools, will visit a classroom and read their favorite children's book or pick a book from our selection of Dr. Seuss books here at the school.

### DYRHS

The following DY students have been chosen to be part of the Cape-Wide High School Photography Exhibit at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod: Sydney Bailey, Rhea Brennan, Mary Dillon, Kailey Norton, and Deirdre Wallace. The reception will be held on Friday, March 9, 2018 from 5-7 pm and the show ends on Sunday, April 29, 2018.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory STREAM Night will be held this Friday, March 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the high school library. This event is presented by the Dennis-Yarmouth District Librarians. While there, visit the science room, the "Mike TV" studio, the reading and engineering rooms, the art and math rooms, the experiment making room, the chocolate room and much more!!!

Science teacher Dr. Julia Sigalovsky just received the following information that the chemistry course Dr. Sigalovsky teaches is now authorized to use the AP® designation by the College Board for the 2018 - 2019 academic year at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School.

### NHWi

N. H. Wixon thanks their staff for their nominations for the "Just a Good Kid" award. We are so fortunate to have so many wonderful and kind students. The two awards go to Claire Kelley in the 4th grade and Kayden Garcia in the 5th grade.

On Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Wixon will have Astronaut Daniel Burbank's talk to its students about his career as an astronaut.

### MMS

On February 27<sup>th</sup> MMS Students traveled to Nauset Middle School to attend an All-Cape Junior High Band Workshop.

Congratulations to Gavin Pelletier, Alexis James, Avery Philbrook, Maddy Brennan, Katie Toto, Grace Presswood, Campbell Graham, Dan Julian, Izzy O'Reilly, Aidan Powers, Caleb Scribner, Liz

Mallane, and Myles Hill for being chosen to participate. A follow-up letter was received from Nauset stating, "(our) students were outstanding. They are a credit to your school and your Band Program in the All-Cape Junior High Band Workshop. Their exceptional behavior contributed to the success of our day." Great work Mr. Graf and students.

At Mattacheese we encourage a culture of cross-collaboration among our schools. During February vacation we were pleased to host the D-Y Winter Percussion Camp. The group was well-trained, hardworking and great to have in the building. They started the season with a well-deserved second place finish. What a great bunch of kids!

Last week twenty-five 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Ambassadors traveled to M.E. Small to take part in Read Across America. The group split up with half going on Tuesday and the other half headed over on Friday. MES really enjoyed having the MMS Ambassadors visit their school and were so excited to walk around reading and talking with the older children. The Mattacheese students want to know when they can go back! It was definitely a win-win.

M.E.Small is going to join Wixon and the MMS student body on March 20<sup>th</sup> to see the preview of Beauty and the Beast. We're looking forward to bringing the three schools together.

Please join us at one or all of this year's musical performances on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00, Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 and Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

### **EHB**

The Penny Harvest has begun...almost at the Baker School. This week, we are ready to announce the selection of the Penny Harvest Student leaders. 15 third grade students have been chosen from 5 classrooms to lead this year's harvest. Students who were interested in serving wrote essays to Mrs. Flanagan, our assistant principal. Choosing was difficult, but we are convinced that we have chosen 15 representatives of our school who are committed to hard work and service. Save those pennies...the collection phase will start soon, and then the students' leaders will be charged with the task of selecting local charities to receive grants from our school.

Cookies and milk. peanut-butter and jelly....library and engineering???? Good things go great together! Mrs. Barton, Baker's school librarian, has found innovative ways to combine great literature experiences with science, technology, engineering, and math learning. This week parents of our second grade students have been invited to observe these library lessons. Curious? Check out the library link on our website.

### **MES**

At Marguerite E. Small, we had a very successful "Read Across America" week! We had the best community participation ever, with many asking how they can be more involved, and they are already looking forward to next year!

Our week included:

Community Readers visiting and reading books to classrooms

"Story Walks" throughout building

"Book Basket" lunches - students sharing books after finishing their meal

Dr. Seuss Trivia

Theme Days - Top Hat Tuesday (wear your favorite hat in honor of "The Cat in the Hat")

Wacky Wednesday (wear your clothes backwards, inside out etc.)

Theodor Thursday ("Book Ball" dress as your favorite book character)

"Oh, the Places You'll Go" (where clothing naming a place you have visited)

Families sent in photos of them reading together, and they are displayed around the school

It was a fun filled week planned by Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Depin and wonderful to see all the participation by students and staff!

## February 12, 2018 - Good News

### MMS

This past Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, four MMS teachers received Shout Outs at MMS's Faculty meeting:

Regina Wood, 7<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher was the recipient of two grants, one from the Cape Cod 5 to work on Levitating Model Trains and the other from the Mid-Cape Cultural Council to support the MMS Vernal Pool and Head starting Program.

Lynne Donovan worked with one of the MMS students and through her hard work was able to develop a vocational component for him with the Cape Cod Maritime Museum with a focus on boat building.

Jenn Nickerson was recognized for her contributions to both students and staff at Mattacheese by inspiring an active, positive school culture. She has built a sense of community and continues to plan activities that bring our both our students and teachers together.

Nancy Dunn, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher, for the second year has received a grant from the Boston Museum of Science, this time for \$15,785.

Last Friday 14 students were chosen to be 6<sup>th</sup> grade Ambassadors. Included in the group are Kayden Abranchess, Aiden Anderson, Lily Anderson, Emily Badach, Jacob Bohlin, Rori Davenport, Tessa Hinds, Mariah Jenkins, Jacob Joy, Tatiana Malone, Kenyatta Pigo-Cronin, Andrew Popovich, Ryan Shea, and Ellen Swanson. Congratulations!

Also last Friday Mattacheese hosted the "Snow Ball." More than half of our students attended and a good time was had by all, or perhaps we should say they had a "ball."

### SAE

The SAE monthly All School Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15 at 2:30 in the Gymnasium when Grade 1 will be performing two songs about kindness. The theme of the meeting is Caring and Kindness. All are invited.

SAE students are busy creating "cards for kindness." These special Valentine's Day cards will be delivered to a local Yarmouth nursing home to spread kindness and joy to our Yarmouth community.

### DYRHS

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School has been awarded a grant from the Nicholas G. Xiarhos Memorial Foundation Fund of The Cape Cod Foundation to be used for the "Does Most For Others" annual scholarships.

*From Annette Bowes - One of our ELL students transferred here from Barnstable in December. He received straight A's on his report card and sent the picture to his mother who still lives back in Brazil. He comes from one of the most dangerous and poorest favelas in Brazil. His mother shared the picture of his report card on Facebook because she was so proud and people around the favela and that area of Rio started sharing it too. A newspaper heard the story and wrote this little article on him. It is in Portuguese but it is still a great*

*thing to see. It mostly says how he came to the U.S. and is now getting the top grades that you can get and how his mother is so proud of him!*

At the DYRHS, 2018 Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards went to 5 gold key, 11 silver key, and 9 honorable mentions. In addition, Ms. Sydney Berkeley was selected as the MA nominee for the 2018 NFHS National High School Heart of the Arts Award. NFHS is the acronym for the National Federation of State High School Associations. This award goes to individuals or groups who exemplify the ideals of the positive heart of the arts that represent the core mission of education-based activities.

The Young Achievers program is now going to be a part of the DY organization.

### **MES**

At Marguerite E. Small we just began "Blessings in a Backpack" through Cape Kids Meals. We have 24 students at our school that are benefitting from this program. The purpose of Cape Kid Meals is to provide food bags to children on Cape Cod who otherwise go hungry with little or no food on weekends during the school year.

Cape Kid Meals is the Cape Cod Chapter of Blessings in a Backpack. The program began with an initial pilot in 2014 at two elementary schools in Dennis. The need has grown, and we are now proudly serving 315 children in 13 schools across the Cape. Unfortunately there is still a big need for this program in other schools.

Due to the resort nature of Cape Cod, many families are faced with seasonal poverty as jobs related to tourism and other seasonal work become practically non-existent during the winter months. Many of these families with children have annual incomes at or below the poverty level. To partially meet these needs, most schools provide free and reduced breakfast and lunch programs during the school week, but students are at risk of eating very little over the weekends.

Cape Kid Meals provides individual pre-packed bags of food items to participating schools each weekend during the school year. The entire program is confidential and only the school personnel know the children who are selected to receive the bags. The school social workers and/or teachers prior to dismissal for the weekends discreetly distribute the bags. Each food bag provides 2 breakfast items, 2 lunch items, 1 milk box, 1 juice box, 6 snacks and one or two pieces of fresh fruit. The cost to feed one child for the school year is \$150.

This program relies solely on grants and donations and volunteers. *To learn more about Cape Kid Meals, visit [capekidmeals.org](http://capekidmeals.org)*

### **NHWi**

The NH Wixon Innovation School competed against the Dennis Police Department last Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> for the Third Annual Basketball competition. Wixon won 52 to 44 and has now taken the lead!

### **EHB**

The wait is over...one mystery is solved and another is about to begin! Last week, the title of Baker's Family Book Club selection was announced: [The Fenway Foul Up](#). This book is a ballpark mystery

set right here at Fenway Park. Each family will take home a copy of the book on February 26th. Each week chapters will be assigned for at-home reading. When we finish the book, the author, David Kelly, will visit our school and present a writing assembly for students. This year the family Book Club coincides with Read Across America!

Did you know that almost all EHBi students have gotten their own library cards, through Baker's library/school partnership drive, "Check it Out"? Today, second grade students had the chance to visit either the Dennis Memorial or Dennis Public library. As part of our partnership with the Dennis libraries, each grade level visits the library for a story and the chance to check out books. Students and their families can return town library books right at school, where they are collected by a town librarian. Reading has never been easier!

**February 5, 2018**

**Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Mini-Grants Awards Reception was held on January 17<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

January 22, 2018

## **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 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are happy to announce that on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade and which 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

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).

**EHB**On 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 12<sup>th</sup>. Included was the string orchestra, Steel Drums, Fiddlers, chorus and band. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade concerts are tomorrow, Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade band, chorus and orchestra as well as Vocal Minority and Jazz Band.

Parents are also invited to the Mattacheese auditorium this Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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

Third .....Jackson 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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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