



Elementary Fish "Tales"



From the Desk of Mr. Meyer...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what has already been an eventful 2021-2022 school year! With so much happening throughout the school year, it is my hope that this school newsletter will provide you with information that will help your child have a safe, fulfilling, enriching and enjoyable school year.

It was wonderful to welcome back see so many parents at our Open House nights and Harvest Parade. Your commitment to your child's education plays an integral role in their academic success. Together, through open communication and positive reinforcement, our children will have a productive, successful school year.

As always, it's our goal to continue raising the bar each year for our students and to keep moving forward, and this year is certainly no exception. Our objective this school year is to further develop each and every student's academic foundation, their character, their commitment to our wonderful community that is Hampton Bays, and last, but certainly not least, their love for lifelong learning. The 2021-2022 school year looks to be the most promising one yet and remember: the sun is always shining here at Hampton Bays Elementary School!

Wishing you and your family a healthy and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Marc Meyer

Mark your Calendar:

- ✓ **11/22 - 11/23** EARLY DISMISSAL @ 11:40am - Parent Teacher Conferences
- ✓ **11/24 - 11/26** DISTRICT CLOSED - Thanksgiving Recess
- ✓ **11/29 - 12/17** K-Kids Coat Drive Collection
- ✓ **12/14** BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- ✓ **12/24- 12/31** DISTRICT CLOSED - Winter Recess

**Memorial Garden Donation Project**

Two hundred and fifty spring bulbs were donated to the school. Marybeth Motz's class along with Dr. Anselmo planted the bulbs in our memorial garden. The children learned about the memorial garden as a place of quiet reflection of good memories. They also learned about environmental stewardship - how to care for a garden and the little creatures in it; grubs and worms alike! They practiced math counting (in Spanish and English) and dividing up plots of bulbs. Mrs. Motz's class did a wonderful job of bringing love, joy and beauty to those we remember.

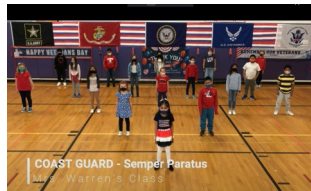


Music Notes

It has been a great start to the year! Kindergarteners through Second graders have been practicing their beat and rhythm with body percussion as well as rhythm sticks and triangles.

Third Graders have prepared and performed in a Veterans Day tribute, which was recorded. Families can watch the video on their student's "Specials" Google Classroom. Fourth Graders are preparing for a Holiday Performance and Sing Along coming up in December. More details to come!

A screenshot of Third Graders performing in our video, "A Tribute to Our Veterans"



Physical Education

PE (Physical Education) is off to a great start this year. We have two new teachers who are sharing their love of a healthy lifestyle with our students. Mr. Battaglia is at the Elementary School and Mr. Colucci is at the Middle School and Elementary School. We enjoyed the great fall weather practicing throwing and catching skills, tennis basics and even played a fitness style Deal or No Deal created by Mr. Battaglia. Student safety is extremely important to the Physical Education Department. Therefore, we ask that students wear sneakers and comfortable clothes on PE days. We will be outside as much as possible so please have your child dressed in layers and keep a pair of gloves in their backpack.



The STEAM Team is so excited to be back this year! We started the year off rolling our carts into each classroom, but just recently we have retired our carts and the students are now coming to the STEAM room. We are thrilled about this!

During the first quarter the STEAM Team has worked on the following topics:

Kindergarten - Weather and Seasons
 First Grade - Light and Sounds
 Second Grade- Erosion and the Earth Surface
 Third Grade - Weather, Climate, and Forecasting
 Fourth Grade - The Earth and Creation of Rocks



As we continue to "STEAM" roll into this academic year, we look forward to helping the students generate a true passion for science, while expanding their knowledge in a way that is fun and exciting for all students!

Technology News



Students have been learning about Internet Safety and participating in an online Kahoot game to practice their comprehension. Students in grades 2, 3 and 4 started Typing.com to practice their keyboarding skills, wpm and accuracy. Students in Kindergarten and first grade have been using Seesaw to practice typing, drawing, clicking and dragging.



Please follow us on Twitter at [@HamptonBaysES](https://twitter.com/HamptonBaysES) so that you can see live feeds of what going on in the Elementary School!

News from the Art Room!!



What a great start to the school year! Students in the HBES celebrated DOT Day on September 15th. Each student either painted or colored a dot. The amazing dots are on display on my bulletin board. As I always do at the beginning of every school year I discussed Fire Safety. By now your children have brought home a poster board that was given to them by the HB Fire Department. Every year we have three winners from each grade. Those winners will be announced sometime in the future.

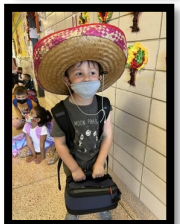
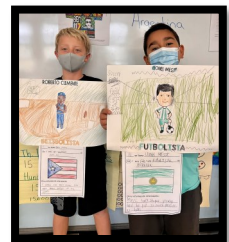
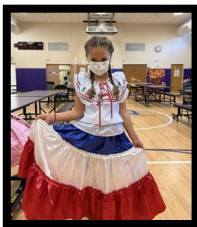


Kindergarteners are learning about sculptures. They are learning how they can turn paper into a beautiful work of art. First Graders have been working on a project inspired by Wassily Kandinski. Learning about "what is color?" and blending colors with oil pastels. Second Graders are creating a Polar Bear project and learning how to make perfect snow falling. Third Graders are creating an underwater scene with sea turtles and learning how to create tint and shade using paint. Fourth Graders are learning how the eye can be tricked by creating an Optical Illusion using their hands.



¡Hola! From FLES

In September and October, Ms. Pendlebury and I celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with students in kindergarten through fourth grade. Students in kindergarten learned about the tiny tree frog from Puerto Rico, the Coquí. You may have heard them singing the song, "Coquí, Coquí." Students in first and second grade studied countries through Google Earth, photographs and other multimedia. First graders learned about Mexico and Argentina, while second grade learned about Peru and Brazil. In third grade, students learned the Spanish-speaking countries of the world through a fun song "Rock the Countries of Central and South America," and used their map skills to complete a map. Fourth graders took a "gallery walk" to learn about famous Hispanic leaders. They finished the unit by creating a poster and a piece of writing about their leader of choice. The whole school celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month during Hispanic Heritage Spirit Week. Although Hispanic Heritage Month is over, we will forever celebrate Hispanic heritage in FLES!



First Grade News

First Graders are 'One of a Kind' and happy to be back at school! Each class has recently kicked off a series of character education lessons. This grade wide learning experience will focus on various topics that are significant in the life of a first grader. For November we focused on kindness, where the students listened to the song "Try a Little Kindness" by Tori Kelly and read "A Little Spot of Kindness" by Diane Alber. The students and teachers ended this heartwarming lesson by having students create "spots of kindness," which depicted how people can show kindness. These lessons will continue once a month for the rest of the school year. First graders know that in a world where we can be anything, first grade chooses to be kind!

Life Skills Academy News



This quarter in Mrs. Yakaboski's Life Skills Academy students had the opportunity to learn all about health, safety, and wearing our masks at school. Students practiced social distancing, washing their hands effectively, and understanding why wearing our masks is important for our own health as well as the health of those around us. Students also learned all about reading and writing maps and following cardinal directions. They created individual maps and a class map of the Elementary School. They even got to go on a treasure hunt using their map skills! Students also learned all about Fall activities as well as the life cycles of apples and pumpkins. Students went on an amazing field trip to experience a local farm through apple and pumpkin picking! Students learned all about the different food groups and talked about their favorite foods. They also tried new foods and cooking! The Life Skills Academy had a wonderful quarter filled with exciting activities, books, and fun games! We cannot wait to see what happens next!

Student Council News

Student Council: Congratulations to all our new 3rd and 4th grade student Council Representatives. The members of the student council held elections for officers through our google classroom. The newly elected officers are President: Hayden Wilson, Co-Vice Presidents: Daniella Perez and Maya Ollennu, Treasurer: Isabella Cuesta and Secretary: Alison Guzman. Our first fundraiser is December 6-10 to earn funds to buy T-shirts for our members. We will be selling Y-ties, shoelaces that don't need to be tied. Please help support the Student Council.

Library

The Library has welcomed students back in as of November 8, 2021. Ms. Pesce and I worked together for Hispanic History Month learning about famous people, places and a little frog called a Coqui. In Library we read about a Scarecrow that becomes friends with a crow. We are presently going over how to care for a book before taking them out of the Library.

Ms. Pen's Picks

The Popper Penguin Rescue by Eliot Schrefer (Grs. 2-4)

The Hedgehog of Oz by Cory Leonardo (Grs. 3-4)

Abuela by Arthur Dorros (Grs. K-4)

The Christmas Wish by Katherine Rundell (Grs. K-4)

The Message by Michael Emberley (Grs. 1-4)

Ten Ways to Hear Snow by Cathy Camper



Second Grade News!

Our second graders are off to a great start as fall is well underway! The students have done an excellent job starting off the school year, coming to school everyday excited to learn. During the first few months, the students have been actively listening to a vast variety of stories highlighting the themes of friendship, families, and different cultures with the Fountas and Pinnell Reading Program. Students have enjoyed getting into the spooky season by learning about bats and bones. We compared and contrasted bats to birds and learned how to keep our bones healthy and strong. In math, the students are showing their skills with fluency facts up to 20 and are beginning to tackle place value strategies. The kids have enjoyed our math program I-Ready through interactive games on the SMART board in class and online. A big thank you to Dan Schmidt of the Schmidt Brothers and the Southampton Town officers for hosting our very own HB pumpkin patch. We had a wonderful time picking out our pumpkins! Thank you parents and guardians for your ongoing support, grace, and kindness through this school year! We are looking forward to a wonderful holiday season of learning and celebration!

Kindergarten

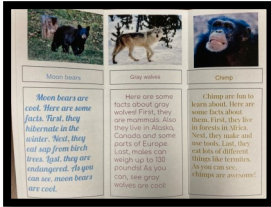


The kindergarten classes had a busy back to school. We spent our time learning routines and schedules. We got to know each of our classmates, and worked on color and shape projects. We had a great back to school!



In October, we talked about the changing season. We also learned about pumpkin science. We carved pumpkins, counted seeds and saw if our pumpkins could float or sink. This year the pumpkin patch came to us. The Southampton Town Superior Officers Association and Dan Schmidt of Schmidt Brothers donated pumpkins to our school. It was so much fun picking pumpkins and we also decorated our pumpkins. They came out beautiful! We enjoyed the Harvest Walk and Harvest Parade. The kindergarten teachers dressed up as characters from the movie 101 Dalmatians. All the kindergarteners dressed up in their costumes, what a fun October!

Third Grade News



The third graders are actively involved in and enjoying the school's reading program - The Fountas and Pinnell Classroom. Their first unit of read aloud books was

surrounding the theme of kindness, which was a great way to start off the school year. This connected to our classroom rules and inspired writing about ways to show kindness at home and school. In our second unit, we changed genres to non-fiction with a theme about animals. The students read about many different types of animals. They shared and displayed their knowledge through writing and illustrations based on the books. Come down our hallway to enjoy our hard work first hand. We're all excited to continue this fun and engaging literacy program.



Fourth Grade

Fall has been a very busy season for our 4th graders. The school pumpkin patch was a fun activity for all students. Each student was able to visit the back field and pick a pumpkin to take home.

Students have been fundraising by selling T-shirts that showcase their Baymen pride and Grateful Grams to express gratitude and appreciation during the holiday season. Fundraising supports the special programs we do in 4th grade.

Our annual Veterans' Day celebration was a grand success! 4th graders wrote stories and poems that honor our veterans and express knowledge they acquired through classroom lessons and community activities. Veterans from all around the community participated in our parade. After the parade local veterans talked with our 4th graders about their personal experiences serving in the military. Students enjoyed a walking trip to our local VFW and learned valuable lessons about sacrifice, dedication, and serving one's country.

Counseling Department News

During our mindfulness sessions, students have learned being aware of their bodies, thoughts, feelings, and surroundings is being mindful. We have practiced focusing on different sounds, our breath, and even our feet! Movement breaks help us return to the present being better able to focus (two movements we practiced are the "washing machine" and "loosening the knots"). Students are practicing positive affirmations such as "I am ok" and "I will keep trying."

Coming up: continue to demonstrate the mind/body connection and the importance of gratitude.

Citizen's of the Month

Semptember & October

Life Skills

Jayden Pirir
Aylin Rojas

Kindergarten

Adela Bojadzic
Melanie Lopez Zacarias
Ciara O'Dwyer
Jaxon McFarland
Rory Anglin
Elizabeth Cifuentes
Iraní Alexa Sanchez-Escorcia
Giancarlos Gomez
Nolan Mears
Madeline Lopez Zacarias

Alexa Booth
Brady Andrews
Bode Moore
Lyla Holden

First Grade

Jennifer Lopez
Eric Sutton
Isaac Tapasco Fajardo
Mayah Correa
Braden Taylor
Tessa Mendez Arriola
Samuel Muevecela
Osomailyn Lora Peña
Mia Rispoli
Marcus Ollennu
Elias Macias
Mariangel Roman
Dean LaFazia
Ruby Tyson

Second Grade

Annabelle Cardona
Ian Alvarado
Lucy Mancuso
Jethro Scutter
Amber Coady
Jared Mejia
Evelyn Dodd
Kevin Hernandez
Andrea Cojon Mayen
Diego Cauja Carrera
Nicholas Soto
Danna Morocho
Harrison Gonzalez
Areli Reyes Ramos

Third Grade

Sydney Blom
William Loudenslager
Ariana Lopez Espinales
Johnathan Tuohy
Hudson Hanbach
Keylin Avalos Rodriguez
Brielle Marino
Jaden Moseley
Alisson Alvarez Calix
Nicolle Herrera
Austin Urbano Ochoa
Kaydens Meneses Tello
Mary Cruz Garcia
Alexander Mendez-Ramirez

Fourth Grade

Otoniel Blas Ramirez
Kelly Guanga Suin
Ailthon Rivadeneira Espinoza
Camila Castro Torres
Samantha Betta
Gavin Elizondo
Mia Soledad
Ezio Tapia
Yasemin Wittenhagen
Gabriel De La Cruz
Yolanda Calyecac
Brian Amado Santos
Katherine Pozdniakov
Maya Ollennu

