



# Truro Central School PUMA PAGE

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## **Surface Current Drifter Sets Sail**



*Current 5<sup>th</sup> graders wish the 2014 Drifter farewell with the crew of F/V Donna Marie.*



*NOAA oceanographer Jim Manning builds the drifter with students last spring*

Our newest drifter has begun its journey to the open waters of the Atlantic! Students in Ms. O'Leary's 5th grade class helped put the finishing touches on a new model that was constructed with NOAA Oceanographer Jim Manning during last spring's NOAA Ocean Day at TCS. Unlike a previous drifter deployed in Fall 2013, the Fall 2014 Drifter is constructed mostly from aluminum, rather than wood. It is much lighter and therefore, we are wondering how this will affect drift rate and other variables. Students are learning the importance of ocean stewardship and about the importance of ocean currents to scientific study and navigation.

Local fisherman Willis King and the crew of *F/V Donna Marie* helped with the project by deploying the drifter approximately 11 miles northwest of Race Point in Provincetown on Tuesday, October 28, 2014.

Click [here](#) to see the TCS Drifter's journey! The transmitter on top of the drifter "pings" to a satellite every 2 hours. You may want to compare the 2014 Drifter track to that of 2013 (see below). How are the tracks similar? How are they different?

Thanks to the TEEA and Seaman's Bank for funding the satellite transmissions. Wishing you fair winds and calm seas!

To find out more about the TCS Drifter Project, check out our TCS Drifter Page on the School website!

<http://www.truromass.org/tcs-drifter.html>

# Mix It Up Lunch Day!

*Up Lunch At It Mix!* (Mix It Up At Lunch!) Do you remember what it was like to eat lunch in your school cafeteria when you were young? How it seemed like the same kids always sat with each other? In an effort to help students identify, question and cross social boundaries within their schools and communities, this national program was created by Teaching Tolerance, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Participating schools host a lunchtime program where students sit with others from different classes or grades. This year Truro Central School students “mixed it up” with the help of school counselor Nancy Winslow.

Mrs. Winslow created lunch “teams” by silly headbands to organize the groups. Each group was lead by a sixth-grader who hosted the table by asking each student different questions—What is your favorite ice cream flavor? If you could change your name, what would it be? Which hot lunch do you like the most? Not only was the conversation mixed up, but the menu as well! It is one of the most anticipated days at TCS and is sure to be a hit again next year!



## All-School Meeting Fire Safety with the Truro FD



Fire Safety was the subject of the October All-School Meeting. Truro Firefighters Corea and Gonsalves came in and taught us all many important facts about fire safety.

First of all, Firefighter Corea showed everyone how to get out of the building they were in if there was a fire. First, never use the elevator! Next, you crouch down low so that you breathe clean air and not poisonous smoke.

Then we learned about the importance of smoke alarms. We learned when and how to change the batteries and how to clean them.

Firefighter Gonsalves showed us all the firefighter's equipment used and how to put it on. You need special fireproof gloves, padded jackets, and pants. You also need a head hood, rubber boots, an air tank, a mask and a helmet. After that, students had a chance to ask questions.

Fire safety is definitely important, and it can also be quite fun. Many students said the All-School Meeting was awesome!

-by Ella Grimm, Grade 5