



Truro Central School PUMA PAGE

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Building a Bevins Skiff Sailing Rig



Preparing the transom (rear of boat) for fitting.



Using planes on the bottom sides of the skiff with our boat building mentors

The Sixth Grade class at Truro Central School has embarked on the journey of their young lives. During the next 3 months, we will travel to the [Cape Cod Maritime Museum](#) in Hyannis, MA to build a [Bevins Skiff](#) Sailing Rig, which will return to Truro Central School for finishing and a class sail before raffling it off. The Bevins Skiff was conceived as a hands-on math experience by [Building to Teach--a program of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation](#). Special thanks to the Cape Cod Maritime Museum and the Cook Boat Shop volunteers for your support and expertise!

The project is a part of the STEAM program at Truro Central. STEAM is Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. We are beginning to purposefully incorporate STEAM into our curriculum this year, beginning with the sixth grade. A new “maker space” workshop is almost ready to be used by the students and includes space for creating, building, testing and experimenting.

To view slideshows of our weekly progress, visit

<http://www.truromass.org/building-our-bevins-skiff.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 glittery masks 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! We had breakfast for lunch! It is one of the most anticipated days at TCS and is sure to be a hit again next year!



Foraging for Cranberries



When you are a TCS Second Grader, you become an expert on that small, red, tart native Cape Cod fruit—the cranberry.

Did you know that cranberries can be harvested in two ways? Wet harvest is when the bog is flooded, the berries float to the top and are then skimmed off the top of the water. Dry harvest is when the berries are picked from their stems using a special rake-like machine.



Cranberries have been an important part of Cape Codders’ diets since the Wampanoags foraged for them before the Pilgrims landed in Provincetown Harbor. The tradition continues when each October, second graders study the environment in which cranberries grow followed by a field trip into the Beech Forest in Provincetown with a Cape Cod National Seashore ranger to pick wild cranberries from a dune bog. We’re pretty sure there will be lots of muffins, breads and sauces being made in Truro homes soon!