



Truro Central School **PUMA PAGE**

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We're Making Stone Soup!

*Bring what you've got,
Put it in the pot,
We're making Stone soup!*

One of November's favorite activities in the preschool classroom is reading, acting out, cooking, and eating Stone Soup! We also enjoy harvesting herbs and greens that we grew ourselves in our playground garden to add to the soup we will make and eat for snack. This culmination of our Fall Harvest theme is an integrated experience of literacy.

Children have the opportunity to make connections between a story and their own experiences, act out characters and events from a story read aloud, and retell a sequence of events from a story. All of these skills are part of the MA State Curriculum Frameworks, which inform our curriculum.



Musical Delights for T.C.S. Students

Truro Central School students were treated to two different musical delights in November.

Young People's Concert

Students in grades 3-6 at Truro Central School had the opportunity to hear our own Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra perform at the Young People's Concert this month. Every year they connect musical pieces to a theme that correlates with the classroom curriculum. This year's concert offered musical selections that celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service.



Anna & Elizabeth

We also had the wonderful opportunity to experience workshops and a performance by the talented folk musicians, Anna & Elizabeth! Thank you to Payomet Performing Arts Center for providing this special event for Truro Central School!



Climbing to the Top

Ms. Michalowski's first graders took a pre-Thanksgiving field trip to the Pilgrim Monument in Provincetown. There, they learned about the Pilgrims and their time in Provincetown and Cape Cod as well as climbed the 116 steps and 60 ramps to the top of the mounment..



Join us at
The Truro COA
for a
Student Art Exhibit

View artwork created by Truro Central School students throughout the month of December

You can also view artwork and purchase gift items featuring the art on our digital art gallery Artsonia. Visit artsonia.com and search Truro. There is also a link on our school's home page www.truromass.org.



The Annual Thanksgiving Feast

During this time of year, we are so thankful for our friends, family, and our wonderful school. Each year, we celebrate with a Thanksgiving Feast. Susie and Jamie prepared a full meal with turkey and all of the fixings. Families brought desserts to share. Thank you, too, to the family members who helped to plate the food and the the TEEA for the festive decorations!

After all of the students and staff filled their bellies, we welcomed Truro's seniors to enjoy a meal. The sixth graders were the hosts and servers. A great time was had by all.





Third grade students made clothespin dolls inspired by reading the Thanksgiving book Molly's Pilgrim.



Run, Run As Fast As You Can....

Kindergarten will be reading different versions of *The Gingerbread Man* throughout December (including an original story written by classroom teacher, Mrs. Stockdale, titled *The Ninjabread Man*). They will compare and contrast the stories, and make a class book about ways the gingerbread man can get across the river without the fox's help. They will experiment with getting the gingerbread man across the river using different flotation devices in our water table.

Literature and math collide when they play all kinds of gingerbread math games, including catapulting marshmallow gingerbread men onto a number chart to help learn bigger numbers. Towards the end of December, Kindergarten will be baking gingerbread people in school and then inviting their grown ups into the classroom for a gingerbread decorating party and puppet show.



Truro Central School Saves Energy

Our school is in the process of upgrading our lighting to energy saving LED technology. Recently, the parking lot lights were replaced and interior lighting is next. We are looking forward to doing our part to help our environment while saving money too!

