



Truro Central School PUMA PAGE

February 2016

Welcome Winter! January was a busy month at Truro Central School. We launched a boat, studied sea turtles, listened to stories in our pajamas, ate 14 different salads and thought about how one person can make a BIG difference!



Bedtime in the Book Nook

Preschool and Kindergarten families got cozy in their pajamas and enjoyed a bedtime story and lullaby in the Book Nook with their classroom teachers, Lynne Ready and Sherri Stockdale, and media specialist, Stacey Klimkosky.

Families participated in a variety of snack, craft and literacy activities based on the books of author /illustrator, Eric Carle.

Salad Day!

Susie and Jamie have awesome culinary powers! Every day we are treated to some truly wonderful and creative meals at Truro Central School! This week they unveiled Salad Day. Students got to choose from 14 (yes, 14!) different salads for lunch. Choices included tuna, egg, broccoli, coleslaw, fruit, lentil and curry chicken.

We can't wait to see what tasty treats will come our way next! It's a great way to try new food tastes and textures!





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Launching Our Bevin's Skiff

Under a partly cloudy January sky, the eight TCS sixth graders and their teachers celebrated the culmination of 11 weeks of measuring, cutting, drilling, sanding, and painting. The “little red boat”, a Bevin’s Sailing Skiff, was launched from Veteran’s Beach on Hyannis Harbor under the watchful eyes of their boat building teachers—volunteers from the Cape Cod Maritime Museum’s Cook Boat Shop.

The project began in October as a part of TCS’s STEAM program which incorporates “science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics” into hands-on projects and units of study.

The Bevin’s Skiff project was a part of a STEAM theme in 6th grade which began in September. Related activities and projects included reading the student version of Michael Tougias’ narrative account of the daring Cape Cod sea rescue *The Finest Hours*. They measured out the size of the doomed tanker *Pendleton* (at 504’, nearly the length of the school parking lot and driveway) and created scale models of the ship. In addition, students experimented with boat design in a challenge lead by the Cape Cod Maritime Museum educator. A sheet of aluminum foil was fashioned into a boat, floated, and filled with pennies. The boat that held the most pennies won.

The little red boat will be showcased by the Maritime Museum at the Cape Cod Boat Builders Show in Hyannis February 5-7 at the Cape Cod Resort & Conference Center. Following this, the students are looking forward to welcoming the boat to Truro, where it will be displayed until Spring.

You can view the entire boat building project at www.truromass.org/building-our-bevins-skiff.html



The Power of ONE!



This month, many classrooms have been studying the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. They have discussed how he was *one* person who used his voice to make a difference in our country to address the problem of inequality. At the All School Meeting held on Thursday, January 28th, students were encouraged to think about another problem facing our country and community: hunger. With donations provided by TCS staff, students individually brought one grocery item to the center of the gym. As each student brought his or her item, the small pile grew and grew to an impressive amount of food. Students were able to see the Power of One - one person giving what he or she has can make big differences when they all give something together. Diane Rose of the Truro Food Pantry was presented with the donated goods and kids and families were encouraged to continue to make a difference, one person at a time.

Next week, students will have a chance to bring donations to school to the "Stuff an Ambulance" food drive, sponsored by Lower Cape Ambulance.

2nd Grade's Audubon Adventure

At a recent trip to Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary's turtle recovery center, second grade students had the opportunity to observe, measure, and weigh the Kemp's Ridley turtles that had been stranded and then were rescued from local beaches this winter.

