

Truro Central School

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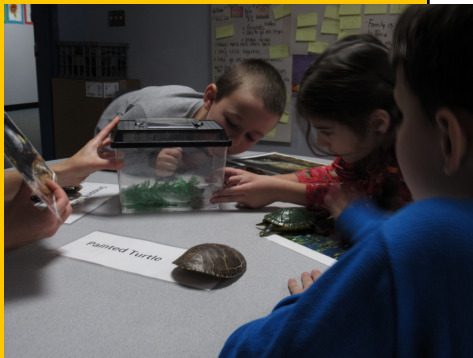
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## Audubon Visit



The Massachusetts Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary has returned to Truro Central School's second grade classroom to teach students about Cape Cod reptiles, including turtles. Over the course of three classroom lessons, the Audubon taught students the characteristics of reptiles, the different species of turtles found on Cape Cod, and how to help stranded sea turtles.

The program will culminate in a trip to a local beach to search for any sea turtles who have had the misfortune of being stranded as the local water temperatures drop. Students learned that if you see a stranded sea turtle, you should:



- 1.) Carefully carry it by its shell to move it above the high tide line
- 2.) Cover it in seaweed to help keep it warm
- 3.) Find a bright colored piece of beach debris to mark where the turtle is and
- 4.) Call the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary at (508) 349-2615, ext. 6104.



In November alone, 220 sea turtles were stranded and rescued from Cape Cod Bay, including 33 endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtles!

## Thanksgiving Feast!

Once again, a Truro Central School tradition continues with the Thanksgiving Feast! Susie Roderick and Jamie White put on a spectacular feast with the help of the TEEA. Not only did the students and staff enjoy a turkey dinner with all the fixings, but once again, we invited the community to join us in this delicious meal. Without a doubt, this day exemplifies the Town of Truro at its best!



## Desert Animals

In third grade, students have been studying desert animals. Students researched a creature from the Mojave desert, and then wrote several paragraphs about that animal, describing its life cycle, habitat, and diet. After creating their own costumes in art class, they had other classes and their families try to guess what species of animal they were. Can you guess what creature this student is? He is 3-5 inches long, and weighs 50 to 100 grams. He has a crescent shaped hind leg to help him dig holes to hide from predators. He also makes sheep sounds to attract mates, and enjoys eating flies! He's a spade-foot toad!

