

Truro Central School PUMA PAGE

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MIX IT UP LUNCH

On Tuesday, October 31st, Truro Central School students and staff celebrated thirteen years of participation in Teaching for Tolerance's annual Mix-It-Up Lunch Day. Founded in 1991 by the Southern Poverty Law Center, Teaching Tolerance is dedicated to reducing prejudice, improving intergroup relations and supporting equitable school experiences for our children. Teaching Tolerance provides free educational materials to teachers in the United States and abroad. Over 6,000 U.S. schools totaling 3 million students

participated in this event last year.



Mix-It-Up Lunch dovetails nicely with the emphasis TCS places on providing a safe and inclusive environment for our entire school community. In our continued effort to support an environment where all students feel safe and included in their school and classroom communities, children are seated at lunch with students across grade levels with whom they would not normally converse. During

the last school year we continued, on a smaller scale, to "mix-it-up" at lunch throughout the year.



Each year our parent group, the T.E.E.A. generously supports the event by providing funds to purchase items student use to identify the lunch buddies with whom they will sit. Needless to say, Mix-It-Up Lunch has become a much anticipated annual event at TCS.

Scientists in the Making!

Did you ever consider what would happen to a Skittles candy if you put it in warm water. Twice a week, students in grades K-5 visit Ms. Klimkosky in the science room at the end of the hall. For the past few weeks, they have been thinking about the Scientific Method and ways to use their Powers of Observation. Careful listening, feeling, and smelling were needed to try to hypothesize about the contents of three mystery boxes. The contents (Skittles, water, and a small, plastic container) were



used to conduct a Skittles lab. Students questioned, researched, hypothesized, experimented, observed, and concluded a number of outcomes that happen when the popular candy is immersed in warm water.

In addition, classes included opportunities to explore specimens from the outdoors

with hand lenses. In the near future, students will



continue to learn about various scientific instruments and hone their skills by working together. We are also looking forward to beginning to work with our new science curriculum called "Interactive Science". Kids think "science rocks"! Stay tuned throughout the year as we explore our world!

Keeping Fit in Physical Education!

Sometimes a picture really is worth a thousand words! Check out these TCS students as they work on their balance and flexibility using a variety of equipment and their own amazing skills!

