



Truro Central School

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Sharing a Little TCS Love

There's nothing quite like an elementary school Valentine's Day. It can have the warm fuzziness of Christmas without the frenzy and hype. The sea of pink and red ebb and flow across the gym while the students play tag, waiting for the bell to ring. On the perimeter, squeals of glee could be heard as kids share peaks at their Valentine's, and "Happy Valentine's Day" can be heard between students, teachers, and families. The extra bit of kindness and gentleness is palpable this year in particular, as kids give each other an extra smile or an extra friendly word.

Students this year at Truro Central School have been thinking about the things they love about T. C. S. The first grade came up with 100 things. After all, the one-hundredth day of school was only 3 days before. Kindergarten painted hearts, and thought about what they loved about kindergarten. Older students, on their own, sought out teachers they have had in past years to give them little reminders of the difference they made.

As these students leave elementary school, Valentine's Day may become less gentle and sweet. In the meantime, however, it's nice to celebrate a day where each of us are reminded to share a little love.



Caught in the Act

Valentine's Day isn't the only day TCS students show off their ability to be extraordinarily thoughtful. In fact, they do it throughout the year! We recognize these acts of kindness, respect, and responsibility with "Caught in the Act". Any



Truro Central School staff member who "catches" a student being especially kind, respectful, or responsible fills out a "Caught in the Act" form. For a student's first "act" he or she creates a certificate with his or her photograph. Additional "catches" result in stars. Students who get more than five stars get a shooting star, and can go on to earning planets and galaxies. Students will not get caught every time, but it is a way of recognizing these acts of good citizenship, and fostering prosocial behavior.

Read Across America

Friday, March 2nd kicks off the 20th annual National Read Across America Day. Scheduled on Theodore Geisel's birthday (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss), the National Education Association uses this day to encourage readers of all ages to pick up a book. Here at Truro Central School, we are continuing our traditions of a green eggs and ham breakfast and wearing crazy hats in homage to the The Cat in the Hat.

This year, we are also adding a few twists. Each week there will be guest readers in each of the classrooms, reading some of their favorite children's books. We are also asking students to think about their favorite literary characters, and doing several activities based on characters and character traits. After the students nominate a few of their favorite characters, we will have an online poll where students, families and other community members will have an opportunity to vote on who is Truro's favorite character. Keep checking the Truro Central School Media Center's page for our poll if you would like to participate!

Bedtime in the Booknook

Another literary tradition at Truro Central School is Bedtime in the Booknook. Students in the preschool and kindergarten classrooms wear their pajamas and bring their families for story related snacks and activities. This year's theme was bears. Students enjoyed reading "Corduroy" and "A Big Bear Hug" while munching on a beary good snack!

