



# Elementary Fish "Tales"



## From the Desk of Mr. Meyer...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what has already been an eventful 2022-2023 school year! With so much happening throughout the school year, it is my hope that this school newsletter will provide you with information that will help your child have a safe, fulfilling, enriching and enjoyable school year.

It was wonderful to welcome back and see so many parents at our Open House nights and Harvest Parade. Your commitment to your child's education plays an integral role in their academic success. Together, through open communication and positive reinforcement, our children will have a productive, successful school year.

As always, it's our goal to continue raising the bar each year for our students and to keep moving forward, and this year is certainly no exception. Our objective this school year is to further develop each and every student's academic foundation, their character, their commitment to our wonderful community that is Hampton Bays, and last, but certainly not least, their love for lifelong learning. The 2022-2023 school year looks to be the most promising one yet and remember: the sun is always shining here at Hampton Bays Elementary School!

Wishing you and your family a healthy and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Marc Meyer

### Mark your Calendar:

- ✓ **11/21 - 11/22** EARLY DISMISSAL @ 11:40am - Parent Teacher Conferences
- ✓ **11/23 - 11/25** DISTRICT CLOSED - Thanksgiving Recess
- ✓ **12/2** Grades 3 and 4 Winter Concert
- ✓ **12/5 - 12/16** K-Kids Coat Drive Collection
- ✓ **12/13** BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- ✓ **12/26 - 1/2** DISTRICT CLOSED - Winter Recess



## K-Kids News

The K-Kids are off to a great start! In October, the K-Kids raised money for Breast Cancer by hosting a Denim Day. On this day, both teachers and students wore jeans and a pink shirt. The students also sold bracelets and pins for this special cause. The students were inducted into the Kiwanis Clubs K-Kids group in November. The next fundraisers the K-Kids will take part in is our November Food Drive and December coat drive. The K-Kids will be selling ducks to purchase gift cards for local families in need as well as collect coats.



## Music Notes

It has been a great start to the year! Kindergarteners and First Graders have been practicing their beat and rhythm with body percussion, as well as rhythm sticks. Second Graders have learned how to use a plastic cup to make music. We call it cup percussion. Third and Fourth Graders are preparing choral songs for our Winter Concert! The concert will take place in the evening on **Friday, December 2nd**, in the ES Gymnasium.

Also, as an added musical bonus, Third Grade and Kindergarten students participated in an interactive assembly with the wind quintet, Connect Five!



## Physical Education

We have had a great fall with excellent weather to be outside. Students have been learning tennis skills, soccer skills and pickle ball skills along with playing fun tag games like zombie tag and a group throwing game called pumpkin patch throw down. Student safety is extremely important to the Physical Education Department and therefore, we ask that students wear sneakers and comfortable clothes on PE days. We will have class outside for as long as possible, so please have your **child dress in layers** so we can continue to enjoy the autumn air. Do not forget the sunscreen!



## STEAM News

The STEAM Team is so excited to be back this year! We started the year off rolling our carts into each classroom, but just recently we have retired our carts and the students are now coming to the STEAM room. We are thrilled about this!

During the first quarter the STEAM Team has worked on the following topics:

- Kindergarten - Weather and Seasons
- First Grade - Light and Sounds
- Second Grade- Erosion and the Earth Surface
- Third Grade - Weather, Climate, and Forecasting
- Fourth Grade - The Earth and Creation of Rocks



As we start off the 2022-23 school year, the STEAM Team is looking forward to helping the students expand their knowledge of all things STEAM, from coding to pushes and pulls. Just wait to see what your child discovers!

## Technology News

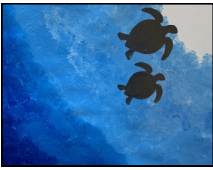


Third and fourth grade students have been busy working on their writing and typing skills. First and Second grade students have been working on their keyboarding and writing skills. Kindergarteners have learned how to log on to the computer and navigate to different programs. We have been working on patterns, letters, numbers and sorting.



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## News from the Art Room!!



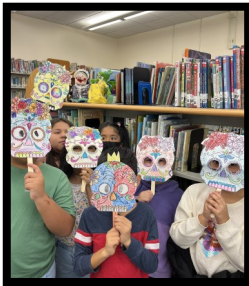
What a great start to the school year! Students in the HBES celebrated DOT Day, on September 15th. Each student colored a dot. The amazing dots are on display on my bulletin board. As I always do at the beginning of every school year, I discuss Fire Safety. By now your child has brought home a poster board that was given to them by the HB Fire Department. Every year we have three winners from each grade. Those winners will be announced sometime in the future.



Kindergarteners are learning about sculptures. They are learning how they can turn paper into a beautiful work of art. First Graders have been working on a project that has been inspired by Wassily Kandinski. Learning about "what is color?" and blending colors with oil pastels. Second Graders are creating a Polar Bear project and learning how to make perfect snow falling. Third Graders are creating an underwater scene with sea turtles and learning how to create a tint and shade using paint. Fourth Graders are learning how the eye can be tricked by creating an Optical Illusion.

## ¡Hola! From FLES

During September through October, the whole school celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month in FLES and Library. Students in kindergarten learned about the tiny tree frog from Puerto Rico, the Coquí. You may have heard them singing the song, "Coquí, Coquí." Students in first grade got a kick out of learning about *La Tomatina*, a tomato throwing festival in Spain and second grade "traveled" to Peru to learn about its location, flag, history and culture. In third grade, students learned the Spanish-speaking countries of the world through a fun song "Rock the Countries of Central and South America," and used their map skills to complete a map. Fourth graders took a "gallery walk" to learn about famous Hispanic leaders. They finished the unit by creating a poster and a piece of writing in the target language about their leader of choice. All grades ended the month of October learning about the tradition *El Dia de los Muertos* and discussed how the movie *Coco* teaches all about this Mexican tradition.



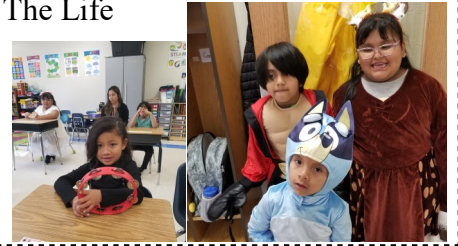
## First Grade News

First Graders are 'One of a Kind' and happy to be back at school! Each class has recently kicked off a series of character education lessons. This grade wide learning experience will focus on various topics that are significant in the life of a first grader. For November we focused on kindness, where the students listened to the song "Try a Little Kindness" by Tori Kelly and read "A Little Spot of Kindness" by Diane Alber. The students and teachers ended this heartwarming lesson by having students create "spots of kindness," which depicted how people can show kindness. These lessons will continue once a month for the rest of the school year. First graders know that in a world where we can be anything, first grade chooses to be kind!



## Life Skills Academy News

This quarter in Mrs. Yakaboski's Life Skills Academy students prepared for Fall and went on a field trip to the Milk Pail Farm! Students learned all about Fall activities as well as appropriate clothing and weather to expect during the new season. Students went on an amazing field trip to The Milk Pail in Watermill and picked apples and pumpkins! Students also participated in our Harvest Parade and played with therapy dogs from Love on a Leash! The Life Skills Academy had a wonderful quarter filled with exciting activities, books, and fun games! We cannot wait to see what happens next!



## Student Council News

Congratulations to the newly elected officers: President Ariana Lopez, Co Vice Presidents Syndey Blom and Brielle Marino, Co-Treasures Lilliana Carlson and Morgan Tuthill and Co-Secretaries Ariana Kappers and Lena Postoglione. The Student Council is planning some fundraisers to help pay for their t-shirts. And if you don't know what a "Mochi" is, you will shortly!

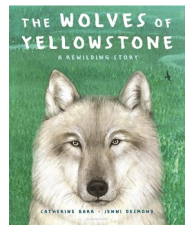
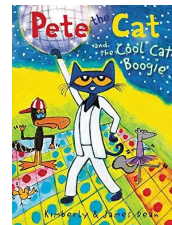
## Library

**Kindergarten, First and Second Graders** have been working on fall by reading books on scarecrows and leaves. We made Leaf Men and did sequencing with scarecrows. We also read "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves" and then put together a scarecrow using sequencing skills.

**Third and Fourth Graders** worked on Creepy Carrots after listening to the book. We were also reviewing Library Skills using Blooket. We will be doing an activity on Veterans Day using a book by Long Island author Valerie Pfundstein titled "Veterans – Heroes in Our Neighborhood."

### Ms. Pen's Picks

*Diary of a Wombat* by Jackie French (K-4)  
*Pete the Cat and the Cool Cat Boogie* by Kimberly & James Dean (K-4)  
*The Wolves of Yellowstone: A Rewilding Story* by Catherine Barr (2-4)  
*Hummingbird* by Natalie Lloyd (3-4)  
*Always Clementine* by Carlie Sorosiak (3-4)



## Second Grade News!

Second graders are off to a great start as fall is well underway! During the first few months, the students have been actively listening to a vast variety of stories highlighting the themes of friendship, families, and different cultures with the Fountas and Pinnell Reading Program.

In October, we enjoyed studying the genre of fantasy. We worked on identifying the characteristics of a fantasy text including talking animals, magic, and mythical characters. Second graders read the fantasy book "Lyle Lyle Crocodile." Students were able to identify the features in the book that made it fantasy. Students enjoyed making a text connection when we visited the Hampton Bays Movie Theater to view the movie "Lyle Lyle Crocodile!" What fun!

In math, the students are showing their skills with fluency facts up to 20 and are beginning to tackle place value strategies. Thank you parents and guardians for your ongoing support, grace, and kindness through this school year! We are looking forward to a wonderful holiday season of learning and celebration!

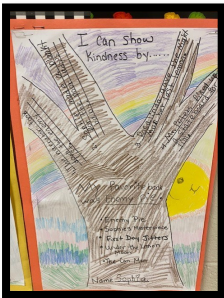


# Kindergarten

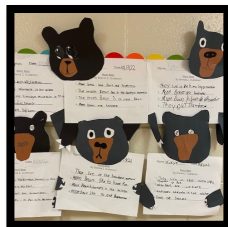
Kindergarten had a very busy Fall. The students had a great back to school! It was so exciting to begin Kindergarten and learn about school as well as meet our new friends. We celebrated Fall by making decorations, learning about pumpkins, picking pumpkins and walking in the Halloween parade.



## Third Grade News



The third graders are actively involved in and enjoying the school's reading program - The Fountas and Pinnell Classroom. Their first unit of read aloud books was surrounding the theme of kindness, which was a great way to start off the school year. This connected to our classroom rules and inspired writing about ways to show kindness at home and school. In our second unit, we changed genres to non-fiction with a theme about animals. The students read about many different types of animals. They shared and displayed their knowledge in their projects through writing and illustrations based on the books. Come down our hallway to enjoy our hard work first hand. We're all excited to continue this fun and engaging literacy program.

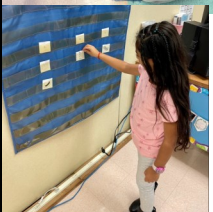


## Fourth Grade

All 4<sup>th</sup> grade students have been very busy getting ready to celebrate veterans. Each year 4<sup>th</sup> graders gear up their patriotic voices to sing songs and read writings that honor veterans near and far. Local veterans enjoyed the performance. To extend the "living classroom", 4<sup>th</sup> graders took to the local streets along with their teachers to visit the American Legion Hand-Aldrich Post 924. Students were greeted by local veterans who told stories about their military experiences, recalled historical events, and answered many questions about veterans and Veterans' Day. Learning has never been so much fun!



## Reading Department News



The reading department is so excited to be back for the 2022-2023 school year! We have been busy reading so many great books and learning some essential reading strategies, as well as working on our phonics skills. The reading department is thrilled to announce that the Family Literacy Night will be back this school year on **Wednesday, January 18th** from 6:00-7:30pm. This will be a great opportunity to meet awesome local authors and illustrators who will be in our Elementary School's cafeteria. There will also be a variety of fun literacy games in the gym. We can't wait to see you there!





# Citizen's of the Month

## Semptember & October

### Life Skills

Aylin Rojas  
Erik Tenesaca Pacho

### Kindergarten

Harper Carlson  
Haley Simmons  
Saray Fuentes  
Sofia Campohermoso  
Edwin Hernandez Rojas  
Brandon Zamorano  
Nathan Rozzi  
Henry Sarmiento Cuji  
Aldin Brbutovic  
Abraham Aristizabal  
Eddy Alvarado Lozano  
Angie Melgar Molina  
Mia Tali  
Max Durham

### First Grade

Lyla Holden  
Carlos Mejia Lopez  
Maylin Villanueva Fuentes  
Alexa Booth  
Conor Cantwell Jr.  
Josue Valladares  
Shaila Fajardo Pacheco  
Rory Anglin  
Isabela Gomez Muyudumbay  
Lucas Sarmiento Cuji  
Carter Orlando  
Camila Gallardo Zendejas  
Ximena Roperro Mendez  
KJ Neziraj

### Second Grade

Matthew Alvarado Guzman  
Mia Rispoli  
Kennedy Martinez Gomez  
Jordi Paredes  
Alexa Bautista Martinez  
Alania Street  
Lyanna Cruz  
Ayleen Chabla Rodriguez  
Tyler Huebner  
Carla Gonzalez Flores  
Aitana Quiguiro Guerrero  
Braden Taylor  
Kellan Dalmasse  
Eduardo Sanchez Cornejal

### Third Grade

Bradley Nieto  
Dilan Cuautle Ochoa  
Luciano Soledad  
Lena Postiglione  
Johan Ocampo Villegas  
Kylie Ceballos  
Adrian Hernandez-Reyes  
Sophia Elizondo  
Danna Morocho  
Charlotte Cullings  
Taylor Moore  
Andrea Cojon Mayen  
Brayden Lainez-Mejia  
Morgan Tuthill

### Fourth Grade

Khloe Talmage  
Nicolle Herrera  
Addison Schulze  
Nicole Moranchel Gutierrez  
Keylin Avalos Rodriguez  
Juan Fajardo  
Kacper Talik  
Leonel Lima  
Vincent Prosano  
George Rose  
Lillianna Carlson  
Laila Mendez  
Issabella Roperro Mendez  
Scarlett Clanahan

