



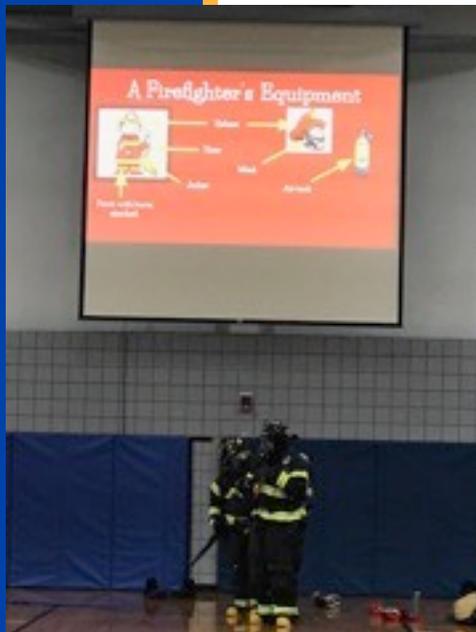
Truro Central School's

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November 2019

FIRE SAFETY

Tying into our school motto about being safe, respectful and responsible, we observed Fire Prevention Month with a visit from members of the Truro Fire and Rescue Department! Donning full gear and bringing a fire hose, our local heroes explained the importance of having an evacuation plan at home, just like we do at school. We talked about the importance of crawling under smoke, identifying at least two exits from each room, and having a permanent meeting spot. Watching the firefighters put on their gear also helped our students understand that although they wear masks and their voices sound a little scary, that firefighters are regular people, and are there to help them in case of emergency.



BEARBERRY HILL

Second grade scientists learn about landforms as a part of thinking about the big question “What is Earth Made Of?” Did you know that our very own Bearberry Hill offers views of many of the landforms we study including hills, valleys, dunes, cliffs, a bog, a river, a marsh, ponds, and, of course, the ocean? The trailhead to Bearberry Hill is located across from the NEED Center at the end of North Pamet Road and is part of the Cape Cod National Seashore.

After our hikes to both the West and East Summits, we took a look at the erosion on Ballston Beach. Head down and take a look for yourself at the clay cliffs that have been exposed just south of the public beach.

Back at school, we have started to hone our cartography skills as we create maps to help others navigate their way along the trails. These will feature some of the landforms you see along the way.

Finally, the end of this project will feature a model of how the erosion at Ballston Beach happened. We will use an angled water table, sand, and lots of squirt bottles to replicate how storm waves erode and can

break through dunes, flooding the valley behind.

Make some time and visit Bearberry Hill soon and see our beautiful Truro landforms for yourself!

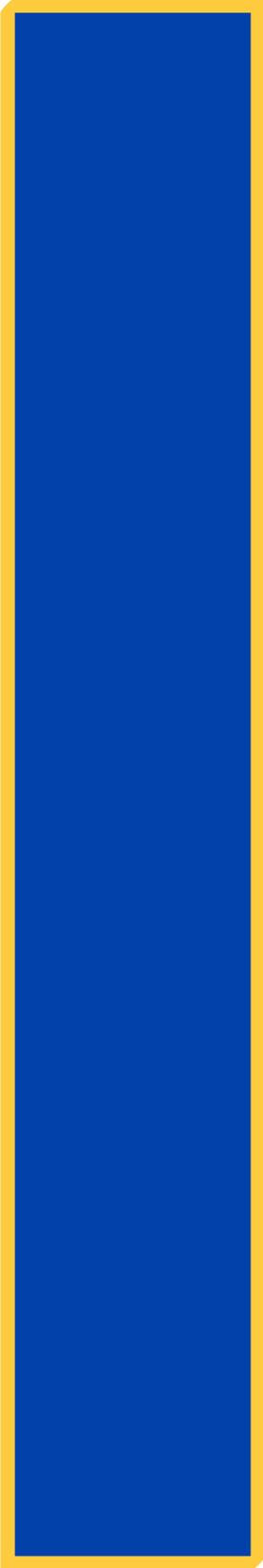


PUMPKINPALOOZA!

Ah, fall. Colorful foliage, crisp apples, brisk air and, of course, pumpkins!

Kindergarten celebrates this bright, orange squash with its annual Pumpkinpalooza. Families join their students in a multitude of pumpkin activities, all while practicing math, science and reading. Do pumpkins sink or float? How much do they weigh? How many pumpkin seeds can you count? This annual event is a kindergarten favorite!





Noticias españolas de Truro Central School

Mientras tanto (meanwhile) en la clase de español, the 6th graders are working hard at putting their language acquisition skills to use in their debut spanish music video “Puedo ir al baño” (“Can I go to the bathroom?”). Filming is still in progress. It will be posted for your enjoyment on the Facebook page once completed.

November 1st is el Día de los Muertos which we will of course be celebrating in Spanish class. Students will revisit the meaning behind this holiday and the traditions it follows. We will draw our own Calaveras (skulls), make papel picado (cut paper) and taste some pan de los muertos. Which student will find the piece with the calaca (skeleton) hidden in it and have good luck in the coming year?

Finally, the Spanish word we are focusing on now is POR FAVOR / PLEASE. A very important word which demonstrates respect and kindness, two traits we value very highly at Truro Central School.

DIGITAL SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH:

Keep your families safe and secure online.

October was not only Fire Safety Awareness month, but also was National Cybersecurity Awareness month. Use these tips to help you and your family stay safe online.

1.) *Discuss personal vs. private info.*

Talk about the difference between what's OK to share online (favorite color) and what's not (home address).

2.) *Use privacy settings.*

Together, go through the settings on all new apps to make sure you both know what information your kids are sharing. Especially in the beginning, it's better to share very little.

3.) *Avoid location tracking.*

Location-aware apps can be super helpful. But apps that use a device's location to help people find your kid or offer them ads for nearby businesses should be used with caution. Turn them off if you can.

4.) *Power up passwords.*

Work together with kids to help them come up with complex passwords. Think outside the dictionary. Use phrases and special characters that make passwords hard to guess but easy to remember. Remind kids to keep passwords private and change them regularly.

5.) *Skip quizzes.*

Help kids identify and avoid clickbait, quizzes, special offers, and anything that asks for personal or private information. This helps keep information secure and devices safe.

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