



Truro Central School's

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MARCH IS READING MONTH!

Have you been meaning to spend more time reading? Reading has been proven to have a number of benefits. We all know that reading helps us learn about new things, and improves our vocabulary, but did you know that reading can improve empathy, increase one's lifespan, and help maintain cognitive function?

At Truro Central School, we are celebrating reading with our annual Read Across America celebration. Students will be working together to create a "book dragon", adding scales to the dragon for each book they read. Hopefully, our yet nameless dragon will be a permanent resident in our library!

We also will be inviting members of the community to read to classes during the month of March. In the past, we have had readers from the Truro Police Department, Truro Vineyards, Seamen's Bank, Stop and Shop, and even a local dentist! It's a great opportunity for students to see members of their community enjoying reading, and for our community to get to know our students. Stay tuned for updates!



4TH ANNUAL PASTA PARTY!

On Friday, March 27 Truro Central School will host this 4th annual garden fundraiser. Proceeds from this event will benefit the garden program here at the school. With Farmer Stephanie Rein, students learn about and grow their own fresh fruits and vegetables. This delicious produce then makes its way into our school breakfasts and lunches.

This zero waste pasta party will feature fresh, house made Montano's pasta, Cape and school-grown greens, bread by PB Boulangerie, desserts by Canteen, local clams and organic, grass-fed New England ground beef, all prepared by chefs from Blackfish, Ceraldi's and Mac's. There will also be live music! Food will be served between 5 and 7pm at Truro Central School. "Take-out" and gluten free options will be available. The suggested donation is \$10 per person, or \$25 per family.

Thank you to Blackfish, Ceraldi's, Mac's, Montano's, Canteen, Moms' Print Shop, Truro Vineyards, Beanstock Coffee, PB Boulangerie, Shop Therapy, Seamen's Bank, Out There Organics, Cape Abilities, Pure Joy Farm, and Sustainable CAPE for their donations and support!



GILGAMESH STOP MOTION

Do you remember reading the Epic of Gilgamesh? What can you recall about Mesopotamia? Currently, our 6th graders are studying Sumerian city-states, and the Akkadian and Babylonian Empires. They have learned about the multitude of inventions created by Mesopotamians, including the invention of writing, the wheel, and the way we measure time. After studying the Epic of Gilgamesh, our sixth grade students chose a scene to animate using stop motion animation. Students could either create their own stop-motion puppets or use lego figures that they built to match the personalities of the characters. Some students also chose to use green screens to create the backgrounds of their scenes. Once each student completed their video, we combined them to create a longer piece, summarizing part of this ancient epic. If you would like to view our video, you can click on the link below, or visit the school's website at truromass.org and click on the 6th Grade Classroom page.

Gilgamesh Video Link:

<https://youtu.be/KpuFYszl9No>

Noticias españolas de Truro Central School

It is like music to my ears when I walk down the hall and hear students using their Spanish. It is a whole school effort and the work is paying off. We are now turning our focus to the cafeteria. Students can now ask for seconds in Spanish “*¿Puedo tener segundos?*” and can ask to visit the salad bar “*¿Puedo tener la ensalada?*” Keep up the good work TCS!

-Alison Waldo

DIGITAL SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH:

Private Versus Personal Information:

In discussing internet safety, students at Truro Central School learn to distinguish between personal and private information. According to commonsense.org, *private information* is “information that can be used to identify you because it’s unique to you”. This includes one’s full name, address, a family member’s credit card information, and social security number. *Personal Information* “cannot be used to identify you because it is also true for many other people”. This includes your hair color, the city you live in, and favorite movie. Students learn that its never okay to share private information online. However, it is okay to share some personal information online.

Older students also talk about their digital footprints. Some personal information (such as if one frequently visits a *Harry Potter* fan site, if someone does a Google search on *Avengers* memes, or if someone asks Alexa what time a movie is playing in Wellfleet) does get tracked. Websites use this information to create advertising tailored to the internet user. TCS students are made aware that even information they don’t believe is being seen by others is being seen.

For more information in talking to the children in your family about protecting their privacy online, visit:

[HTTPS://WWW.COMMONSENSE.ORG/EDUCATION/
FAMILY-TIPS/K-5-PRIVACY-AND-SECURITY](https://www.commonsense.org/education/family-tips/k-5-privacy-and-security)

You can also check commonsense.org’s FAQ page regarding privacy at:

[HTTPS://WWW.COMMONSEMEDIA.ORG/PRIVACY-
AND-INTERNET-SAFETY](https://www.commonsemmedia.org/privacy-and-internet-safety)

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