



# EDGECOMB EDDY SCHOOL



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2022

### READ A THON

Congratulations to our  
Read a Thon winners!

**1st place class: 5th Grade** (749 minutes per student)  
**2nd place class: 3rd Grade** (563 minutes per student)  
**1st place student overall: Jax Marshall**  
**2nd place student overall: Hattie Tomko**

#### Top Students:

**6th - Jax Marshall** (2045 minutes)  
**5th - Margaret McCarthy** (1683 minutes)  
**4th - Micah Perry** (770 minutes)  
**3rd - Hattie Tomko** (1826 minutes)  
**2nd - Lyla Joyce** (712 minutes)  
**1st - Llireva Blagdon** (664 minutes)  
**K - Lizzie Garey** (277 minutes)  
**PK - Myrick Blagdon** (440 minutes)

In total, our students read **38,139 minutes (636 hours)!**  
Thank you to our PTC for facilitating such a fun event!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 11 - SEMESTER TWO REPORT CARDS

MARCH 13 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

MARCH 14 - PI DAY

MARCH 14 - FIRST GRADE PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL

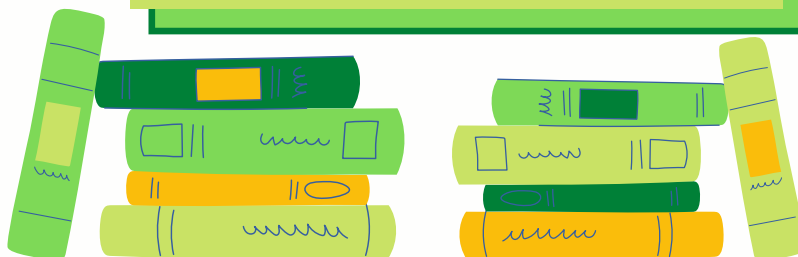
MARCH 18 - TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY (NO SCHOOL)

APRIL 4 - K PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL

APRIL 4 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 5 - PTC MEETING 6:00 (ZOOM)

APRIL 18-22 - SPRING BREAK



### HOLISTIC STUDENT ASSESSMENT

**The Holistic Student Assessment was administered to 4th - 6th graders this winter.**

There are 14 scales that are grouped into three domains: resiliencies, relationships, and learning and school engagement.

School staff are provided with a social emotional portrait of each student, a great tool to put quantitative data to their emotional well-being.

**If you are the parent of a 4th, 5th, or 6th grade student, please contact Mrs. Bezon to set up a time to review your child's data.**

**157 Boothbay Road \* Edgecomb \* Maine \* 04556**  
**(207) 882-5515**

## WINTER CLOTHING

Please remember to send your children with winter gear: hats, mittens/gloves, jackets, and boots. Also, please send an extra change of clothes just in case your child needs them after playing outside.

**At this time, we are out of extra mittens and extra dry clothing to share with students.**

If you have extra snow gear you would like to donate for students who forget theirs, we are always accepting it. Thank you!



## BUS INFORMATION

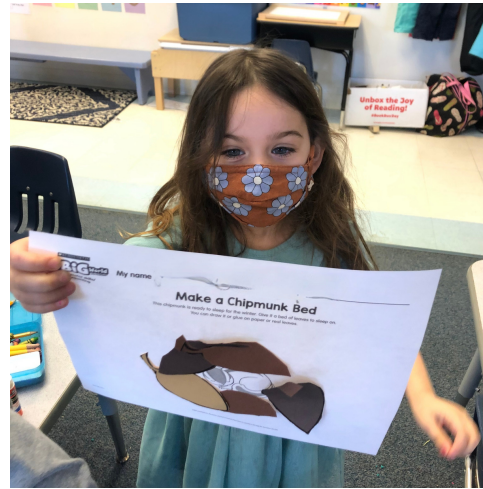


Please remember: road conditions, weather, and student attendance can change the arrival times of your bus. Please plan on a 10-15 minute grace period on either end of your "usual" time. Our drivers do their very best to stay on schedule, but there are circumstances beyond their control at times.

**Alna/Westport buses** are managed by the Wiscasset Bus Garage and can be reached at 207-882-7612.

Any changes to their routes are decided upon by their district (RSU12).

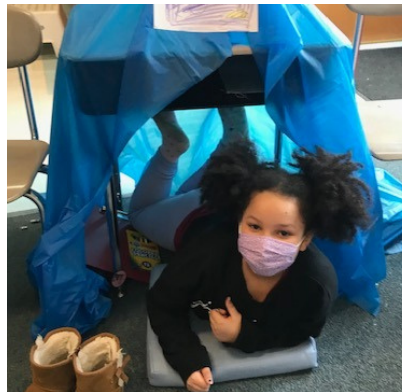
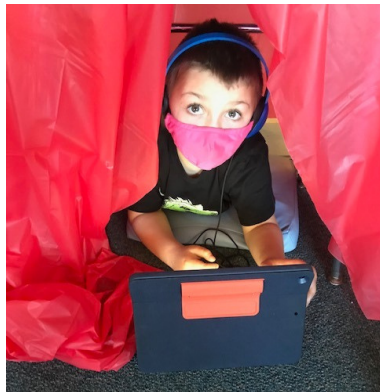
**EES Bus 1 & EES Bus 2** are managed by the EES office and AOS 98. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Cooper at 207-882-5515.



## HEALTH SCREENINGS

If your child has any of these symptoms, **do not** send them to school. Please notify Mrs. Cooper.

- Fever or chills
- Cough or sore throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea



## EDGECOMB TOWN MEET AND GREET

The next Edgcomb Town Meet and Greet is Saturday, March 12th, from 8:30 - 11:00 am. It is a casual come and go event to give residents a chance to socialize and meet all the people who make Edgcomb such a great place to live. We hope to see you there!

## PTC INFORMATION

We are happy to say that our Spring Fundraiser and our Book Fair are being planned as in-person events this year during the second week of May! Plans are already underway for Teacher Appreciation Week, which is the first week of May. Our Coastal Maine Popcorn Fundraiser is coming soon: March 14-25!

## QUICK CLASSROOM UPDATES

### PREK

Pre-K has been learning about hibernation, migration, and adaptation over the last few weeks. We have read many fun and informational books and have enjoyed literacy and math centers based on this theme. On Dr. Seuss's birthday we read *The Lorax*, made our very own Lorax, and watched the short film! We continue to work on recognizing uppercase letters and have been learning how to write them. We have been counting by 1's and 10's and have been learning about patterns. Our next theme will be weather!

### KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is beginning an exciting combined unit in Economics! (Yes, we really are that clever in kindergarten! :D ) We will be learning the basics of U.S. currency, focusing on coins (quarter, dime, nickel, penny), and we'll begin to add or subtract small amounts using these coins. As we learn about currency, we'll also be learning about goods and services, and wants and needs. Please help us with this learning - every time you go out shopping, please let your child give it a try by paying for something with change!

### FIRST GRADE

First grade celebrated Read Across America last week. In math we are working on estimating, collecting data to make bar graphs, and adding three numbers. In Literacy we worked on the ph, wh, and sh sounds. In science we are learning about light and sounds. I am working on scheduling a trip to the maple syrup farm in Edgecomb and we will learn about the process of making maple syrup. First grade class read over 4,000 minutes for the Read-a Thon!



### SECOND GRADE

We had a lot of fun celebrating Twos Day, Valentine's Day, the 100th day of school, Camp Read A Lot and Read Across America Day! A few of our favorite activities were playing Valentine's Day Bingo with candy hearts, participating in the Starburst Chew Challenge, filling our 100th day mystery bags, estimating how full our cups would be with 100 drops of water using a pipette, and "camping out" in our classroom! Many of us participated in the read-a-thon over vacation. Although we were not the big winners, we had lots of fun reading in our tents with our new flashlights. Everyone also had a lot of fun picking out a brand new book to keep!

### THIRD GRADE

The third graders have done a wonderful job of getting back into learning behaviors after February Vacation. Their teacher is very proud of them! Over vacation there was a TON of reading going on. Third grade, as a class, won second place in the PTC Read-a-Thon and our very own Hattie Tomko won second place as an individual reader. Get this... she chose to share her prize with her entire class!!

In Literacy we have been focusing on pronouns and irregular plural nouns. We have also been reading about athletes and "Young Thomas Edison." In Math we have been studying "Measurement and Geometry" by calculating the area and perimeter of rectangles. We are also working together to research animal reports in Science. We are an animal-loving group!

### FOURTH GRADE

In math, we are practicing fractions, decimals, and metric conversions. In literacy we are looking at homophones, homonyms, and homographs, as well as prepositions and prepositional phrases. In science we are exploring earth's features and processes with a focus on volcanoes and how rocks are formed. In social studies, we are wrapping up our learning about the history of Charles Darwin, we are getting ready to start studying our region to develop economic understanding. Recently students examined the school behavior matrix and made posters to put up around the school to help other students understand the expected behaviors. They did a great job!



## QUICK CLASSROOM UPDATES

### FIFTH GRADE

In math, students just finished a unit on fractions. We will be focused on learning about decimal place value and coordinate grids. In science, we have been learning about the water cycle and how we use underground water.

### SIXTH GRADE

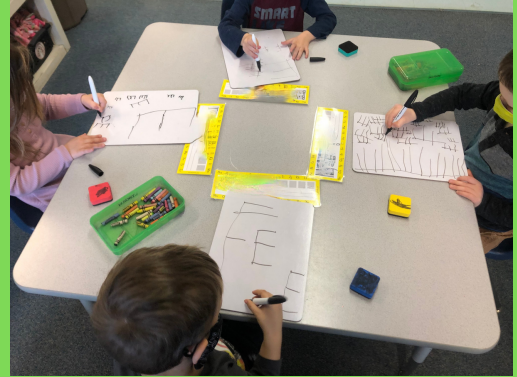
In grade 6 we have been learning how to multiply and divide decimals. We will be learning about percentages and box plots towards the end of our math unit. In science students have been learning about the atomic structure, molecules, and compounds.

### MUSIC CLASS

**Sixth Grade** is participating in March Mania 2022: a nationwide competition sponsored by the United States Marine Band. We listened to 32 different marches and chose our favorites. We'll find out who comes closest to predicting the winner at the end of the month! **Fifth Grade** is continuing their guitar study, which includes learning to read tablature and playing chords. **Fourth Grade** recently returned from a trip across the solar system through Gustav Holst's work, The Planets. **Third Grade** is continuing their rhythm and texture study through games and a class composition. **Second Grade** (after finishing a fabulous Performance Festival) enjoyed an active study of Dukas' The Sorcerer's Apprentice. **First Grade** has been hard at work on a class composition that will be performed at the Performance Festival, coming up on March 14. The **Kindergarten** students are exploring Debussy's Children's Corner and the power of music to create images in our minds. Finally, **Pre-K** continues to explore their singing voices and learning to make music as a team. March is a busy time for us! I hope to have information about a possible Spring Concert sometime in the near future.

## PRE-K & K REGISTRATION

We are excited to open up Pre-K and Kindergarten registration for the 2022-23 school year! Pre-K and Kindergarten at EES are offered to all students living in Edgecomb, Alna, and Westport.



### PRE-K

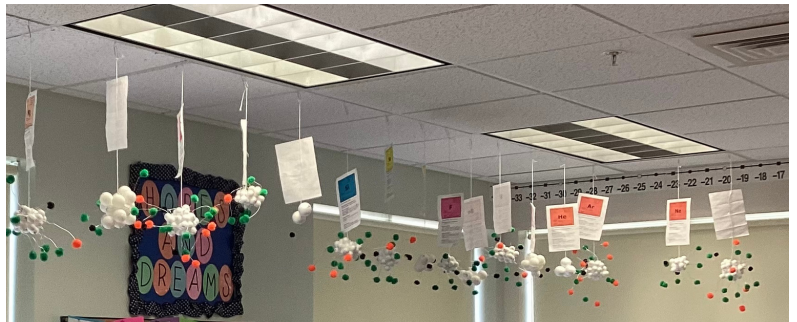
Children who turn four on or before October 15, 2022, have priority for registration. If there are remaining spaces, we will admit "wait listed" students who turn five between July 1 and October 15, 2022.

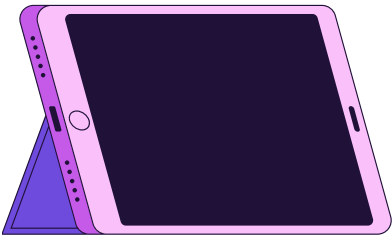
### KINDERGARTEN

Children who turn five on or before October 15, 2022, are eligible to enroll in kindergarten.

See our website for more enrollment information. Please call 882-5515 if you have any questions.

**We look forward to welcoming you in the fall!**





# SCREEN TIME

## Ages 0-2

Children's brains grow the fastest during the first three years of their life. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that babies younger than 18 months get no screen time at all. The exception to this rule is video chatting with family members or friends, which is considered quality time interacting with others.

**Screens can cause a baby's brain to become overstimulated, causing crankiness.**



## Ages 9-14

Studies have shown that screen time outside of virtual school among teens has doubled from pre-pandemic numbers. Teens are more independent, but it is still up to parents to decide how often their children use screens. Set limits on screen time and stay aware of what your teens are doing online.

**Encourage children to be involved in a variety of screen free activities**



**Too much screen time can cause overstimulation and disrupt sleep.**



## Ages 2-8

The American Academy of Pediatrics discourages media use by children and recommends limiting older children's screen time to no more than one or two hours per day. When using screens, high-quality educational media is best for children. It is important to watch these with your children and talk about what you watched afterward. This can help your child improve their language, social, and cognitive skills.

**Turn off screens during meals and at least an hour before bedtime.**

**Have a technology free zone in your home where you can unplug and talk as a family.**