



SCHOOL NEWS

Chatham Elementary School

The Chatham Elementary School Scrapbook Club would like to thank several local businesses and organizations that contributed several hundreds of dollars worth of scrap booking materials to the group. Students were able to have their own scrapbook, which they filled with journal writing and pictures of important things in their lives. This year the club was open to 10 third and fourth grade students. Thanks to all the support, next year, the club will be open to more students in grades three through five. Thanks to Ben Franklin, Chatham CVS, The Mayflower Shop, Colorful Creations, Cape Cod Photo and Art, and the Cape Cod Women's Club of Chatham for their generous contributions!

Students have spent the last several weeks preparing our school cafeteria with patriotic decorations to honor the young men who serve in our military who also play on the U.S. Military All-Star Baseball Team. This team played the All-Stars from the Cape Cod League teams at the Chatham A's field on Saturday, June 9. The elementary school cafeteria hosted a meal for the players, and, thanks to some extraordinary decorations from students at every grade level, the room was awe inspiring in its patriotic theme. As a thank you to our students, the military players surprised our students with a visit to the school on Monday, June 11. Each player introduced themselves to the student body, told where they were from, and in which branch of the military they serve. This was an especially powerful experience for our students, as they learned through a question and answer period which of the players has been deployed in their career, and in which part of the world they had been deployed. The event turned social as well as each military player came equipped with dog tags to distribute to each student, answered questions individually, and signed the baseball card bearing their own image and statistics. Chatham Elementary thanks Mrs. Diane Troy of the Chatham A's organization for organizing this once-in-a-lifetime experience for our students.

Retiring Teacher Donates Gifts. Mrs. Beverly Peninger, an elementary teacher who is retiring this year after more than 30 years in the school, donated several dozen books for the kindergarten and first grade Caring for Each Student Program. These books will be checked out of the school library to be used by these grades and others. Mrs. Peninger wrote the kindergarten Caring for Each Student classroom program lessons tied to the Massachusetts History and Social Science Frameworks using these literature books on various topics such as pro-social behaviors such as listening, turn

taking, trying when it's hard, accepting "no" and sharing, understanding differences, understanding and caring about feelings, rule following, and friendship making including the concepts of telling versus tattling, asking to join an activity, using your words, and understanding bullying. The students and staff are grateful to Mrs. Peninger for her dedication, generosity and skilled work on behalf of the children of Chatham.

Chatham Middle School

Four teams from the Chatham Middle School enjoyed a day at Bridgewater State College. Specifically, Mrs. Roy's team presented their "MCAS CTB- Comfort Testing Booth," Ms. Bassett's team presented their "Cool Shoes," Mrs. Reed's team presented their invention of "waterproof books," and Mrs. Kloumann's team presented their "CeeLite Bed." During their visit they presented the inventions they had worked on all year. Project Invention Convention III had 15 different teams representing schools from around the Boston area and Cape. Kloumann's team was recognized for "Best Presentation." The teams were fortunate to have their other classmates cheer them on. Many individuals made the day possible through chaperoning, driving, and providing resources for the teams.

Chatham Middle School students in eighth grade Humanities classes won top honors at the Massachusetts Project Citizen Showcase. Students across Massachusetts investigated community problems and explored ways to solve these problems using public policy, using the Project Citizen curriculum designed by the Center for Civic Education. These presentations took place at the Massachusetts State House in Boston last Friday. Judges for the event included professors, scholars, city council members, and other professionals interested in public policy. Mrs. Macomber's class presented "Music to our Ears," a project about introducing more arts into the school day, winning the portfolio competition and tying for the oral presentation award. Mrs. Barnes' class presented "Zombies in the Classroom," a project about later school start times, tying for the oral presentation award. Mrs. DiGiacomo's students also presented "Too Much Stress Means No Success," a project about introducing more physical education into the school day, earning high scores with the judges at the competition. Congratulations to these hard working eighth grade students.

Mrs. Silvester's fifth graders finished up their "Cooperstown Bound WebQuest" this week. The students' tasks were to choose one batter and one pitcher from a Major League Baseball team. They researched the batter's average, steals and home runs over the last three years as well as the pitcher's ERA, wins and strikeouts. The students then found the mean (average) of the statistical data and put it into line/bar graphs. They worked in teams of two to make a collage with all their data, graphs and pictures. Based on their research, the students were able to predict as to whether or not their players would someday make it to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Chatham High School

Chatham High School's student newspaper The Devils' Advocate has once again won first place in the annual American Scholastic Press Association review and contest. The paper competed in the small schools division and scored 915 out of a possible 1000 points. The paper was judged on content, coverage, page design, general plan, art and illustrations, editing, and creativity. This is the 10th consecutive year that paper has won first place.

A recycling program established by Eleanor Moody's students was recently recognized by the state department of environmental protection's Green Team Program. Students created recycling posters and signs to spread the word, using bins provided by the state. The students received the highest level certificate of recognition in the program as "Environmental Eagles" and "Green Team" wristbands as grand prizes.

Several members of the Chatham Fire and Rescue Department presented an "in-house field trip" to Mrs. McMahon's CPR/ first aid classes last week. All students really enjoyed this hands-on learning experience. Scott Long presented a program on intubations. Captain David DePasquale displayed the ambulance and all the advanced care methods on board, while David Ready presented the thermal camera rescue. Tim Hunter demonstrated fire protection and firefighter's gear and Captain Roy Eldredge explained a house fire video called "Firepower." This voluntary program involving the men and women of the Chatham Fire and Rescue Department is put together twice a year by Captain DePasquale. These men also volunteer to test the students in CPR at the end of the course. The students have a great time actively participating in the program, and the high school health department would like to thank the members of the department for generously donating time to help our students.

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