

# Field Notes

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## ***Director's Note...***

*Spring is like a perhaps hand  
by e. e. cummings*

Spring is like a perhaps hand  
(which comes carefully  
out of Nowhere)arranging  
a window,into which people look(while  
people stare  
arranging and changing placing  
carefully there a strange  
thing and a known thing here)and  
changing everything carefully

spring is like a perhaps  
Hand in a window  
(carefully to  
and fro moving New and  
Old things,while  
people stare carefully  
moving a perhaps  
fraction of flower here placing  
an inch of air there)and  
without breaking anything.



## Reminders:

- Ellsworth TCS info. session at J&B Atlantic, Tuesday, 3/19, 4-7pm
- Intertidal/Alpine Play is coming up! Open dress rehearsal Thursday, 3/21 and final production on Friday, 3/22, 4pm - all performances at Union Church Parish Hall, NEH

## Thank You To

**All Families** who participated in Student Led conferences last week!

## Natural History Mystery:

What is the term for sharp, irregular grooves or ridges formed on snow by wind erosion, particularly in the polar regions, and on frozen lakes around here? Hint: It is a Russian word.

## From The Woodland Class...

### *Math Workshop*

Our first year group has been working with shapes. It has been particularly fun to work with three-dimensional models in this unit. We have studied shapes with and without curves, naming triangles, rectangles, circles, and hexagons. It has been great fun to find these shapes in our environment!

Others in the class have expanded their understanding of working with number patterns to include multiplication and division of larger numbers. It has been great partner work to support each other in filling in a table with these larger numbers. Now, we can each use our tables to make arrays showing how these numbers relate to each other. This has been so easy and a fun way to work with our multiplication and division number facts!

The Woodlands will be going to Schoolhouse Ledge and then to the Intertidal/Alpine play dress rehearsal in Northeast Harbor this week for outing.

Happy Spring,  
Miss Marie



Woodland Map Studies

## From The Intertidal Class...

Dear families,

Thank you for your presence at conferences this past week! I so value this opportunity to welcome you into our classroom and to hear the children reflect on their growth as learners.

In math workshop, the Urchin group continues to explore long division. During conferences, many of the kiddos in this group enjoyed sharing how to use a place value chart to solve more complex division problems (you were great students!). This continues to be an important model that helps us visualize the steps of long division and how we are distributing each number into new groups. As we begin to work with even larger numbers, we've been reminded of the connection between multiplication and division and spent several days reviewing factor pairs and learning how to distinguish between prime and composite numbers (ask you kiddos the difference between the two!).

The Tiny Green Crab group is continuing to develop multiplication fact fluency (a big goal for this year!). We've been exploring a variety of strategies to help us solve the larger and more unfamiliar math facts like our 6's, 7's, 8's, and 9's. We focused on 9's last week and explored strategies such as the "finger" strategy and using familiar tens and then subtracting. What strategies do you use to solve 9's? I encourage you to share your own tips and tricks with your kiddo as we continue to practice our facts!

We will spend outing time this week rehearsing our play at the Parish Hall in Northeast Harbor! We have an open dress rehearsal on Thursday at 2pm for those who can't make it Friday. Then it's showtime, Friday at 4 in NEH!

With warmth,  
Bethany



Feeling the warmth of the strengthening sun during forest recess

## ***From The Alpine Class...***

Dear Families,

The hard-working mathematicians of the Alpine class have reached the end of their third modules of the year! We are excited to be making so much progress and persevering together through new content.

In one math group, students are completing their final lessons in their unit on rational numbers. They have become masters at plotting numbers on a coordinate plane and have a strong understanding of the absolute value of positive and negative numbers.

In our other math group, we are concluding our focus on geometry. These students have used algebraic equations to find missing angles and have studied and drawn all common quadrilaterals. We even spent time designing real-world places using these shapes, including a ski terrain park and a garden.

Our next units will bring both groups into a study of equations and expressions!

Outing this week will be spent in Northeast Harbor, where we will be having the dress rehearsal for our musical. I look forward to seeing you at our performance on Friday at 4:00!

Warmly,  
Amy



## **News and Upcoming Events**

**TCS Info, Session in Ellsworth!**

**Curious about The Community School?**

**Tuesday, March 19, 4-7pm at J&B Atlantic Co., Main St. Ellsworth**

Help us spread the word and invite folks to drop in at our Ellsworth info session to learn about our Place-based model and 2019 Admissions. Flyer attached.

## **Intertidal/Alpine Theater Performance**

**Thursday, March 21, 2pm (open dress rehearsal) & Friday, March 22, 4pm  
at The Union Church Parish Hall (upstairs), 21 Summit Road, Northeast Harbor**

The Intertidal and Alpine classes have been working each day with guest artist, Blake Whyte, putting together a one-of-a-kind production, complete with original songs, dance and story! We hope you can join us for one of the performances. Pick-up note for families: Regular TCS pick-up for all on Thursday. Woodland TCS pick-up on Friday, Intertidal/Alpine families-- meet at the show at 4pm!

## **Spring Mindfulness Workshop: *Are You Busy?* With Josh Ehrlich Saturday, March 30, 3-5pm at The Community School**

In this workshop you will:

- Reflect and re-set priorities
- Make time and space to live
- Find room for fun and creativity
- Dig out from endless errands
- Give and get support

Come discuss new skills, share ideas and have fun. Take away a pragmatic action plan to be more effective. Josh Ehrlich is a senior advisor and coach who inspires innovation and change. He has worked with hundreds of professionals and leaders in multinational companies. He is a leading authority on succeeding in demanding environments and an expert in mindful leadership. Mindfulness is the discipline of being focused, present and inspiring in an era of rapid change and information overload. Josh received a BA with distinction from Yale and a PhD from NYU in Clinical Psychology. He is the author of *MindShifting: Focus for Performance*. **\$20 suggested donation to the TCS mindfulness program fund. Space is limited! Pre-register with Jasmine Smith at [info@thecommunityschool.me](mailto:info@thecommunityschool.me) or send check with "3/30 Mindfulness Workshop" in the memo to The Community School, PO Box 825, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609.**

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