



TEC Campus School  
NEWSLETTER



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# Spring 2023

Dear TEC Campus School Families,

Spring has sprung and here we are all the way up to April break in the 2023-2023 school year. Before you know it, it will be time for the end of the year festivities that we always look forward to at the closing of each school year. Make sure to check out the list of upcoming dates for your calendar.



The students have truly loved getting back outdoors to the playground and for other outdoor activities more frequently with the return of spring (and sometimes summer) weather. In addition, many students have been enjoying time in the pool and the gym for classes with Stacey (APE Teacher). It's always fun to celebrate any occasion together with a good ol' dance party!



When it's time to get to work, the students have been working very hard in the classroom. MCAS Alternate Portfolios were completed by the end of March. You can read about the exciting hands-on and thematic curriculum units in each of the classes as you continue through this newsletter.



Thank you as always for sharing your children with us!

-Meredith Faletra, TEC Campus School Program Director





## Mark your Calendar!

<i>Monday, April 17-Friday, April 21, 2023</i>	<i>April Break</i>
<i>Monday, April 24, 2023</i>	<i>School Reopens</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 3, 2023</i>	<i>Early Release @ 11:30</i>
<i>Tuesday, May 9, 2023</i>	<i>School Photos, Rain date is May 10</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 17, 2023</i>	<i>Early Release @ 11:30</i>
<i>Monday, May 29, 2023</i>	<i>No School, Memorial Day</i>
<i>Wednesday, May 31, 2023</i>	<i>Early Release @ 11:30</i>
<i>Friday, June 2, 2023</i>	<i>Field Day (Rain date June 5)</i>
<i>Friday, June 9, 2023</i>	<i>Prom (Details TBA)</i>
<i>Monday, June 12, 2023</i>	<i>Tea Party (Details TBA)</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 14, 2023</i>	<i>Westwood HS Class - Last Day of School, 11:30 Dismissal</i>
<i>Thursday, June 15, 2023</i>	<i>Walpole Campus - Last Day of School, 11:30 Dismissal</i>

### → **School Calendars 2022-2023:**

- [\*\*TEC Campus School 2022-2023 Calendar - English\*\*](#)
- [\*\*TEC Campus School 2022-2023 - Spanish\*\*](#)
- [\*\*TEC Campus School @ Westwood High School 2022-2023\*\*](#)

### → **ESY/Summer 2023 Info:**

**Dates:**     *July 5 – August 11, 2023*

**Hours:**    *Monday-Thursday: 8:00-2:00, Friday: 8:00-11:30*

**All TEC Campus School Summer/ESY classes are located at:**

***141 Mansion Drive, East Walpole, MA***



### **Classroom News:**

This portion of the newsletter will take you on a tour of our programs. Each teacher submits a piece to provide a glimpse into their classroom. Enjoy!

#### **Room 213 - Kara's Class**

Our class has been hard at work learning about animals! We have been learning about different habitats, how animals are different, and about the life cycles of butterflies and frogs! We learned about St. Patrick's Day and had a mini Dr. Seuss Unit in early March. We also learned about the colors pink, green and yellow! It has been WILD in Early Childhood!





## Room 212 - Caitlyn's Class

Happy Spring! We have been taking full advantage of the nice weather and getting outside as much as we can! We have been learning all about the weather as well. We've been reading a lot of stories about the different kinds of weather, and we've been checking the weather every day. We've also been talking about healthy eating and making good eating choices. We've been making all sorts of healthy foods like yummy fruit salad! We're looking forward to more great weather this Spring!





## Room 211 - Erin's Class

Happy Spring! This month, our class learned about community helpers. Students identified what communities they belonged to and the people in their community who are there to help. Students explored what different community helpers do, what tools they use, and shared their opinions on each job. We had fun learning about some spring holidays such as St. Patrick's Day, Passover, and Easter. In our cooking group, students made green mashed potatoes for St. Patrick's Day! In science, we conducted experiments using peeps marshmallows! And of course, we have soaked up the springtime sun at the playground! We are all looking forward to a spectacular spring!





## Room 218 - Shawn's Class

We have been hard at work doing science experiments! We wanted to see if seeds grew better with or without fertilizer so we grew beans, peas, and sunflowers. We are currently taking data on our results and can't wait to plant them outside! We are also learning about different countries and so far have learned about Australia, Brazil and Canada! We are really looking forward to the warmer weather so we can go out to the playground every day!





## Room 219 - Ian's Class

Room 219 has been working hard and looking forward to the spring season! We have been learning about the landforms of planet earth from the continents and oceans to islands, mountains, and seas. We are doing an excellent job practicing turn-taking during Music Group and Cooking Group. We are staying active with our new APE teacher, Stacey, and are excited we have been able to return to the swimming pool. We are also working on our prevocational skills by making deliveries, helping out with the laundry, and helping clean dishes at the end of the day. We are doing so well using our communication devices and showing our school spirit! We hope with the nicer weather to get outside more and plan more fun activities!





## Room 108 - Kelly's Class

Classroom 108 has been working on getting out in the community with some shopping trips as well as going up to the transition classroom's cafe to work on communication skills. We really enjoyed going to the Blue Moon Cafe in Medfield. In March we learned about Ireland and had so much fun on St. Patrick's Day with the leprechaun scavenger hunt. Classroom 108 is so happy that spring is here and that the nicer weather has returned! We have been sure to get outside whenever we can. Our class has been learning about plants and gardening. We potted our own seeds in our classroom and have loved watching them grow! We planted morning glories, sunflowers, basil and green beans. We are looking forward to a little break with April vacation and before we know it, it'll be time for prom! So many things to look forward to!





## Room 109 - Brittany's Class

Spring weather is FINALLY here! Our friends in 109 have been loving the nice weather and getting outside more. We've been learning about all things Spring! A couple weeks ago we started our own garden and everything is finally starting to sprout! We're growing green beans, sunflowers, and wildflowers. We also ordered tadpoles so we can watch them grow into frogs and learn about their life cycle. We hope everyone is having as much fun as we are!





## Room 111 - Dana's Class

Spring is here! We have been focusing on spring, nature and life cycles. We got two tadpoles for our class, unfortunately there's just one left. It is fun to watch it swim around. Soon enough it will be growing legs. For a month we have had Ronan, a senior from Xavarian in our class doing a Senior Service Project. In the Reading/Speech group we continue to learn about community helpers. Most recently we learned about bakers. We got to role play being a customer at Ann's bakery. We practice our speech skills and manners. In gym class we have been doing obstacle courses, riding bikes and playing baseball. We love gym class. We stretch before starting to warm up our bodies. We have been running/wheeling the bases after hitting the ball. With the warm weather being here, we have been spending time outside going for walks and going on the playground.





## Room 315 - Thomas's Class

The luck of the Irish was with the Transition 2 class this month! We hosted a St. Patrick's Day event in the Jazz Cafe, where Shamrock Shakes were enjoyed and St. Patrick's Day cookies were decorated. A colorful Pot o' Gold craft was a fun activity for all.

Our class continues to be involved in shopping for our Cafe, choosing bake mixes and other items, and scanning groceries for checkout.





Satellite Program at Westwood HS -

### Ms. Kelly's Class

The Transition I class started reading our latest novel, "Dr. Dolittle". The students will be learning about related jobs such as veterinarian and zoo keeper, as well as learning about all kinds of animals. The culminating activity will be a field trip to Franklin Park Zoo.

Friendship Club is sponsoring a charity drive for Cradles to Crayons. Beginning May 1st through May 26th we will be collecting new children's pajamas and shoes, and children's books and art supplies. There will be a collection box in the lobby of the Campus School. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.





## Physical Therapy Spotlight

Bella has been doing a great job relaxing more during stretches in physical therapy! Chest and arm stretches help her sit up with a more open chest for taking bigger breaths, hitting a switch with her head, and reaching school materials with help. Leg stretches help her sit and use a stander more comfortably.





## Outside Resources:

The following is not a TEC-sponsored activity.

Two of our favorite classroom substitutes are Bridgewater State University students who are helping to chair this event!



Open to all BSU students and families in the community!

**BSU**

**BEST BUDDIES**

**DISABILITY RESOURCE FAIR / FUN RUN**

**SATURDAY APRIL 9-11AM  
29TH**

**66 HOOPER STREET  
BRIDGEWATER STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

Come join us and learn about some BSU resources and other helpful organizations such as, YMCA, Arc of Greater Brockton, and many more!

There will be a mile walk that is wheelchair accessible!

Questions? Email our e-board!  
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Happy Spring to All!

~Meredith Faletra