



# TEC Campus School NEWSLETTER

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## School News! Winter 2021



Dear TEC Campus School Families,

January and February 2021 have brought us a new way to look at the world. It seemed like we had so many days of snowstorms and also days of light snow just falling around us. There have been big and little challenges dealing with the snow, but when it comes down each time and the snow is all clean and white, it's been like a fresh start every time. The world is like that right now, too. January still felt quite challenging in terms of COVID-19. And then the new development of the vaccine coming out and becoming accessible has been challenging, but it too will give us a fresh, new start. There are steps now that feel like we are headed in the right direction. We appreciate your support this past week as we continue to do all we can to stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep our school such a safe place to be!

We held many IEP meetings throughout January and February, so it has been a nice chance to catch up with families and talk about the progress your children are making. The monthlong Great Kindness Challenge Project was a great way for classes to focus on kindness, teambuilding, and making the world a better place. The other highlight of the winter was Spirit Week. Students both remote and in-person were able to enjoy fun activities together and ended with the assembly on Friday.



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KINDNESS MATTERS  
At My School!



Please take a few minutes to view

[The Great Kindness Challenge Slideshow](#)

in case you missed the assembly.

## TEC Campus Spirit Week Winners

The following students were recognized at the assembly held at the conclusion of Spirit Week:

Monday Winner for PJ Day: Henry from Kara's Class

Tuesday Winner for Crazy Hair/Hat Day: Stuart from Dana's Class

Wednesday Winner for Sports Day: Somer from Lorena's Class

Thursday Winner for Disney/Superhero Day: Christian from Katie's Class

Friday Winner for Valentine's Day: Daniel F from Lorena's Class





## **Nursing Note:**

*If you do ever have any questions about your own child's or family's symptoms or exposures or any questions about COVID topics, please do not hesitate to reach out to your classroom nurse or Kerry Kubera, our Nurse Leader ([kkubera@tec-coop.org](mailto:kkubera@tec-coop.org) or 781-352-5729).*

## **Mark Your Calendar**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021	Early Release at 11:30
Wednesday, March 24, 2021	Early Release at 11:30
Friday, April 2, 2021	No School: Good Friday
Wednesday, April 14, 2021	Early Release at 11:30
Week of April 19-23, 2021	April Vacation

## **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

The new year rang in lots of new stuff for early childhood! We gained a new friend in our class and shared how much we admire and love our classmates! We learned all about the ice and snow and what to wear in such weather! We celebrated birthdays and got some new toys to practice turn taking and switch skills. We are looking forward to continuing to work on shapes and play with leprechauns next month!





## Room 219 - Lorena's Class

The students in room 219 had an exciting start to the new year of 2021! We welcomed a new student, Luke into our class. Everyone was excited to meet Luke and spent lots of time playing games and getting to know one another. We also started the new year making new year's resolutions. We talked about different things we could do to become better versions of ourselves. We also spent a couple of weeks participating in the kindness challenge. As a class, we had discussions about what kindness looks like, how it makes others feel, and how it makes us feel. Each student took home a checklist of different ways to show kindness and shared their experience with the class and school.

We started the month of February talking about Groundhog Day. We all took guesses on not only if the groundhog would see its shadow, but also if we believed in the idea of a groundhog predicting the weather. We then began preparing for the Superbowl. Our class took a survey on who we thought would win, checked out some halftime shows, and made comments on which ones we liked/didn't like. Of course we also had lots of fun during Spirit Week and celebrating Valentine's Day. We wrapped up the month learning about Black History. We explored the importance of Black History month and explored many inspirational people who have impacted Black History.

It has been a busy couple of months and we are excited for March!





### Room 218 - Kelly's Class



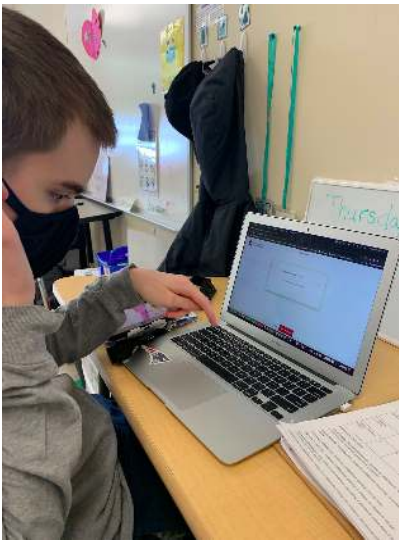
Class 218 has been busy! Over the past couple of months we learned about animals that hibernate and migrate for the winter. We also learned about cold weather and snow. We made our own ice cream to demonstrate cold. It was yummy! We participated in the Kindness Challenge as a class by talking about kind things we could do for others. Our class kept track of all the kind deeds we did for one another. We also



Painted rocks and shells with kind words written on them and gave them to teachers. When the weather gets warmer we will put some of our rocks outside for people to find them.

### Room 111 - Katie's Class

We started out 2021 by focusing on “Acts of Kindness” both small and large. This ranged from holding the door open for one another to encouraging each other during challenging tasks to sending e-cards to children at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. We learned about Inauguration Day and discussed the many jobs of the president. In February, we celebrated Spirit Week, studied polar bears, and began to prepare ourselves for the spring by reading about the monarch butterfly migration!





### Room 212 - Dana's Class

Happy February! As we continue our travel across the United States, we have recently been focusing on the Southeast and Midwest. We have been reminding ourselves to stay healthy. We have listened to Mara singing about washing our hands many times to remind ourselves how to do it. We celebrated Valentine's Day before vacation, obviously a little different than usual. It was nice to share Valentine's cards with friends and dancing. We talked about kindness and were able to share with the school some things that we are doing at home and school to be kind. In APE, we finish the class by doing a few minutes of mindfulness. Everyone is working hard and doing well listening to the audio and quietly sitting or laying down. In the upcoming months most of us will be working extra hard on work for MCAS- Alt portfolios. We look forward to sunny weather and being able to get back outside!



### Room 211 - Erin's Class

Our class welcomed the New Year celebrating The Great Kindness Challenge. Students enjoyed writing kind letters to staff and delivering them throughout the school. We had fun showing our spirit during Spirit Week. In February, we learned about Black History Month. Our class enjoyed learning about famous musicians, inventors, scientists and more. Students continued to work hard towards their goals and enjoyed time exploring independent leisure, both remote and in person.





Room 109 - Sarah's Class



Room 109 really enjoyed doing the kindness challenge! Mathias cleaning doorknobs to help keep us all safe, Sophia doing a super bowl survey. and Martha has been rocking her OT sessions! We are looking forward to what March has to bring!







Room 108 - Tom's Class

## GOOD LUCK HAILEY!



**The staff and students of Transition 2 wish Hailey Clark all the best in her move to Brewster!**

**Things we'll miss about Hailey include:**

**Her concern for others, her smile, her friendliness, her helpfulness**



Satellite Program at Westwood HS -

### Ms. Kelly's Class

The Transition I students participated in Kindness Challenge Week. They made cookies for the custodians and sent cards to class penpals and senior citizens who receive Meals on Wheels. Our student Mia started her own business: Mia and Teah Homemade Treats. Mia made dog biscuits for her classmates' pets. The students also made a video to thank all of the TEC nurses for their hard work and dedication, and hung up kindness messages around the school.





## TEC Campus School Mindfulness Words

May I be safe

May I be happy

May I be healthy

May I be peaceful

May I be kind

*Thank you for reading all about our school!*

*-Meredith Faletra, TEC Campus School Program Director*

