



TEC Campus School NEWSLETTER



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School News!

Spring 2022

Dear TEC Campus School Families, The spring is upon us for sure! It is always a strange point in the school year returning from April vacation and realizing we are headed for the “milestone” of the end of another school year. We are excited about the many fun school events that happen each spring at our school. We are celebrating the heroic efforts of our staff this week, and I want to thank you for all of your contributions to make this week great! Please make sure to check the dates below for your calendar with many special events coming soon!

In Search Of: **AN APARTMENT!** We have been searching for an apartment that our transition students could use for a learning space to work on life skills in a real life setting. If you have any connections, we would love for you to share with us. Please contact me directly at mfalettra@tec-coop.org. The students would not initially be staying overnight at all; it would be used during school hours. Proximity to Walpole, access to public transportation, and also accessibility are key features. Any leads are appreciated!

-Meredith Falettra, TEC Campus School Program Director

Mark your Calendar!

Friday, May 13, 2022	Science Fair! (All Classes & Families - info:pg. 3)
Wednesday, May 18, 2022	Early Release @ 11:30
Monday, May 30, 2022	No School - Memorial Day
Wednesday, June 1, 2022	Early Release @ 11:30
Friday, June 3, 2022	Prom! Details coming soon! (Not all classes)
Tentative Thursday, June 9 or Friday, June 10, 2022	Field Day (School-wide event)
Thursday, June 16, 2022	Last Day of School for Students



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→ **School Calendars 2022-2023:**

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TEC Campus Students of the Month - CONGRATULATIONS! 🌟

The following students were recognized at our recent assembly:

Kara's Class: Brennan

Thomas's Class: Matthew O

Dana/Michelle's Class: Amani

Trish's Class: Matthew R

Lorena's Class: Brynelle

Erin O's Class: Jenai

Kelly's Class: Andy

Caitlyn's Class: Anthony

Erin McT's Class: Trinity



TEC Campus School

Science Fair

Please join us at the TEC Campus School for an outdoor Science Fair! Each classroom will have a science exhibition to display and interact with. Families are invited to attend during the time slot assigned for your child's class. The time slot for each class is when the students from that class will be outside to present their work!

Date: May 13, 2022
Time: 9:00-10:30am

Time	Classes			
9:00-9:30	Erin O's Class	Tom's Class	Brittany's Class	
9:30-10:00	Kara's Class	Caitlyn's Class	Trish's Class	
10:00-10:30	Kelly's Class	Lorena's Class	Erin McT's Class	Dana/Michelle's Class

Location: 141 Mansion Drive, E. Walpole

When you arrive, please park in the back of the school.
There will be **NO access to the school building** during the Science Fair.
As this is an outdoor event only, masks are not required.

We look forward to seeing you!



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 211 - Kara's Class

April flew by! We all had a well deserved break, but we were still hard at work this month! This month we talked about families. We worked on identifying our closest and loving family members as well as picking them out of a crowd! We talked about how our families love us and how different everyone's family can look. We also talked about the letters, N, O and P. We worked hard on writing our letters, coloring animals that are related to those letters and identifying letters. We also worked on the color yellow. We made family trees using photos of our family as well.





Room 212 - Caitlyn's Class

Room 212 is very excited that it is finally Spring time! We have started getting outside as much as we can. We're especially excited to start getting out in the community more. We have also been taking advantage of the pool being open and have been getting in as much as we can because our friends LOVE to swim! In class we have been focusing on animal habitats. We are having so much fun learning about where different animals love and how they adapt to their environments. We are looking forward to learning more about animals and maybe even seeing animals that live in our area!





Room 213 - Dana/Michelle's Class

Happy Spring! In 213, we are very excited to be finally spending some time outdoors. We have been enjoying walks outside and time on the playground. We enjoyed our ice cream reward from our Reading Challenge in March. And we had some VERY SPECIAL visitors. It's hard to believe it's almost May! Summer will be here before we know it.





Room 219 - Lorena's Class

The students in room 219 started the month of March learning about the country of Ireland. Some of the topics we explored were the animals, places to visit, food, music and culture. We all enjoyed listening to traditional Irish music as well as trying Irish recipes. We also celebrated St. Patrick's day by going on our annual TEC Leprechaun hunt! To wrap up the month, we were all very happy to get back in the pool and officially turn in our MCAS-Alt portfolios. To kick off the month of April, we decided to take a trip down South and learn about the biggest country in South America; Brazil. This month we continued to explore Brazil focusing on topics such as food, culture, music, animals, habitats and so much more! We will continue learning about Brazil for a little bit of the month of May. Our goal with our Brazil Unit is to have each student select their favorite topic and present a PowerPoint in front of the class. We are all excited to try this new strategy where we are all learning and teaching each other. We are so happy to welcome May and look forward to spending more time outside!





Room 218 - Kelly's Class

Class 218 is so happy that spring is finally here! Our class has continued our trip around the world learning about different countries. We began our unit on Ireland just in time for St. Patrick's Day. We learned about Irish music and dancing, leprechauns, rainbows and even made some Irish food. We really enjoyed shepherd's pie and shamrock shakes. Next, we moved onto Brazil. We have loved learning about all of the different plants, animals and insects in the Amazon rainforest. We learned that the titan beetle is as big as a person's hand! After hearing this, we decided we would be a bit nervous to travel to the rainforest. Our class also explored all of the different Brazilian music genres such as samba. The weather has been getting nicer so our class has been outside as much as possible. We love taking walks and going to the playground! We have also continued to go out into the community. Students have been going to Shaws where they can work on communication and prevocational skills. We are excited to see what the rest of spring brings!





Room 111 - Erin McTs Class

We have worked really hard this month on communication skills. Two of our students are working on becoming familiar with their new vocabulary sets on their AAC devices. All of our students have been prioritizing what it means to be a good friend. We have started to have lunch in the lunchroom, we get to enjoy lunch with friends and practice our social skills even more. Our class started a new morning meeting which has been super fun! We are all excited for the nice weather and can't wait to go outside more. Our class is super supportive of each other and we could not be more grateful!





Room 108 - Erin O's Class

In 108, we are all so happy it is spring! We have been taking every opportunity to soak up the sun. We are enjoying trips to the playground and walks around campus. Students have been working hard on spring-themed lessons such as counting or sorting spring items. In reading, students have enjoyed learning about insects and plants. As always, students have continued to develop their independent living skills by exploring vocational and recreation opportunities that interest them.



Room 109 - Brittany's Class

All of our friends from room 109 are working hard on using our words and AAC devices to communicate when we need or want something. We've also been working on waiting our turn and being flexible when what we want isn't available. We always work hard to be good helpers in 109, recently some of our friends have been working on vacuuming, helping laminate materials, doing laundry and getting supplies for the classroom. We are so excited for Spring weather and to be able to get outside more!





Mastering simple meal preparation skills



Students in the Transition Program practice skills associated with daily living tasks. Matty is pictured here making a sandwich.



Satellite Program at Westwood HS -

Ms. Kelly's Class

The Transition I class celebrated Down Syndrome Awareness Day and Autism Awareness Day. The students help each other every day with acts of kindness. Our students are always practicing our classroom rules: Be kind, be calm, be brave, and be respectful!

This spring we went on a field trip to the Aquarium and to Ryan Amusement. Before we visited the Aquarium we read about all kinds of animals. Did you know that flamingos have pink blood?

To celebrate Earth Day our students cleaned up trash on the basketball court and the track. They recycled lots of water bottles!

In March our Westwood Catering Company made a "comfort food" meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, and cookies. Our students created the menu, shopped for the ingredients, made the food, delivered the meals to customers at the Campus School, and collected the money.

Our next charity drive is a collection for Cradles to Crayons. Stay tuned for more information about how to donate!





Outside Resources:

These are not TEC-sponsored or endorsed activities or vendors. They are simply events that have come across my plate and I am passing onto you.

MILLIS - ADAPTIVE DANCE

April 4th – May 23rd, 2022, with the Millis, MA, Recreation Department.

You can sign up at any time!

For ages 14 – 22. The Exhale adaptive and inclusive dance program incorporates appropriate dance styles for individuals with special needs.

* A safe space to build and foster friendships in a comfortable temperature controlled, wheelchair accessible studio.

* Includes upbeat dancing, stretching and coordination building skills.

What to expect:

- Staff that is ready to meet the individual needs of its students taking into account their emotional maturity, attention span, and developmental stage. (1 instructor, 2 assistants)
- An increase in confidence, cooperation, strength and coordination.
- Dancers can wear their own shoes and any active wear they feel most comfortable in. The host just asks all shoes to be clean and dedicated only to our dance floor for the length of the session.
- Masks will be required at all times, with the exception of water breaks.

Fees apply, registration is required to www.millisma.gov/recreation or contact (508) 376-7050 or kfogarty@millisma.gov

MILLIS - ADAPTIVE BASKETBALL

May 18th, 2022, with the Millis, MA, Recreation Department. Free. The Millis recreation staff will host an adaptive and inclusive social event for individuals with special needs.

* For ages 14 – 22



* The program includes pick-Up basketball, music, pizza, friends and fun.

* Maximum participants: 20

To register or for more information visit www.millisma.gov/recreation or contact (508) 376-7050 or kfogarty@millisma.gov

NEEDHAM - ADAPTIVE FREE SWIM

Charles River YMCA in Needham, Fridays 6:15 – 7:00 pm; Spring 2022. Free and open to those with special needs.

* All teens and young adults welcome, with and without disability (companions, aides and therapist are welcome)

* Enjoy swim laps, workout, recreate, relax and socialize.

* No registration is required.

For more information please visit ymcaboston.org/charlesriver or contact Janine Schultze, Adaptive Swim Coordinator, Charles River YMCA 781-444-6400 or jschultze@ymcaboston.org

CONNECTING FAMILIES WITH MASS HEALTH

Virtual Event, May 5th, 2022, with the Federation for Children with Special Needs of Massachusetts. This event will have simultaneous interpretation in the following languages: Spanish, Portuguese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese

* Kate Ginnis, Mass Health Senior Director of Parent, Child, and Family Health Policy and Programs will join FCSN for Connecting Families to talk about programs, updates, and initiatives from Mass Health for children.

* Questions will be collected through registration so Ms. Ginnis can address issues most relevant to families. **About the speaker:** Kate Ginnis, MSW, MPH is the Senior Director of Parent, Child, and Family Health Policy and Programs at MassHealth. In her role at MassHealth, Kate has been working to improve care for children and their families, including a specific focus on the needs of medically and behaviorally complex children. Prior to joining MassHealth, Kate spent 20+ years at Boston Children's Hospital in a range of clinical, research, teaching and policy role

Registration is required to <https://fcsn.org/event/mass-health-programs-and-updates-for-children/> or contact 800-331-0688