



# School News!

## Fall 2022

Dear TEC Campus School Families,

As the fall comes to a close, we try to take a moment to pause. You will read and see here some brief snapshots of the fun and engaging learning experiences that have happened with your children in their classrooms so far this year. We had some “back to normal” experiences such as trick or treating throughout the building for Halloween. The Jazz Café run by our Transition program has provided us

with homemade treats to purchase on a regular basis. School pictures were done, and WOW, did they come out great thanks to Marcie Randall (<https://sunscheinphotography.com/>). We also made adjustments when needed to approach group activities more cautiously, such as turning our Fall Festival into a week to allow for safer access to all of the activities we had to offer our students. We hope to have our full Thanksgiving meal next year and for this year, we will include games, crafts, and other activities. As we take things day by day, we find that we are extremely creative, resilient, and BUSY!



The holiday season in December will soon be upon us. Stay tuned for:

- **Online pop-up shop of spiritwear! Coming to your e-mail VERY soon - hopefully today! Great for holiday shopping!**
- 2022 Shoutouts to our exceptional staff (Form will be sent early December)
- Our holiday giving projects (Information will be sent early December)
- TEC Campus School Holiday Event - Families and Santa will be visiting our school! (See dates below, information to follow)

-Meredith Faletra, TEC Campus School Program Director



## Mark your Calendar!

<i>Wednesday, November 23, 2022</i>	<i>Early Release @ 11:30</i>
<i>Thursday, November 24-Friday November 25, 2022</i>	<i>TEC Closed, Thanksgiving</i>
<i>Monday, December 5, 2022</i>	<i>Online Pop Up Shop Closes</i>
<i>Wednesday, December 7, 2022</i>	<i>Early Release @ 11:30</i>
<i>Friday, December 9, 2022</i> <i>Classes: Erin O, Caitlyn, Kara, Erin McT, Shawn</i>	<i>Holiday Family Event @ TEC Campus</i>
<i>Friday, December 16, 2022</i> <i>Classes: Thomas, Brittany, Dana, Kelly</i>	<i>Holiday Family Event @ TEC Campus</i>
<i>Monday, December 19, 2022</i>	<i>Spiritwear sent home with students</i>
<i>Thursday, December 22, 2022</i>	<i>Early Release @ 11:30</i>
<i>Friday, December 23-Monday, January 2, 2023</i>	<i>Winter Break &amp; New Year's Day</i>
<i>Tuesday, January 3, 2023</i>	<i>School Reopens</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\*\*](#)

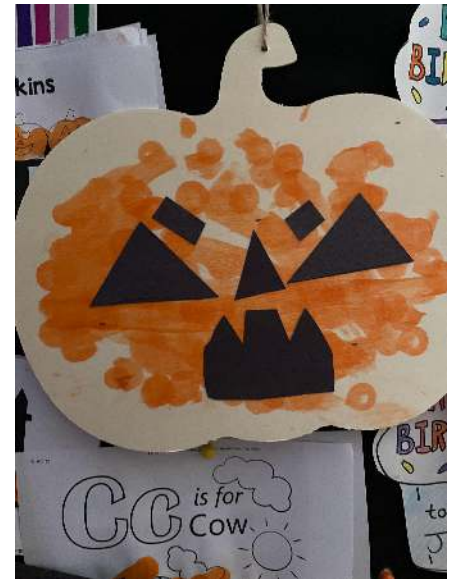


## Classroom News:

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

We were super busy this fall! In October, we talked about pumpkins and how to grow them! We decorated pumpkins, explored them, and even read about a lady who grew too many pumpkins! We also made lots of pumpkin treats like they did in the story! We read about a lady who wasn't afraid of anything and made scarecrows like the one she made in the story! In November, we talked about Community Helpers and how to be a good friend! We picked different ideas that we can do to be a "Good Apple"/good friend. We talked about fire safety, what people in our community do to help, and baked some yummy treats for Thanksgiving. We also did some really fun turkey crafts and made centerpieces for Thanksgiving in our homes! We also made friendship wreaths for our classroom!





## Room 212 - Caitlyn's Class

We have had a super busy and productive fall here in room 212! We've been working very hard on our individual goals and therapies. We've made many successful trips into the community at Shaw's and have been lucky to share this time together with some of our friends from other classes as well. We had a blast playing at the arcade and playground on our field trip to the Walpole Mall with our friends from Room 111. We have been able to cook a lot of yummy foods like homemade applesauce, garlic bread pizzas, pumpkin cookies, pumpkin pie pudding, and chicken pot pie. We are always looking forward to the holidays and make a lot of silly fall crafts like bats, scarecrows and turkeys. We love swimming in the pool and working as a team!





### Room 213 - Erin O's Class

We have had a busy fall here in 213! In October, we learned all about the season of fall. We explored the symbols of fall like leaves, apples, and pumpkins. Students used all 5 senses to explore and then describe apples and pumpkins. We enjoyed fall recipes like apple sauce and pumpkin pudding! Students learned about fall holidays such as Diwali, Halloween, and Thanksgiving. Now, in the month of November, we are reading the novel *Wonder* by RJ Palacio and exploring the themes of kindness and what makes us extraordinary!



### Room 218 - Shawn's Class

Room 218 has had a busy start to the fall season! We really enjoyed all of the amazing fall activities we had here at TEC. We had a blast dressing up for Halloween and really enjoyed trick or treating. With so many holidays around this time, we have been busy learning about different traditions and cultures.





## Room 219 - Erin McT's Class

Classroom 219 has engaged in lots of fun and progress this October/November. Our new student Isabella (we call her Belle), has adjusted so well to her new classroom. Belle is a champion in her stander every morning, and she loves to work with her classmates during group work. In our group sessions, we have been learning about the changes in fall. This includes the weather, holidays, time change and much more. We all have been working so hard since the start of the year! Our classroom is full of love and support from our students, teachers, staff, and nurses. Happy Fall!





## Room 108 - Kelly's Class

Class 108 has welcomed back their teacher Kelly from maternity leave! Many thanks to Bill, Ken and Theresa for all of their hard work this fall! We kicked off the year in September learning new routines. In October, our class enjoyed all of the great activities during the Fall Festival such as pumpkin decorating and the photo booth. We also had so much fun dressing up as characters from Willy Wonka for Halloween. During November our class has been learning about Pilgrim life and the first Thanksgiving. We also learned about Native American Heritage month. Happy Fall!





## Room 109 - Brittany's Class

It has been an exciting year so far in room 109! We've had a lot of fun learning about many things this fall. Our students are working very hard on waiting and taking turns during lessons and choice time, participating in cooking and craft groups, and helping with jobs around the classroom and school building. Halloween was one of our favorite days so far this year. Happy Fall!







## Room 111 - Dana's Class

Happy Fall! In October we talked about fire safety, fall (weather, activities, apples, pumpkins and Halloween). We took a field trip to the Walpole Mall with Caitlyn's class. We had fun at the arcade and loved eating pizza after. We had fun smashing pumpkins that were getting a little rotten. During Fall Festival week, we decorated pumpkins, explored sensory activities, listened to spooky stories, made mummy dogs and wrapped each other like mummies (with toilet paper). During November we are talking about Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and continue our focus on community workers in our reading/speech group.





### Room 315 - Thomas's Class

BIRDING! The Transition class installed two bird feeders on our third floor classroom windows this Fall. We've been watching to see what Avian visitors come to feed. So far we have observed the following: Tufted Titmouse, Black Capped Chickadee, White Breasted Nuthatch, Blue Jay, Red Cardinal, and Red Breasted Woodpecker. As we observe, we note that most seem to prefer black oil sunflower seed and dried corn kernels over millet.



White Breasted Nuthatch



Tufted Titmouse



Satellite Program at Westwood HS -

### Ms. Kelly's Class

Friendship Club with our Westwood High School peers had its first meeting. There was a great turnout, and everyone enjoyed getting to know each other.

Our students delivered thank you cards to the veterans at the V.A. Hospital in West Roxbury. The cards were delivered to patients with their evening meal. We are all so grateful for the service and sacrifice made by our veterans.

The students used the proceeds from the sale of Mia & Teah's dog biscuits to buy items for the Medfield Animal Shelter. They were able to spend time with some of the cats awaiting adoption.





## 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.

*Several of our students are loving this class:*

### [Adaptive & Inclusive Hip Hop Dance](#) (click for link)

Exhale adaptive and inclusive dance program incorporates appropriate dance styles for individuals with special needs. We offer a safe space to build and foster friendships in our comfortable temperature-controlled, wheelchair accessible studio. Get ready for 1 hour of upbeat dancing, stretching and coordination building skills. (Max: 12)

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. We just ask all shoes to be clean and dedicated only to our dance floor for the length of the session.

Exhale Dance School, 18 Union Street Suite 103 Norfolk Ages: 13-22

Mondays, 12/19-3/27 (No class on 12/26, 1/2 & 2/20) 11 Weeks

6:45pm-7:45pm Fee: \$110

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## Sunschein Photography



<https://sunscheinphotography.com/>

Marcie Randall did our school pictures once again. She can do family portraits for you as well!

*Thank you to all, and happy Thanksgiving from the TEC Campus School!*