



TEC Campus School NEWSLETTER

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Winter 2023

Dear TEC Campus School Families,



The winter has not brought a whole bunch of snow, but it has still brought lots of winter fun to the TEC Campus School! December, January, and February brought a variety of celebrations to our school community. It was wonderful to welcome so many families to our holiday celebrations in December. Students, parents, siblings, grandparents, staff, Santa (and Mrs. Claus for one of the weeks) enjoyed the festivities and photos with Santa. In January, our school hosted some school-wide activities with Snowflake and Penguin Themes. The “Snow Ball” was a school dance that also ended with an indoor snowball (pom poms) “fight!” The Transition students have been an integral part of the planning and preparation for events held at their café. They make smoothies and treats, and also prepare a craft project to do with the other students. February is winding up in the school calendar, and no better way to do it than with our Winter Spirit Week! The Valentine’s Dance was a highlight of the week, as well as our carnation deliveries to friends and also our van drivers and monitors. Students and staff have shown their spirit all week long with their fun, creative, and sometimes crazy outfits for school! Thank you to all the families who supported all the prep work behind the scenes sending your child to school each day. We appreciate you support this week and always! The return from February vacation will bring the last couple of days of February, and then we will head into March!



-Meredith Faletra, TEC Campus School Program Director



Mark your Calendar!

Monday, February 20-Friday, February 24, 2023

February Break

Monday, February 27, 2023

School Reopens

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Early Release @ 11:30

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Early Release @ 11:30

Friday, April 7, 2023

TEC Closed - Good Friday

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Early Release @ 11:30

Monday, April 17-Friday, April 21, 2023

April Break

→ **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

Here in Early Childhood we have been talking about how to stay healthy! We have tried healthy treats, talked about how to keep others from getting sick, how to stay clean to prevent us from getting sick, and more! We also made booger sensory bags! We talked about the colors blue and pink, and the letters I, J, K and L! We also worked on the numbers 1 and 2! Our students also made friendship brownies for our therapists and valentines for our friends and family!





Room 212 - Caitlyn's Class

Happy Winter everyone! We've been working hard and having lots of fun! This month we are talking a lot about friendship and being kind. We're all working on doing kind things for one another in the classroom and talking about the different ways in which we can be kind! We are trying to fill our kindness buckets with good deeds! We've also all been working hard on our goals and MCAS! We're very busy in room 212 and looking to make 2023 a great year!





Room 213 - Erin O's Class

The winter has been flying by for class 213. Students enjoyed learning about winter weather. They explored types of winter weather, the science behind that weather, and how different species adapt to winter weather changes. This month, we have celebrated Black History Month by learning about famous musicians, writers, scientists, and activists who have positively impacted our nation. Students shared their winter favorites, including cooking groups, events at the Transition Cafe, and celebrating Spirit Week.





Room 218 - Shawn's Class

It's been a busy few months in room 218! We've really enjoyed all the school-wide activities we've had! Cookies with Santa, the dance party/sing along and especially the snowball fight! Our theme for this month is LOVE and we are certainly feeling the love!





Room 219 - Ian's Class

Hello and happy winter! Room 219 has done well adjusting to new classroom transitions and welcoming their new substitute teacher with a fantastic attitude. We have been staying sharp doing our morning meetings to make sure we recognize the calendar, daily weather, and seasonal changes of winter. For the month of February we have been celebrating Black History Month by learning about notable African Americans both historic and contemporary. We have been practicing being kind to others and continue going over our turn taking skills in music group and cooking group. We have been using our switches and communication devices to work on our goals and bulking up our MCAS-Alt portfolios. We're starting the year off on the right foot and are excited for February break!





Room 108 - Kelly's Class

It has been a busy winter! Class 108 said congratulations and goodbye to one of our classmates who graduated in January! In class, we learned about winter holidays around the world and the Chinese New Year. We participated in The Great Kindness Challenge by making cards for staff and doing good deeds for others. Our class has also really enjoyed going to the pop up events at the Transition Classroom's Cafe. We loved the Snowflake cafe where we made bird feeders and snowflakes. At another event we made penguin bookmarks and listened to a story. Our class also loved the cupid cafe in which we enjoyed pink smoothies, made Valentine's Day cards and decorated cookies. We are looking forward to the weather warming up and being able to get outside again!



Room 109 - Brittany's Class

We've had a busy winter here in 109 working hard on our goals and having fun. We really enjoyed kindness week and learning different ways to be kind to our friends. Decorating cookies for Valentine's day and making valentines for our friends and parents was also fun. There's been a lot to learn about and celebrate this Winter, we hope everyone is having as much fun as we are!



Room 111 - Dana's Class

Winter is here! At least according to the calendar, but the weather is not showing it. We have been talking about New Year, Martin Luther King Jr., Chinese New Year, Groundhog Day, Super Bowl. After February vacation we will talk about Brazil's Carnival. During our Reading/Speech group we continue to focus on community helpers. Recently we have learned about mechanics and carpenters. Our class loves pretending to be mechanics and carpenters. We continue to work on our work for our MCAS-Alt portfolios. Everyone has been working hard! Enjoy February vacation! Can't wait to hear about what everyone did.





Room 315 - Thomas's Class

We've had a busy month in the Transition Program. We continue to host special event activities in our Jazz Cafe for the entire school population. This month's theme was Valentine's Day. Students were offered "Sweetheart Shakes" and had an opportunity to decorate heart shaped cookies to eat or give away to someone special. Below, Bryce is pictured rolling out sugar cookie dough, which he cut with heart shaped cookie cutters and baked off the day before our event. Thanks for your excellent work Bryce!





Satellite Program at Westwood HS -

Ms. Kelly's Class

The students in the Transition 1 program at Westwood High School met the annual Kindness Challenge with a lot of enthusiasm! They made cookies for the cafeteria workers, and the custodians, and made goody bags for the TEC nurses.





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.

Save the Date!

The 1st Annual ***Race to Embrace*** will take place on Sunday, April 30th at 9:00 at the Willett. This event is being presented in partnership with the Norwood High School Unified Friendship Club and Norwood SEPAC (Special Education Parents Advisory Council). The race will feature a 3.1 mile course for adults and a 1/2 mile fun run for children and families. The race can be performed individually or as a Unified Team. The goal of this race is to provide the opportunity for all individuals to experience the joy of movement, regardless of ability or disability. All funds raised will go to support activities that increase acceptance and inclusion in our Norwood schools. We look forward to a great race for staff, students and their families!

Hope to see you there!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Norwood/RacetoEmbrace5K12Mile>

Online Resource:

The CVI Book Nook!

The CVI Book Nook is a great new resource. It is organized by category. You can present the powerpoint book of your choice, and you can print up the book of your choice. There are accompanying activities for each book. The site is very user friendly.

<https://www.cvibooks.com/home>