

# Hampton Elementary School

## Monthly Board of Education Update

### Principal Report

April 18, 2022

**March 13:** CPR Training

**March Madness Poetry:** Team B and C

**School Spirit Days:** 3/17, 3/24, 3/31

**April-Weekly:** AQIS SR OEC team/support and Grant meetings

**April 12:** PD/coach David Howes SEL, school climate support paraprofessional focus

**March:** Development of SBAC schedules

**April:** Team B and C after school math support groups

### Earth Day Week at Hampton Elementary School.

In spring 1970, Senator Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day as a way to force the issue of protecting our environment to a national agenda. Twenty million Americans demonstrated in different U.S. cities, and it worked supporting his and other trail blazers. In December 1970, Congress authorized the creation of a new federal agency to tackle environmental issues, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Many Americans largely remained oblivious or uninformed to environmental concerns, the stage had been set for change by the publication of Rachel Carson's New York Times bestseller *Silent Spring* in 1962. The book represented a watershed moment, selling more than 500,000 copies in 24 countries, and beginning to raise public awareness and concern for living organisms, the environment and links between pollution and public health. Today all over the world children are educated about the impact climate change has on the future of our world not just on Earth Day April 22 but throughout the school year.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Outside Math	Planting	Goodwin Trip	Solar Car Race	Arbor Day





## Mighty Measurement AfterSchool Club

After School on **Four Tuesdays in April and May**

Dates: April 5, 12, 26 and May 3

### **Attention: Students in Grades 2, 3 and 4**

Join Ms. Sanchini and others for this math opportunity to take part with games and art activities reinforcing measurement skills.

3:30 - 4:15 Club Time

4:15 dismissal for pick ups

4:20 Late Bus

The late bus is available for all students. If you sign up to transport your own child then you must pick them up by 4:15. If not, they will take the late bus.

Return this permission slip to Ms. Sanchini by Mar 29, 2022.x

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I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Mighty Measurement Math Club

\_\_\_\_\_ my child will take the late bus.

\_\_\_\_\_ my child will be picked up by this person \_\_\_\_\_ or  
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\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that pick up must take place no later than 4:15. If it doesn't take place then my child will take the late bus for transportation home.

Signature of legal guardian or parent: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hampton EARTH WEEK Elementary School April 25 -29 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Outdoor Activities for each team: Measurement and Geometry in Nature	Plant flowers around our school	Goodwin Visit Wear t-shirts		Wear Green Day
Nature offerings during Recess	Nature offering during Recess	9:00 - 2:00 Lunch there Activities planned with staff and Goodwin-	Solar Car Race Team B and C 2:00	Arbor Day Celebration at 9:30
Take a Sunny Selfie	Take a Sunny Selfie	Parents - own transportation Check into masks/protocol	Nature offerings during Recess	Clean Up the Schoolyard activities
				Recess: Field Relay Games with the 4 R's Recycle, Reduce, Reuse and Rethink

Seeds have been distributed to teams - free from OceanState Job Lots  
 Composting projects = tech project contributions from each team  
 A video presentation will be made to show our Earth Week/ Arbor Day activities.  
 New garden bed is in the works, All teams will be welcome to plant and to tend it.

Caring for the environment is everyone's responsibility. No child is too young to understand her importance in the world and to begin to take charge of her surroundings, and most preschoolers are naturally inquisitive about the world around them. Design lessons that are age-appropriate to help kids understand our world and participate in hands-on activities to sustain it.

### Nature Walk Collage

Take a walk in a park or nature trail. Explain to the kids that it's not time to play, but to pay attention to everything surrounding them. Move quietly along the trail to listen for animal sounds and the crunch of leaves and rocks beneath feet. At the end of the walk, ask each child to gather two items from the path to create a nature walk collage. Closely monitor what each child picks up. You don't want anyone going home with poison ivy! Place the natural items on poster board to represent the group's walk.

### Clean Air Activity

Read Dr. Seuss' "The Lorax," which discusses the environment in a child-friendly way. Talk about air being all around us and how it's necessary for people to breathe. In order to breathe air and not get sick, the air needs to be clean and fresh. Demonstrate the power of air by letting kids blow paper and cotton balls with straws to watch the materials move. Even though we can't see air, it is constantly working and moving.

## School Garden

Discuss the importance of growing your own food that's fresh and free of unnatural residue. Section off a small plot of land or grow the garden in containers. Assign a vegetable or flower for each child to contribute to the garden. Once everyone brings in the seeds or sprouts, pass out gloves and small tools to start preparing the soil. After the garden is complete, design a chart to give each child a certain duty to manage the garden. Children will have ownership and feel success when they taste what was grown with their own hands and labor.

## Earth Day Cleanup

Explain that Earth Day comes in April and it's a time when people clean up the outdoors. Display pictures of polluted areas and explain negative effects of pollution such as destroying animals' homes, causing sickness and not being nice to live in. End the lesson by going outside to clean up any trash you find in the school yard.



**THANK YOU TO THE DONAHUES**

## **April News Team C, Mrs. Milton, Ms. Sayles & Mr. Lord**

### **April Curriculum**

In reading our unit is “Researching Debatable Issues” they will be working in groups looking at claims, evidence and making informed decisions. The issues will be environmental issues that tie into our Earth Day activities also. They will be working as a team to present the issues.

Math we are dividing decimals and working on fractions and the other group is working on graphing equations, dependent and independent variables and graphing. We will be reviewing some geometry and ratios after the break.

Science we are finishing up our Earth systems and our phenomena “What causes star patterns”.

### **March Madness Poetry Team B/C**

Winning Poem is “My Teacher Likes Minecraft”

Students enjoyed hearing poems and learning about the different types of poems.

Shout Out to Mr. Gervase for being the teacher who selected the winning poem!



### **Solar Car Rally**

Students in teams B & C will hold a solar car rally. Funds for kits were provided by the Hampton Green Energy Committee and funds for prizes were provided by the Hampton Elementary Association.

At home, students will assemble a solar car to race at a rally to be held on April 28th at 2:00 in the Walter A. Stone All Purpose Room.

### **Earth Week/ Arbor Day Events**

April 25th - April 29th

April 25th Outdoor Activities selected by teams

April 26th Plant flowers around our school

April 27th Whole School Field Trip to Goodwin State Forest, **students wear Earth Day t-shirts**

April 28th Team B and Team C Solar Car Rally

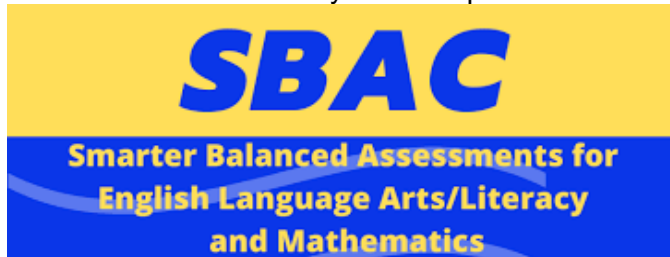
April 29th Arbor Day Celebration at 9:30

### **Protocol Change: Recess & Dismissal**

Recess will now be in open spaces with open access to the playground. Teams may mix up to play in designated areas, basketball court, field and playscape areas. 4 staff members will be on duty during this time.

Dismissal will start at 3:20. Any parents that come before 3:20 can wait in the car line or come inside for an earlier dismissal. In school, students will line up in the hall, two lines, one for parent pick up and one for the buses.

Contact Ms. Roberson if you have questions about the March Mask policy.



Tech Test Practice is taking place in April.

May 4-6 We will be taking the ELA portion in the morning.

May 11-13 We will be taking the Math & PT in the morning.

5th Grade will be taking the NGSS Science on Wednesday, May 18th. Having your student in school on time, rested is greatly appreciated.

### **Spreading Kindness**

Team C has been making cards for our school community and being role models and taking on leadership roles within our school. They have chosen a Pet Food Drive. The drive will be held 4/25- 5/06 and will be donated to the Hampton Congregational Church Food Pantry. A flier will be going home soon, designed by the students.

Have a wonderful break and holiday. Please feel free as always to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Milton & team