To: Linda Loretz  
From: Heather Tamsin  
Subject: April report to the Board of Education  
Date: March 30, 2015

Field Trips:
1. Students in grades 2 through 6 will be attending the Community Cultural Committee at Hyde Theater performance of *Lightning Thief* on Thursday, April 2, 2015.
2. Female students in grade 8 will participate in the Multiply Your Options conference at UCONN on Thursday, April 9, 2015.
3. Students in grades 2 and 3 will be visiting the Hyde Cultural Center to see the New Haven Symphony Orchestra perform *Red, White and Brubek* on Tuesday, April 28, 2015.
4. Students in grades 4 through 8 will be attending the Community Cultural Committee at Hyde Theater performance of *My Heart in a Suitcase* on Friday, May 8, 2015.
5. Students in grade 8 will travel to Washington, DC on Tuesday, May 12 through Friday, May 15, 2015.
6. Students in grades 4 and 5 will be visiting Hyde Cultural Center to see *The Magic Flute* Opera on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.
7. Students in preschool through grade 3 will be attending the Community Cultural Committee at Hyde Theater performance of *Curious George* on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.
8. Students in Instrumental Music will attend *Guys and Dolls* at the Goodspeed Opera House on Thursday, June 11, 2015.

Virtual Field Trips:
March 17- (Grades 3 and 6) - *A Nod to St. Patrick’s Day* - Minnesota

**Eastford Readiness Program** – Currently has sixteen (16) students enrolled for the Eastford School Readiness Program. One (1) of these students is a partial day student.

**Readiness Council Update:** The Readiness Council will meet on Monday, April 6, 2015. The Council will review the Local Readiness Grant.
Current Enrollment:

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Professional Development:
1. Christine Kopplin and Heather Tamsin will attend *Using the Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards (CT ELDS) to Promote an Integrated Curricular Approach* at EASTCONN on April 8, 2015 and May 6, 2015.
2. Lori Reynolds, Carole McCombe and Laurie Bardsley will attend *Connecting the Claims K-5* at EASTCONN on April 27, 2015.

Curriculum:
1. Donna Drasch, EASTCONN consultant, met with teachers on February 23, 2015 to continue working on writing about reading and performance task assessments to complement our current reading program. She will facilitate the final session on May 1, 2015.
2. Donna Drasch met with the RTI team on March 18, 2015 to plan the teacher professional development sessions associated with the Assessment Reduction Grant.
3. Donna Drasch will meet with teachers in 2 hour sessions as part of our Assessment Reduction Grant to provide information about quality assessments.
4. Michelle Bibeault, Laurie Bardsley and Elizabeth Rhynhart will visit Southeast Elementary School classrooms to observe writer’s workshops.

Community and Parent Groups:
1. The Family Math Night on March 17, 2015 was a huge success! We had over 100 people attend.
2. National Honor Society students from Woodstock Academy and Eastford Elementary School eighth graders volunteered to run stations at the Family Math Night.
3. There is a free, whole school assembly on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, *Energized Guyz*, that is being provided through Energize Connecticut.
4. The PTO is holding a Butter Braid fundraiser, beginning on April 6, 2015 through April 23, 2015.