To: Linda Loretz  
From: Heather Tamsin  
Subject: May report to the Board of Education  
Date: May 5, 2015

Field Trips:
1. Students in grade 5 visited the CT Agricultural Experiment Station to share in the presentation of an award to Anna Kellermann for her Arbor Day poster on Friday, April 24, 2015.
2. 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.
3. Students in preschool and kindergarten will visit the Southwick Zoo on Wednesday, May 13, 2015.
4. Students in grade 7 will visit Willimantic Wastepaper and the Windham Textile Museum on Thursday, May 14, 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 the 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 grade 4 will be visiting The Nathan Hale Homestead with their interdistrict penpals on Wednesday, May 27, 2015.
9. Students in kindergarten will visit the Eastford Public Library on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.
10. Students in grades 3 through 8 will visit Mystic Aquarium on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.
11. Students in grade 3 will have a historical tour of Eastford on Friday, June 5, 2015.
12. Students in grade 5 will visit Mystic Seaport on Monday, June 8, 2015.
13. Students in grade 6 will visit the Yale Forest with grade 6 students from Ashford on Tuesday, June 9, 2015.
14. Students in grades 1 and 2 will visit the Worcester Ecotarium on Wednesday, June 10, 2015.
15. Students in Instrumental Music will attend Guys and Dolls at the Goodspeed Opera House on Thursday, June 11, 2015.
16. Students in Preschool will visit Bakerwoods Farm on Friday, June 12, 2015.
17. Students in grades 6 and 7 will walk to Coriander’s to have a picnic lunch on Thursday, June 18, 2015.

Virtual Field Trips:
April 27(rescheduled)- (Grade 7)- Medieval and Renaissance Art- Pennsylvania  
May 1- (Grade 5)- Titanic- Virginia

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 met on Monday, May 7, 2015. The Readiness Grant was discussed and recommendations from the EASTCONN monitor were shared. Letters were sent to next year’s preschool families confirming whether their child has a full or partial school day slot for the 2015-2016 school year. Family surveys will be tabulated for the next meeting and an Action Plan will be developed for the 2015-2016 school year.
Current Enrollment:

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Professional Development:
1. Melissa Brown will attend coach training for PMT (Physical and Psychological Management Training).
2. Michelle Bibeault will attend the CT Kindergarten Symposium.
3. Michelle Bibeault will attend a technology workshop, “Making the Connections that Matter.”
4. Patricia Moran will attend a workshop, “Special Education Laws Made Simple.”
5. Sandra Ames will attend a workshop, “Let’s Pretend! Using Storybooks to Encourage Play and Friendships.”
6. Juliana Fox will attend a workshop, “Hot Topics in Special Education.”

Curriculum:
1. Donna Drasch, EASTCONN consultant, met with teachers on Friday, May 1, 2015 to continue working on writing about reading and performance task assessments to complement our current reading program.
2. Donna Drasch will meet with teachers in 2 hour sessions as part of our Assessment Reduction Grant to provide guidance in the creation of performance tasks.
3. Michelle Bibeault, Laurie Bardsley and Elizabeth Rhynhart will visit Southeast Elementary School classrooms to observe writer’s workshops and ask questions about the Writing Pathways on Thursday, May 7, 2015.

Community and Parent Groups:
1. Preschool orientation will be held on Friday, June 5, 2015, followed by a parent workshop, “Positive Parenting Skills” by Ruth Freeman.
2. The PTO will be organizing and providing food for the 8th grade graduation.
3. The talent show for Heritage Day will benefit the Eastford Elementary Drama Club through the $2 registration fee collected from each participant.
4. Field Day is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2015.
5. PTO provided backpacks with supplies for the Washington, DC field trip for grade 8 students.