Field Trips:
- A trip to the Ecotarium was offered to all students on the March 24 Professional Development Day. Thirty-five students participated in the field trip!
- Students in Preschool will visit the Eastford Town Library on April 14, 2016.
- Community Cultural Committee Trips to the Hyde Theater:

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- Students in grades 2 and 3 will see a performance by the New Haven Symphony Orchestra on May 4, 2016.
- 8th Grade Washington, DC trip is scheduled for May 17 through May 20, 2016.
- Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will participate in a ropes course activity at Ragged Hill Woods 4-H Camp on May 27, 2016.
- Students in the band will perform at the High Note Festival at Lake Compounce on June 2, 2016.
- Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will visit Old Sturbridge Village on June 8, 2016.

Virtual Field Trips:
- March 17 (Grades 3 and 4)- It’s Your Lucky Day! Let’s Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day- OH
- March 18 (Grade 6)- Gods and Heroes of India- OH
- March 29 (Grade 8)- Civil War Spies- AL
- March 31 (Grade 8)- Building of the Transcontinental Railway: Uniting Country- NE
- Apr. 29 (K and Grade 1)- Arbor Day: Celebrating Our Trees- PA

Eastford Readiness Program – Currently has seventeen (17) students enrolled in the Eastford School Readiness Program. Five (5) of these students are partial day students.
**Readiness Council Update:** We had no meeting on April 4 due to a snow day cancellation. At the next meeting I will get feedback on the Readiness Grant.

**School Goal:** To improve student achievement through the inclusion of cross-curricular performance tasks that require students to demonstrate and apply their knowledge and skills. All teachers will create and contribute tasks that directly connect to the ‘claims’ reported in the SBAC results to improve student performance.

**Progress towards the goal:**
Donna Drasch continues to work with teachers. Teachers have requested the opportunity to look at Argument/Opinion writing with her for her remaining visits. There will be a focus on looking at how this type of writing develops across the grade levels.

The professional development day allowed many opportunities for teachers to collaborate on performance tasks, argument/opinion writing and the new Social Studies Frameworks. Lori Reynolds provided staff with a survey to determine what topics they wanted covered during the afternoon session. The feedback that she received was around supporting reluctant writers. She also incorporated technological resources to engage students in discussions. Elizabeth Rhynhart and Lori Crocker-Lincoln provided opportunities for teachers to explore the Learning Continuum resource and the new Quadrant Report in NWEA Maps. The report places students on a grid to identify if they are high achievement/high growth, high achievement/low growth, low achievement/high growth or low achievement/low growth in each of the tested areas.

**Assessment Update:** Science CMT is complete for students in grades 5 and 8. Winter scores for NWEA show that 63% of students are at or above the national norms in mathematics, 79% in Reading and 77% in Language Usage.

**World Language Update:** Seventh and eighth grade students are now receiving instruction in Latin. We are receiving materials from the teacher to be provided and displayed to students. Chinese is scheduled to begin on May 2.

**Track Coach Update:** There are 19 students participating in track therefore we do not need a full time assistant coach. Julie Fox has agreed to do reduced support for supervision at scheduled meets and some training at practices.
Individual Professional Development:

- Christine Kopplin and Kathryn LaRose will attend a conference, *Together We Will: Serve All Children and Families in Challenging Situations*.
- Melissa Lessard will attend recertification training for PMT (Physical and Psychological Management) coach.

Fundraisers/Community:

- Volunteers from the Congregational Church of Eastford have provided a variety of after school activities throughout the school year. These included a Scarecrow Activity, Rocket Building, Thanksgiving Placemats, Valentine Activity and a Visual Journal Craft. We greatly appreciate their willingness to work with our students on a volunteer basis.
- Author Robert Holland from Woodstock will be coming to speak to students on April 15.
- April 28 will be our STEAMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics and More) evening event for families from 6pm to 8pm.
- PTO funded hands-on activities for students in PK through 8 in support of our STEAMM event on April 28.
- PTO is sponsoring the Buy 1 Get 1 Free book fair April 4 through April 8.