

To: Linda Loretz
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Field Trips:

- All students participated in Revolutionary War workshops at Eastford Elementary School through Roseland Cottage on October 16, 2015.
- Students in grade 8 will visit Ellis Technical High School and Quinebaug Valley Middle College on November 6, 2015.
- Students in grade 5 will visit Plimoth Plantation and Mayflower II on November 6, 2015.
- Students in preschool will visit the Eastford Town Library on November 24 and December 22, 2015.
- Students in grades 3 through 8 will visit the Connecticut Science Center on December 9, 2015.
- Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will see a performance of *A Christmas Carol* at the Hartford Stage on December 22, 2015.
- Students in grades 5 through 8 will see a performance of *Mummerschantz* at the Jorgensen Auditorium on January 22, 2016.
- Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will visit the Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe Houses on February 12, 2016.
- Girls in grade 8 will attend the Multiply Your Options Conference at the University of Connecticut on April 4, 2016.
- Community Cultural Committee Trips to the Hyde Theater:

<i>Miss Nelson is Missing</i>	Wed., November 18, 2015	Grades K-5
<i>Henry and Mudge</i>	Tues., April 5, 2016	Grades PK-3
<i>Skippyjon Jones Snow What</i>	Tues., May 24, 2016	Grades PK-3

- 8th Grade Washington, DC trip is scheduled for May 17 through May 20, 2016.

Virtual Field Trips:

- Oct. 27 (Grade 8)- *Pursuit of Liberty: the Revolutionary War and the Founding of America*- VA
- Nov. 6 (Grade 8)- *Math Connections in Art: Griding*- OH
- Nov. 20 (Grades 3 and 5)- *The Story of the Strange Bird: The Origins of Thanksgiving*- OH

- Nov. 24 (PK and K)- *Hibernation and More*- OH
- Jan. 15 (K and Grade 1)- *Museum Storytelling*- WI
- Feb. 26 (K and Grade 1)- *Exploring Antarctica*- GA
- Apr. 29 (K and Grade 1)- *Arbor Day: Celebrating Our Trees*- PA

Eastford Readiness Program – Currently has seventeen (17) students enrolled for the Eastford School Readiness Program. Four (4) of these students are partial day students.

Readiness Council Update: We meet on November 2 to discuss the non-residency option.

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, EastConn Consultant, will join the teachers. She will facilitate discussion and work on the performance tasks that teachers have provided to students and those tasks they are planning for future instruction on the November 3 professional development day. Julie Fox will share the information from the workshop she attended, including information on opportunities to include performance tasks throughout the topics in our *Envision Mathematics* program.

Professional Development:

- Julie Fox and Lori Crocker-Lincoln attended a workshop, *Stress and Executive Functioning*.
- The paraprofessionals that work in preschool attended a workshop, *Support and Learning in the Early Childhood Classroom*.
- Joanne Lowney attended the Connecticut Education/Technology Conference.
- Karen Bergin attended the Title IX School District Compliance and Response Session.
- Candice Mead attended the Science Council through EASTCONN.
- Elizabeth Rhyhart will attend a workshop, *Improve Behavior and Increase Learning*.
- Michelle Bibeault and Christine Kopplin will attend a workshop, *Development of Self-Regulation Skills*.
- Karen Bergin will attend a workshop, *The Early Childhood and Pyramid Model*.
- Michelle Bibeault will attend a workshop, *Make the Best Use of Free Google Apps & Tools to Enhance*.
- Melissa Lessard will attend a workshop, *The Best New Young Adult Books*.

Foundations of Reading Survey

Five Eastford teachers who instruct students in grades kindergarten through three were required to complete a survey regarding the foundations of reading development, development of reading comprehension and reading assessment and instruction. The District received the results of the survey in aggregate form and will use the data to support professional development and improve reading instruction. The state will publish the data and use the information to inform professional development opportunities in the state.

Fundraisers:

- The Sports Boosters organized a concession stand at the semifinal and final games of the soccer season.
- The PTO will have the Scholastic Book Fair the week of November 9, 2015.
- The PTO will host a fundraising night at Periwinkles where 10% of purchases by Eastford families will be donated to the PTO.
- The Annual Goods and Services Auction will take place on November 21, 2015.