

Fiddlehead News



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Discover Fiddlehead Magic

Hello Fiddlehead Families,

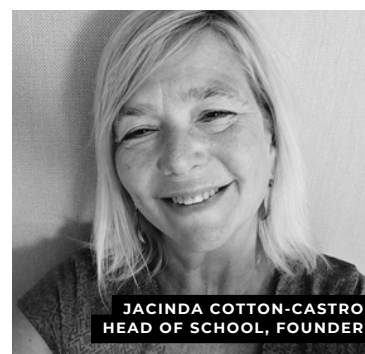
Happy New Year and welcome to our first newsletter of 2025! I'm thrilled to share a couple of exciting updates with you this month.

First, grab a cup of something cozy and take a moment to enjoy our **new marketing video** ([click here or the image above](#)) – it beautifully captures the magic of what makes Fiddlehead so special, and I hope it fills you with the same joy and wonder that we experience here every day. We were also delighted to be **featured in The Windham Eagle**, shining a light on our community and the meaningful work we do together. Please share both with friends and family!

It's always a gift to see our school celebrated, and we're so grateful to have each of you with us on this wonderful journey.

With love and gratitude,

- Jacinda



JACINDA COTTON-CASTRO
HEAD OF SCHOOL, FOUNDER

In this newsletter you can expect:

5th Grade Explores
Matter to Protect Our
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Experience

Just Around the
Corner: Summer
Camp!



Give the gift of music with private lessons in French Horn, Trombone, and Trumpet. For \$510, enjoy 17 lessons from January to May 2025, with convenient monthly payment options – **contact Rhonda at rhondab@fiddleheadschool.org** for more information.



5th Grade Explores Matter to Protect Our World

Our 5th grade students are embarking on a fascinating journey through the States of Matter.

This hands-on, interdisciplinary unit encourages students to explore solids, liquids, and gases, diving into their properties and learning how matter changes forms. The integration of fractions adds a practical twist as they plan and conduct experiments, measuring and recording data with tools like microscopes, thermometers, and scales. Beyond the classroom, our outdoor spaces become labs for mini experiments, where students observe matter in action.

As they engage with the world around them, they will also read and discuss informational resources that delve into the impact of pollution on natural systems and how we can protect our environment. Each child will culminate the unit by writing a persuasive essay on preventing pollution in their chosen state of matter.

It's an incredible opportunity to explore science, develop critical thinking skills, and nurture a love for learning—all while connecting lessons to the real world. Have questions? Please email our 5th grade teacher Ms. Sal Tinkham to learn more, sallyt@fiddleheadschoo.org.

Share the Fiddlehead Experience

Has our community inspired you and your wonderful student? Please help spread the word by sharing our Open House dates with friends who may be looking for an innovative, nature-based learning environment. This is a wonderful opportunity for prospective families to experience the creativity, critical thinking, and community that Fiddlehead is known for. Let your friends see for themselves how our hands-on, outdoor-focused curriculum could be the perfect fit for their student. Details can be found to the right.



YOU'RE INVITED
2025 OPEN HOUSE

Fiddlehead School of Arts and Sciences is a FREE public charter school serving pre-K through 8th grade. Through exploration, discovery, and hands-on experiences, we inspire young minds to think boldly, grow with purpose, and spark lifelong learning.

PLEASE JOIN US:

- Wednesday, January 29
- Tuesday, February 4
- Thursday, February 6
- 5:30PM - 6:30PM

SEE YOU THERE!

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Just Around the Corner: Summer Camp!

Get ready for an exciting summer at Fiddlehead! We're putting together an amazing lineup of summer camp classes, from clay to science experiments, gardening to theater, and even animation and coding! Details on how to sign up and what's coming up are on the way, so stay tuned. In the meantime, mark your calendars — June 23rd to August 15th (one week or the whole summer—your choice) — your child won't want to miss out on all the fun!