

Fiddlehead News



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Hope, Community, and Growth!

Dear Fiddlehead Families,

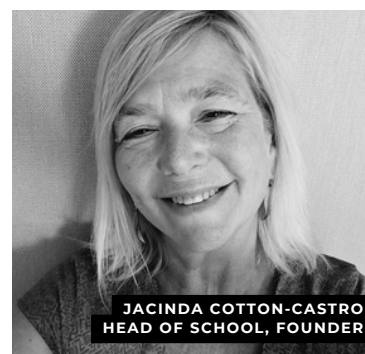
As we move further into the school year, I am filled with gratitude and wonder for the community we are building together. There's an undeniable energy on campus that lifts our spirits and highlights the beauty of learning, growing, and connecting.

We're excited to invite students and families to this year's **first "Pajamas, Snacks and a Story!"** Next **Wednesday, October 9th, at 6:00 p.m., Minquansis Sapiel**, a Passamaquoddy Tribal member, will tell the story of [Little People of the Dawn](#), a book she authored. Bring shareable snacks and join us!

We look forward to sharing more of these community events throughout the year as we continue to grow and explore.

With warmth and gratitude,

-Jacinda



JACINDA COTTON-CASTRO
HEAD OF SCHOOL, FOUNDER

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We need your help to make this school year truly special. Volunteering for school activities or joining the Parent Teacher Organization is a meaningful way to contribute to our vibrant community. We encourage every parent to get involved any way they can!

[Volunteer here!](#)



The Yurt: A Bilingual Haven

¡Sí, se puede! Spanish classes are underway in Fiddlehead's new, cozy yurt classroom, and the energy is nothing short of inspiring. Students have already begun their bilingual journeys, embracing the beautiful rhythms of the Spanish language in this creative and inviting space.

The circular design encourages collaboration, conversation, and, most importantly, confidence in trying to speak a new language. The yurt is a favorite place for exploration, where students feel supported to take risks, make mistakes, and grow—one sentence at a time.

At Fiddlehead, we are THRILLED to guide students in this journey of language. We are proud to see the success many students experience, with two recently testing into upper level Spanish classes after entering high school.

Whether it's through playful vocabulary games or thoughtful conversations, this yurt is already making an impact, and we can't wait to see how our students flourish in their bilingual adventures. ¡Sí, se puede!

If you have questions, please email Señora Kirkland at dawnellenk@fiddleheadschoo.org.

Together, We Can Be Bus Safe

Together, we can foster a safe bus environment. Our new bus driver, Rick, reviewed expectations with classes: use a respectful volume, stay seated at all times, no drawing on bus windows, and please stay quiet at railroad crossings to ensure everyone's safety. Your partnership in reinforcing these guidelines is appreciated as we keep our students safe on their journeys. Together, we can create a positive and respectful atmosphere on the bus for all.



We Invite You to an All School Sing!

Join us for an All School Sing! This special time to gather in song before the school day begins is a chance to share meaningful moments with our students and nurture our sense of community. **Our first Sing will feature PreK, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades on October 21st, and PreK, K, 2nd, and 4th on October 22nd with each Sing running from 8:30 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.**