



**EASTERN POINT DAY SCHOOL**  
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Dear Girls and Boys,

I hope you all had a nice summer as we prepare to begin the 2011-2012 school year. My family and I had a great couple of months. Did a little fly fishing, spent a week in Nova Scotia visiting my wife's family and a couple of weeks in Maine with my family. I read several books, worked in the garden, did some outside painting on the house, and spent a few days at EPDS preparing for the new school year.

As you probably know, Ms. Baer and Mrs. Gianelli have decided to move on and will not be returning. I'm happy for them as they try new things and meet new people – always exciting and refreshing. Mrs. Allenbrook will be the new Early Elementary Teacher. I know her very well and she's a wonderful person and a great teacher. She loves to read and teach Reading. Mrs. Allenbrook spends a lot of time with her grandchildren and loves animals and the outdoors. Ms. Gallo will be taking over Mrs. G's class teaching Science and Social Studies in grades 3 – 8. I know people who have worked with her and say that she's one of the best – a very nice teacher who works hard and runs an interesting, fun classroom. Ms. Gallo is into technology big time by integrating curriculum using power point, a smart board (working on getting one for the school) and other neat stuff. She loves the Arts and having fun with her daughter (fifth grade), family and friends.

Before school ended in June, you met Mr. Recine. He will teach Reading/Language Arts and Math in grades 3 – 8 working closely with Ms. Gallo to concentrate on the total curriculum while focusing on each student's goals and strengths. Every morning at 8:30, both Ms. Gallo's and Mr. Recine's classes will meet together for a few minutes to talk about the day's lessons and expectations.

Of course, Mrs. Reed and Mr. Kersker are returning for more, great Art and Music. Physical education will continue at the YMCA EVERY FRIDAY! Ms. Deej is not returning, but Mr. Recine, with help from his colleagues, will be offering drama and theatre experiences. We will also continue our Winter and Spring Performances at The Gloucester Stage Company. I'm hoping that Ms. Dallin will be working with us as well. Spanish instruction will be provided by Ms. Wood. She is in the process of adopting a little boy, so Spanish lessons will be delayed until her and Gustavo's return from South America. Gustavo will be attending our school as a first grader.

Mrs. Cronin has arranged to support our Science program with field experiences at Appleton Farms. We will continue to work with the Heritage Museum, Gloucester Stage Company, and Cape Ann Museum. Also, I've been speaking with representatives of Art Haven, the Essex Shipbuilder's Museum, Cape Ann Symphony, Schooner Adventure and Sawyer Free Library to reestablish and enhance working relationships. I am very interested in your ideas about new partnerships, so please let me know your thoughts.



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Oh, I almost forgot. Thanks to Mrs. Cronin, we have a new lunch program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You will be able to order weekly from a short menu for delivery to the school.

I missed you this summer and am really looking forward to seeing you guys next week. It's going to be a GREAT year as we all work hard, take care of each other and have fun. Have a nice Labor Day weekend and I'll see you on Wednesday.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Teel  
EPDS Headmaster