THEME WEEKS: NATURE WEEK (JUNE 8-12)

The Nantucket Public Schools Spirit Committee has come together to provide some fun, out-of-the-box learning activities for all students in the last few weeks of school. We are choosing three different themes, one each week for the remaining weeks of school, for students, families, and staff to challenge themselves for some added fun and enjoyment! WEEKLY CHALLENGE: For some friendly competition, there will be a Weekly Challenge for each Theme Week. Students are encouraged to submit a photo or video that shows something that they have created during this special theme week. Submissions can also come from individual students, or they can come from families working together... the sky's the limit!!! **At the end of the week, three students' submissions will be chosen for each school and displayed on their school's website. GOOD LUCK!**



NATURE WEEK BINGO

Try to get five in a row! Email any photos and submissions from your journeys to NES First Grade teacher Ms. Annie Dixon, <u>DixonA@npsk.org</u>

touch the ocean with your bare feet	walk to the high school pool and check out the photo wall of seniors	enjoy the sounds in your yard or your favorite park	visit a beach or trail you haven't been to in a long time	find a fork in your trail walk - which way will you go?
look to the sky and catch a plane flying by	find a rock that looks like a shape	check out the stars on a clear night	visit one of the three lighthouses	spot an animal nest
visit a body of water that is not the ocean	get lost in the Moors	FREE SPACE	look for shapes in the clouds	make a sand angel
find a shell at your favorite beach on the island	watch a sunset/sunrise	do your part - pick up a piece of litter (or two)	make a daisy bouquet or crown for yourself or a friend	listen for the Steamship horn
spot a cardinal	visit your favorite beach	check out the encouraging messages in storefront windows	make a Sailor's Valentine or any mosaic with shells	find a flower you think is beautiful

Are you up for even more of a challenge? Check out below for some suggestions!

CHALLENGES:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

- Check out the <u>Linda Loring Nature Foundation's Story Walk</u>! Read When Spring Comes written by Kevin Henkes and illustrated by Laura Dronzek, a story about the magic that is spring, as you stroll through our natural landscape!
- Look for shapes in the clouds: come up with a story about what you see!
- Find a rock that looks like a shape: can you find some others and make a pattern out of them?
- **Do your part pick up a piece of litter (or two...):** how else can you be a good citizen? Can you make a list of at least five ways?

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- Find a shell at your favorite beach on the island: find some more, grab some string and <u>make a seashell wind chime</u>
- Watch a sunset/sunrise: can you draw, paint, or sketch it? Upload a picture of it to social media and/or share with Ms. Dixon (<u>dixona@npsk.org</u>).
- Find 3 constellations in the night sky using a star app on a phone or tablet (Star Walk, Star Gazer, etc.). Write a short paragraph about each one and submit to Ms. Dixon (dixona@npsk.org).

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Check out the stars on a clear night: Did you know Maria Mitchell, America's first professional female astronomer who discovered a comet, was from Nantucket? <u>Read all about her here</u>.
- Visit a beach or trail you haven't been to in a long time: recreate a photo you have from a beach or trail from your childhood
- Audio record 5 different bird calls, identify the bird, and try to capture a picture. Submit audio recording and/or pictures to Ms. Dixon (<u>dixona@npsk.org</u>).

ADULTS & STAFF:

- Visit one of the three lighthouses: read about the history of all three lighthouses! Did you know Brant Point Light is only 26 feet tall, making it the shortest lighthouse in all of New England?
- Don't forget to count your steps and track your miles when exploring: can you hit your weekly goal?