



Dear Lighthouse Families,

Having grown up on Nantucket, I am uniquely familiar with March's uncertainty. At this point in the month, it's no longer winter, and it doesn't feel like spring; the weather can be frenetic as the winds blow and snow unexpectedly arrives; and we all seem to be waiting for something.

As the children also wait, I am reminded of so many wonderful books that keep the hopes of spring alive. One of my favorite children's authors Kevin Henkes wrote a wonderful picture book called *Waiting*. It is a New York Times bestseller and a Caldecott medalist, and while it is not a story about spring, it is a book about anticipating and imaginatively wondering what will come. This sweet, simple story reminds us to pause, notice our surroundings, including those subtle signs of awakening, and avoid racing through each day.

My daughter was a stop and smell the roses kind of child. Whether she was pausing to get a closer look at a flower budding along the bike path, gently placing a hand out for a ladybug, or taking her time to dream up the very best wish on her birthday, she reminded me of the beauty in life's simple things and that waiting for the magic was always worthwhile.

As the island awakens and summons the busy season, our days stretch longer and begin to move more quickly and fully. Recognizing that routines change and sometimes get lost when the weather changes and spring sports and programs begin, I encourage you to preserve time for nightly reading. It is one of the most important and effective ways to build a love of books and to develop a child's literacy skills.

Again and again, research supports the importance of this daily routine (all year long). Children who read, and are read to, at least 30 minutes per day are exposed to over 1.5 million more words/year than if they only read for a minute/day. The cumulative result is almost 6 million more words by the time a child graduates from high school. This exposure supports critical thinking and reading fluency, an important predictor of reading comprehension, as well as vocabulary development.

If you are ever in search of the perfect book for a particular child, our classroom teachers are a wealth of knowledge. I am also happy to share the titles my family enjoyed many years ago.

Warm regards,

Emily

Happy, Thoughtful Kids Grown Here

This week, juries in the United States delivered landmark verdicts holding major tech companies accountable for their harmful effects on children. In Los Angeles, a jury found Meta's Instagram and Google's YouTube negligent in designing platforms that contributed to mental health struggles. In New Mexico, Meta was found liable for endangering children on Facebook and Instagram and ordered to pay substantial civil penalties for misleading the public about safety.

These decisions add to a growing body of evidence about social media's impact on childhood well-being. In addition to rising anxiety and depression, research shows that frequent engagement with digital platforms, especially those designed for rapid feedback and constant novelty, can disrupt attention and reduce memory. Studies in educational settings show that screen-based multitasking is linked to decreased concentration and poorer learning outcomes.

At Nantucket Lighthouse School, we have intentionally adopted a no-to-slow technology policy in our classrooms. We focus on tangible, slower-paced activities like pencil-and-paper work, giving young minds the time and space to develop and engage deeply without constant interruption. Our approach is guided by our own educational experiences as well as the growing scientific understanding of how digital devices impact children.

I am so grateful to be part of a community of families that continues to support classrooms that cultivate children's curiosity, focus, and overall well-being.

Warmly,

Julia

Important Upcoming Dates:

Nantucket Garden Festival Ticket on Sale
Wednesday, April 1st

4th-7th Grade Parent Coffee
Thursday, April 2nd
8:30am

NO SCHOOL
Spring Break
April 20–24th

NO SCHOOL
Parent / Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, May 13th

Prom ROYALE

*A very special
thank you*

to our Nantucket Lighthouse School community for showing up with such enthusiasm, generosity, and spirit at Prom Royale. Your support, presence, and contributions made the evening not only a success but truly joyful. It was a night filled with energy, connection, and purpose, and we are so grateful to share it with all of you.

PROM COMMITTEE

Stephanie Gilchrist
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Scroll through the night in the link below.
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THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL
**NANTUCKET
GARDEN FESTIVAL**
a celebration of island gardening
JULY 7-9, 2026

TICKETS ON SALE

APRIL 1 | 9:00AM

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KEYNOTE LECTURER

Nigel Dunnett

FLORAL DESIGN ARTIST

Ariella Chezar

PRIVATE GARDEN TOURS

CHILDREN'S GARDEN TEA PARTY

Nantucket Garden Festival Tickets On Sale Soon!

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, April 1 at 9:00 AM.

Tickets will be available at www.ackgardenfestival.org/tickets

You can view the full festival schedule below.

[Nantucket Garden Festival Schedule](#)



Nantucket
Lighthouse
School

Extended Day

Monday–Friday

Meet in the Cottage

2:30–5:10pm

The Extended Day program includes hands-on activities, artistic projects, homework help, and imaginative play indoors and out.

[Learn More and Sign Up](#)



**AN ACTIVE, PLAY-BASED SUMMER PROGRAM
SERVING CHILDREN AGES 3.5 TO 12**

CAMP FOR NANTUCKET LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL STUDENTS



These two special weeks of camp are only available to currently-enrolled Nantucket Lighthouse School students!

Our mission is to ensure that every child is engaged and nurtured across a wide variety of collaborative and creative experiences.

NANTUCKET LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL STUDENT ONLY CAMP WEEKS:

June 15–18 (Monday–Thursday)

\$520

August 24–28 (Monday–Friday)

\$650

Limited space is available.

[Register for June 15–18](#)

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Community Events



ART FROM THE SCHOOLS

**Artists Association of Nantucket
Cecelia Joyce & Seward Johnson Gallery
8 Federal Street • March 26 through March 31
Grade levels 6-8 / High School 9-12**

Open to the Public - Hours:

Thursday, 3/26 - 12 to 5

Friday, 3/27 - 12 to 5

Saturday, 3/28, 11 to 3

Sunday, 3/29 - Closed on Palm Sunday

Monday, March 30 - 12 to 5

Tuesday, March 31 - 12 to 5

*** *Exhibition Reception and High School Awards* ***

Thursday, March 26, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

*Presenting the Lloyd Schultz Awards for excellence
in art at the High School Level.*



1:30PM Nanpuppets show

2:00PM Maple boil, sugar on snow, bluegrass, face painting, balloon art, maple treats

3:00PM Pancake-eating contest

4:00PM Line dancing lesson and jam



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NANTUCKET YOUTH LAX

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LACROSSE
2026

OPEN TO

1ST-2ND GRADE BOYS & GIRLS

- MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 5PM - 6PM
- GAME DAY TBD
- SEASON MARCH 30TH - MAY 25TH

SPECIAL COACHING

NANTUCKET YOUTH LAX

REGISTRATION ONLINE

www.nantucketboysandgirlsclub.org

Parents can register by navigating into the parent portal, clicking program registration, then after school programs, then LTP lacrosse

NANTUCKET BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
NANTUCKET YOUTH LAX

SENIOR DEVELOPMENT

**3RD - 6TH GRADE
BOYS**

CONTINUE TO PLAY THE
GAME OF LACROSSE
WITHOUT THE
PRESSURE OF TRAVEL

TUES. & THURS.

5PM - 6PM

**MAR. 31ST -
MAY 26TH**

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**1/2 MILE AND
1 MILE COURSES**

**Mondays
Mar. 9 - Aug. 17**

**ALL KIDS
AND ABILITIES
8TH GRADE
AND YOUNGER**

MONDAY MILE

KIDS FUN RUN @ 5:15PM

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