



Dear Lighthouse Families,

This week I had the opportunity to attend the Association of Independent Schools of New England's Women's Leadership Symposium. The event was hosted in the White Mountain region of New Hampshire, and while there was snow on the ground in certain areas, the air was crisp and the views from the venue were majestic. With the busyness of each school day, events like this are especially important, as they offer time for deep reflection and a particular focus on leading independent schools. Additionally, there are many opportunities for collaborating and networking with other school leaders from around New England. As I shared last week, these partnerships are particularly important as we continue to grow and expand into the middle school grades.

During the conference, I attended a series of workshops on topics that are widely discussed in education today: cultivating belonging at work, the science of stress and how to change our relationship with it, and trauma-informed educational leadership. The workshop leaders have been excellent and primarily work as medical doctors. The intersection of neuroscience, teaching, and leading is fascinating, and the programs I participated in were grounded in research and current best practices. My notes are dense and my mind is churning. I look forward to bringing all that I have learned back to NLS.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Emily

Happy, Thoughtful Kids Grown Here

This week, music teacher Nigel Goss introduced the children to the Maypole, a tradition we return to each spring with great anticipation. On Friday, May 1, during our weekly All-School Meeting, classes will gather to celebrate May Day.

Rooted in European folk tradition, the Maypole marks the turning of the season, when it truly begins to feel like spring and the earth awakens again. To me, there is something especially sentimental about this tradition; walking together, ribbons in hand, gradually weaving a pattern that only reveals itself with patience and cooperation.

The Maypole cannot be woven alone. Each child, teacher, and faculty member holds a strand, and the beauty of the final pattern depends on awareness of one another - when to step forward, when to pause, and how to move in relation to the group. The Maypole asks something important of us: to be both an individual and part of a community.

Warmly,

Julia

Important Upcoming Dates:

NO SCHOOL
Spring Break
April 20–24th

NO SCHOOL
Parent / Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, May 13th



Nigel Dunnnett

2026 Keynote Lecture & Luncheon

JULY 8, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

STRAIGHT WHARF RESTAURANT

TICKETS ON SALE APRIL 1 AT 9:00 a.m.

Nantucket Garden Festival

Nantucket Garden Festival is thrilled to host **Nigel Dunnnett** as our Keynote Speaker for this year's **Keynote Luncheon at Straight Wharf Restaurant**. An internationally acclaimed planting designer and horticulturist, Nigel is known for his innovative approach that blends ecological sustainability with striking natural beauty. During this special gathering, he will share insights from his renowned projects and his perspective on designing resilient, forward-thinking landscapes. We invite you to join us for this inspiring waterfront event and be part of a truly memorable festival experience.

[Purchase Luncheon Tickets](#)

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL
NANTUCKET GARDEN FESTIVAL
a celebration of island gardening

TUESDAY
JULY 7

9:30 - 12:00

VAN GARDEN TOUR
with GREYSON KELLER of
THE GARDEN GROUP
Departing from Nantucket
Lighthouse School

9:30 - 11:30

FLORAL DESIGN
WORKSHOP
with NICHOLE CHEZAR
Harvest Garden

1:30 - 4:00

VAN GARDEN TOUR
with GREYSON KELLER of
THE GARDEN GROUP
Departing from Nantucket
Lighthouse School

WEDNESDAY
JULY 8

9:00 - 11:00

SCONSET WALKING
GARDEN TOUR with
LINDSAY MOHR of MOHR
GARDENING

Departing from Larsen
Park, next to Sconset
Market

12:00 - 2:00

KEYNOTE LECTURE
& LUNCHEON with NIGEL
DUNNETT

Straight Wharf Restaurant

3:00 - 5:00

SCONSET WALKING
GARDEN TOUR with
LINDSAY MOHR of MOHR
GARDENING

Departing from Larsen
Park, next to Sconset
Market

THURSDAY
JULY 9

9:30 - 12:00

VAN GARDEN TOUR
with GREYSON KELLER of
THE GARDEN GROUP
Departing from Nantucket
Lighthouse School

11:30 - 1:00

CHILDREN'S GARDEN TEA
PARTY

Private Garden in Town

1:30 - 4:00

PRIVATE VEGETABLE
GARDEN & TASTING
TOUR with GREYSON
KELLER of THE GARDEN
GROUP
Departing from Nantucket
Lighthouse School

TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT WWW.NANTUCKETGARDENFESTIVAL.ORG OR
CALL 508.228.0427 | A NANTUCKET LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL EVENT

[Click Here to Purchase Your Tickets](#)



SALE
SOLD OUT

DATE FOR OUR SPRING SHREDDER EVENT

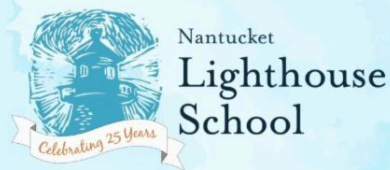
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 7 AT 9:00 AM

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



Shredder Event registration has reached capacity. Thank you for the strong response from our community. If you were unable to register, **please call 508-228-0427 to be added to the waitlist.** We will make every effort to accommodate additional appointments as space becomes available.



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](#)

[Register for August 24–28](#)

[Learn More About Camp Lighthouse](#)







Community Events



NHA
NANTUCKET
HISTORICAL
ASSOCIATION

Fiesta

Celebrate Community!

April 8 - 11

Join us for a community-wide celebration of **culture, language, and family fun!** Enjoy **free events across the island**, from film screenings to multilingual tours and hands-on workshops.



April 8, 6-7:30 pm
Nantucket Atheneum
Spanish-English Language
Exchange Program

April 11, 10 am
Land Bank
Bilingual Seed Starting
Workshop

April 10, 4 pm
Dreamland
Screening of *Vivo*

April 11, 3-5 pm
Whaling Museum
Fiesta Celebration:
Learning stations,
bilingual gallery talks,
Lotería, Latin salsa-bachata
dancing class

In partnership with



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*Learn More
& Register!*

7TH ANNUAL NANTUCKET LITTER DERBY

TIDY UP FOR NANTUCKET, DO GOOD, WIN BIG FOR YOUR TEAM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY APRIL 11TH-12TH 2026

TEAMS OF 6
2 DAYS TO COMPETE
HOW MUCH LITTER CAN
YOUR TEAM COLLECT?



57
TONS
COLLECTED
SINCE 2019

**\$1000 CASH
FIRST PRIZE**



FREE TO
PARTICIPATE

2ND AND 3RD PLACE
PRIZES TOO!

SIGN UP YOUR TEAM TODAY!
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OUR SUPPORTERS



APRIL BREAK PROGRAMS

The Nantucket Boys & Girls Club is **open to non-members in Kindergarten through 8th grade** during Nantucket Public Schools' April Vacation Week.

Dates: April 21-24

Time: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Cost: \$100

Activities Include:

Daffodil arts & crafts, outdoor activities, collaborations with the Linda Loring Foundation and Nantucket Atheneum, & more!

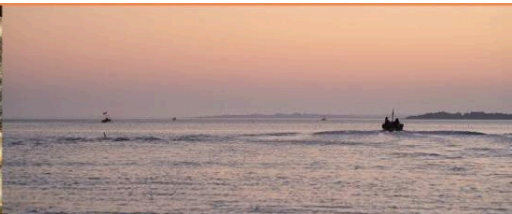
For more information and how to register, visit:

nantucketbgc.org/programs

STAYING LOCAL FOR BREAK? SO ARE WE!



NANTUCKET BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



SCALLOP AL OZA

NANTUCKET SHELLFISH ASSOCIATION



**AN ISLAND STYLE FAMILY EVENT TO SAY
GOODBYE TO WINTER + HELLO TO SPRING
+ TO CELEBRATE NANTUCKET BAY SCALLOPS.**

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