



Greetings from the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust!

As the 2019-2020 school year comes to an end, we want to celebrate the continued partnership between the Land Trust and Cape Elizabeth Schools. We are thankful for the opportunity to help educate the next generation of scientists, conservationists, and lovers of the outdoors.

This year, CELT staff and volunteers led programs with over 350 Cape students:

- **First graders** met Chewonki's owls through a CELT-funded mini-grant, then learned about the power of adaptation through a hands-on "Bird Beak Buffet"
- **Fourth graders** explored Robinson Woods in fall, discovering salamanders, mushrooms, roly polys, falling leaves, and many more signs of the forest preparing for winter.
- **AP Biology and Environmental Science** classes learned about forest succession and the natural history of Cape Elizabeth through guided tours of the Spurwink Marsh and Gull Crest.
- **Girl scout troops** for 4th and 7th graders learned about Endangered Species and Night Hiking through guided programs with the CELT Education Coordinator

We had many more exciting programs planned for the spring! While the unexpected closure of schools meant the cancellation of all our in-person programs, it gave us the opportunity to re-focus energy on resources for learning at home:

- [Weekly newsletters](#) containing not just news, but educational information and activities to try at home, including the popular [Creature Feature column](#)
- [Robinson Woods Preserve Vernal Pool Virtual Tour](#), a video covering many of the ideas from our 4th grade spring walk curriculum
- [A Learning Resources webpage](#) with many of our favorite learning resources for access outside of school hours

Stay in touch this summer! We will continue to post lessons and activities on [our website](#) and in our [email newsletter](#). Our staff and volunteers are busy planning webinars, virtual guided tours, and more.

Thank you to our members and volunteers who allow CELT, a non-profit organization, to continue conserving special lands throughout town and provide programs to educate students about the natural world. We hope that your students enjoyed their time with CELT this year, and we look forward to next year!

Have a wonderful summer,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip E Mathieu". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Philip Mathieu

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