

## **TOWN OF TRURO**

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## **PRESS RELEASE** After-School Program Registration Opening on Monday, December 11, 2023

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** December 8, 2023 – The Truro Recreation and Beach Division of the Community Services Department will be opening registration for the After-School Program (ASP) for Truro residents and Truro Central School (TCS) Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students on Monday, December 11, 2023.

The ASP is an activity under the Out-of-School-Time Community Sustainability Program, and will begin on Monday, January 8, 2024 from 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm at TCS. Programming will be held weekly, Mondays through Fridays 3:00 - 5:30 pm. The program schedule is as follows: arrival, homework time or projects, snack time, games and sports (physical activity), theme time/enrichment activity, independent time, and pick up. Individuals may sign up for a day at a time or for the entire week. The ASP will end on TCS's last day of school, just in time for the Summer Youth Program to begin. There is no fee to attend.

The ASP is essential for working families in the community. Survey results from TCS participants indicate that 76.7% of the 30 respondents are interested in an ASP. The program's Statement of Purpose is as follows: *Truro Recreation's Out-of-School-Time Program serves children from Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade that either reside in the Town of Truro or utilize the school choice option to attend school in Truro. Families of all abilities, races, genders, sexual orientations, religions, and socio-economic status are welcome to participate. No child will be denied access to the program due to toilet training status.* 

The ASP strives to provide a safe, supervised environment for children in Truro to learn and grow. The program aims to provide an environment where children are challenged and supported academically, taught about and participate in healthy lifestyle choices, and have an opportunity to participate in enrichment activities and community service. Through positive role-modeling and positive reinforcement, the program will help to promote children's resiliency, growth, and development.

The ASP strives to provide positive and consistent guidance to children based on their individual needs and development. This is done through twice-yearly progress reports, regularly occurring observations and modifications, and an emphasis on positive interactions between the staff and the children, as well as between the children.

To register for the After-School Program, please visit: <u>www.trurorec.com</u>. For more information, please contact Austin Smith, Deputy Director, Recreation and Beach Division at <u>asmith@truro-ma.gov</u> or by phone at 508-487-1632 or Adam Leiterman, Program Supervisor, Out-of-School-Time Program at <u>aleiterman@truro-ma.gov</u> or by phone at 508-776-5019.