



NEWSLETTER

April 2024

Introducing our New Executive Director

In the February newsletter, the Nauset Youth Alliance Board of Directors announced an Executive Director search to identify the next leader of NYA. After a robust interview process led by members of the Board of Directors, we are pleased to announce that Robin Huibregtse has been selected as Executive Director. Although David Rost will continue in his role as Executive Director until the end of the school year in June, Robin will begin working alongside David effective April 1, 2024, in order to effect a smooth transition.

Throughout the interview process, we were focused on identifying a candidate who we believed would continue to grow NYA's social emotional learning curriculum, as well as support and expand excellence in NYA's staffing, daily programming, enrichment activities, community involvement, and fundraising. Robin's background, education, and experience well-qualify them to fill this role. In addition to being an experienced educator with a master's degree in elementary education, who has served as an educator in both schools and non-traditional settings (including most recently serving as a Program Leader in Truro's after school program and prior experience at NYA as site coordinator in the summers of 2018 and 2019), Robin has worked with children and adults on social and emotional education, has behavior management experience in intense and high-need settings, and has sought opportunities to involve community partners in education.

We are looking forward to NYA's continued evolution under Robin's leadership and hope you will join us in welcoming and supporting them as they transition into the Executive Director role.

We are grateful for David Rost's support of this transition, including his willingness to continue in a limited capacity as an advisor and mentor to Robin and to serve as the bookkeeper for the 2024-25 school year. In addition, we are looking forward to growing and supporting Emma McBrearty's role as Assistant Director and are very thankful for her continued leadership.

Sincerely,

Heather Sprague,
President, NYA Board of Directors

Important Dates

Early Release

Wed. Apr. 3rd

NYA begins at 11 AM following early dismissal. If your child is attending NYA on an early release day, please be sure to send a lunch or request the bag lunch offered by the schools prior to dismissal time.





School closes for Spring Break on April 13th and reopens on April 21st. There is no NYA April 15-19.

A Letter From Robin Huibregtse

I am so excited to be back in Brewster and returning to NYA! I am a former Brewster resident and previously served as the summer site coordinator, so I know well how special this program is and how vital it has become for Brewster families. I have learned a lot since I first worked for NYA in 2018. I am bringing with me a master's in elementary education and 9 years of experience in various education settings, working with some of the most challenging grade K-5 students. As an assistant teacher and behavior teacher, I wrote behavior plans and helped implement 504's and IEPs. I am trained in crisis intervention, responsive classroom, cooperative problem solving, and SEL curriculum and strategies. I have continued to expand my skills at the Truro Recreation Department, where I assisted in creating programs for after school and breaks that bring in fun games, art, music, literature, cooperation, and science.

In my free time I am an artist, musician, writer and lover of nature and history. I do not believe the gender binary is accurate to describe me, so I ask that others use non-gendered pronouns (they/them) when referring to me. For simplicity's sake, however, you may still call me Miss Robin. My goal is to help kids develop a love for learning, curiosity and acceptance to know others who may be different and ensure that they are excited to come to NYA every day to do something they love and try something new. My passion stems from my experiences working for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at Rikers Island, both meeting with clients and managing federal grants. Serving my clients in jail helped me develop a great amount of empathy for those who struggle with poverty, incarceration, and other challenges. I also grew to appreciate the opportunities I had as a child to play and create. It is so important to me that the students with whom I work gain confidence, empathy, and critical thinking skills. I am honored to have been granted the opportunity to take the lead of such a reputable program as NYA and dedicated to serving the town of Brewster.

Sincerely,

Robin Huibregtse
(they/them)

Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 21st from 5:30 - 6:30 at Stony Brook. A pizza dinner with dessert will be provided and there will be a performance by students. Bring the whole family, enjoy watching your child(ren) perform, and let someone else cook and clean for a night!

Please put your child's name in clothing they might remove while at NYA, i.e., coats, sweatshirts, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, winter boots, etc. If there is a name in them, we can reunite the clothing with your child. Use a marker to write their name on a label, get preprinted labels and iron them in, etc. It would be a shame if a child were to lose a holiday gift from Santa, parents, grandparents... We also request that you put their name on water bottles. We would love to have a completely empty lost and found basket. Thank you!

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