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Special points of interest:

- ✓ The STREAM Program went apple and pumpkin picking at the Red Apple Farm on September 29th.
- ✓ This month's STREAM theme was "Autumn".
- ✓ STREAM went to the Otter River Sportsman Club for a Fall Field Day.
- ✓ The Friday Lunch Club went to Calico & Crème in Hubbardston this month.

This Month in STREAM...

The STREAM program began the month of September by celebrating fall with a fall Field Day. Members went to the Otter River Sportsman Club and had a fun filled day of games and a picnic. The leaves had already begun to change color and the view of the lake looked stunning surrounded by vivid red, yellow and orange hues. This trip was the perfect way to celebrate the changing of the seasons and to introduce the monthly theme of Autumn.

Classes for the program were Autumn themed starting off with a Science Club activity that discussed the reason for the color changes in leaves. Gardening came to an end this month and the members were shown how to break down the garden for the season. STREAM members also

took part in a photography class which showed them how to use a camera and how to take pictures. Pictures were taken both indoors and outdoors, we even incorporated the walking club into our photography lessons giving the members more scenery to capture! This month also consisted of a trip to the Fitchburg Art Museum as well as one to Wachusett Mountain located in Princeton, MA. We were blessed



Pictured above - The Red Apple Farm's main building located in Phillipston, MA.

with some beautiful fall days weather wise and spent a lot of time enjoying the outdoors as much as possible. Before we know it the temperatures will drop and the snow will begin to fly which means that most of the outdoor activities will be put on hold until the spring. STREAM wrapped up the month of September and the Autumn theme with an all day offsite trip to the Red Apple Farm. We were able to get a private group tour of the farm, enjoy a hayride, learn how to properly pick apples and even got to walk the pumpkin patch with everyone having the opportunity to choose their very own pumpkin. It was a great day that ended with a free sample of cider and a picnic. September was a great month!

STREAM Goes to the Red Apple Farm!

STREAM went on an all day outing to the Red Apple Farm in Phillipston, MA on September 29, 2014. It was very nice to see the apple trees and all of the animals. We saw a bull, chickens, some goats and two miniature horses. The weather was beautiful, just right for a day of apple picking. A large group went on a hayride, picked apples and visited the pumpkin patch. When they came back from the hayride they gave me my very own pumpkin and it even had my name on it!

We were asked to bring our own lunches and we ate in the large picnic table area. After lunch we all went into the gift store. There were a lot of different food products for sale, such as fudge, hot mulled apple cider, apple pie, apple muffins, apple cider donuts and homemade chocolate lollipops. They were very good. I bought a chocolate moon with a bat on it. In addition to all of the food items, they also sell non-food products like scented potholders and other crafts. After we were all done shopping it was time to load up

the vans with all of our belongings and new purchases for the return back to GAAMHA in Gardner. Everyone that attended the trip went home with their very own quarter peck of apples and a small pumpkin. It was an amazing trip!

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