

TODAY'S NEWS

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Early Release 9/27

Wednesday, 9/27 is a district wide Early Release Day. MES Pick up students will be dismissed at 11:30 am in the same manner as a regular day.

Student Attendance

Please notify the office if your child will be absent/tardy/ dismissed early. To report an absence/tardy, please do so before 8:15 to avoid the absent call. Fewer than 17.5 absences this year.

Attendance = learning opportunities.

Bus/Dismissal Changes

RSU #38 Elementary Schools are now using the online application "Pick Up Patrol" for parents to notify us of changes in their child's end of day plan. You have received an email prompting you to confirm your child's daily "default" plan and this will also give you the information to make any changes should the need arise. The cutoff time for changes in the Pick Up Patrol program is 1:00 pm.



News from the Principal

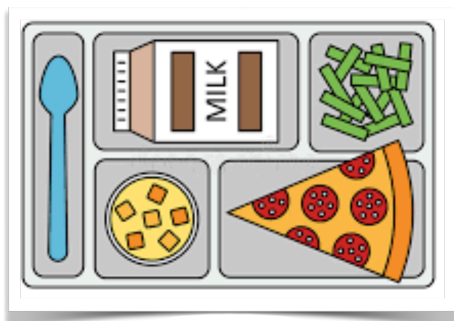
September 22, 2023

Screening Assessments:

The RSU 38, elementary schools are using a new screening assessment for all k-5 students.

Over the past two weeks our math intervention team and literacy intervention team have assessed almost all our students with a brief, one on one assessment that looks at foundational skills such as: letter naming fluency, first sound fluency, oral reading fluency, number identification fluency, etc.. The purpose of these assessments is to screen for students who may need targeted areas of intervention instruction. They are not formal assessments that measure student performance. If your child screens in need of intervention support for literacy or math, you will be notified by





Food Service Information

School meals will continue to be free to all students, regardless of income eligibility, through the 2023/24 school year. There will be a charge of \$0.50 for milk when purchased as an a la carte item and not part of a meal.

Any dietary restrictions and/or substitutions require a doctor's note.

Director of Food Services, Jen Hall can be reached at jen_hall@maranacook.com

the interventionist before pull out instruction begins. In early October, we begin assessing students with the NWEA testing. This type of testing allows assessment teams (teachers, interventionists and administrators) to measure student growth over time. Typically, we have the NWEA assessment reports available to parents with first trimester report cards. Please contact your child's teacher or myself, Abbie Hartford, if you have additional questions.

Dates to Note:

Sept. 26th PICTURE DAY - All students are photographed
 Sept. 27th: Early Release Day
 Oct. 6th: Teacher Workshop; No School for Students
 Oct. 9th: Indigenous People's Day; No School

Snack Reminder

Children eat snacks in their classrooms daily. We ask that you provide your child with a snack and a water bottle for their personal use.

Nurse Reminder

If your child has a fever/vomiting/diarrhea they must be free of these symptoms for 24 hours without the use of medications to return to school. We appreciate you reporting your children absent first thing in the morning and please include the reason for the absence.

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL	I HAVE TESTED COVID +
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Hospital stay and/or ER visit	5 Day isolation begins with Day 0 as symptom onset or + test if no symptoms

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin)	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed	Released by my medical provider to return to school	End isolation if symptoms are improving and Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin)
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Hello MES Families -

RSU 38 will be offering Tooth Protectors in school, during the school day, on 10/16/23.

This is an **optional** program that offers preventative dental hygiene provided by licensed contracted dental hygienists.

You must register ahead of time and your insurance will be billed OR you may pay out of pocket. Mainecare is accepted.

To register please click the link below.....

<https://www.toothprotectors.org/permission-form/>

For more information please visit

<https://www.toothprotectors.org>

Or

Call 207-513-1111

Or

Text 207-588-1798

Have a great day.

Back to School Paper Work

Just wanted to remind you all to fill out our opening of school documents using PowerSchool! This will not only save you and your family time but also save time and paper for our school staff and allow for faster processing. You will also have the ability to pay the Technology Use Fee online using this system in PowerSchool.

Elementary student devices were disseminated on **Wednesday, September 13th**. If your child did not receive their device, please contact the office!

If you already have a PowerSchool account, you will simply log in at <https://rsu38.powerschool.com/public> and choose "Forms" in the left sidebar. You will then see a list of forms to fill out. If you have more than one child, you can navigate to each child and fill out the forms from there