



Mt. Vernon Elementary School News



“A Caring School Community Dedicated to Excellence”

PRINCIPAL PEN

Have you ever considered volunteering in our school? Volunteering in school has many benefits for you and your child. Volunteering shows your child that their education is an important investment. It is also a great way to show that there is value in helping out in the community and being part of the greater good.

Anne Henderson and Nancy Berla state in their book “A New Generation of Evidence: The Family is Critical to Student Achievement” that students reap huge rewards from parental involvement at school including:

- Improved grades
- Improved behavior
- Higher test scores
- Better attendance
- Better social skills

For younger children just entering preschool or kindergarten, having a familiar face in the classroom can help them feel comfortable.

Ways that you can volunteer:

- Complete Prep work. Cutting out letter/word cards, laminating, or taking down/putting up bulletin boards
- Reading with students-taking one or two students at a time and listening to them read to you
- Helping with book fairs or school dances
- Joining the PTC
- Monitoring the lunchroom or playground. Lunchroom and playground monitors have an important job in keeping the peace among the students. You can help promote that peace-you’ll also have the opportunity to get to know your child’s classmates!
- Help in the library shelving books or helping students choose books.

If you are interested in volunteering, you must fill out volunteer paperwork.

Please contact Sarah Plante in our school office at 293-2261, or email: sarah_plante@maranacook.com

Michelle Hood, Principal





Lunch Menu for October 9-13

Monday: No School

Tuesday: Kickin' Chicken Nuggets

Wednesday: Creamy Macaroni & Cheese

Thursday: Tender Rib-b-Que on a bun

Friday: Oven-Baked Pizza

2nd Choice: Sunbutter & Jelly



Important Dates to Remember:

10/6: No School

10/9: Indigenous Peoples Day

10/10-10/18 NWEA Testing, get your rest, and do your best.

10/12 Fire Safety

10/18: Tooth Protectors

10/19: Curriculum Night 6:00-7:00 pm

10/19: Flu Clinic

10/27: Halloween Dance, sponsored by our PTC. More information to come.

10/30: Lifetouch Retakes.

New orders go to www.mylifetouch.com Order code: EVTP9WKQK.

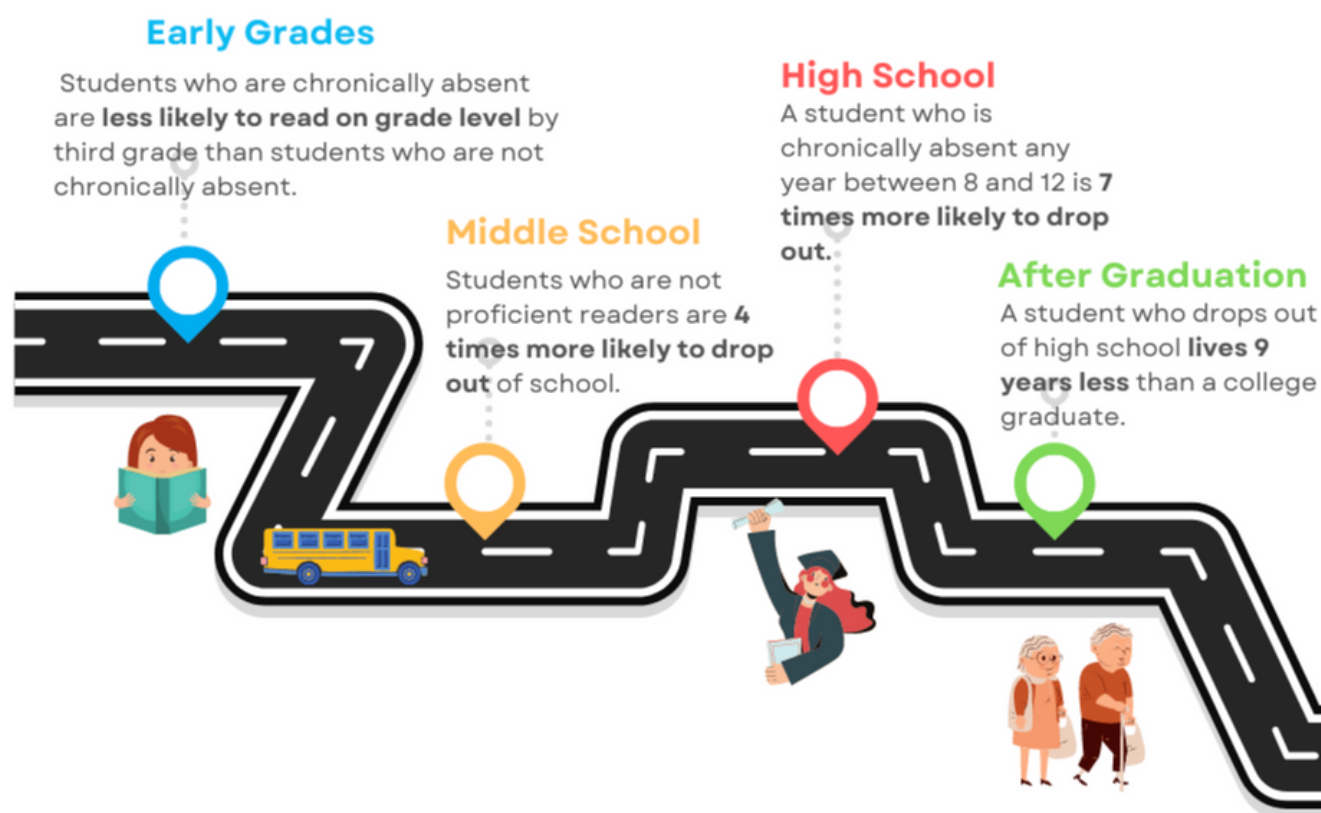




Message from Maranacook Education Foundation (MEF) - As we begin another school year, MEF would like you to be aware of the following program that we sponsor. The Foundation believes, and we're sure that many in the community agree, that we have excellent employees in our school district who provide outstanding educational and support services to the students we serve. In an effort to show appreciation for their service, we created a process to recognize employees each month. Recipients for this recognition are randomly selected from employees nominated for their excellent efforts by fellow staff, parents, students and community members. Each recipient receives a small honorarium and most importantly, the public recognition they so richly deserve. Those nominated can be teachers, administrators, coaches and support staff who work in every department in the district. Please use [this link](#) to complete the nomination form if you would like to make your admired employee a candidate for this recognition.









Why Attendance Matters





NURSE NOTES



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)

5-2-1-0

CLASSROOM SPECIAL SNACK REMINDER

As the good weather arrives parents often make plans to bring in special snacks. to We would like to remind you that in order to support the 5-2-1-0 initiative and keep our students safe from life-threatening allergies, we kindly request that food intended to be shared with other students, be pre-approved through the school nurse (this would include any heat-related snacks) per school board policy JL. Pre-approval will need to take place in advance of the event by obtaining the JL - parent form.

Please call or email Jennifer VonDeesten at : 293-2261 or Jennifer_VonDeesten@maranacook.com

Please see the form Parents must fill out prior to bringing in any snacks in to school.

Thank you for understanding



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

During the upcoming Thanksgiving season, we understand that Thanksgiving dinner may be a hardship for many.

If your family requires assistance with a holiday meal or food in general please find a list of local resources below:

Maranacook Area Food Pantry (serving all of the RSU38 districts): Email foodpantry@maranacook.com or call Kim Fletcher at 207-685-3128 ext.1180

Mt Vernon First Baptist Church Food Bank (serving Mt. Vernon, Readfield, Fayette, Manchester and Vienna): Call (207) 293-2273



The *Maine Education Assessments* (MEA)

Why Participation Matters



Why does Maine have a standardized test?

Federal requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires Maine to administer a standardized test. This is one of many requirements that enable Maine to accept more than \$70 million in federal funding for Maine schools.



How are scores used?

The state-level standardized assessments are only one academic measurement of how students are performing. There are many other forms of evaluation that help educators and schools determine how students are doing in school, academically, socially, and emotionally. MEAs can be useful as one small part of a much bigger picture of student achievement and of school success.



What is required?

Students in grades 3-8 and in their 2nd Year of high school for Mathematics and Reading and 3rd Year in high school for science and alternative assessments. ESEA requires that 95% of students (who are eligible to test) participate. Maine has selected assessments that are relatively brief and provide summative growth measure.

What if Maine does not reach 95% participation?

95%

Maine could receive less federal funds for Maine schools that are experiencing significant challenges. Participation rates lower than 95% can also skew performance data for the school.

1%

What about students with disabilities?

Students with most significant cognitive disabilities are assessed with an alternate assessment. Federal requirements do not allow greater than 1% of the population to participate in the alternate assessment. This could also result in an impact on federal funds. Should a state exceed the 1% cap, a waiver can be requested from the U.S.DOE. A prerequisite of applying for the waiver is 95% participation in the MEAs.



Where does the data come from?

Participation rate data comes from the annual spring assessment results and Maine DOE student records. The Maine DOE utilizes district reported enrollment data and aligns it with participation in the MEAs for each of the applicable grades.