



Mt. Vernon Elementary News

"A CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE"



PRINCIPAL PEN BY MICHELLE HOOD

AS WE ENTER THE FINAL PHASE OF OUR SCHOOL YEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT OUR TEACHER/STUDENT/PARENT COMPACT.

THIS COMPACT IS OUR AGREEMENT WITH ONE ANOTHER TO UPHOLD OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR CHILDREN. WE PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN SHAPING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND CREATING THE BEST VERSION OF THEMSELVES POSSIBLE.



PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REVIEW.



RSU#38 Maranacook Area Schools

"A caring school community dedicated to excellence."

Teacher/Student/Parent Compact

Mt. Vernon Elementary School

It is our belief that all students will achieve success through the commitment of parents, teachers, and the students themselves.

The School Staff will:

- Support all students, all the time, and share responsibility.
- Provide a warm, safe, and caring learning environment.
- Have high expectations and help every child to develop a love of learning.
- Communicate regularly with families about student progress.
- Use a variety of instructional strategies.
- Participate in professional development opportunities that improve teaching and learning and support the formation of partnerships with families and the community.
- Respect the school, students, staff, and families.

Teacher Signature

Date

As a Student, I will:

- Talk to my family about what I am learning.
- Come to school each day, ready to learn and work hard.
- Complete and return homework assignments.
- Be actively involved in my learning.
- Always do my best work.
- Work through hard challenges.
- Be safe, responsible, and respectful.

Student Signature

Date

As a Parent/Guardian, I will:

- See that my child attends schools regularly and on time.
- Support the school in ensuring that your child is safe, responsible, and respectful.
- Establish a time for homework and be available for questions.
- Read with my child and let my child see me read.
- Stay aware of what my child is learning.
- Respect the school, staff, students and families.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date





Important info regarding The Role of our School Board

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BALANCING INTERESTS AND MAKING TOUGH DECISIONS: THE ROLE OF SCHOOL BOARDS

SCHOOL BOARDS HAVE THE CRITICAL RESPONSIBILITY OF OVERSEEING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND MAKING IMPORTANT DECISIONS THAT IMPACT STUDENTS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY. THIS OFTEN REQUIRES BALANCING COMPETING INTERESTS AND PRIORITIES AMONG DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS WHILE KEEPING STUDENTS' BEST INTERESTS AT THE FOREFRONT.

FOR EXAMPLE, SCHOOL BOARDS MUST BALANCE PARENTAL DESIRES FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WITH BUDGET LIMITATIONS AND RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS. WHILE PARENTS MAY ADVOCATE STRONGLY FOR MUSIC, ARTS, AND ATHLETICS, THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS THE DIFFICULT TASK OF WEIGHING THOSE REQUESTS AGAINST THE NEEDS FOR TEXTBOOKS, FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, TRANSPORTATION, AND REASONABLE CLASS SIZES. WITH LIMITED FUNDING TO GO AROUND, NOT EVERY STAKEHOLDER'S DEMAND CAN BE FULLY SATISFIED.

SIMILARLY, SCHOOL BOARDS GRAPPLE WITH DEMANDS FROM TEACHERS' UNIONS REGARDING SALARIES, BENEFITS, AND WORKING CONDITIONS WHILE ALSO FACING PRESSURES TO LIMIT TAX INCREASES AND CONTROL COSTS. TRYING TO SUPPORT TEACHERS WHILE MAINTAINING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IS A COMPLEX BALANCING ACT. THE DIVERSE VIEWS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY ON DISCIPLINE POLICIES, CURRICULUM STANDARDS, TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES, AND MORE ALSO PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN MANY SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS.

ULTIMATELY, SCHOOL BOARDS SERVE THE STUDENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT FIRST AND FOREMOST. HOWEVER, DETERMINING WHAT BEST SERVES STUDENTS IS SELDOM COMPLETELY CLEAR AND OFTEN INVOLVES AGONIZING DECISIONS AND NO PERFECT ANSWERS. OPEN COMMUNICATION AND EARNEST EFFORTS TO UNDERSTAND COMPETING PERSPECTIVES CAN HELP BOARDS EXPLAIN THE RATIONALE FOR DIFFICULT CHOICES. STILL, IN A LANDSCAPE OF LIMITED RESOURCES AND VARYING PRIORITIES ACROSS STAKEHOLDERS, SOMEONE MAY END UP DISAPPOINTED. BY FOCUSING ON THE STUDENTS AND KEEPING THEIR SUCCESS AT THE CENTER, BOARDS CAN MAINTAIN POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS DESPITE TOUGH DECISIONS. THE JOB OF A SCHOOL BOARD TO OVERSEE DISTRICTS AND MAKE COMPLEX DECISIONS BALANCING STAKEHOLDER INTERESTS IS NOT AN EASY ONE. BUT IT REMAINS PARAMOUNT TO SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION IN EVERY COMMUNITY.

BUDGET DOCUMENTS

RSU 38 SCHOOL BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

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A Day at the Gulf of Maine



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5TH GRADE TRIP TO THE GULF OF MAINE



Our lab investigates ecological information about economically important fish, ensuring our world-class fisheries can adapt to changes.

Understanding where fish move, undertake, how they behave, and what resources they need is critical information for fisheries managers. Our lab studies these critical components to help fishermen and fishery managers to stay ahead of the curve, avoid overfished populations, and ensure the sustainability of fish populations. Currently, we focus on key species such as Atlantic herring, Atlantic cod, American lobster, Atlantic salmon, and northern shrimp, among others. At the Gulf of Maine Institute, we work to understand the most important factors in the process, understanding how fish will respond to warming is more important than ever.



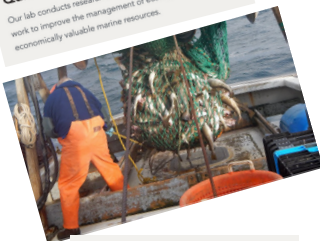
HELLO FAMILIES,

THE FIELD TRIP TO THE GULF OF MAINE INSTITUTE IS ONE THAT THE 5TH-GRADE STUDENTS LOOK FORWARD TO EVERY YEAR. THEY START THEIR DAY BY ARRIVING AT SCHOOL AT 6:45 A.M. TO BOARD THE COACH BUS AND DEPART AT 7:00 A.M. THE NEXT STOP IS TO HEAD TO WAYNE ELEMENTARY AND PICK UP THE 5TH GRADERS AND THEN THEY ARE OFF FOR A DAY OF EDUCATION AND FUN!



Quantitative Fisheries Research

Our lab conducts research and participates in science advisory work to improve the management of ecologically and economically valuable marine resources.



Fisheries Ecology

Our lab investigates ecological information about economically important fish, to ensure that fisheries can adapt to changes and operate at world-class levels.



Pelagic Fisheries

Our lab uses cutting edge science to fill life history gaps for highly valuable and migratory species, and by doing so, improve management capacities.



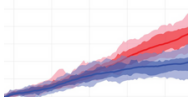
Integrated Systems Ecology

Our lab works to distill and analyze complex ocean dynamics to inform decision-makers and promote sustainability and resiliency in the Gulf of Maine.



Climate Change Ecology

Our lab seeks to understand how warming, acidification, and deoxygenation alter marine ecosystems.



Coastal and Marine Economics

Our lab seeks to understand the mechanisms behind our decisions and behaviors, and how they relate to coastal and marine resource uses.



Ocean Data Products

Our team of experts transforms a constant flow of complex ocean data into simplified, accessible information streams and visuals for a diverse range of stakeholders.





LUNCH MENU APRIL 8-11

MONDAY: YUMMY PESTO FLAT BREAD
 TUESDAY: HEARTY MEATLOAF W/MASH POTATO & GRAVY
 AND CINNAMON ROLL
 WEDNESDAY: FINGER LICKIN' CHICKEN & WAFFLES
 THURSDAY: OVEN BAKED PIZZA
 FRIDAY: WORKSHOP DAY

2ND CHOICE: SUNBUTTER & JELLY



WHAT'S GOING ON:

April 8: Total Eclipse.

April 9: Lifetouch Spring Pictures, go online to order: lifetouch.com use student ID: EVT4ZQQSQ.

April 9: 5th grade Transitioning Fair in MCMS Gym from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

April 11: CMP "Safty City" will be here to demonstrate Powerline Safety for grades 2-5.

April 15-19: Spring Vacation.

April 24: Tooth Protectors will be here in the am.

April 25: 4th Grade Field Trip to MCHS. Our 4th-grade students will attend a High School Band Class.

May 3: Cynthia Lord, Maine Author of Handful of Stars, and Hotrod Hamster will be here to read to our students and discuss what it is like to write books!

May 10: Pre-K Screening will be at Readfield Elementary School. Call to schedule your appointment today.

May 22: Field Trip for grades K-5 to Monmouth Theater to see The Velveteen Rabbit.

May 23: Art Show 5-7 at MTVES. Volunteers needed. Contact Mrs. Blake at: nicole.blake@maranacook.com

May 28: Kindergarten Screening at MTVES.

June 4: John Meader Northern Lights Planetarium will be here for the day!

June 6: The 5th Grade is heading to Boston!

June 7: The 5th Grade field day at the MCMS.

June 10: MTVES field day!!

June 11: Last day of school / early releases at 11:40.

June 15: Town of Mt Vernon Meeting at MTVES begins at 8:00 a.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

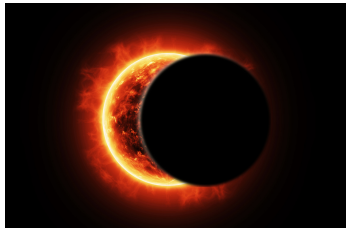
April 10: Vote on Budget: workshop (second Wednesday)

May 1: Business Meeting

May 8 RSU #38 Annual Budget Meeting at MCMS Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

All Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

CAN YOU LOOK AT A SOLAR ECLIPSE?



Monday, April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse

You cannot safely look at the Sun.

You need eye protection. Not with regular sunglasses, not with binoculars, not through a camera lens, and not through a telescope. Not in any way except with a special-purpose solar filter secured over the front of the optics.

Glasses will be sent home with your student on Monday.

