

READFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 1st, 2023

Important Dates

December 1 - Readfield Annual Tree Lighting 6:30 p.m. at the Readfield Community Library

December 11 - Hanukkah Event 6:00 p.m. at the Readfield Community Library

December 18 - 21 - Holiday Spirit Week - See attached for the themed days

December 21 - Early Release Day - 11:40 Dismissal and No Pre-K

December 22 - January 1 - No School - Winter Break



Principal's Notes by Jeff Boston

Remote Day Lunch Sign Ups

Parents and guardians – as winter weather approaches, please note that the school board has approved both remote learning days and storm days to handle any severe weather events or other situations that may disrupt normal school operations. If the superintendent decides to use a remote learning day in lieu of a snow day. The board opted to include two remote learning days in this year's school calendar. We will assign work for students to complete from home on those dates - please see the appropriate school level plans for the remote day that will be shared in this newsletter. If you would like to sign up for breakfast/lunch for remote days please use the following link: <https://forms.gle/YByLYrccoYgiAr3z8> The calendar also designates two full snow days when no remote work will be required, should inclement weather force schools to close. Check the district website and local media for announcements on remote learning days, delays, or closures this winter. If you have any questions on emergency day policies, please contact your school principal.

Superintendent Charette

Remote Learning Days Overview

We believe that learning can take place anytime and anywhere. Remote

Learning Days will allow our academic schedule to continue uninterrupted, which is vital to both short-term and long-term learning and success. These days will also enable us to take advantage of our investment in technology and will help students develop skills in independence and time management.

Goal: To implement an alternative instructional process that is flexible yet meets the standard for structured learning time so that school days missed for inclement weather can be counted towards the required days of instruction for the calendar year. This requires several objectives and an understanding that this may look different at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

General information and procedures

1. GENERAL PLAN FOR REMOTE LEARNING DAYS

- Remote Learning Days are designed to reduce the impact and disruption to the school calendar and programs due to inclement weather.
- These days will only be called on a day we would normally have called off school due to snow. If we can have school, we still will!
- A Remote Learning Day is a day that students and teachers stay home but it is a school day. Students and teachers are expected to work that day so we can reduce our lost days and not have to make them up at the end of the year or on a Saturday in the spring.
- We will only have a Remote Learning Day if we expect to have power during the snow event.
- Any Remote Learning Day will be stated clearly via the district's automated notification by the Superintendent.

2. GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR Remote Learning DAYS – APPLICABLE TO ALL SCHOOLS

- From 8:15 am - 3:00 p.m. -teachers, school counselors, nurses, interventionists, and librarians will be available for students and families to contact virtually, as needed.
- Student needs related to established additional school supports (ELL, 504, IEP) will have their work modified based upon their needs. This will happen prior to the Remote Learning Days and may include additional time and resources for these students upon their return to school.

School Specific Information

1. ELEMENTARY REMOTE LEARNING DAYS PROCEDURES

The district's elementary schools will post SEESAW activities as the instructional model for Remote Learning Days. Teachers may choose to include "Blizzard Bags" with additional materials as needed. Assignments on SEESAW have been

carefully selected by teachers so that they can be completed independently by students. “Blizzard Bags” and SEESAW activities will include activities in Reading, Writing, and Math. Students will also complete an activity related to Social Studies, Science Art, Music, or PE.

- Teachers will need to prepare “Blizzard Bags” ahead of time. Special Educators will assist general classroom teachers in preparing these bags for students on their caseload.
- Students will receive their “Blizzard Bag” prior to the Remote Learning Day.
- All students are expected to complete the assignments independently putting forth their personal best effort (parents may read directions to students if needed).
- Completion of the “Blizzard Bag” and SEESAW activities is required for all K-5 students if we have a Remote Learning Day.

RSU38 Remote Learning Opportunity Grade Pre-K to 5		
Objective: These are activities that students can complete independently to maintain skills learned in school.		
Sample schedule		Important information
Suggested Time Frames	What are you going to learn today?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher by email with questions.• Set goals: setting daily goals for what your child will accomplish can help to make tasks meaningful and build confidence for students.
15 min - 30 mins per day math activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ We strongly suggest you establish a routine for example 2 to 3 learning activities in the morning and 2 to 3 <u>learning activities in the afternoon.</u> (Whatever fits your situation.)	
15 min - 30 mins per day Reading together		
15 - 30 mins per day Writing		
15 - 30 mins per day movement activity		
Choose 1 of the following areas to do each day: music, art, science, or social studies 15 - 30 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Students should be doing a variety of learning tasks. Use the websites, menus, or resource packet to find something interesting to learn in each category.❖ This is a suggested <u>time-frame.</u> Your child may do more or less depending on what's appropriate for them!	
Optional activities 15 - 30 mins	Choose an activity from the menu or have your child explore a topic of their interest.	

The Maranacook Education Foundation (MEF) is pleased to announce the 2023 Grant Awards. These awards are given to school and community groups who provide services to students within the Maranacook Area School District. To view a list of the projects awarded this year, [please click on this link](#). Each application was reviewed and scored by selected board members from the foundation, and all who participated in this process were thrilled with the creativity of the proposals. We look forward to hearing about the many positive impacts that our students will receive as a result of these projects. For more information about our Foundation, please visit [our website](#).

On behalf of the staff at Readfield Elementary School, we would like to thank the parents for their attendance and support at parent/teacher conferences this month. We had an attendance rate of 80%. Your support and commitment to developing an educational partnership to benefit your child with RES is quite evident and greatly appreciated!

With the winter season upon us, it is important your child dresses appropriately for recess. Please ensure your child has the following winter attire: jacket, pants, boots, hat and mittens. We do not want them spending the remainder of the day in wet clothing. Thank you for your support at home.

Upcoming Events:

December 6th - RSU #38 School Board meeting beginning at 6:30 pm at MCMS in the cafeteria.

December 21st - Early Release Day

December 22nd - January 1st - No School-Winter Break

Enjoy your weekend!



OUTERWEAR AVAILABLE

We have new and gently used coats, snow pants, and boots. Please contact Nurse Jada if your children are in need of any of these items. 685-4406 ext. 1 or jada_clark@maranacook.com