

WAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

DEAR FAMILIES, THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL WAS GREAT!!! STUDENTS HAVE SETTLED IN AND SEEM EXCITED ABOUT BEING BACK!! BARE WITH US AS WE STILL ARE TRYING TO NAVIGATE DISMISSAL TO MAKE IT AS SMOOTH FOR EVERYONE AS POSSIBLE! HAVE A FANTASTIC LONG WEEKEND.

Weekly Menu

WEEK OF 08/28/2023

MON- NO SCHOOL- HOLIDAY

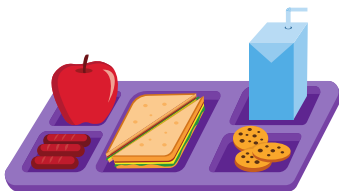
TUES- -BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICH

WED- CHEESE LASAGNA W/ROLL

THURS-CHICKEN QUESADILLA

FRI- PIZZA! PIZZA!

SUN BUTTER AVAILABLE DAILY



Upcoming Dates

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER

09/04-NO SCHOOL-HOLIDAY

09/27-EARLY RELEASE DAY

OCTOBER

10/06-NO SCHOOL-WORKSHOP

10/09-NO SCHOOL-HOLIDAY

10/19- CURRICULUM NIGHT

6:00-7:00PM

SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER:

WATER BOTTLES

SNACKS

SNEAKERS FOR PLAYGROUND AND GYM

PRINCIPAL NOTES

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The first week of school has come and gone! We had an amazing start to the year connecting with returning students and building relationships with new ones. Much of the other parts of our day were spent establishing positive routines and expectations. The cornerstone of that work, for our entire school community, is Morning Meeting which happens on a daily basis. Morning Meeting is a time when all staff and students gather in the gym to greet each other, celebrate each other, and set a shared vision for how we will treat each other and our space. We do this because we understand the power of belonging.

"The behavior and attitudes of others has a *huge* influence on our own. When a large number of people within a group (like a class or school) adopt a similar behavior this 'social norm' effect becomes so powerful that it can often override more formal policies and rules... Social norms are powerful. However, the strength of their influence rests heavily on how much we *feel part of* and *identify with* those exhibiting the norms. In short, behavior and learning are partly a product of 'belonging' in school," ([Snacks: The Power of Belonging, Peps Mccrea.](#))

The routines and activities that teachers develop for Morning Meeting truly create a unique identity for Wayne. Our ultimate goal at WES, is that every student feels a sense of ownership for and belonging in our school. So when your child comes home next week, help us foster that sense of community by inquiring about Morning Meeting! Here are some questions to help get the conversation started:



- What did you talk about in Morning Meeting today?
- What song did you sing? How did it make you feel?
- Which teacher led Morning Meeting today?
- What made Morning Meeting special today?
- How do you celebrate birthdays in Morning Meeting?
- What do you like or dislike about Morning Meeting?

Tell us how your conversations went! We'd love to hear what your children

share and may post them in an upcoming newsletter!

WES ROCKS! 🍌

Jeanette Jacobs
WES Principal

REMINDER

STUDENT/PARENT

PORTAL

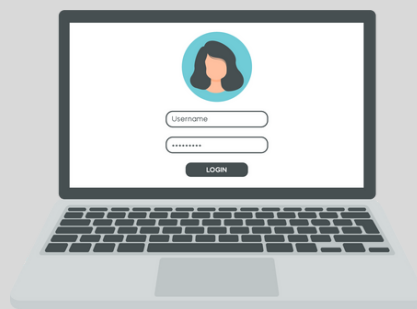
I want to stress the importance of filling out the yearly forms as soon as possible, We rely on updated and accurate information so we can take the best care of your child(ren) while they are at school and in case of any emergency we are able to reach you.

Nurse Jennifer also needs updates on Health information found in the online forms as promptly as you can. If you need assistance, please call the office at:

685-3634

VERY IMPORTANT

PLEASE FILL OUT THE STATE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED FORM FOUND UNDER "GENERAL" IN THE FORMS (THE FIRST FORM) WHETHER YOU QUALIFY OR NOT EVERYONE NEEDS TO FILL THIS OUT. FILLING THIS OUT IS IMPERATIVE IN ENSURING WE CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH TO OUR STUDENTS . THANK YOU!



NOTES FROM THE NURSE

IMPORTANT

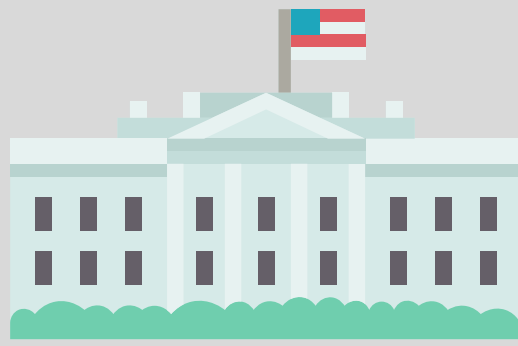
KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR DOCTORS OFFICE FAX YOUR CHILDS 5 YEAR
PHYSICAL TO THE SCHOOL NURSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
FAX TO 207-685-9172**

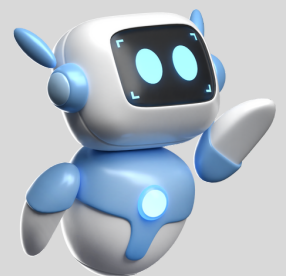
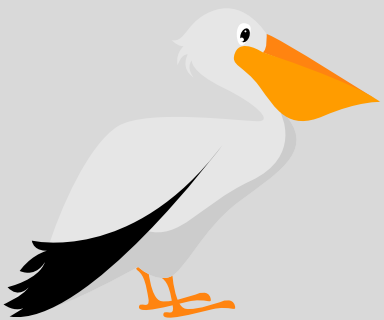
**PARENTS, PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD'S PHYSICIAN FORWARD
UPDATED HEALTHCARE ACTION PLANS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR
TO THE SCHOOL NURSE.
FAX TO 207-685-9172**

**ALSO, CONTACT THE SCHOOL NURSE IF YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO
HAVE MEDICATION ADMINISTERED DURING SCHOOL HOURS.
THANK YOU!!!**

BACK TO
SCHOOL



Fourth grader, Cooper Stevenson, received a response from President Biden! He shared the excitement with his class on the first day of school. During his third grade year he wrote a persuasive essay about saving the environment. Cooper suggested that the government clean the ocean by using pelican robots. President Biden's letter commended his creative thinking and passion for the environment. Cooper shared: "When I got the letter I felt a little bit anxious, but I was very excited!" We are so proud of the thoughtfulness and hard work Cooper put into his essay. This recognition is well deserved. Expect to hear more great things from this student!



Our 1st Graders!



3RD GRADE

What an exciting Thursday morning in Ms. Smith's class! They hatched a Monarch Butterfly and it was a boy! The kiddos named him "Bob" and Bob stuck around for all the kids to hold him before taking flight to Mexico!!

Ask your kiddo how they knew it was a boy??



ART

**We will be reading the book “The Dot” in all the classes.
We’ll all be inspired to “Make our Mark!”**



WEEKLY

Riddle

**When things go
wrong, what can
you always
count on?**

Answer on last page..

Thank You!

**Thank you to the Wayne
Community Church for their
generous donation of school supplies
and snacks for our students!**



NOTES FROM FOOD SERVICE

FOOD SERVICE

School meals are free to all students regardless of income eligibility. There will be a charge of \$0.50 for milk when purchased as an a la carte item and not part of a meal.

The Maranacook Food Services program operates on a debit system. Accounts must be in positive standing to make any a la carte purchases. Parents/Guardians may monitor account balances by visiting our website: mcms.maranacook.org. Click on the menu icon and select PowerSchool Parents & Students. Here you will be able to login using your individual username and password. Negative lunch balance alerts will be automatically sent each Sunday at 6:30 PM through the District's alert system. If a student's balance reaches negative \$10.00 the account will be frozen until it's been paid in full and is, once again, in positive standing. Please make checks payable to RSU #38 Food Service. Payments may be given directly to food service staff or front office personnel. Credit card payments can be made using E-Funds which can be accessed through our website or you may mail payments to: RSU #38 Food Service % Jen Hall 2250 Millard Harrison Drive Readfield Maine, 04355.

Please contact the school nutrition director, Jen Hall, at jen_hall@maranacook.com if you have any questions.





Join in the fun of Cub Scout Pack 622

We are restarting Cub Scout Pack 622. Cub Scouts is open to **all boys and girls** in grades K-5.

Come check out Cub Scouting at our recruiting information night, Tuesday, September 19th at the Manchester Lions Club on Club House Road (off Rt 17) in Manchester. We'll begin at 6:30PM and have activities for the kids while the parents meet and learn about Cub Scouting.

We also need interested parents to help lead individual "Dens" or grade level groups.

Come find out what Cub Scouting is all about!

For more information, contact:

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or

Tom Bartol, bartolnp@gmail.com, 207-248-7924

RSU #38 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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2024

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July 4	-	Independence Day
September 4	-	Labor Day
October 9	-	Indigenous Peoples' Day
November 10	-	Veterans' Day, Observed
November 23	-	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	-	Christmas Day
January 1	-	New Year's Day
January 15	-	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 19	-	Presidents' Day
April 15	-	Patriots' Day
May 27	-	Memorial Day
June 19	-	Juneteenth

W	Staff In-Service (no school students)
F1	First student day, Grades K-5, 6, 9, 12
F2	First student day, Grades 7, 8, 10, 11, CATC
F3	First student day, Grade Pre-K
G	Graduation
WI	In-Service Comp Day (no school students)
ER	Designated Early Release Day (see below)
V	Vacation
L	Last Student Day (if 2 emergency days used) (1/2 day)
▲	Flex Day

Aug. 28, 29	Professional Days
Aug. 30	1 st Student Day, grades K-5, 6, 9, 12
Aug. 31	1 st Student Day, grades 7, 8, 10-11, CATC
Sept. 5	1 st Student Day, grade Pre-K
Oct. 6	Professional Day
Nov. 22	In-service Comp Day (no school)
Nov. 23-24	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 22-Jan. 1	Winter Break
Feb. 19-23	February Break
March 15	Professional Day
April 12	In-service Comp Day (no school)
April 15-19	Spring Break
June 4	Graduation
June 11	Last student day (if 2 emer. days used) (1/2 day)
June 12	Last staff day (if 2 emer. days are used)
Note: This calendar includes 2 remote learning days and 2 emergency days.	

182 teacher days; 175 student days
Calendar includes 2 emergency days

Designated Early Release Days (student dismissal at 11:40 a.m.; content to be determined by Professional Development Committee and A-Team). No Pre-K on early release days.

September 27	January 24
November 8	March 20
December 21	May 8

Adopted by RSU 38 Board: 06/07/23 (R1 06/21/23 corrected)



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August 23, 2023

Subject: Importance of School Attendance and Excusable Absences

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. As we embark on another academic year, I want to emphasize the importance of regular school attendance and provide guidance on excusable absences.

RSU 38 firmly believes regular school attendance is vital to a student's educational success. Consistently attending school allows students to fully engage in classroom activities, interact with peers, and benefit from our dedicated teachers' valuable instruction and support. It also fosters a sense of routine, responsibility, and discipline essential for personal growth and academic achievement.

However, we understand that there may be circumstances that warrant absences. While we expect students to attend school every day, we acknowledge the existence of valid reasons that may necessitate their absence. As responsible educators, we are committed to working with you to ensure your child's well-being and academic progress.

According to Maine State Law, school attendance is mandatory, with the following allowable excusable absences:

Personal Illness: When a student is too sick (including physical, mental, or behavioral health) to attend school, we encourage parents to notify the school as soon as possible. If the illness persists for an extended period, please provide medical documentation to assist us in keeping accurate records.

Health Professional Appointments: We understand that there may be instances when a student needs to attend an appointment during regular school hours. If your child has such an appointment, please notify the school in advance and provide the necessary documentation. We will consider the absence excused, provided it has prior approval.

Family Emergency: In the case of a family emergency or an unforeseen circumstance, please inform the school so that we can make the necessary accommodations and offer support.

Religious Observance: We respect our students' and families' diverse cultural and religious backgrounds. If your child needs to be absent due to religious observance, please inform the school in advance, and we will make every effort to accommodate their absence.

Pre-Approved Personal or Educational Trips: We understand that family trips and educational experiences can be valuable for a child's development. If you plan to take your child out of school for such a purpose, kindly notify the school in advance of the intended absence and complete the necessary paperwork for prior approval.

Unplanned Education Disruption: We understand that circumstances beyond the control of students and families can disrupt their education. These circumstances may include homelessness, unplanned hospitalization for a medical or psychiatric emergency, Foster Care Placement, or an out-of-district placement not authorized by an individualized education plan (IEP) or other education plan approved by the Superintendent. In these situations, please inform the school as soon as possible so that we can provide appropriate support and resources to ensure continuity in their education.

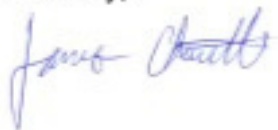
To ensure accurate attendance records, please provide documentation or use the designated absence reporting channels to inform the school of your child's absence. Please include the student's name, grade, reason for absence, and the date(s) of absence in your communication.

It is important to note that unexcused absences, those not falling under the above-mentioned categories, may have consequences on a student's academic progress and may be subject to disciplinary measures under our school/district policies.

As partners in your child's education, we encourage open lines of communication. If you have any concerns or questions regarding attendance or excusable absences, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers or the school administration. We are here to assist you and work collaboratively to ensure your child's success.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in helping us maintain a positive and nurturing learning environment. Together, we can empower our students to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Charette".

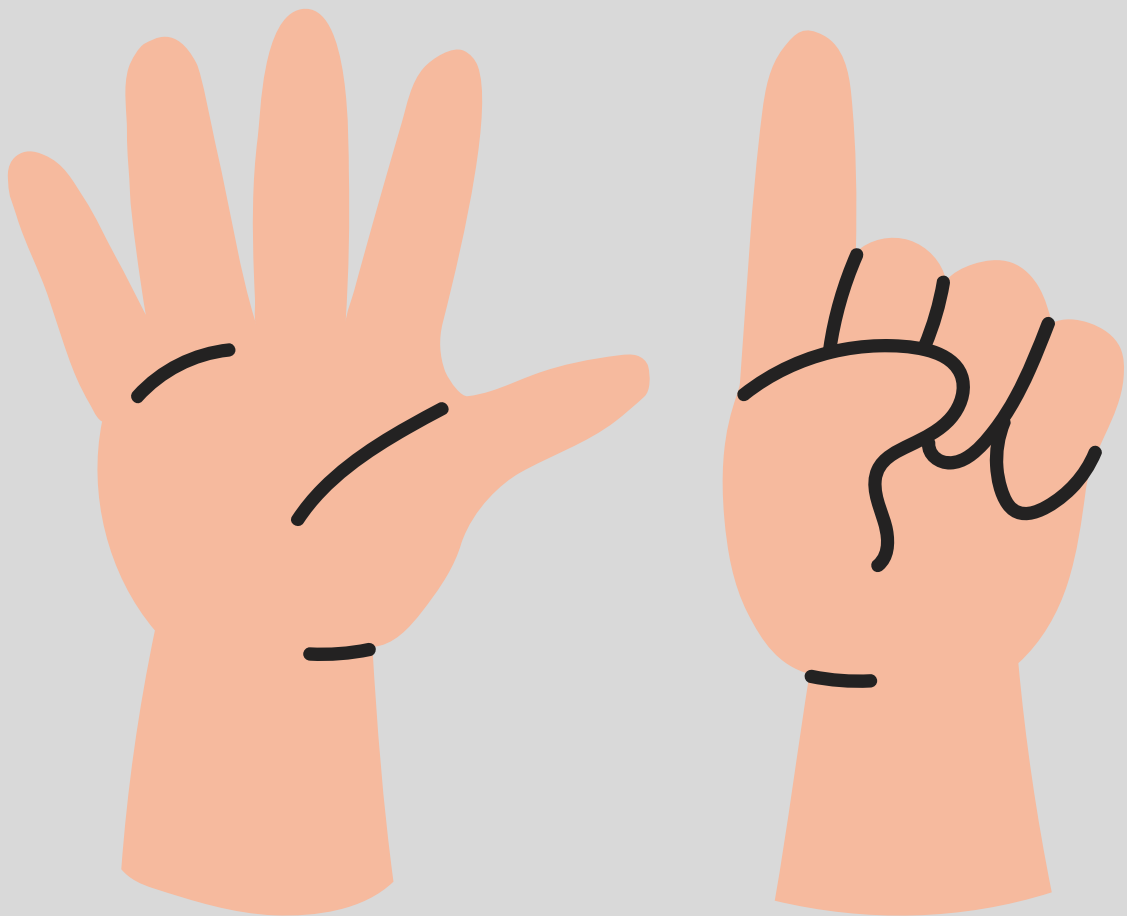
James Charette
Superintendent of Schools

[Title 20-A, §3272: Truancy; excusable absences](#)

RIDDLE

Answer

Your Fingers!!!



*Have a
wonderful
weekend!!!*

