

WAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

DEAR FAMILIES, YOUR KIDDOS HAVE REALLY ENJOYED BEING OUTSIDE IN THIS WONDERFUL WEATHER THIS PAST WEEK! REMEMBER NEXT WEDNESDAY IS AN EARLY RELEASE DAY. ALSO, WE WILL HAVE A BUS CHANGE STARTING NEXT WEEK, WE ARE GETTING THE "BIG" BUS 8 BACK ON MONDAY 09/25/23 YOU WILL FIND THE NEW SCHEDULE AT WWW.MARANACOOK.ORG

Weekly Menu

WEEK OF 09/25/2023

MON- ENGLISH MUFFIN PIZZA

TUES- WACKY WALKING TACOS

WED- CHICKEN PATTY SANDWICH

THURS- HOT DOGS W/ COLESLAW

FRI- PIZZAI PIZZAI

SUN BUTTER AVAILABLE DAILY



Upcoming Dates

LOOKING AHEAD

SEPTEMBER

09/23- FIRST DAY OF FALL!

09/27- EARLY RELEASE DAY

OCTOBER

10/06- NO SCHOOL-WORKSHOP

10/09- NO SCHOOL-HOLIDAY

10/13- TOOTH PROTECTORS-
PERMISSION SLIPS WILL BE SENT
OUT THE END OF SEPTEMBER

10/19 - FLU CLINIC (PERMISSION
SLIPS WILL BE SENT HOME EARLY
OCTOBER

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,

It has been such a joy over the past few weeks to get to know your children! Learning has taken off, and I am excited to watch each child's growth throughout the year. But, as the month of September wraps up, I would like to call on each of you to help the entire elementary school accomplish a very important goal.

Across the nation, schools are seeing chronic absenteeism rates soar. According to Attendance Works: "chronic absence has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic, from 8 million to an estimated 16 million students nationwide. That's one out of three students," (www.awareness.attendanceworks.org). Wayne is not excluded from these struggles. In fact, the small size of our school makes each child's attendance that much more important.

Maine defines a student as chronically absent if enrolled for a minimum of 10 days and absent 10% or more of the days enrolled. All absences (excused and unexcused) are used to make this determination.

Over the course of the year and eventually a child's elementary career, the number of missed school days highly correlates with student success in school. Students who are considered chronically absent are less likely to read proficiently by third grade, achieve in middle school, or graduate from high school.

At Wayne, we are striving to meet a goal of 97% daily attendance or better over the course of the year. If you are looking for ways to kick-start your own child's personal attendance goal, please see the **Count ME In** poster below, reach out to your child's classroom teacher, or myself.

Enjoy the first day of fall this weekend and see you back on Monday!

Sincerely,
Jeanette Jacobs
WES Principal

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

IMPORTANT!

BUS 8 IS BACK!!!

THERE COULD BE SOME SLIGHT
CHANGES IN PICK-UP & DROP-OFF
TIMES

STARTING MONDAY 09/25/23

We now have **Bus 8** and **Bus 11** so please
check the Maranacook website for updates

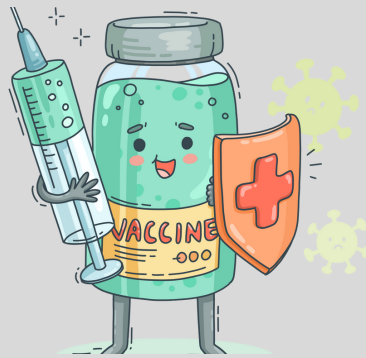
at

www.maranacook.org
under Bus Runs 23-24



NOTES FROM THE NURSE

**PLEASE WATCH FOR FLU CLINIC PERMISSION SLIPS!
WE'LL BE SENDING HOME EARLY OCTOBER IF YOU
WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE THE FLU SHOT.
THE FLU SHOT IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 19TH**









**TOOTH PROTECTORS WILL BE VISITING ON
10/13/2023
PERMISSION SLIPS WILL BE COMING HOME
LATE SEPTEMBER**



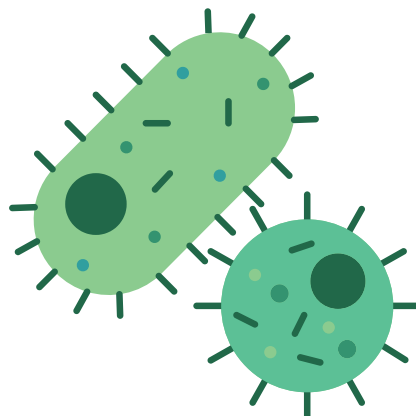
Hmmm... Should I stay home??

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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Flu Information for Parents

What is flu?

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. Flu viruses cause illness, hospital stays, and deaths in the United States each year.

How serious is flu?

Flu illness can vary from mild to severe. While flu can be serious even in kids who are healthy, it can be especially dangerous for young children and children of any age who have certain chronic health conditions. Children younger than 5 years old—especially those younger than 2—are at higher risk of developing serious flu-related complications. Children of any age with certain chronic health conditions like asthma and diabetes are also at higher risk.

What are the signs and symptoms of flu?

Symptoms of the flu can include:

- Fever* or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.
- * It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

Protect your child

The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your child.

Ask your health care provider which flu vaccine is right for your child.

- Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine by the end of October, if possible.
- Children 6 months through 8 years of age may need 2 doses of vaccine.
- Children younger than 6 months are at higher risk of serious flu illness, but are too young to be vaccinated. Parents, siblings, and people who care for infants should be vaccinated in order to help protect younger children you cannot be vaccinated.

In addition to getting a flu vaccine, you and your child should take everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs.

- Stay away from people who are sick, cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often with soap and water, do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.

If your child is sick

What can I do if my child gets sick?

Talk to your doctor right away if you are worried about your child's illness.

- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks enough fluids. If your child is at higher risk for flu complications, call your doctor or take them to the doctor right away if they develop flu symptoms.
- If your child becomes sick with flu illness, CDC recommends that they stay home for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone and their symptoms have improved or resolved. (The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C)* or higher.

*Many authorities use either 100 (37.8 degrees Celsius) or 100.4 F (38.0 degrees Celsius) as a cut-off for fever, but this number can vary depending on factors such as the method of measurement and the age of the person.

Is there medicine to treat flu?

Yes. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines that can be used to treat flu illness. They can shorten your illness and make it milder, and they can prevent serious complications that could result in a hospital stay. Antiviral treatment of the flu works best when given as soon as possible, ideally 1-2 days after flu symptoms develop. Antiviral drugs are recommended to treat flu in people who are very sick (for example, people who are in the hospital) or people who are at higher risk of serious flu complications who get flu symptoms. Antivirals can be given to most children and pregnant people.



For more information, visit
www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/children.htm
or call 800-CDC-INFO

#FIGHT FLU



U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

Maranacook Elementary

Physical Education

Mr. Lajoie

This Week in PE

Our school year is up and running! Now that routines are established the real fun and learning can begin.

- Grades 3 to 5 are beginning their Fitnessgram testing. This means for the next two weeks we get to do push ups, curl ups, the sit and reach and new this year for **4th and 5th grade The Mile Run!** The primary focus of this testing is to learn about goal setting and the introduce the 5 Health Related components of fitness which are: Cardio Endurance/ Muscular Strength/ Muscular Endurance/ Flexibility/ Body Composition.
- Grades K to 2 get to practice all the moves the big kids are testing on but instead of the mile they get to do their own Pacer test. After that we are learning about all the different types of locomotors we can use to move our bodies during games that teach us to share and respect others.



Mr. Lajoie PE Days:

Mon: Readfield
Tue: Wayne
Wed: Manchester
Thurs: Manchester
Fri: Readfield

Email: matt_lajoie@maranacook.com

FOOTWEAR MATTERS

Sneakers provide the necessary support and stability your child needs to prevent slips, trips and falls during an active day in school.

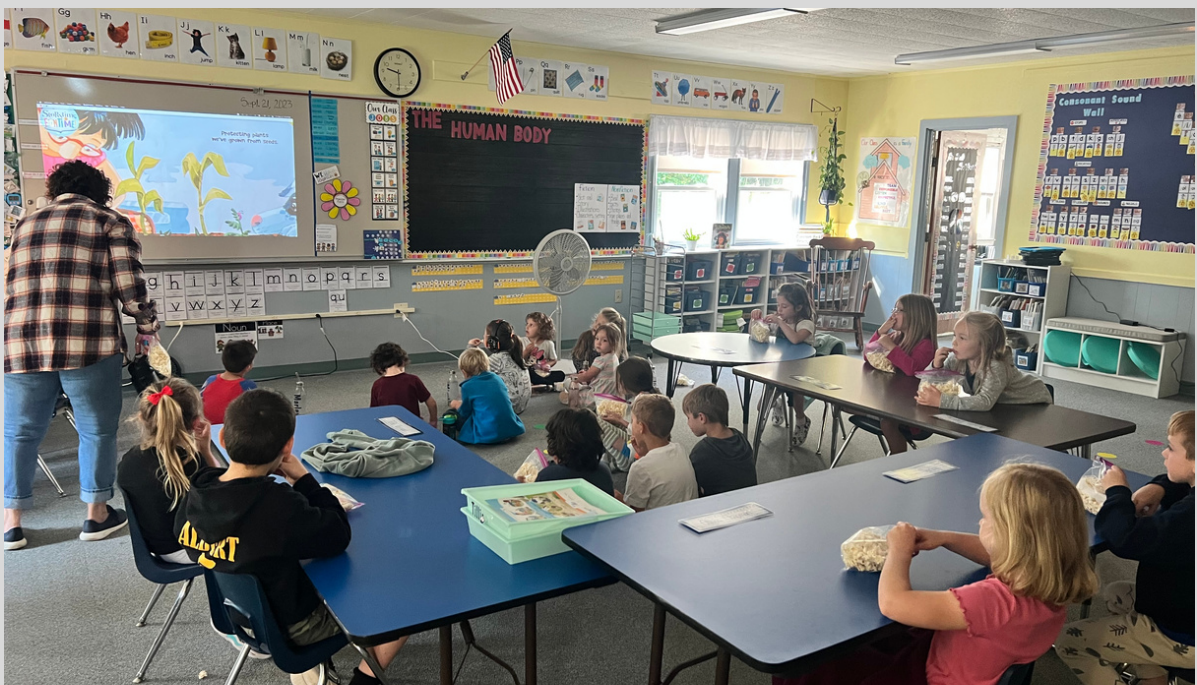
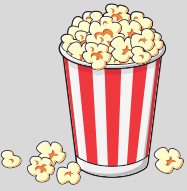
Please do not send your child to school without them.

Our kids are growing and developing new movement patterns everyday, let's give them the best opportunity for success that we can.



Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade

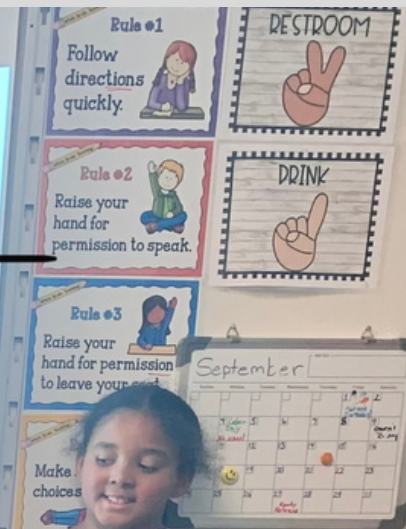
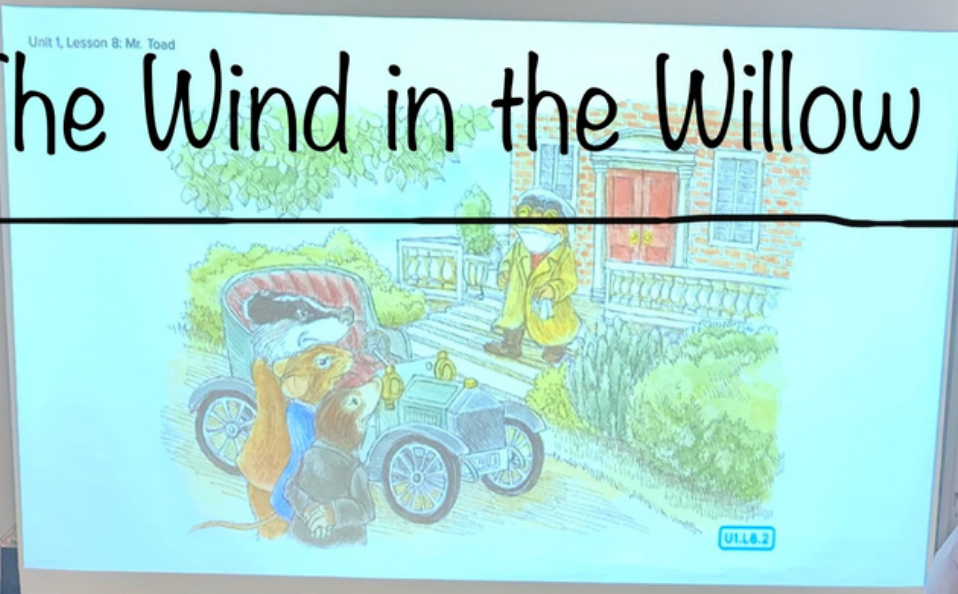
Student's in Kindergarten, First and Second Grade worked hard to follow classroom expectations and earned a story and popcorn party!



3RD GRADE

Third grade has been listening to The Wind in the Willow read aloud during literacy. Ask your child about all the animal characters (Mole, Water Rat, Toad, and Badger) in the story!

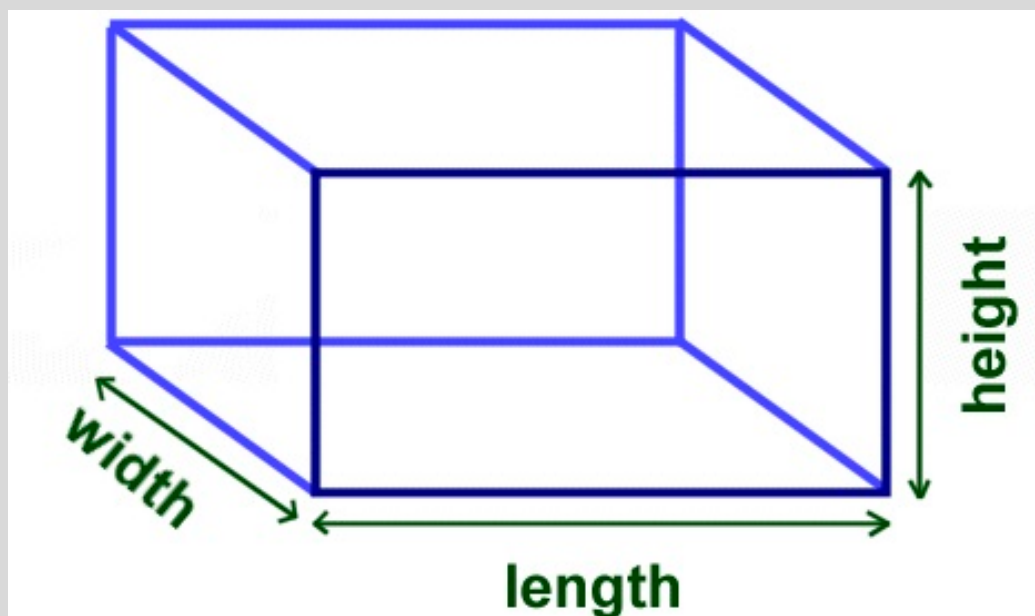
The Wind in the Willow



5th Grade

This week in math we found the volume of rectangular prisms. There are several different strategies students can use to find the volume.

Ask your student which strategy they use! In literacy we are working on writing personal narratives and point of view. Ask your student what point of view personal narratives are written in! Let them show you how much they have been learning!





Art



**We are starting our favorite fundraiser at Wayne,
Square 1 Art!**

**The kids are already very excited about what
they are drawing!**

**Each child will make a masterpiece, on a
specialized piece of paper, that picture will be
mailed to the Square 1 Art company and they will
mail it back to us, with free stickers of your child's
art, as well as an ordering catalog!**

Here is the website for more information:

<https://www.square1art.com>



SCHOOL COUNSELING

HI, I'M TARA WICKS, THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR AT WAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I WILL BE AT THE SCHOOL ON MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS. YOU CAN REACH ME ANYTIME BY TELEPHONE OR EMAIL.

TARA_WICKS[AT]MARANACOOK.COM

207-685-3634 EX 1714

NEWS

I AM VISITING EACH CLASSROOM WEEKLY THIS YEAR. MY LESSONS INCLUDE CLASSROOM DISCUSSION, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES TO EXPLORE HOW TO BE YOUR BEST SELF AT SCHOOL AND GET ALONG WITH OTHERS.

FALL TOPICS
KINDNESS
RESPECT FOR
SELF AND
OTHERS
SAFETY

WHAT DOES A SCHOOL COUNSELOR DO

A SCHOOL COUNSELOR IS A TRAINED COUNSELOR SPECIALIZING IN SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN A SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT. I COLLABORATE WITH PARENTS, TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF TO CREATE A SCHOOL EXPERIENCE WHICH WILL ENABLE CHILDREN TO REACH THEIR LEARNING POTENTIAL. I TEACH CLASSROOM LESSONS FOR ALL CHILDREN AND WORK WITH STUDENTS IN SMALL GROUPS. I AM ALSO AVAILABLE TO MEET INDIVIDUALLY WITH STUDENTS.

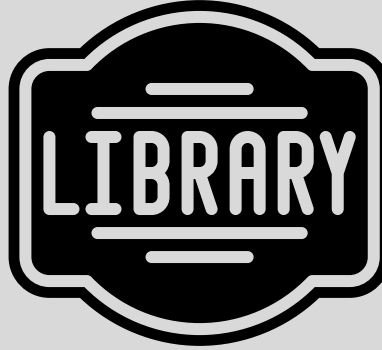
Thank you to the Greater Augusta Backpack program for all the wonderful backpacks and school supplies that were donated to our students.

If you feel your child could use a new backpack, please reach out to Mrs. Birtwell at 685-3634 or email tammy_birtwell@maranacook.com





Local



Events



Underwood Memorial Library (Fayette)

- Owls of Maine Chewonki Natural History Program
Wednesday, September 20, 2023 6:00-7:00 pm

Two live owls are the highlights of this program, which introduces participants to the owls native to Maine and New England.

Beginning with slides and sounds, participants will learn the identifying characteristics and calls of each owl. Then, using talons, wings, and skulls, we explore the adaptations of these silent nocturnal hunters. This program ends with an intimate and detailed look at live owls, bringing these creatures of the night into the light!

- The library has a Story Time during the school year. The first Wednesday of the month will be Story Time from 6:00-7:00 pm. We will read a story, do an activity or craft, and have a snack.

Upcoming Story Times

October 4th-Too Many Pumpkins with pumpkin playdough

November 1st-Mousekin's Golden House with mouse craft

- The third Wednesday of each month is Kids Night Out at the Library. We meet from 6:00-7:00 pm. Snacks are provided.

Upcoming Kids Nights

October 18th- It's Almost Halloween! Wear your costume, play some Halloween games, decorate a cookie and get a treat.

November 15th- Building Night! Build with legos, straws, gears, blocks, etc.

Theme: Build a winter house for an animal

- Children's Reading Program is starting up again! Children, 12 and under, can read and record as many books as possible. Your child can track and record his/her reading on the reading log sheet. When a book or 10 pages, is read by you (for the younger children) or your child, your child will color a book. All recording sheets are due on the last day of each month. Students can turn their reading log into the library or the Fayette Elementary School for a free pizza coupon. The drawing will be held on the next open library day and you will be contacted if your child has won the prize. Each month will have a new prize for our drawing. Happy reading!

Readfield Community Library (Readfield)

- STORY WALK® --Two sites in Readfield for families to enjoy in September!

September STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library --The Night Walk

The Library StoryWalk® is always open for all to enjoy! The walk begins on the trail behind the Library and goes about ¼ mile to the Readfield Union Meeting House. The picture book featured for September is The Night Walk by Marie Dorleans, sponsored by Marc Loiselle and Lynette Miller. Please feel free to walk the StoryWalk® at any time that works for your family, regardless of whether the Library is open. And, be sure to stop by the Library to pick up the take-home craft that accompanies the story.

September STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School--Good Morning, Maine!

The RES StoryWalk® is always open for all to enjoy! The RES Story Walk is located along the edge of the back soccer field behind the school. The picture book featured for September is Good Morning, Maine! by local authors Adalynn, Lillian, and Sara Fraitten.

- Weekly In-Person STORY TIME on Tuesday Mornings (Back to the Library in September!) Note that we will move back to the Library (instead of the Beach) beginning in September. Join us outside the Library on Tuesdays at 10:00am for theme-based books, songs, and crafts. We will meet outside the Library in good weather through the fall, and move inside the Library in case of rain.

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library (Mt. Vernon)

- Storywalk on the Ezra Smith Conservation Area in Mt Vernon! Start on the upper level.



Not RSU#38 Sponsored Events

**Looking for
free, family
friendly
activities?!
Check out
one of the
local libraries
in our
district...**

Cary Memorial Library (Wayne)

- Drop-in Story Time-Every Monday
at 10:00 am

A brief storytime for our youngest visitors.

- Lego Night, Wednesdays 6:00 pm
to 7:00 pm

Join the fun! We have plenty of LEGO blocks for you to make your creations.

This Program is on Summer Break. Please check back in September to see when a new session will be offered.





Message from the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all those who have completed the beginning of school year paperwork for their students. Your prompt attention to these important documents is greatly appreciated.

There is one form in particular that I wish to draw your attention to - the State Economic Disadvantaged Form. This form is critically important, as the information it collects assists the school district by providing additional funding based on economic need. In order for us to qualify for this supplemental funding, we must have these forms submitted no later than October 1st.

I kindly request that, if you haven't done so already, please log in to your PowerSchool account and complete the form. It is the first form on the list. No further verification is needed. If you prefer a paper copy or to verify the information by phone, please contact your school office or Donna Foster at 685-3336 ext. 1202.

Your cooperation in submitting this important form is greatly appreciated, as it will allow us to provide the best educational experience possible for all of our students. Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Jay Charette
Superintendent of Schools





MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This form will provide information needed by the Maine Department of Education to determine RSU #38's eligibility status for **State Economically Disadvantaged funds** available under the Essential Programs & Services Funding Act. Data in this form is **not for school lunch purposes**, only to determine economic disadvantaged status* for allocation of State education funds.

If you have any questions, please call Donna Foster at 207-685-3336 x1202. The due date to return this form to your school administrator is September 8, 2023, or as soon as student is enrolled. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jay Charette, Superintendent of Schools

Please use the table below as guidance to determine your student's economic status. If household income is less than the Annual or Monthly earnings for your household size in the chart below, then your student meets the economic disadvantaged status criteria. Household size includes adults and children.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES											
Effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024											
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES	REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185 %					FREE MEALS - 130 %				
	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES											
1	14,580	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,030	519	18,954	1,580	790	729	365
2	18,720	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702	25,636	2,137	1,069	986	493
3	24,860	48,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885	32,318	2,694	1,347	1,243	622
4	30,000	59,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068	39,000	3,250	1,625	1,500	750
5	35,140	69,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251	46,682	3,807	1,904	1,757	879
6	40,280	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434	52,364	4,364	2,182	2,014	1,007
7	45,420	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616	59,046	4,921	2,461	2,271	1,136
8	50,560	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,590	1,799	65,728	5,478	2,739	2,528	1,264
For each add'l family member, add	5,140	9,509	793	397	366	183	6,682	557	279	257	129

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/income-eligibility-guidelines>

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Name of School	Student's Current Grade	Student Meets Free Category Guidelines	Student Meets Reduced Category Guidelines

Please duplicate this form for additional children. Return this form to your child's school by September 8, 2023, or as soon as student is enrolled.

Signature of Parent: _____

Date: _____

* Economically disadvantaged status is defined as students who are included in the department's count of students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk or both. [20-A MRSA §15672\(3\)](#).

WEEKLY *Riddle*

**Is always in
front of you but
cannot be seen?**



FIRE DRILL



TODAY WE HAD OUR **THIRD** FIRE DRILL AND
BEAT OUR TIME BY 7 SECONDS! WE'VE
BECOME A WELL OILED MACHINE HERE AT
WES!!!



ADULT ED

RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Ed News	
Lots of new classes starting soon!!	
HiSET/Diploma Classes Ongoing Year-round	
Enrichment Classes	Start Date
Zumba Fitness	09/19/2023
Exploring Mindfulness and Meditation	09/20/2023
Play the Ukulele, Your Journey Begins Here!	09/26/2023
Introduction to Chair Caning	10/04/2023
Pickleball: Learn to Play!!	10/05/2023
Acadian Arts Asian Fusion Cooking/Watercolor Retreat	10/06/2023
<u>History of Malaga Island</u>	10/11/2023
Acadian Arts Asian Fusion Cooking/Watercolor Retreat	10/12/2023
Map & Compass Level 1	10/16/2023
Women's Health Series	10/16/2023
Women's Health & Fitness 101	10/17/2023
Adult Coed Volleyball	10/29/2023
Instant Piano	10/30/2023
Instant Guitar	11/1/2023
Developing a Personal & Home Defensive Protection Plan	11/6/2023
Coastal Navigation Level 1	11/9/2023
Martial Arts For Women	11/10/2023
Driver's Ed	11/13/2023
Constitutional Carry & Legal Force Explained	11/13/2023
How to Become a Registered Maine Guide Info Night	11/15/2023
When Your Office is Someone's Home	11/20/2023
Registered Maine Guide Training	1/23/2024
15 iPhone/iPad Vision Accessibility Features	Ongoing
Cooking With BoomerTECH Adventures	Ongoing
Create & Deliver Online Zoom Courses	Ongoing
Digital Tools for the Beginning Memoir Writer	Ongoing
Fantastic Photo Finishes-Organize & Edit Images with Your iPhone/iPad	Ongoing
Hidden Gems Lurking in Your iPhone and iPad	Ongoing
Introduction to iPhone Basics	Ongoing
Introduction to Mac Basics	Ongoing
Introduction to Zoom Basics	Ongoing
Maximize Your iPad's Potential	Ongoing
More Hidden Gems Lurking in Your iPhone & iPad	Ongoing
Taking Awesome Pictures With Your iPhone/iPad Camera	Ongoing
Unlock Safari's Secrets on Your iPad in Just Five Lessons	Ongoing
To register, or for more details and to view all classes, go to:	
https://maranacook.coursestorm.com/browse	
Or call the Adult Ed office at 685-4923 x1065 for more info	

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

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