WAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2, 2024

DEAR FAMILIES, WE MADE IT THROUGH JANUARY! WE HAVE AN EXCITING WEEK COMING UP WITH THE PLANETARIUM VISITING ON MONDAY! ALSO, PLEASE REMIND YOUR KIDS TO BRING IN THEIR SKI PANTS, BOOTS, HATS & MITTENS! THANK YOU

Weekly Menu

WEEK OF 02/05/2024

MON- CHEESEBURGER W/ CHEETOS
TUES-GRILLED BBQ CHICKEN FILLET
W/ POTATO WEDGES
WED-SAUCY MEATBALLS W/ DINNER ROLL
THURS-BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH
FRI- PIZZA PIZZA
SUN BUTTER & JELLY
AVAILABLE DAILY

Upcoming Dates

LOOKING AHEAD

FEBRUARY

02/05- PLANETARIUM COMES TO WES

02/08-FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6-7PM

02/14-VALENTINE'S DAY

02/14- 100 TH DAY OF SCHOOL!!

02/15- HOME & SCHOOL MEETING- 6PM WES

LIBRARY

02/19-02/23/24-VACATION WEEK

MARCH

03/07-PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES-INFO TO COME

03/20- EARLY RELEASE
03/21-PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Weekly attendance

90%

REMINDERS

PLEASE CHECK LUNCH

BALANCES

SNACKS & WATER BOTTLE

SNEAKERS FOR GYM

WARM CLOTHING FOR RECESS

PRINCIPAL NOTES

Dear Families,

According to the 1000 Hours Outside Club: "the average child spends 4-7 hours a day on screens, but only gets 4-7 minutes of unstructured free play outside each day". At Wayne Elementary, we understand the benefits of unstructured play and provide multiple opportunities for students to get outside. All students receive access to three twenty-minute recesses throughout the day and many teachers choose to take their students out for a short morning-snack recess as well.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), they recommend the following for outside unstructured playtime for children:

- For preschool-aged children (ages 3-5 years): At least 60 minutes per day of unstructured free play outdoors. This is in addition to structured physical activity/exercise.
- For school-aged children (ages 6-12 years): At least 1-2 hours per day of unstructured free play outdoors, with more time encouraged. Again, this is in addition to any structured physical activity/exercise.
- For all children, they recommend promoting unstructured free play in a variety of environments including the backyard, playgrounds, parks etc. This allows kids to explore nature, use their creativity, and get physical activity.

Outdoor playtime should take place year-round, in all appropriate weather. The AAP emphasizes the importance of outdoor unstructured free play for healthy child development and recommends proper clothing rather than using weather as a barrier to play. Outdoor play helps kids develop gross motor skills, relieve stress, get much-needed vitamin D, and improve sleep. It also provides cognitive, social, emotional, and physical health benefits. As educators at WES, we aim to meet or exceed their recommended minimum durations and promote outdoor play year-round! This month we'll be highlighting the different winter opportunities your family can take to get outdoors!

If you're looking for more ideas on how to get your family up and moving: check out the <u>1000</u> Hours Outside Club today.



5TH GRADE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF SOME GREAT SNOWMAN-MAKING WEATHER! NICE JOB AND WHAT A GREAT PICTURE OF ALL OF YOU!!



NOTES FROM THE NURSE

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 +
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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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DAILY HABITS FOR STAYING HEALTHYWASH HANDS

BEDTIME ROUTINES WITH PLENTY OF SLEEP
DRINK PLENTY OF WATER

3-5 SERVINGS OF FRUITS & VEGETABLES
FRESH AIR AND SUNSHINE
EXERCISE

OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN "ROCKING" IT THIS WEEK!



ASK YOUR CHILD WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO BE RESPECTFUL, OWN THEIR CHOICES, COOPERATE, OR KEEP SAFE AT WES.



NAME THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS WITHOUT NAMING ANY OF THE SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK.







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January 19, 2024

Dear families,

I invite you and your child to attend the *Family Game Night* on **February 8th** from **6:00-7:00 pm**. There are many wonderful benefits of playing games with your elementary school child. Games build academic, critical thinking, and social-emotional skills - all while having fun together!

I am writing to share some of the great benefits of playing board games, dice games, and card games with your elementary school child. While games are always fun, research shows they provide much more than entertainment.

Playing games together reinforces important academic skills in literacy and math that students are learning in school. Taking turns, counting spaces, moving game pieces, recognizing colors and shapes, reading instructions, and adding scores all ask kids to practice concepts like numbers, patterns, probability, and sequencing. Games also build memory, strategy, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. As children get older in the upper elementary grades, games present opportunities to think critically, plan ahead, find patterns, and weigh the consequences of potential moves.

In addition to academic skills, games facilitate wonderful opportunities for children to gain social-emotional skills. Taking turns, winning and losing gracefully, cooperating with others, and using patience and self-control are invaluable lessons games teach. Playing together builds relationship skills and gives families time to talk, connect, and support one another.

I hope your family will consider setting aside time for gameplay in the midst of busy schedules.

Here are some games appropriate for each grade level:

<u>PreK/Kindergarten</u>	<u>First Grade</u>	Second Grade
Candy Land	UNO	Checkers
Chutes and Ladders	Connect Four	Guess Who?
Hi-Ho Cherry-O	Guess Who?	Jenga
Memory/Concentration	Trouble	Monopoly Junior
Don't Break the Ice	Monopoly Junior	Yahtzee Junior
<u>Third Grade</u>	<u>Fourth Grade</u>	<u>Fifth Grade</u>
Chess	Battleship	Risk Junior
Blokus	Blokus	Stratego
Playing Cards	Stratego	Ticket to Ride
Monopoly	Scrabble	Scrabble/Upwords
Scrabble Junior	Settlers of Catan Junior	Chess

Join us for our Family Game Night at your child's school on 2/8/24 from 6-7 pm (See included flyer). Can't wait to see you there!

Sincerely,

Karen & Smith

Karen G. Smith, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment



THE 5TH GRADE CLASS HAS RECEIVED ONE BOOK EVERY MONTH THIS SCHOOL YEAR TO CALL THEIR OWN. HERE IS A PICTURE OF THEM WITH THEIR JANUARY SCHOLASTIC BOOKS! THEY ARE ALLOWED TO BRING THESE BOOKS HOME TO KEEP SO THEY SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE SOMETHING TO READ! THEY ALSO HAVE A MONTHLY READING BINGO, SO YOU CAN REMIND THEM TO CHECK BOXES OFF AS THEY READ EACH NIGHT.



Local Library Events

Cary Memorial Library (Wayne)

Children's Story Time-Every
 Monday at 10:00 am, Join in for a
 quick story or two, do a simple
 craft, play around the train table
 and meet new friends. Babies thru
 Preschool.

Underwood Memorial Library (Fayette)

Upcoming Storytime Night and Kid's Night 6:00-7:00 pm

- February 7th- We will be reading Love, Splat and making a Splat the Cat craft.
- February 21st- Creation Station at the library. Come on down and let your imagination run wild at The Creation Station! Make a castle, spaceship, dollhouse, dragon, whatever you can dream up! We have craft and recyclable materials for you to choose from. All you have to bring is your creativity!

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library (Mt. Vernon)

Bring your Child to the Library
Day is on Sat Feb 3 from 12:302:30 Join us for sledding on the
back field, hot cocoa and
cookies. If snow is not suitable
for sledding, come and create
with legos, read stories, do a
craft, socialize with others!
(Please bring your own sled)

Readfield Community Library (Readfield)

- STORY WALK® at the Readfield Community Library-A Mountain of Mittens by Maine author Lynn Plourde. The walk begins on the trail behind the Library and goes about ¼ mile to the Readfield Union Meeting House. Please feel free to walk the StoryWalk® at any time that works for your family, regardless of whether the Library is open OR join us as we enjoy the February Story Walk (Library location) together, plus music and crafts!
- ~ Saturday February 3rd at 2:00pm
- ~ Tuesday February 6th at 10:00am
 - STORY WALK® at Readfield Elementary School—The Snow Dancer by Addie Boswell. The RES Story Walk is located along the edge of the back soccer field behind the school.
 - TAKE YOUR CHILD to the LIBRARY DAY—Saturday, February 3rd.
 Enjoy cookies, cocoa, crafts, music, and more from 10am-4pm! Also, we will host a group Story Walk event outdoors behind the Library at 2:00pm.
- GAMES, PUZZLES, and LEGOs—
 Wednesday, February 21st. Stop
 by the Library on Wednesday,
 February 21st from 3-5pm for fun
 with puzzles, games, and LEGOs!
 All materials and snacks provided.

Maranacook Elementary Physical Education

Back from the holidays and we have wrapped up our Basketball unit and are moving onto our Gymnastics and Ninja Warrior training. For the next few weeks we will spend a lot of time in our socks on the gymnastics mats, however, we will still need sneakers for the many different activities we will be doing.

Students will learn how to balance, travel and roll in many different ways and even get a chance to create their own routine combining all the new moves. The Ninja Warriors will get to test their agility as they navigate through different obstacles and master the art of landing on their feet through all the challenges.



Mr. Lajoie PE Days:

Mon: Readfield

Tue: Wayne

Wed: Manchester Thurs: Manchester

Fri: Readfield

Email: matt_lajoie@maranacook.com

SHOE CORNER

Cold weather means winter boots and warm gear for an active outdoor recess. It also means an extra pair of sneakers for gym class and all indoor activities.

Boots are better than crocs but still not the right gear for gym class. A wet and dirty gym floor is slippery and unsafe. Help me keep the children safe and active by sending them with sneakers.



YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

THE SUCCESS OF OUR YOUTH SPORTS DEPEND ENTIRELY ON OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT, PLEASE CONSIDER COACHING

ROOKIE LEAGUE

MINOR LEAGUE

MAJOR LEAGUE

Baseball/Softball AGES 7-8 \$60

Baseball/Softball
AGES 9-10

375

Baseball/Softball AGES 11-12

\$75

Evaluations will be held 03/09/2024 - Details TBD

T-Ball (Co-Ed) \$35/child

Register online or at the Readfield Town Office by 03/08/2024 to avoid a \$10 late fee



KIDS WINTER NATURE DAY CAMP

for 3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders!



Session AMON & TUES
FEB 19 & 20, 2024

Session BWED & THURS
FEB 21 & 22, 2024

Registration \$100

Activities

- Design your own tracking name lanyard
- Imagine and invent your own winter creature
- Create your own "winter hibernation" den
- Ice fishing on Lower Narrows
- Learn winter tracking skills
- ✓ Go on an animal tracking expedition
- Observe wildlife on a critter cam
- Strap on snowshoes and explore the great outdoors

Memorial Chapel at Camp Mechuwana, Winthrop

Registration Link

www.watershedfriends.com

*The Friends Nature Day Camps are not a school sponsored

Thank you to our Sponsors!











Questions? Contact FOCW Education Director Cami Wilbert

Phone: 207-395-5239 or Email: Cami@watershedfriends.com

WINTER NATURE DAY CAMP

Session 1 - Monday, February 19 & Tuesday, February 20, 2024
Session 2 - Wednesday, February 21 & Thursday, February 22, 2024
Snow Date - Friday, February 23, 2024

Who: Children 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

Where: Memorial Chapel, Camp Mechuwana, Winthrop

When: Drop-off time: 9:00 AM Pick-up time: 3:00 PM

Cost: \$100 per 2-day session

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Spring Camp dates! April 16 & 17, and April 18 & 19 Summer Camp Dates! July 22 - 26, and August 5 - 9

Registration: A completed registration form (attached or on our website) and full payment is required to reserve space. Confirmation will include a medical release form that must be submitted prior to the start of camp. Both the registration and medical forms are downloadable off of the Friends website. Limited scholarships are available.

Staff: Winter Nature Day Camp will be led by FOCW Education Director Cami Wilbert assisted by staff and volunteers with education, ecology, and outdoor experience.

What to Bring: Campers need to come prepared for time outdoors in winter conditions. This includes, but is not limited to: warm winter coat, snow pants or baggy rain pants over clothes, long underwear, warm pants and sweater or fleece, winter boots, two pairs of socks, mittens or gloves, hat, shoes for indoors and back-ups of any of the above if possible. Campers do tend to get wet. Campers will also need to bring a healthy morning snack, lunch, and a refillable water bottle. Afternoon warm-up cocoa and a light snack will be provided.

2024 Winter Nature Day Camp

Registration & Release of Liability Form* - Please sign and return with payment to: Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, PO Box 206, East Winthrop, ME 04343

(*Registration form and payment must be submitted to reserve a spot.)

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*Registration confirmation and medical release form will be sent via email.

If an email address is not provided, a hard copy will be mailed.

Medical release forms for each child must be submitted at least one week prior to camp.

Date:

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RSU #38 – FY25 Budget Workshops Maranacook Community Middle School & Zoom 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Budget Goal Statement: "To balance the needs of ALL members of the RSU #38 school community, and to promote student success in all areas, while maintaining fiscal responsibility"

BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

January 17 Budget Workshop – Goal Setting, School Enrollments, Superintendent's Directives, Timeline https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89817707495

February 7* Regular Business Meeting; Budget Workshop – Elementary, Middle & High Schools https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81096304471

February 28 Budget Workshop – https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89261612860

- Multilingual Learners (formerly ELLS)
- Gifted & Talented
- Technology

March 6* Regular Business Meeting; Budget Workshop – https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85958452789

- Special Education
- Operations & Maintenance
- COVID grants overviews

March 20 Budget Workshop – https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83583752043

- Co-and Extra-Curricular
- Transportation
- Miscellaneous Cost Centers/Accounts (Adult Educ., Food Service, Health Center, Professional Development/Assessment/ Curriculum, Systems Admin., Debt Service)

March 27 Budget Workshop – https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89400711335

- Annual Report from Auditor Ron Smith; Joint meeting with local select boards re: draft FY24 budget; budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
- April 3* Regular Business Meeting and Budget Workshop budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84716295402
- April 10 Workshop Meeting vote on Budget (2nd week of April) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86102978316

May 8 Annual Budget Meeting, Middle School Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.

* Regular Business Meeting in addition to budget workshop

June 11 – Budget Validation Referendum at individual town polling locations

Budget documents are available by visiting https://www.maranacook.org/documents/school-board/budget/fiscal-year-2024-2025/567411 or by scanning the QR code below



REVISED

REVISED - RSU #38 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR - REVISED

<u>2023</u> <u>2024</u>

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H - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

July 4 -	Inc	dependence 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

20 20

Aug. 28, 29	Professional Days
Aug. 30	1 st Student Day, grades K-5, 6, 9, 12
Aug. 31	1st Student Day, grades 7, 8, 10-11, CATC
Sept. 5	1st Student Day, grade Pre-K

Sept. 5 1 Student Day, grade Fre-

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

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 November 8 December 21 March 20

Adopted by RSU 38 Board: 06/07/23 (R1 06/21/23 corrected) **Revision Adopted: 01/03/24** (corrected 01/17/24)



In the event of inclement weather, our school may implement a remote learning day instead of a traditional snow day. On these remote days, students will be assigned work via our online platform, SeeSaw, and may be provided work in paper format to take home as well. Parents will receive advance notice if a remote day is scheduled and students should bring home any materials needed to complete assignments. If students experience technology issues like power outages that prevent them from finishing work, parents should contact their child's teacher to make arrangements.

The goal of remote learning is to provide students consistency with their learning while keeping everyone safe on hazardous weather days. By communicating with teachers and making contingency plans, we can make remote days a smooth transition from the traditional snow day. Families can use the sample schedule below to structure remote learning, but how you choose to complete the activities are up to you.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns. You may contact the office (207-685-3634) or your child's classroom teacher.

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	Important information			
Suggested Time Frames	What are you going to learn today?	Don't hesitate to contact your		
15 min - 30 mins per day math activity	 We strongly suggest you establish a routine for 	classroom teacher by email with questions.		
15 min - 30 mins per day Reading together	example 2 to 3 learning activities in the morning and 2 to 3 learning	 Set goals: setting daily goals for what your child will accomplish can help to make tasks 		
15 - 30 mins per day Writing	activities in the afternoon. (Whatever fits your	meaningful and build confidence for students.		
15 - 30 mins per day movement activity	situation.)			
Choose 1 of the following areas to do each day: music, art, science, or social studies 15 - 30 mins	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 time-frame. 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.			



YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW.

Enjoy your Wekend!

