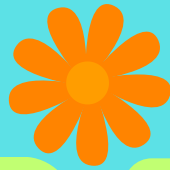


WAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MARCH 22, 2024



DEAR FAMILIES, IT'S BEEN AN EXCITING WEEK AT WES! WE STARTED OUR PLAY GROUP THIS WEEK AND WE HOPE TO SEE MORE NEXT FRIDAY! WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING "MOOKIE", OUR WES THERAPY DOG COMING UP ON MONDAY! HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

Weekly Menu



Upcoming Dates

WEEK OF 03/25/2024

MON-WACKY WALKING TACOS W/ SALSA
TUES-CHICKEN & VEGETABLE POTSTICKERS
WED-CHEESE RAVIOLI W/ GARLIC BREAD
THURS-SWEET & SOUR MEATBALLS OVER RICE
FRI- PIZZA PIZZA

**SUN BUTTER & JELLY
AVAILABLE DAILY**

LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH

03/01-03/31-YOUTH ART MONTH

APRIL

04/03-GULF OF ME RESEARCH INSTITUTE-5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

04/12- NO SCHOOL/ TEACHER WORKSHOP

04/15-04/19- APRIL VACATION

04/22- EARTH DAY

04/24-MAINE AUTHOR CYNTHIA LORD AT WES

MAY

05/13-WES ART SHOW & ICE CREAM SOCIAL 5-7PM AT WES

05/31- HOLIDAY-NO SCHOOL

Weekly attendance

91%



REMINDERS

**PLEASE CHECK LUNCH
BALANCES
SNACKS & WATER BOTTLE
SNEAKERS FOR GYM
WARM CLOTHING FOR RECESS**

PRINCIPAL NOTES



Dear Families,



First off, a huge thank you to all the parents and guardians who made time for conferences this month. Your involvement and support mean everything to us! We truly appreciate having you as partners invested in your children's education.

In talking with so many of you, I realized we face a common challenge- getting kids to open up about what's happening in their school days. Those one-word replies like "good" or "fine" just don't quite cut it, do they? But have no fear, there are some great ways to inspire more meaningful conversations.

Here are three tips that have worked wonders for many families:

- 1) Get specific with your questions. Instead of that general "How was your day?" try prompts like "What was the coolest thing you learned in science today?" or "Who did you have fun playing with at recess?" Pulling details from school or classroom newsletters and assignments can give you fun discussion starters.
- 2) Build in relaxed one-on-one time. Kids often share more freely when they have your calm, undivided attention. Maybe make it a morning routine as you're driving to school, or a bedtime tradition to chat about the day's ups and downs. Those peaceful moments are perfect for bonding.
- 3) Ask about loves AND dislikes. Encourage your child to reflect on what they enjoyed, but also what frustrated or challenged them. Analyzing experiences from all angles boosts critical thinking. Plus, validating negative feelings as normal helps build emotional regulation.

Developing strong home-school communication is an ongoing journey. But these simple tips can go a long way! Our team is always here to brainstorm more ideas for engaging your child. Working together is the best way to create an outstanding, personalized learning experience.

Warm regards, 

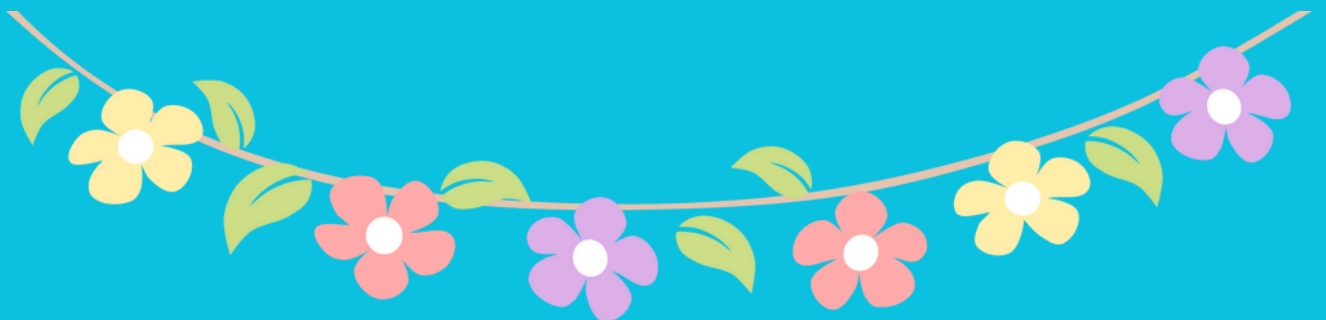
Jeanette Jacobs

Home + School = Student Success



WEEKLY RIDDLE

**WHAT CAN MAKE THE
WEATHER CHANGE IN
AN INSTANT?**



EVENT CANCELLED

Due to lack of sign-ups

PARENTS *Night Out*

Saturday, March 23rd

Who: children aged 5 to 12

Where: Ladd Center

When: 4 - 8 PM

Suggested Donation: \$10
per child

Activities :

- ✓ Music
- ✓ Movies
- ✓ Dinner
- ✓ Snacks

Hosted by
Home & School

RSVP by March 15th
wayne.school.home@gmail.com

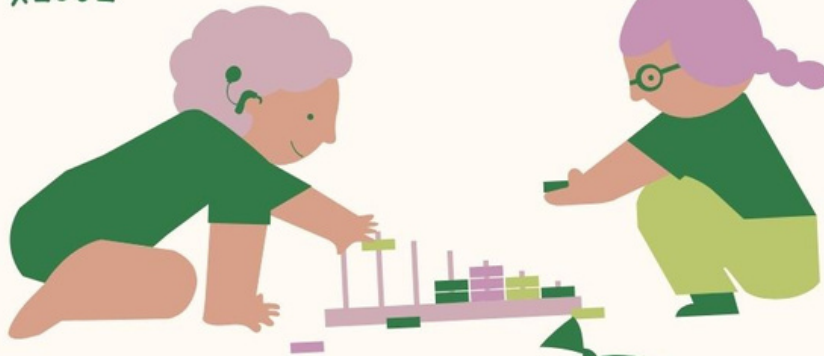


YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE

FAMILY PLAYGROUP

You'll find us at:
Wayne Elementary School
48 Pond Road, Wayne, ME
8:30 am – 10:30 am
Starting March 22nd
and continuing every Friday during the school term

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CONTACT:
JEANETTE_JACOBS@
MARANACOOK.COM
OR 207-685-3634
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THINGS TO NOTE:

- It's all about building relationships and community!
- Enjoy a range of fun activities
- Accessibility is a core focus
- Please BYO snacks and water bottle

WHY PLAY?

- As a parent being a part of a community activity can help you feel less alone.
- Children will have fun, make friends, grow in their social skills, and build connections to staff before they ever attend school.
- Play is important for everyone!



Wayne Elementary School



"A caring school community dedicated to excellence"

48 Pond Road, Wayne, ME 04284

Tel. (207) 685-3634 • Fax (207) 685-9172

Jeanette Jacobs, Principal

Jeanette_Jacobs@maranacook.com

Dear Families,

I'm pleased to share some encouraging news about our music program moving forward. As you know, our vacant elementary music teacher position has strained our ability to provide the full breadth of enriching arts education this year, including the beloved annual concerts. This difficult decision weighed heavily on us, as we understand the value of these performances for student growth and family enjoyment. While I regret to inform you that we will not be hosting elementary music concerts this school year due to staffing shortages, we look forward to their return in the evening during the 24-25 school year.

I am thrilled to announce, however, that we have successfully hired a second elementary music teacher who will join our team after April break. This critical staffing addition will allow us to resume our comprehensive music curriculum and elementary concerts beginning next school year. For the 2024-2025 academic year, we look forward to reinstating the full elementary music program and once again showcasing our students' talents and artistic expression through culminating concerts. We cannot wait to welcome families back to celebrate our young musicians.

Thank you for your patience and partnership as we navigated this transitional year. Providing robust arts learning opportunities remains a top priority for our district. With full staffing in place, we are excited to uphold this commitment to enriching music education. We appreciate your understanding as we continue enhancing learning experiences for all Maranacook students.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Jacobs

ANNOUNCEMENT:
ELEMENTARY MUSIC GT SCREENING

POSTPONED

THE ELEMENTARY PERFORMING ARTS (MUSIC) GT SCREENING HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL THE START OF THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR. THIS POSTPONEMENT WILL ALLOW PROPER PLANNING AND PREPARATION TIME TO ENSURE AN EQUITABLE SCREENING PROCESS THAT IDENTIFIES OUR MUSICALLY TALENTED ELEMENTARY STUDENTS. THESE STUDENTS WILL THEN BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN APPROPRIATELY CHALLENGING AND ENRICHING MUSIC PROGRAM TAILORED TO THEIR ABILITIES AND INTERESTS BEGINNING IN THE FALL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR MUSIC PROGRAMS. WE WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAILS BEFORE THE START OF NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

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HELLO FAMILIES,

**RSU 38 WILL BE OFFERING THE TOOTH PROTECTORS SERVICES
AGAIN THIS SPRING IN SCHOOL, DURING THE DAY ON
04/24/2024.**

**THIS IS AN OPTIONAL PROGRAM THAT OFFERS PREVENTABLE
DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES PROVIDED BY A LICENSED
CONTRACTED DENTAL HYGIENIST.**

**IF INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR STUDENT PARTICIPATE IN
RECEIVING SERVICES, YOU MUST REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME AND
YOUR INSURANCE WILL BE BILLED OR YOU MAY PAY OUT OF
POCKET. MAINECARE IS ACCEPTED.**

TO REGISTER, PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW...

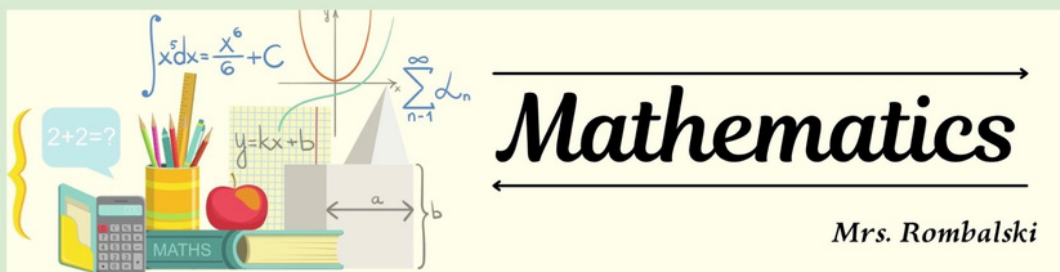
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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.TOOTHPROTECTORS.ORG](https://www.toothprotectors.org) OR CALL: 207-513-1111

OR THEY CAN BE REACHED BY TEXT MESSAGE AT: 207-588-1798





DIVISION

Why is learning how to divide important?

Learning division is an essential step as students prepare for more advanced math concepts. Division builds on the addition, subtraction, and multiplication skills your child has already learned.

Division strategies:

Most of us learned to divide using the standard algorithm.

However, there are several strategies students can use to solve a division problem. Below are the Bridges division strategy posters. Using these strategies helps to familiarize students with division so they understand the division math concepts before they begin using the standard algorithm in the older grades. Give them a try! You may find they help you and your child understand the math behind the math!

Share Fairly

$$12 \div 3 = ?$$

If we divide 12 tally marks fairly into 3 loops, how many will there be in each loop?



Each loop got 4 tally marks, so $12 \div 3 = 4$.

Make Equal Groups

$$28 \div 4 = ?$$

How many equal groups of 4 can we make with 28 counters?

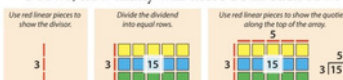


We can make 7 groups of 4, so $28 \div 4 = 7$.

Build a Tile Array

$$15 \div 3 = ?$$

If we arrange 15 tiles to form an array with 3 rows, how many will there be in each row?

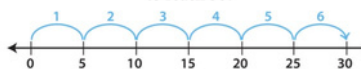


There are 5 in each row, so $15 \div 3 = 5$.

Use Skip-Counting

$$30 \div 5 = ?$$

How many times do we have to count by 5 to reach 30?



If you skip-count by 5 six times, you get to 30, so $30 \div 5 = 6$.

Think Multiplication

$$32 \div 8 = ?$$

$$\square \times 8 = 32$$

I know that 4×8 is 32, so $32 \div 8 = 4$.

Break It Apart

$$36 \div 3 = ?$$

Break the dividend apart by place value. Divide each part and add the quotients.

$$36 = 30 + 6$$

$$30 \div 3 = 10 \text{ and } 6 \div 3 = 2$$

$$10 + 2 = 12 \text{ so } 36 \div 3 = 12$$

When we solve division combinations this way, we're using the distributive property.

5th Grade

The 5th grade kicked off their renaissance unit
by taking some Mona Lisa portraits!

Mona Lisa Portraits



Maranacook Elementary Physical Education

Our favorite unit of the year is back, Jump Roping! During this unit kids will learn how to gain jumping endurance, master solo and partner tricks and take part in group jumping games. I think this is the year our students learn the double dutch!

As the kids master their jumping they will be earning their way up our Jump Rope Ninja belts. It all starts with that first successful jump and before long they are black belt jumpers. We will also have our timed endurance challenges for the older students to try and get 3 minutes or more without stopping. Last year two students lasted over 10 minutes!!

With our jump rope unit we also take part in the Kids Heart Challenge. This is run by the American Heart Association and helps raise funds for a really great cause, be on the lookout for a flyer in your child's backpack.



Mr. Lajoie PE Days:

Mon: Readfield

Tue: Wayne

Wed: Manchester

Thurs: Manchester

Fri: Readfield

Email: matt_lajoie@maranacook.com





First, scan the QR Code to download the mobile app. Once in the app, tap "Unlock Experience", scan this page to bring it to life and view your missions for how to become the ultimate heart hero.



American Heart Association
KIDS HEART CHALLENGE | **AMERICAN HEART CHALLENGE**



CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF LIVESAVERS

DEAR STUDENT AND FAMILY,

Registration is now open! Our community counts on lifesavers like you. Please sign up for **Kids Heart Challenge** or **American Heart Challenge** so you can learn how to keep your heart and brain healthy while raising funds to help kids with special hearts. By completing **Finn's Mission**, you'll also learn the lifesaving skill of **Hands-Only CPR** and how to recognize a stroke.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF LIVESAVERS

1 REGISTER **2 COMPLETE FINN'S MISSION**

It's easy to do on the **AHA Schools app** or by visiting heart.org/Schools.

Students in **Kids Heart Challenge** and **American Heart Challenge** are raising funds to help kids with special hearts — kids like Finn.

Born with multiple heart defects, Finn spent the first eight months of his life in the hospital. Although he's had more than 18 procedures, today Finn is an energetic third-grader who loves educating others about heart health and helping kids with special hearts.

FINN
GRADE 3



REGISTER TODAY!

Download our **AHA Schools app** or visit heart.org/Schools.



SCAN CHECKS!

to instantly see your online total update with our **AHA Schools app**.



HAVE A MATCHING GIFT?

Send your matching gift confirmation (email/photo/screen grab) to matchinggifts@heart.org.

For nearly 100 years, the American Heart Association has been fighting heart disease and stroke, helping families and communities live happier, healthier and longer lives.

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Ladd Center Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday, March 30th

10:00 AM

The event will be held outside on both the front lawn, and the back field.



Golden Egg

Be sure to look for the golden egg hidden between the Ladd Center and Wayne Elementary during the week leading up to the event. The egg will be hidden by Sunday, March 24th at noon.

Do not go looking through people's yards. The egg will not be hidden there. The grassy areas on both sides of the Mill Stream are in play

If you find it, return it to the Ladd Center to receive an Easter basket.

NOT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT

Local Library Events

Cary Memorial Library (Wayne)

- **Children's Story Time**-Every Monday at 10:00 am, Join us for a quick story or two. Babies thru Preschool.
- **Maker's Space**-Wed. Mar 13, 6:00 pm. Calling all kids who enjoy creative projects. Come on down and let your imagination run wild at The Maker's Space! We'll have craft supplies galore. Make a castle, spaceship, dollhouse, dragon, whatever you can dream up! We have cardboard, fabric, popsicle sticks, buttons, yarn, gems, straws, markers, glue and more! All you have to bring is your creativity! (Snow date: Mar. 20)

Underwood Memorial Library (Fayette)

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

- **March 6th**- We will be reading *Clever Tom and the Leprechaun*. Then we will build leprechaun traps and leprechaun lookers.
- **March 20th- Kids STEM Night Activities**. We will be doing STEM activities and challenges such as chain reactions, lego challenges, STEM activities related to books, etc. STEM Kits were purchased with a grant from the Maranacook Education Foundation.

Readfield Community Library (Readfield)

- **STORY WALK®** at the **Readfield Community Library**-*Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes* by Skye Silver. 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 on **Tuesday March 5th at 10:00am**.
- **STORY WALK®** at **Readfield Elementary School**-*Mingo the Flamingo* by Pete Oswald & Justin Thompson. The RES Story Walk is located along the edge of the back soccer field behind the school.

Dr. Shaw Memorial Library (Mt. Vernon)

(These programs are for adults and children)

- **Pre-Eclipse Program** on Wed April 3 at 4:00pm at the library.
- **Eclipse Viewing** on April 8th. The library will open at 2:30pm. The library has purchased eclipse glasses for people to gather and watch the eclipse. Refreshments will be served.



Splash into Summer!
Join the
Stingrays
Swim Team
April 29 – July 14

Sign up by visiting or calling the Kennebec Valley YMCA
31 Union Street, Augusta (207) 622-9622
(This is not a school-sponsored program)

Do you want to give it a try?
Come to the first two weeks for free!

Group A

This group is designed for age 8 and under swimmers who are bridging from a learn-to-swim program to competitive swimming.

Times: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 5:45-6:30 pm
Prices: \$205.00

Group C

This group is designed for age 9-12 swimmers who are prepared to meet the demands of and keep pace with Group C practices. It will also include swimmers over age 12 who are not yet ready for Group D.

Times: Monday through Friday 5:00-6:00 pm
Prices: \$275.00

Group B

This group is designed for age 9 and over swimmers who are new, or relatively new, to competitive swimming.

Times: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 5:00-5:45 pm
Prices: \$245.00

Group D

This group is generally for age 13 and above swimmers who are prepared for the increased demands of Group D, including both workload and intervals (as determined by the coaching staff).

Times: Monday through Friday 3:30-5:00 pm
Prices: \$325



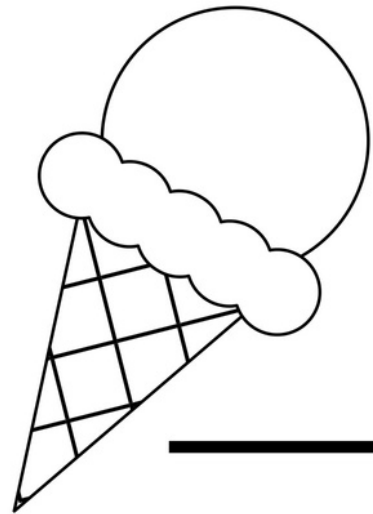
kvystingrays.swimtopia.com



For More Information
Contact Coach Mike Schmidt
mschmidt@kvymca.org

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR ART
WITH US FOR YOUTH ART MONTH!

ICE CREAM FOR YOUNG ARTISTS



BRING YOUR FAMILY TO SEE
YOUR ART DISPLAYED IN OUR

"YOUTH ART GALLERY"

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

1:30 P.M. - 2 P.M.

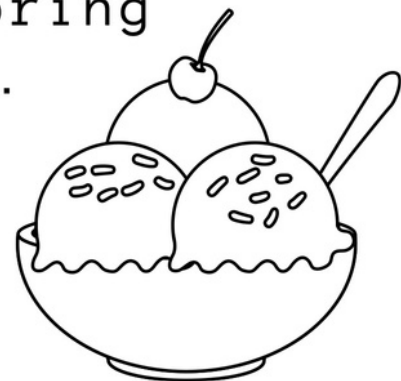
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*Rescheduled to
Saturday 03/30
at 11:30 a.m.*

All children will enjoy free ice
cream sandwiches. Celebrate your
first gallery show, then bring
your art home with you.



Stained Glass Express
966 Western Ave
Manchester, Maine





RSU #38
Manchester ~ Mount Vernon ~ Readfield ~ Wayne
FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR
PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

RSU #38 is seeking all Pre-K and Kindergarten students for the 2024-2025 school year.

Pre-K:

Call 685-3336 x6 to add your child to the list
and schedule a time for screening.
Pre-K screening will be held on May 10, 2024.

Kindergarten:

Call your local elementary school to add your name to the
list for further information.

- Manchester Elementary – 622-2949 x-0
- Mt. Vernon Elementary – 293-2261 x-0
- Readfield Elementary – 685-4406 x-0
- Wayne Elementary – 685-3634 x-0

Age requirements by October 15, 2024:

Pre-K – 4-years old / Kindergarten – 5-years old



Together, we're greater than groceries.

March 17 - June 1, 2024
(603) 380-9353
hannaford.com/helpsschools

Dear Educators and Parent Organizations:

Hannaford is excited to bring **Hannaford Helps Schools** to your community for the spring of 2024. Since the program's inception, we have raised over \$18 million for local schools and are looking forward to a bigger and better program this year.

Once again, we will be collecting donations using online redemption and the in-store collection towers. Using online redemption and the Hannaford Helps Schools app, School Dollars can be donated directly to any participating school. Stores will continue to have a collection tower by the registers and all School Dollars collected here will be combined and evenly split among the participating schools. You can find more details on the program in your kit.

You are receiving this kit because you are a registered participant. Within it, you will find lots of great details and tools you can use to make the program more successful for your school. As a reminder, this program raises **FREE** money for your school! We encourage you to use the tools we have provided to spread the word about the program, and gain support from parents and your local community.

Please direct any questions about the kit or program to our customer service line at (603) 380-9353 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email info@hannafordhelpsschools.com. Hannaford is so proud to support our local schools and help make a difference in the communities we serve. We look forward to making 2024 the best year yet!

Sincerely,
Tessa Brown
Hannaford Marketing

A decorative image on the left side of the bottom section showing various school supplies like colored pencils, pens, paper clips, and pushpins.

RAISING FUNDS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE.



SHOP

Look for the shelf tag on more than 1,500 participating products that will help earn money for your school.



CHECK OUT

Get 3 School Dollars for every 4 participating products you purchase.



DONATE TO YOUR SCHOOL

Deposit your School Dollars in the collection tower at your store, or donate online to any participating school of your choice.

Healthy Living Classes Through Maranacook Adult Ed



Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga offers the benefits of traditional yoga practice without getting on the floor. Benefits include improved posture and balance, increased strength and flexibility, reduced stress and a sense of well-being. Done seated or using a chair for support, this gentle practice adapts to your needs and ability; no experience needed.

Cost: \$42/person

Instructor: Ann Parker

Dates: Tuesdays, April 23 – May 28, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Maranacook High School, Readfield

Tai Chi for Health and Balance

Tai Chi is an enjoyable, low-impact exercise that can help to improve balance, relieve pain, increase strength and prevent falls. It is easy on the joints and good for those with arthritis and balance issues.

Cost: \$45/person

Instructor: Akiba Mermey

Dates: Mondays and Thursdays, April 22 – June 17 (no session May 27), 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Maranacook High School, Readfield



Scan the QR code to view our Spring 2024 Program Guide.

To check out additional classes or register, go to www.maine-general.org/classes-events or call 872-4102. Scholarships available.



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

2023

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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
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.

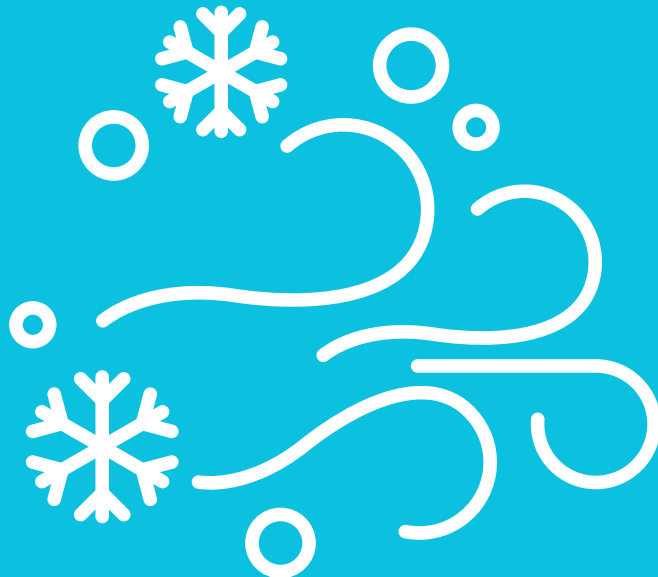
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December 21
March 20

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