



# Hawk Talk

The Monthly Newsletter from the Patricia A. Duran School

## A Message from Mrs. Davis

Dear Duran School Families,

I hope you were able to enjoy a restful December break. We are very glad to welcome your children back to school. As we start a new year, I also wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude and extend warm wishes to each and every one of you. The Duran School is an incredible learning community, and that is due in part to the amazing students, teachers and families. Your children bring so much joy and enthusiasm to our halls each day. Their laughter, curiosity, and energy embody what it means to have a vibrant school community. It is an honor to watch them grow as scholars each day. Thank you for entrusting us the education and well being of your children.

In the spirit of gratitude, I would also like to express my deepest thanks to our amazing teachers and staff. Their dedication and passion for nurturing young minds contribute significantly to the success and positive atmosphere of our school. As we start a new calendar year, let us continue to foster a spirit of community, kindness, and learning.

Warm Regards,

Melissa Davis, Ed.D.  
Principal

## Spotlight on Kindergarten

Our kindergarten students enjoyed an afternoon, with our wonderful volunteers, creating snowman ornaments. This holiday craft was possible thanks to our amazing PTA.

We also continued to build our classroom community and kindness skills with a grade level viewing of *The Grinch*.

Next week we will be having our music concert and kindergarten showcase on January 11th at 6 pm. We will be showcasing our arctic animal projects and hope to see you there!







## **Weather-Related Updates**

There are several ways to find out if we have a weather-related delay or closing:

1. Delays and closing are reported through the local television outlets (WABI, WLBZ and WVII Fox Bangor)
2. A number of different radio stations also report out on delays and closings as well. A few include: 107.3, 106.5, 94.5, etc.
3. The Patricia A. Duran Facebook page is also updated with a delay/closing. If you haven't liked the page, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/HermonElementary/> and like us.
4. A text alert from the superintendent is also sent out to all families. This alert goes to the phone numbers that we have on record at the school. If your number has changed, please contact us so that we can ensure that you receive these updates.

## **No School January 15**

Just a reminder that we do not have school on January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## **Winter/Spring Concert and Student Showcase Schedule**

K-1 Concert and Student Showcase: Our concert and showcase will be on January 11th. Our students have been working hard to create a performance and body of work to show their families. Students are asked to arrive at 5:45 and head straight to the cafeteria to line up. After the concert, students will be dismissed to their classrooms for the academic showcase. Please remember to visit Mrs. Caddell in the new wing to check out what our students do with computer coding.

## **A Note from Nurse Scripture:**

Tis the season for cold and flu! Just a reminder that if your child has been sick, we ask that you keep them out of school until they have been fever, vomiting and diarrhea-free for 24 hours. Fever-

free requires that the student is without a fever, and not using a fever-reducing medication, for 24 hours. Thank you for helping us reduce the spread of seasonal illnesses.

Please remind your student to use good hand washing skills, cough into an elbow, and use a tissue when sneezing. Having a water bottle at school to stay hydrated is important also.

Thank you for your help encouraging your child to keep up healthy practices!

## **Student Absences and Dismissal Plans**

**When your child is absent**, please verify their absence by calling the main office at (207) 848-4000, option 3 for the Duran School. **Please do not send information regarding absences to your child's teacher via SeeSaw.** They are often not checking SeeSaw during the day. We are required by law to track student absences to ensure that students are attending school on a regular basis.

**Excused absences include:** illness, health related appointments, observance of recognized religious holidays when observance is required during school hours, family emergency situations, educational absences approved by the principal in advance, absences caused by school activities held during the school day. As a school, we are required to maintain and report truancy data to the state. Students who accumulate five consecutive unexcused absences or seven unexcused absences are considered by the state to be truant.

As you all know, dismissal and arrival times can be very chaotic. With close to 500 students to dismiss, it is critical that we have student plans. **Please do not send dismissal information to your child's teacher through SeeSaw.** Please call the main office or send your child with a note if their dismissal plans change. We begin preparing for dismissal at 2:00 and request that if plans need to change, they are done before 2:00.

## **Winter Gear and Extra Clothes**

Cold weather has arrived! Please make sure to pack appropriate clothing for outdoor play. We do try to get students outside to play every day. Packing a hat, mittens and a warm jacket is essential for winter recess. When snow arrives, students will be required to wear snow pants in order to play in the snow at recess. If you are unable to provide these items, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Davis. We will make sure that your child has the items they need for cold weather play.

It's also a great idea to make sure that your child comes to school with an extra set of clothes that are seasonally appropriate. We sometimes have spills and the extra clothing ensures that students have what they need.

# **Breakfast and Lunch Menus for January**

# January

## BREAKFAST

STUDENTS  
WHOLE GRAINS

MEALS AT NO COST TO  
WE SERVE  
WE SERVE 1% and LF MILK

PATRICIA A. DURAN SCHOOL

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO SCHOOL	2 Cereal Packs Milk	3 Cinni Minni Fruit Milk	4 Waffle w/ syrup Fruit Milk	5 Muffin Go Gurt Fruit & Milk	6
7	8 Bagel w/ cream cheese Fruit Milk	9 Cereal Packs Milk	10 Waffle w/syrup Fruit Milk	11 Banana Bread Fruit Milk	12 Muffin Go Gurt Fruit & Milk	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL	16 Cereal Packs Milk	17 French Toast w/syrup Fruit Milk	18 Chocolate Bread Fruit Milk	19 Muffin Go Gurt Fruit & Milk	20
21	22 Bagel w/cream cheese Fruit Milk	23 Cereal Packs Milk	24 Breakfast Sandwich Fruit Milk	25 Waffle w/syrup Fruit Milk	26 Muffin Go Gurt Fruit & Milk	27
28	29 Bagel w/cream Cheese Fruit Milk	30 Cereal Packs Milk	31 Banana Bread Fruit Milk			

# January 2023 Lunch @ Pads

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Meals are at no cost to the students. We Serve Whole Grains. We serve 1% and LF milk.	1 NO SCHOOL	2 Chicken & Waffles Carrot Sticks & Dip Fruit & Milk  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Bosco	3 Cheese Quesadilla Garden Salad Fruit & Milk  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Bosco	4 Pigs in a Blanket Baked Beans Sliced colored peppers. Hummus, Fruit, Milk 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Bosco	5 LUNCHABLE Ham, Cheese, Crackers, Grapes, Celery & Dip  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Bosco	6
7	8 Pizza w/ Pepperoni Broccoli w/Cheese Ranch Chick Peas Fruit & Milk 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Cheese Pizza	9 Chop Suey Salad, Garlic Knot Fruit, Milk  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Chicken Nuggets	10 Pancake Breakfast Sandwich Orange Juice Milk 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Chicken Nuggets	11 Turkey BLT Pasta Salad(homemade) Black Beans Fruit & Milk	12 Chicken Burger Potato Wedges Fruit & Milk  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Chicken Nuggets	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL	16 Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup Fruit & Milk  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Hot Dog in Bun	17 Turkey Meatballs In Sweet N Sour Sauce over Rice, Broccoli & Dip Fruit & Milk	18 Walking Taco's with Veggies & Cheese Fruit & Milk  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Hot Dog in Bun	19 Cheeseburger 4 Bean Salad Fruit & Milk  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Hot Dog in Bun	20
21	22 Pizza w/Paperoni Baked Beans Fruit & Milk 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Cheese Pizza	23 Shepherd's Pie Toss Salad, Roll Fruit & Milk 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Corn Dog	24 Ham Italian w/Pickle lettuce & tomato Sun Chips Fresh Carrots Fruit & Milk 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Corn Dog	25 Chicken Nuggets Fries Hot Veggie Fruit & Milk  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Corn Dog 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Corn Dog	26 CHEFS CHOICE	27 We serve whole grain, LF cheeses and milk. 1.2 cup fruit, 1/2 cup vegetables & 8oz milk everyday
28	29 Pizza w/Pepperoni Toss Salad Fruit & Milk 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Cheese Pizza	30 Chicken Drumstick Bug Bites Hot Veggie Fruit & Milk 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Grilled Cheese	31 Mini wrapped Hot Dogs Carrot Sticks w/dip Fruit & Milk  2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: Grilled Cheese		26 We are an equal opportunity provider. Meals are subject to Change!	27 With questions contact you kitchen staff. We serve whole grain LF cheeses and milk.

Pre-Planned Absence Form

# Hermon School Department Calendar

## Hermon School Department 2023-2024 School Calendar



August 2023				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	IS	IS	31	
1 student days				
2 inservice days				

September 2023				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
H	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
20 student days				

October 2023				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	IS
H	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			
20 student days				
1 inservice day				

November 2023				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	H
13	14	15	16	17
20	IS	22	H	H
27	28	29	30	
16 student days				
1 inservice day				

December 2023				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
H	26	27	28	29
16 student days				

January 2024				
M	T	W	T	F
H	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
H	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		
21 student days				

February 2024				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
H	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	
16 student days				

March 2024				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	IS
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
20 student days				
1 inservice day				

April 2024				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
H	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			
17 student days				

### School Holidays

- July 4 Independence Day
- Sept. 4 Labor Day
- Oct. 9 Columbus Day
- Nov. 10 Veterans' Day (Observed)
- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 24 Holiday
- Dec. 25 Christmas
- Jan. 1 New Year's Day
- Jan. 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Feb. 19 Presidents' Day
- Apr. 15 Patriots' Day
- May 27 Memorial Day (Observed)
- June 19 Juneteenth

\*New Years is a special observance day as cited in Title 20-A MRSA §4803

N.B. - Legal Reference: Title 20-A MRSA, Sections 4802, 4803 & 4804

### IS = In-Service Days - NO SCHOOL:

- August 29 & 30, 2023 In-service
- October 6, 2023 In-service
- November 21, 2023 In-service
- March 15, 2024 In-service
- June 11, 2024 In-service

### P/T = K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences

- HHS P/T dates: 10/05 3:30-7:30; 10/12 3:30-7:30
- HMS P/T dates: 11/09 4:00-7:30; 11/20 9:00-2:00, 4:00-7:30
- PADS P/T dates: 11/16 4:00-7:00; 11/20 8:00-3:00 & 4:00-7:30

### Remote Day - Patricia A. Duran School ONLY

H = School Holiday - No School

Vacation Day - No School

S = Storm day

\* = No School/Comp Day for P/T Conferences

Orientation for Grade 9: 08/30/23

August 31<sup>st</sup> First pupil day (K Screenings: 08/31 & 09/01/23)

First Kindergarten pupil day: 09/05/23

ER = Early Release - June 10 Last pupil day

\*\*This calendar includes five (5) days to be lost due to inclement weather. The actual calendar may be adjusted if fewer or more days are lost due to weather conditions.

Graduation Date: June 8, 2024



**Melissa Davis**

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