



Monroe - Message From the Principal

January 15, 2024

Notes from the Principal, Ms. Dupuy ...

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. Last week we held our Winter Variety Show. It never ceases to amaze me when the public shows up for our events. Our students are so supported in all of their endeavors and that is evident on days like this. It takes so much courage to stand up in front of an audience and perform but an audience who cheers you on certainly makes it a little easier. Job well done to all of our performers!

RSU 3 recently sent out a public notice and I wanted to make sure you all had the opportunity to see it.

Public Notice

Due to the storm day on the originally scheduled meeting for Wednesday, January 10, we are rescheduling this meeting for Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at Walker Elementary School in Liberty from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

At this meeting, RSU 3 Superintendent Paul Penna and Assistant Superintendent Lisa Roux will host brief conversation opportunities to brainstorm some of the potential pros and cons of school consolidation in RSU 3. Currently, we are focusing on Morse School in Brooks and Walker School in Liberty. This is an initial conversation to generate feedback to help the school board make an informed decision about school consolidation in RSU 3. The school board values this opportunity to collaborate with stakeholders in the best interest of all students in our school community.

Reminders this week include:

- Thank you all so much for your generous donations of underwear and other items. We are all set at this time!.
- Daily dismissal time will begin with parent pick ups at 3:00, followed by bus dismissals. Parents are asked to pull up to the entrance and your child will be brought out to meet your car.

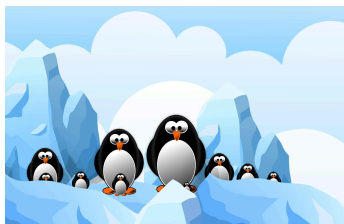
Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions, concerns, or need support for your child or your family. Have a great week!

(email: jdupuy@rsu3.org school phone: 525-3504 cell: 249-1061)

Important Upcoming Dates.....





1/17- Public Meeting at Liberty 5:30

2/12 School Board Meeting MVHS
6:30 pm



1/31 - Early Release Day

2/19 - 2/23 February Vacation

K	<p>In kindergarten we have been working very hard this week on our NWEA and reading assessments. We have started working on Length and Height in Math and are already almost ready for the chapter test. We will be working on finishing our Winter assessments in the coming weeks. I want to Thank Families for coming to the rescheduled Holiday Concert. All the students worked hard and did an amazing job getting up in front of everyone! They were SO happy to have you all here.</p>
<p>1/2</p> 	<p>First and Second Graders have been learning about adding endings to words, such as -es, -ed, and -ing. They have also been learning about Open and Closed Syllables. We practice these patterns in word searches, sentences, illustrations, and games. They also use magnetic letters to make and change words. When the words have more than one of each letter (such as <i>bending</i>), they work together with a partner and two boards to make the word. Not only does this make them think and talk about how to make the word, but they get to practice sharing and working together.</p>
<p>2/3</p>	 <p>Engineers in Ms. Norgang's classroom have been busy learning about boats, buoyancy, and the engineering design process. In the coming weeks, students will follow the engineering design process to build clay boats, and see how many grams of cargo they can carry before sinking. Stay tuned for updates from Norgang Boats, Inc.</p>
<p>4/5</p>	<p>The highlight of the week was the concert on Monday! I am so proud of 4/5 although very nervous getting up on stage and performing for us all. We have been working hard on assessments this month and will continue until the end of the month. We started our biome presentations and will be starting our dioramas soon.</p> 
<p>Agriculture</p> 	<p>Wiggling worms were everywhere in the K-1 classrooms this week! Some red wiggler vermicomposting worms took a class trip to teach our youngest learners how they turn trash into amazing soil for our garden! Mrs. Norgang's class solved riddles about breads made around the world from wheat, corn, and rice. Students in grades 4/5 finished identifying the species of maples we'll be tapping. We determined that most of our trees are red maples.</p>



"Every day you attend school is a step closer to a brighter future. Embrace the opportunity to learn and grow, for education is the key to unlocking endless possibilities."



**Department of Agriculture, Conservation
and Forestry have a suggestion or two!**
**@Maine Department of Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry**

Find the Ski & Snowshoe Trailers at Maine State Parks!

10 AM—3PM on all dates listed

January

- 5-14* Camden Hills State Park,
Camden, (207) 236-0849
Winter Family Fun Day on Jan. 13
- 13 & 14 Mount Blue State Park,
Weld, (207) 585-2261
- 19, 20, 21* Aroostook State Park,
Presque Isle, (207) 768-8341
- 20 & 21 Wolfe's Neck Woods
State Park, Freeport,
(207) 865-4465
- 27 & 28 Sebago Lake State Park,
Casco, (207) 693-6231

February

- 1-13* Holbrook Island Sanctuary,
Brooksville, (207) 326-4012
Winter Family Fun Day on February 10 too!
- 3 & 4 Mount Blue State Park,
Weld, (207) 585-2261
Winter Family Fun Day on February 3 too!
- 10 & 11 Bradbury Mt. State Park,
Pownal, (207) 688-4712
Winter Family Fun Day on February 10 too!
- 17 Reid State Park,
Georgetown, (207) 371-2303
Winter Family Fun Day on February 17 too!
- 17-24* Lake St. George State Park,
Liberty, (207) 589-4255
Winter Fun & Ice Fishing Derby on Feb. 17 too!
- 18 Bradbury Mountain State Park,
Pownal, (207) 688-4712
- 24 & 25 Range Pond State Park,
Poland, (207) 998-4104
Winter Family Fun Day on
Feb. 24 too!

March

- 2 & 3 Mount Blue State Park,
Weld, (207) 585-2261
- 2-10* Cobscook Bay State Park,
Edmunds Twp., (207) 726-4412
- 9 & 10 Sebago Lake State Park
Casco, (207) 693-6231
- 16-31* Lily Bay State Park,
Greenville, (207) 695-2700

* Please call ahead to confirm.

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ICE FISHING DERBY

Saturday February 17
Fish anytime between
7-3:30pm

\$5/person
\$15/family

**Door
Prizes!**




**Cross Pond
Morrill**

1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes
*longest fish &
heaviest fish*

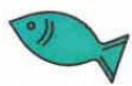
**Prizes for kids only, but all
are welcome to fish!**

Contact Kevin Winslow for more information

207-322-5934

 **Lunch available for
purchase!**
Hot dogs, chips, hot
chocolate/water, sweets &
treats

**Bring your own
skates, sleds,
snowshoes, etc.*
Please no open fire pits

 **Traps & Bait
provided for
those who need it*

This is not an RSU#3 sponsored event



DO YOU HAVE TIME TO SUPPORT OUR
SCHOOLS **AND** EARN UP TO **\$135** PER DAY?

JANUARY 24TH & FEBRUARY 7TH
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Our schools and students need you - and not just as a teacher! Substitutes are hired in almost every job category - custodial, food service, educational technicians and bus drivers to name a few. Before you know it, in just two short sessions, taught by experienced RSU 3 substitute teachers and staff, you can be trained and earning \$100 plus a day! Background check and fingerprinting fees are 100% reimbursable for those who substitute!

This is a hybrid class that can be joined either live online or in person.

RSU #3



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Is my child too sick for school?

Each day many parents are faced with a decision: should they keep their sick children at home or send them to school? Often the way a child looks and acts can make the decision an obvious one. In accordance with Maine Department of Health and Human Services guidelines, a child should not attend school if he/she exhibits one or more of the following symptoms or infections:

Keep your child home if he/she has any of the following symptoms:

- **Fever** (Greater than 100° F)- the student may return when fever-free for **24 hours WITHOUT the use of fever reducing medication.**
- **Cough:** A child with an uncontrolled cough should stay home until they are coughing with less frequency.
- **Diarrhea/Vomiting:** A child with diarrhea and/or vomiting should stay at home and return to school only after being symptom free for 24 hours.
- **Rash-** Any new onset of rash if accompanied by fever; may return after rash resolves or diagnosis is made and clearance given
- **Skin Lesions (sores)** – A student should not be at school with any sores with drainage that cannot be contained within a bandage
- **Strep Throat/Impetigo and other bacterial infections requiring antibiotics-** A student with strep throat must remain home until they have been on their antibiotics for a full 24 hours.
- **Colds-** A child with thick yellow-greenish mucous accompanied by fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or constant nasal discharge should remain home. Very few younger children can effectively blow their noses and wash their hands afterward. A child with the above symptoms will quickly spread the illness to other children.
- **Other-** Any symptoms or complaints that prevent the student from active participation in usual school activities

If your student tests positive for COVID-19, they must isolate at home for 5 days. After 5 days they may return with symptom improvement, masking days 6 through 10. More information can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation>.

Home is the best place for a child who is ill. Students with these symptoms cannot comfortably participate in school activities and unnecessarily expose others to their illnesses.