



Monroe - Message From the Principal

January 22, 2024

Notes from the Principal, Ms. Dupuy ...

I wanted to take a moment to share that it has been a fantastic week at school, and we were so close to making it through the entire week before Mother Nature had other plans. Due to the snow, we had a late start and then had to leave early on Friday, but I'm grateful for the positive energy and engagement from our students throughout the week.

I would also like to emphasize the importance of **reporting absences** to the school promptly. This information is crucial for us to maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone. When reporting an absence, please include the following details:

Reason for Absence: Specify the reason why the student is absent, whether it's due to illness, medical appointments, or other personal reasons.

Symptoms: If the absence is related to illness, provide details about the symptoms the student is experiencing. This includes any upper respiratory symptoms, indications of COVID-19, influenza A, gastrointestinal issues, or the presence of a fever.

This information is essential for us to comply with state reporting requirements. It enables us to track and monitor potential health concerns within our school community and take necessary precautions to ensure the well-being of our students and staff. Your cooperation in reporting absences is greatly appreciated, as it contributes to our efforts in maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment.

Reminders this week include:

- Sometimes our students' winter gear gets wet and soaks through while playing in the snow. You may want to consider sending a dry set of clothes for students to keep at school or in their backpacks so they can change into something dry.
- 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.

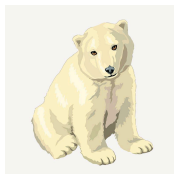
Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions, concerns, or need support for your child or your family. Have a great week!

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

Important Upcoming Dates.....

1/31 - Early Release Day

2/12 School Board Meeting MVHS
6:30 pm



2/19 - 2/23 February Vacation

PBIS

Our whole school is working to earn a Winter Carnival. If we meet our goal, we hope to have it in early February, if snow and temperature conditions permit. As you can see, our students have been busy making forts in the January snow!



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In Kindergarten we have finished up all our Winter testing, We worked so hard that we even earned all the classroom pom-poms! We were so excited to earn these because then we got our P.J. and small Stuffie day. We have started the addition chapter in Math.

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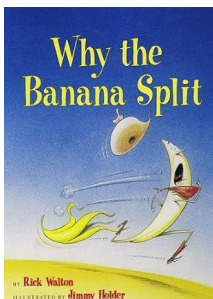
In addition to our regular learning, first and second graders have taken on a Shoelace Challenge! They are working hard to untie and tie laces. We have about half of the class that has shown that they can complete this challenge, and they are working to help their classmates. The class will earn a special pizza party once everyone in the class can tie and untie their laces.

2/3




Engineers at Norgang Boats have wrapped up their 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0 designs. Students wrote reflections about the engineering design process, and were able to take home their clay to hopefully keep experimenting at home! We will be starting a short science unit on properties of matter, and continue integrating informational writing into our work. We will also start a folktale unit, reading and comparing different versions of classic tales.

4/5



We had a great week in 4/5! We have most of our winter assessments completed and will have an opinion writing prompt to finish. I will get with the students that were out to get them caught up on what they missed. We will be finishing up biome presentations and work on our dioramas this week. ELA we have started working more on what authors do to keep us interested. We read Why the Banana Split and analyzed the idioms and some ways the author entertained us. In math, we did some review work and will continue on chapter 3 (multiplication 4th grade and decimals 5th grade) with the goal of wrapping up in the next couple weeks. Coming up is an opinion writing unit and learning about world explorers. I hope everyone had a restful weekend and will be ready to learn this week!

Library	We have been enjoying our Chickadee Award nominee books! These are 10 new picture books we haven't read before, and when we read all 10, we choose our favorite. We will find out which one is the top favorite for the whole state this spring!
Agriculture 	Classrooms were crawling with insects this week. From a giant water bug, to a cicada, to luna moths, students got up close and personal with these interesting creatures! We're learning about all the major parts of an insect including their head, thorax, abdomen, six legs, and two antennae. We identified these parts on real insects with our magnifying glasses. Students noticed some interesting things!
SEL	This week, all classes dove into our new topic of respecting others. All classes did a great job of brainstorming what respecting others looks like, sounds like, and feels like!

"In the symphony of education, each school day is a note, and together they create a melody that resonates with the rhythm of growth, curiosity, and the pursuit of excellence."



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

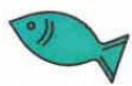
**Prizes for kids only, but all
are welcome to fish!**

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
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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.