



Morse Newsletter

October 2, 2023

Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

It was great to see so many of you at our Open House. This is always a great opportunity for families to get a clearer understanding of some of the school and classroom routines, see samples of student work, and talk with the teacher about how the school year is starting off. I strongly encourage all families to maintain open lines of communication with your child's teachers, our Dean of Students, and myself. We all want the same things for every student which includes school experiences that are positive, fun, and filled with teaching opportunities not just for academics but important life-long skills that will set students up for success. Please be watching for opportunities to visit the school, take a few minutes to check out the What's Happening portion of these weekly newsletters, talk with your child every day about things happening at school, and always reach out sooner rather than later if your child is experiencing challenges related to school.

The year is off to such an amazing start but the days already feel like they are flying by. As we start the month of October, students are finishing up the fall benchmark assessments which have provided critical information about current skill levels and next steps for each student in his/her learning progression. Next week we will hold our first data meetings of the year, which allow teachers and interventionists to come together and plan how to work together to best meet the needs of all students. These conversations are incredibly important to ensure that we are all making decisions based on the needs of students and the school as a whole. From these meetings, goals for each student will be developed, implemented, and monitored over the course of the next 6-8 weeks before our next data meeting when we will formally meet again to determine if students are making the progress they are capable of. Stay tuned for more information about your specific child's goals and progress. **Details about upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences will be sent home soon.**

As a reminder, we are still continually reviewing important safety routines at school, such as fire drills, and ALICE protocols. Please continue to talk with your child about the things they are learning at school to keep themselves and others safe. As always, we are very mindful to approach these topics in an age appropriate way to ensure that students understand the importance of being prepared, without being scared or anxious.

A few important Reminders this week include:

- At this time, we are still asking that students be dropped off at the main entrance where a staff member will greet them and escort them inside.
- Daily dismissal time will begin with parent pick ups at 3:00, followed by bus dismissals beginning at approximately 3:15. Parents are asked to pull up to the entrance and your child will be brought out to meet your car. **During drop off and pick up, if you plan to walk your child to the door, please park in the parking lot across the street so as not to interrupt the flow of traffic. Thank you!**

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!

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Notes from the Office:



Please see important information below regarding Picture Day - it's coming in October!


Please see an important reminder below from the school nurse.

Important Upcoming Dates.....

- 10/6 - No School - Professional Development Day for Teachers
- 10/9 - No School
- 10/10 - Picture Day
- 10/10 - School Board Meeting
- 10/25 - Early Release Day

Check out what's happening at Morse School ... 9/25

K	<p>We have had another great week in Kindergarten. We have continued our focus on how to live up to our Morse ROARS and be SAFE at school. Ask your child some ways they are safe at school. We are also talking about how our actions make others feel - kind actions and words make people happy and impulsive actions can make people upset. Overall, our class is doing a great job learning how we can work together to make our classroom a safe and happy place.</p>
1/2 B	<p>The Braley Bunch had a magnificent week last week. We are reviewing past learning and getting ready for learning centers to begin. Everyone is enjoying the Silly Science Fact handwriting papers we are completing. Did you know earthworms have 5 hearts? This week we are hoping to start using our laptops, ask your child about their responsibilities with the laptops.</p>
1/2 P 	<p>We finished up our narrative writing prompts this week and I was so impressed with these developing young authors! Some really talented artists as well! On Friday we had our first show and tell time and we all enjoyed hearing about the interests and special things that our friends shared with us.</p> 
3/4 M	<p>Another successful week has been completed with my third and fourth grade thinkers! In math we worked on expanded form with addition and started to delve into Mega Math games and the mechanics of Go Math online. In writing, my young learners were intrigued with informational writing. They loved to share information on the concepts they were familiar with and quite a few chose a specific animal. I did not realize that bearded dragons had a "third eye" and now I know this piece of information thanks to my students! In literacy, we worked with energy...just like the energy we need to fuel our bodies, houses and towns need a certain type of energy to keep it going, do they use hydro? Solar? Electricity fueled from coal? My young learners also earned their extra recess on Friday because the classroom community gem jar was filled thanks to them being responsible listeners and learners! I look forward to starting projects and working on more writing and new math skills!</p>

3/4 R	<p>We finished our reading assessments and celebrated with an extra recess on Friday! Students have been working hard to practice our routines and expectations everyday. We're looking forward to starting our math and reading groups! Students have been enjoying a daily writing prompt in their journals and will soon begin an informational writing research paper about an animal of their choice. In science, we're beginning to work on a community leaf project and will be able to tell you what types of leaves we found in our community!</p>
<p>5</p> 	<p>This past week we finished our first Bookshare projects and presentations. I was thrilled with the amount of effort each student showed and the bravery it took to share with their peers. A heartfelt thank you to those at home who supported your students with projects and conversations. You not only provided your students with important encouragement, but fond memories as well. October's Bookshare will focus on nonfiction text. I look forward to seeing what you all come up with this month!</p>
Music	<p>This week, K-2 students learned about dynamics, loud and soft in music. To practice this we sang Charlie Went Over the Ocean at different dynamic levels. Then we used percussion to practice playing loud and soft.</p> <p>3-5 students had a choice day. Students could choose from one of the three topics we've addressed up to this point; song-writing, BandLab, or Graffiti.</p>
PE	<p>Another great week at Morse - bringing back some of the oldie but goodie activities - the children are doing fantastic - so much positive energy and so strong - shout out to Hank, Cylus and Colton for being such strong role models and leaders - well done</p>
Agriculture	<p>This week, I presented our award-winning gardeners with the ribbons we won for our produce at the Common Ground Country Fair! We also watered our lettuce seedlings and picked Red Valentine Dry Beans. The fifth graders potted up some walking onions. What a beautiful week to be out in the garden!</p>
SEL	<p>This week at Morse, we talked about rotten days and those simple things that we can do to make our days just a bit better.</p>

PICTURE DAY

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Morse Memorial Elementary School



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.



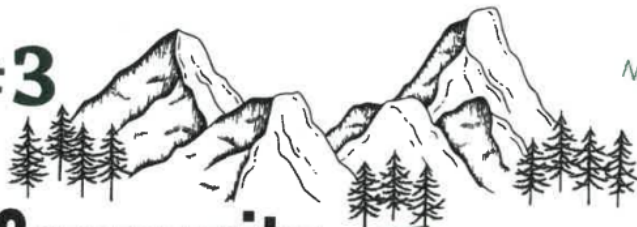
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Nov. 2nd at 6pm

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Nov. 14 at 6pm

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Dec. 5 at 3pm

Internet Safety

Dec. 7 at 3pm

Video Conferencing with
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Dec. 11 at 3pm

**Don't see what
you want?
Just ask!**

College Success Series

Presented by RSU #3 Adult & Community Education and
Dori L. Leadbetter of The Maine Educational Opportunity
Center (MEOC)



PAYING FOR COLLEGE FAFSA WORKSHOP

Wednesday October 11 3:00 - 5:00 pm



APPLYING FOR COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Wednesday November 8 3:00 - 5:00 pm



FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

Wednesday December 6 3:00 - 5:00 pm

How to Register

This is a free service but you must register with both Adult Ed & MEOC.

Adult Education registration: In person or online at rsu3.maineadulted.org

Students that have not already submitted a MEOC application to receive free MEOC services,
please complete the MEOC online application from your cell phone or computer using this
weblink:

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**DISCLAIMER: For all students under the age of 18: A parent/legal guardian signature is
required on the MEOC application and students must attend the workshop with at least one of
their parents/legal guardians.**





Thursday, November 9th, 2023

IN PERSON OR LIVE ZOOM

5:30-7pm

FREE VETERANS LAW CLASS

“Who doesn’t know a veteran” or “THE VA” ?

One phrase rings true, the other spurs thoughts of frustration, bureaucratic double-speak; and confusion.

However, some attorneys, like Mailloux and Marden’s Tyler Hadyniak (Mount View Class of 2011), are experts in navigating the VA benefits system and helping veterans get disability benefits for medical conditions they think are related to service.

Tyler’s legal career began in veterans law, and he is the only veterans disability law attorney in Waldo and Knox Counties.

This course will be a basic, introductory guide to veterans benefits law. There is no charge to attend but registration is required.


Tyler will walk participants through the VA benefits process, and explain what an applicant needs to prove and how to do it. By the end of the class, participants will be able to explain to veterans, their friends, and family, what is required to get compensation through the VA.



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