



Morse Newsletter

October 9, 2023

Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend! Last week was an amazing week. Students had Friday off but staff spent the day involved in incredible professional development with opportunities to talk with colleagues across the district. It was time well spent.

Please help us welcome our new Interim Superintendent, Paul Penna. We are looking forward to the many ways he will support our district in the coming months as we begin the transition to finding our next full time superintendent.

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up in a couple of weeks. Your child's teacher will be sending home specific information and details about how to sign up for these important meetings. These conferences will provide a more formal opportunity for each family to talk about your own specific child(ren), how the start of the school year has gone, and next steps/goals that have been set for you child based on the assessment data we have been collecting for the past several weeks. Please be sure to sign up for a conference, as you are a critical member of your child's educational team.

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 an important reminder below from the school nurse.




Important Upcoming Dates.....

10/10 - Picture Day

10/10 - School Board Meeting

10/23 & 10/24 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

10/25 - Early Release Day

1/2 B	<p>Mrs. Braley spent two mornings out of the classroom last week and that can be tough on students sometimes. I remind them that the expectations are the same and we are always expected to be kind, respectful friends at school. In our class, they know that my number one job is to keep them safe and my number one goal is to teach them to be good humans. This week we will begin using morning bins after breakfast to help get our minds focused on learning. If you could help remind your child that school is an important place, and we are there for learning. Thank you. If you have any questions, email me at jbraley@rsu3.org .</p> 
1/2 P	<p>What a great week we had! We created our google classroom and started IXL math on the computers and the students LOVE computer work! Look for some information to come home soon on how they can practice math at home as well if you have access to a device. We also broke our record of Preferred Activity Time by earning 14 minutes of extra recess. This means that our class worked really hard all week at meeting expectations of being kind and respectful workers. They definitely filled my bucket this week!</p>
3/4 R	<p>We enjoyed collecting leaves and started our community leaf project this week in science. Students enjoyed identifying leaves and creating beautiful leaf rubbings! We identified many types of leaves in our community including maple, oak, elm, birch, poplar, and even a mystery leaf we identified as sycamore! Next, I'm hoping we can begin our animal research writing. This class loves to read, so I can't wait to see the nonfiction books they discover!</p>
	<p>This past week we took a closer look at the engineering design process and started thinking ahead to the NWEA assessments that'll be coming up in the next week or so. Please remind your students to come to school prepared for these tests but not anxious about them. As long as they are doing their best then they are doing exactly what they should be doing. It's just one piece of the larger puzzle.</p>
PE	<p>PE for half of the school with Friday being a Professional Development day for teachers - 3/4 Grades and 1/2 Grades did awesome and keep working very hard - the level of desire, motivation and support for each other continues to inspire me - well done - shout out to Hunter, Jed and Keagan - keep it up boys - be the role model</p>
Agriculture	<p>We're continuing the fall harvest! Some students used the pole picker to harvest out-of-reach pears from our tree. Others harvested tomatoes, cucumbers, and onions from the garden. We watered the lettuce seedlings growing in the hoop house and planted a cover crop to improve soil health. What a beautiful time of year for outdoor learning!</p>



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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Coming soon to RSU 3 Adult Ed!

Windows 10 PC Basics

Oct. 3rd at 4pm

Understanding WordPress

Oct. 5th at 2pm

Using Gmail Effectively

Oct. 31 at 2:30pm

Understanding WordPress

Nov. 2nd at 6pm

Applying for the Affordable
Connectivity Program

Nov. 14 at 6pm

Learning about Devices

Dec. 5 at 3pm

Internet Safety

Dec. 7 at 3pm

Video Conferencing with
Healthcare Providers,
Family, & Friends

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:

https://trio.maine.edu/meoc/meoc_application.php

**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.





8 Days and 9 Nights
June 20-29, 2024

The Best of Italy's Culture, History, Food & Wine
Rome, Florence, Tuscany & Umbria

Register by Oct 31, 2023 for Early Bird Pricing!

Trip Website: <https://www.astravel.world/rsu-3-trip-2023>

Informational Meeting Monday Oct 2 5:30-6:30pm

Live or via Zoom at MVHS - Register online at rsu3.maineadulted.org

