



# Morse Newsletter

October 23, 2023

## Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

Can you believe that there is only one full week left in October? The beginning of the school year is flying by, and has been filled with so many amazing learning opportunities! Students have settled into positive routines and our fall benchmark data has allowed teachers to develop instructional plans to meet the varied needs of their classrooms.

We are excited about Parent/Teacher conferences this week and encourage all families to take advantage of this important opportunity. If you have not yet scheduled a conference, it is not too late. Please just reach out to your child's teacher and they will happily add you to the list. Our goal is to make contact with 100% of our school families and update you on your child's current strengths, areas of need, and goals.

Halloween is right around the corner and excitement will be building. Some classrooms will likely be planning small activities and some of the schools will be hosting school wide themes such as dress like your favorite book character, school spirit day, or something similar. Please just keep in mind that if your student's school decides to offer one of these dress up type activities, students are not allowed to wear just regular Halloween costumes that are not connected to these themes, and no dress up that includes weapons, blood or anything related to violence will be allowed. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

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.



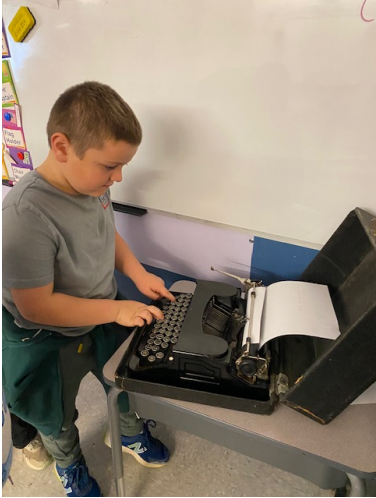
## Important Upcoming Dates.....

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

10/25 - Early Release Day

11/10 - Veteran's Day - No School

11/13 - School Board Mtg at **Monroe School**

K	<p>This week we spent time celebrating how much we have grown since the beginning of the school year. I am so happy to see so much growth, especially with letter knowledge. We are working towards learning to read, and everyone was happy to cheer each of their friends' progress! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this week at Parent Teacher Conferences and sharing your child's successes!</p>
1/2 P	<p>Students completed a spelling inventory this week to help me see where they are as spellers and what skills we need to work on. We continue to work on narrative writing and are now focusing on trying to add details to our stories. In math we are working on place value and counting with tens frames. We had our monthly show and tell session this past Friday which is always an exciting day for everyone. Pictured is one of the interesting items shared!</p>  <p>The photograph shows a young boy with short brown hair, wearing a grey t-shirt and green pants, sitting at a desk. He is focused on typing on a black vintage typewriter. The typewriter has a sheet of paper in it. The background is a plain white wall with some colorful items hanging on it.</p>
3/4 M	<p>Another week has concluded with my third and fourth grade thinkers! This week we wrapped up the NWEA testing and I am so proud of how my young learners, despite their frustration, finished the tests. They earned their "Free Friday" and on that day I met a lot of interesting stuffed animals including a giant Peeps bunny I nicknamed "Steve" and a bright pink lobster I nicknamed "Larry." Some students brought in board games and other items that were of their interests. We officially began Show and Tell Friday! Every Friday students will have the opportunity to bring in something they want to share with the class or they can simply share an experience. Another week of learning officially begins and I look forward to new learning with my students!</p>



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We will be celebrating students' hard work on the NWEA tests during the early release day this Wednesday! Students have been looking forward to this special reward! I'm also looking forward to Parent Teacher Conferences this week to discuss your child's progress with you!

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Our trip to the Gulf of Maine Research Institute was a huge success! Students engaged in relevant research about some of Maine's natural resources and how changes in our environment impact them. We also completed our egg drop engineering challenge. Ask your student how it went and what they might do different next time!

Agriculture



We celebrated Take Me Outside Day by participating in a nationwide program of creating art out of natural materials. Students learned about artist, Andy Goldsworthy, who creates art from such media. Check out our creations!



SEL

This week everyone went on an emoji emotion scavenger hunt!



## 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.



## Check out these **FREE** Digital Literacy classes



### 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](http://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](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](https://rsu3.maineadulted.org)**

