



Morse Newsletter



November 6, 2023

Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

In this week's message, I'd like to recognize all veterans for your service and commitment to our country. Thank you for your dedication and sacrifice!

Despite the warmer temperatures of this past weekend, we all know that the cold weather is coming soon. This is a good time to remind all families to please send students to school dressed appropriately every day. A good rule of thumb right now is send your child dressed in layers so that they are comfortable both inside and outside. Outside activities are an expectation for every day as long as it's not pouring rain or below 10 degrees (hopefully we still have a while before it's that cold). Students should start getting in the habit of bringing hats and mittens and soon boots, snow pants, etc. It is very important that all students have the necessary clothing for outside as we do not have adequate coverage to keep students inside if they are not prepared. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need any support with warmer clothing for cold weather - as fast as kiddos outgrow things, it can be challenging to keep up with having everything they need.

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:

How can caregivers support attendance?

- Encourage your child to attend school, even if they feel a little tired or unmotivated.
- Celebrate a child's attendance achievements and acknowledge their effort.



Important Upcoming Dates.....

11/10 - Veteran's Day - No School

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

11/22-24 - Thanksgiving Break



Check out what's happening at Morse School ... Week Of: 10/30

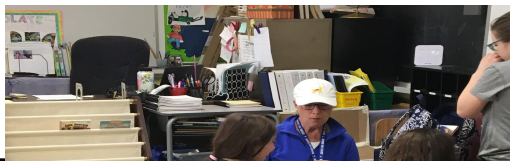
1/2 B This week was full of excitement! We had lots of fun and learning with our morning bins! (Pictures will come soon) We are all working hard to focus on learning during learning time and then playing during non learning time. This week we tried Prodigy for the first time and some friends are beyond excited! 😊 Letters are coming home explaining how to connect parents to classroom learning.

1/2 P This week we had a great surprise guest, Harley the therapy dog and her handler Barbara! The class got to hear about and see how she is trained and all the great work she will do for school children in the future. Everyone loved getting the chance to hear her story and especially being able to ask questions and pet her after!



3/4 M Another exciting week has concluded with my third and fourth grade thinkers! We were visited by a beautiful golden labradoodle by the name of Harley. She is on a mission to be a therapy dog at a school for students that need extra emotional support. I am in awe of the ABC's of Maine project books some of my students submitted. I will have a small classroom library shelf ready so other students and staff members can view them. I plan to create one big polished and published classroom book using studenttreasures.com! In math my third graders are going strong with multiplication and I am working with my smart fourth graders on different strategies we can use to round using place value. Our class has officially declared every Friday as a Show and Tell day so every week we can share experiences and things that are important to us. Have a fantabulous week everyone!

3/4 R Our class also enjoyed a visit from Harley, the therapy dog! Both Harley and the students did a wonderful job waiting until after the presentation to "greet" each other! Students had so many great questions and were excited to hear how she's helping students in other schools. What a great example of patience and self-control she was for us all!



5	<p>What a great week in 5th grade! We finished our engineering unit with our cardboard furniture challenge and started looking ahead to our Human Body system unit. This month's Bookshare focus is biographies. Please ask your student what they plan on reading and talk to them about the importance of not waiting until the last minute to work on it. The due date for this month is Thursday, November 30th. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.</p>
Library	<p>Grade 5 is still going strong with <i>Among the Imposters</i> by Margaret Peterson Haddix, Book 2 in the <i>Shadow Children</i> series. We are excited to see how far we will get with this series this year!</p> <p>Both 3/4 classes are now reading <i>The Wild Robot Protects</i> by Peter Brown! We have been waiting for this to be released and it hasn't disappointed us yet!</p> <p>K-2 rounded out the week with some Non-fiction November, where we talked about what makes a book fiction vs non-fiction (based in imagination vs based in facts that can be found in other places too). We enjoyed <i>Fire! Fire!</i> by Gail Gibbons, which let us discuss fire safety and the differences between city, country, forest, and water based fire departments.</p>
Agriculture	<p>Our K-1 learners went on a Seed Safari around the schoolyard in a quest to find seeds. We learned that flowers make seeds and found many dead flowers with different seeds inside of them. Mrs. Braley's class explored worm habitats. Did you know that worms know how to pull the pointy part of a leaf into their burrows to use as food and to camouflage the opening?! The older students cleaned out the raised beds, hoop house, and gardens out front. The frost has finally hit hard!</p>
SEL	<p>This week all classes learned about impulse and impulse control. We practiced our impulse control by playing some group games where students had to keep their impulses at bay.</p>
G/T	<p>Here are the steps to refer a student for G/T services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Go to RSU 3 district web site 2 - select "departments" 3 - select "curriculum and instruction" 4 - select "gifted and talented" 5 - scroll down to find the form, which can be filled out right on line.

Just for fun, all are encouraged to wear holiday PJs - students, staff and families too!

You are Invited to Join Us
**Festive Holiday
BRUNCH**



Morse Memorial School

We are excited to invite families into our cafeteria to enjoy a Festive Holiday Brunch with your child. On **December 5th** lunch will be **served at 11am**. Cost for lunch is **\$5.00** for adults and **\$3.00** for non-student children payable by cash or check. Children that are enrolled in school eat for free. Please RSVP to reserve a spot for your family no later than **Wednesday, November 28th**.

CINNAMON GLAZED FRENCH TOAST,
Menu: SAUSAGE, HASH BROWN, FRESH FRUIT &
VEGGIE BAR, DESSERT

Please return form no later than November 28th!

Reservation Form for Holiday Brunch

Student(s) Name:

Number of Adults	Number of non-student Children

Cash Included

Check Included

Total Amount Included _____



**BUM LEAGUE BASKETBALL
SIGN UPS**

**WHEN: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
FROM 6-7PM**

**WHERE: MT. VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA**

**THIS IS FOR ANY 3rd THRU 6th GRADE
STUDENT WHO LIVES WITHIN RSU 3**

Come join the fun!!!

****This is not an RSU 3 sponsored event****



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

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.



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