



Morse Newsletter



November 13, 2023

Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

The next few weeks will be busy ones with several exciting events scheduled, report cards coming home soon, and the anticipation of the upcoming holidays. Please be sure to review the important upcoming dates below so that you don't miss any of these important things.

As another reminder, it is definitely getting colder; however students will still be going outside several times a day. Please send your child to school adequately prepared to play outside. If your child needs anything at all - warm coat, boots, hats/mittens, etc, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office as we always have extras and the ability to get whatever we 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:

There will be an **in-person volunteer orientation session** on Tuesday, November 14th beginning at 3:30 pm at the Mount View Complex. There is also an **online orientation session** that you can do from the comfort of your home. Reach out to Jenny Tibbetts, our RSU3 Volunteer Coordinator for more information. She can be reached via email at jtibbetts@rsu3.org or you can call her at 568-4640 x1413. Thank you!

Be sure to wear your favorite holiday pjs when you join us for our upcoming holiday brunch - see details below.



Important Upcoming Dates.....

11/22-24 - Thanksgiving Break



Week of 12/4 - Report Cards come home

12/5 - Holiday Brunch

12/12 - Holiday Variety Show

<p>K</p> 	<p>Last week we enjoyed learning about the different parts of a pumpkin and investigating our own pumpkin! We even kept a tiny pumpkin to see what happens as it decomposes.</p>
<p>1/2 B</p>	<p>What an awesome week!! Students were ready to learn and focused on getting their work done without interrupting others. This week we will begin using Seesaw to share our learning with home. Be on the lookout for an email to connect to our classroom.</p>
<p>1/2 P</p> 	<p>This week we have been working hard with Mrs. O.K. implementing our literacy workshop time where everyone is focused on improvement in reading and writing. Students are doing a great job learning to work independently and as a group.</p>
<p>3/4 M</p>	<p>Another successful week of learning is complete! My third and fourth grade thinkers are working hard at wrapping up their Maine travel journals which contain research based information about our great state. We did Thanksgiving writing including an interesting informational based writing prompt on How to Cook a Thanksgiving Dinner and what my young learners are truly thankful for. My students are doing a great job working on their small reading group and partner reading skills. This week we will work more on visualizing, using our 5 senses and making inferences in our reading. In math, both third and fourth grade are wrapping up our units so we can delve further into new learning after Thanksgiving break. We had a pajama day on Thursday "just because" and I was elated with all the comfortable pajamas, slippers and stuffed animal choices. Quite a few students were fond of my cow slippers and my trusty sidekick, Gerry the Squishmellow Cow. Last Friday we did not have school in observance of Veteran's Day. A true THANK YOU to those that served for our country!! Let's have another week of positive and meaningful learning!</p>
<p>3/4 R</p>	<p>We've enjoyed starting up our reading groups. Students will be reading fiction and non-fictions texts. We're focusing on retelling the important parts of the story in our groups. We're hoping to begin our animal research projects soon and focus on informational writing. During math, it's been great to see students working together on developing math fact fluency in addition, subtraction, and multiplication. We added in color-by-number and flash cards to help with our practice.</p>



5 We finished up with our ancient civilization research last week. Civilization groups will be meeting this week to decide how to share what they learned with the class. Ask your students what their civilization is and what they learned about it! teams of two started constructing paper life sized skeletons to study the skeletal system in science and we practiced our mental math strategies with a friendly game of putt putt golf!

Music This week K-2 students continued working on Ukulele learning the C chord, they also started learning the song I Met a Bear, and practiced creative listening.

3-5 students are hard at work on their songs, the first groups finishing theirs and starting their beats and album art.

PE Mr. Ballard was fortunate and got to go to a P.E and Health conference at the Samoset. There were people from all over the country and lots of new ideas/activities and games. He is very happy to be back and can't wait for "Game On". let's go

Library We enjoyed learning about hippos for Non-fiction November in K-2. Learning how to choose non-fiction books that interest us has been fun! Grades 3-5 have been enjoying their chapter books, and making great book choices when it comes to check out time.

Agriculture Tis the season for falling leaves! This week, our kindergarten students and Mrs. Parker's, Mrs. Rasar's, and Miss Beth's classes investigated leaves. We learned that leaves are food factories for plants. Then we drew, measured, and labeled leaves, and made leaf rubbings. Mrs. Braley's class continued their wormy wonderings by listening to a worm story, then feeding our red wigglers! Mrs. Rawley's class learned about calf care and made cards for Farmer Betsy, who cares for our Adopt-a-Cow, Recking Ball. It was a busy week!

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

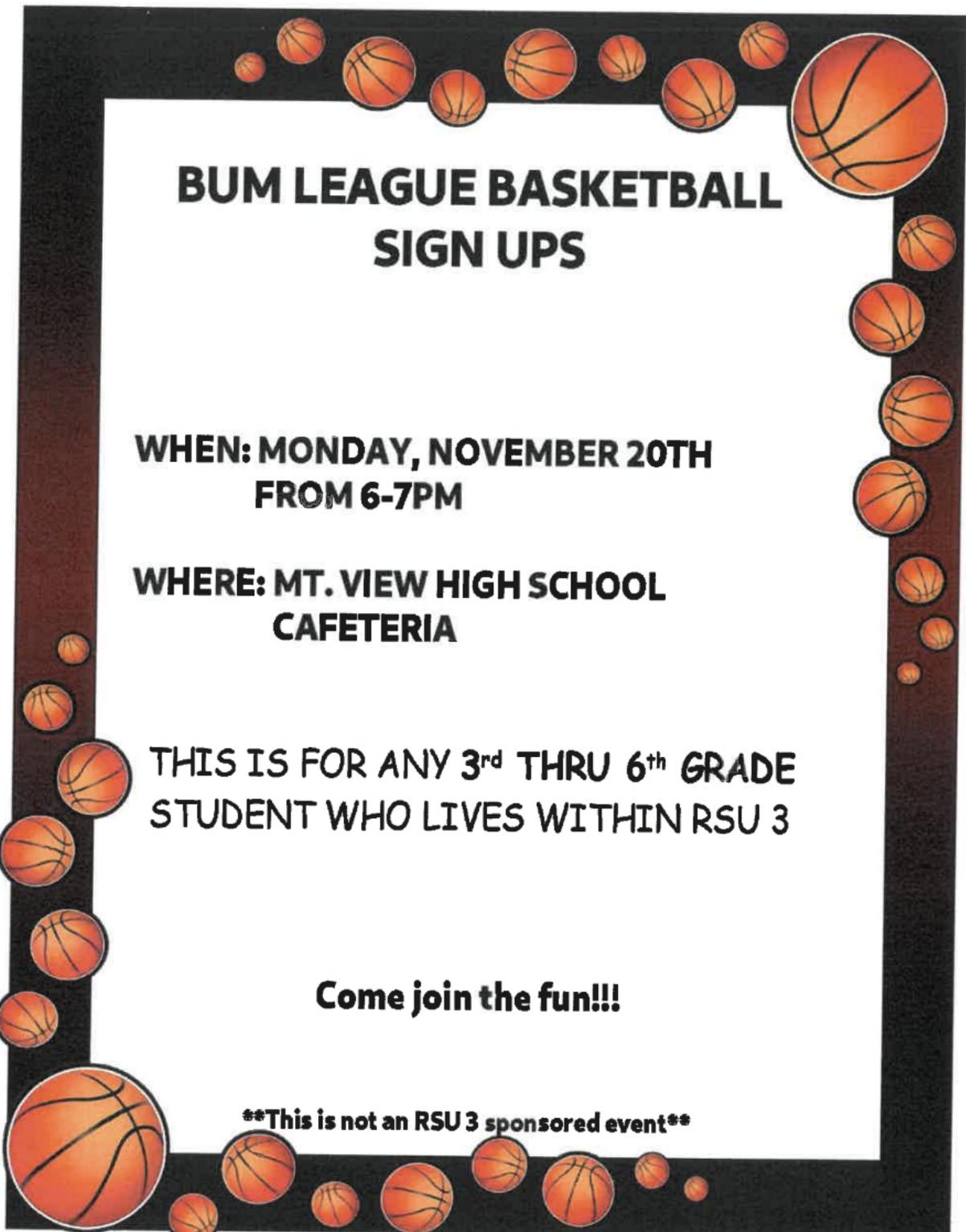
Student(s) Name:

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.**

