



# Morse Newsletter



January 22, 2024

## Notes from the Principal, Ms. Dupuy ...

I hope this message finds you well. I know many of our students were looking forward to finally being able to get out and enjoy some winter activities, including sledding, skiing, snowmobiling and ice fishing. I wanted to take a moment to share how fantastic this week has been at school. While it may have been a short week, our students have been actively engaged in various learning activities, and it's great to witness their enthusiasm for learning.

As our winter season is getting into full swing, I would like to kindly remind you to ensure that your child comes to school prepared for outdoor winter recess. The weather can be chilly and we want to make sure our students are comfortable and warm while enjoying their break. We do not go outside if the temperature or windchill is below 10 degrees, but we do try to get outside every day that is warmer than that!

Please send your child to school with appropriate winter attire, including warm coats, hats, gloves, ski pants, and any other accessories that will help keep them cozy during outdoor activities. This way, they can make the most of their recess time while staying snug and protected from the winter chill.

A few important Reminders this week include:

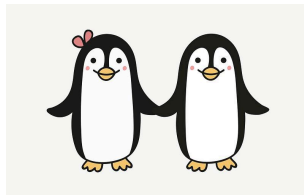
- At this time, we are still asking that students be dropped off at the main entrance where a staff member will greet them and escort them inside.
- Daily dismissal time will begin with parent pick ups at 3:00, followed by bus dismissals beginning at approximately 3:15. Parents are asked to pull up to 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 remember to send your student to school with an extra set of clothes. They are having a great time at recess and sometimes come back inside a little damp. Thank You!!



## Important Upcoming Dates.....

1/31 - Early Release Day

2/12 - School Board Meeting at MVHS 6:30

2/19 - 2/23 February Vacation

K	<p>We are right in the middle of winter assessments. I am happy to see so much progress in our kiddos' learning, and I'm excited to share the results with families once we finish.</p> <p>We are looking forward to reading lots of books about penguins this week!</p>
1/2 B	<p>Winter assessments are hopefully wrapping up this week! Students are sharing their learning and growing as readers and mathematicians! Germs are also in full swing right now! Please remind your children to use tissues and hand sanitizer. Many of us have spent time at home sick lately and I hope to end the spread.</p>
3/4 M	<p>Despite missing a day and a half this week, another successful week is complete in our classroom! My young learners are working hard on their fiction stories and they began the historical figure research process! We began working on fractions and we are going to delve further into equivalent fractions and number lines this week. We are starting our "Friday Science" learning again and we are working on energy. This week may require more winter assessing as well as the NWEAs but I am confident that my students can accomplish anything!</p>
3/4 R	<p>We are continuing our winter assessments. We will continue with reading assessments, take math assessments, and take the NWEA tests. It's been great to see everyone's progress so far!</p>
Agriculture	<p>What has six legs, a head with no nose, and an exoskeleton? An insect! This week we investigated the major parts of an insect including their head, thorax, abdomen, antennae, compound eyes, and exoskeleton. We took a close look at a gigantic water bug, swallowtail butterfly, and cicada and some of us even went on a bug hunt in the classroom! What interesting creatures!</p>



**"The best way to predict your future is to create it." - Abraham Lincoln**

**Attend School Every Day to Build Your Future**

# Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry have a suggestion or two!

@Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

## Find the Ski & Snowshoe Trailers at Maine State Parks!

10 AM—3PM on all dates listed

FREE equipment  
use with Park  
Admission

### January

- 5-14\* Camden Hills State Park, Camden, (207) 236-0849  
Winter Family Fun Day on Jan. 13
- 13 & 14 Mount Blue State Park, Weld, (207) 585-2261
- 19, 20, 21\* Aroostook State Park, Presque Isle, (207) 768-8341
- 20 & 21 Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park, Freeport, (207) 865-4465
- 27 & 28 Sebago Lake State Park, Casco, (207) 693-6231

### February

- 1-13\* Holbrook Island Sanctuary, Brooksville, (207) 326-4012  
Winter Family Fun Day on February 10 too!
- 3 & 4 Mount Blue State Park, Weld, (207) 585-2261  
Winter Family Fun Day on February 3 too!
- 10 & 11 Bradbury Mt. State Park, Pownal, (207) 688-4712  
Winter Family Fun Day on February 10 too!
- 17 Reid State Park, Georgetown, (207) 371-2303  
Winter Family Fun Day on February 17 too!
- 17-24\* Lake St. George State Park, Liberty, (207) 589-4255  
Winter Fun & Ice Fishing Derby on Feb. 17 too!
- 18 Bradbury Mountain State Park, Pownal, (207) 688-4712
- 24 & 25 Range Pond State Park, Poland, (207) 998-4104  
Winter Family Fun Day on Feb. 24 too!

### March

- 2 & 3 Mount Blue State Park, Weld, (207) 585-2261
- 2-10\* Cobscook Bay State Park, Edmunds Twp., (207) 726-4412
- 9 & 10 Sebago Lake State Park, Casco, (207) 693-6231
- 16-31\* Lily Bay State Park, Greenville, (207) 695-2700

\* Please call ahead to confirm.

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*Saturday February 17*  
Fish anytime between  
7-3:30pm

**\$5/person**

**\$15/family**

**Door  
Prizes!**



**Cross Pond  
Morrill**

1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes  
*longest fish &  
heaviest fish*

*\*Prizes for kids only, but all  
are welcome to fish!\**

**Contact Kevin Winslow for more information**



*\*Lunch available for  
purchase!  
Hot dogs, chips, hot  
chocolate/water, sweets &  
treats*

**207-322-5934**

*\*Bring your own  
skates, sleds,  
snowshoes, etc.  
Please no open fire pits*



*\*Traps & Bait  
provided for  
those who need it*

This is not an RSU#3 sponsored event



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JANUARY 24TH & FEBRUARY 7TH  
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Our schools and students need you - and not just as a teacher! Substitutes are hired in almost every job category - custodial, food service, educational technicians and bus drivers to name a few. Before you know it, in just two short sessions, taught by experienced RSU 3 substitute teachers and staff, you can be trained and earning \$100 plus a day! Background check and fingerprinting fees are 100% reimbursable for those who substitute!

**This is a hybrid class that can be joined either live online or in person.**

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## 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.