



Morse Newsletter

January 29, 2024



Notes from the Principal, Ms. Dupuy ...

I wanted to take a moment to share that it has been a fantastic week at school, and we were so close to making it through the entire week before Mother Nature had other plans. Due to the snow, we had a late start and then had to leave early on Friday, but I'm grateful for the positive energy and engagement from our students throughout the week.

I would also like to emphasize the importance of **reporting absences** to the school promptly. This information is crucial for us to maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone. When reporting an absence, please include the following details:

Reason for Absence: Specify the reason why the student is absent, whether it's due to illness, medical appointments, or other personal reasons.

Symptoms: If the absence is related to illness, provide details about the symptoms the student is experiencing. This includes any upper respiratory symptoms, indications of COVID-19, influenza A, gastrointestinal issues, or the presence of a fever.

This information is essential for us to comply with state reporting requirements. It enables us to track and monitor potential health concerns within our school community and take necessary precautions to ensure the well-being of our students and staff. Your cooperation in reporting absences is greatly appreciated, as it contributes to our efforts in maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment.

A few important Reminders this week include:

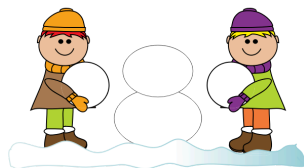
- At this time, we are still asking that students be dropped off at the main entrance where a staff member will greet them and escort them inside.
- Daily dismissal time will begin with parent pick ups at 3:00, followed by bus dismissals beginning at approximately 3:15. Parents are asked to pull up to 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!!



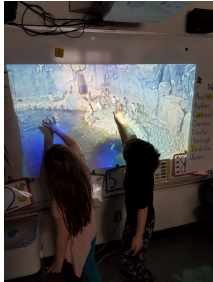



Important Upcoming Dates.....

1/31 - Early Release Day

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

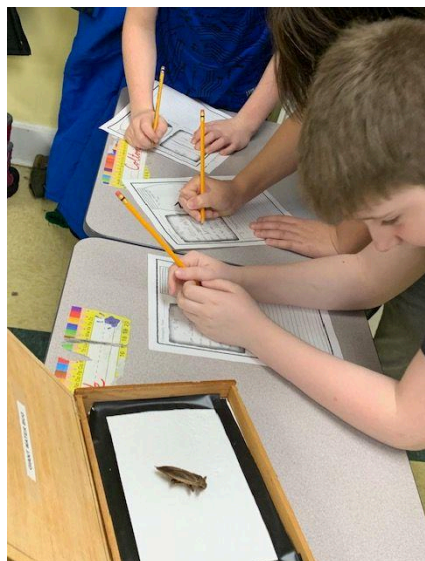
2/19 - 2/23 February Vacation

Check out what's happening at Morse School ... Week Of: 1/22

<p>K</p>  	<p>This week has flown by! We have worked on basic addition, started reading groups, started exploring different coins and ways to count them, and are working to finish up the last of the winter assessments. We also enjoyed checking out some penguin webcams.</p> <p>On another note, I know many of you were unable to attend the meeting last month regarding the possible closure of Morse School in June. If you would like more information or would like to voice questions or concerns, please be sure to contact your school board member.</p> <p>Waldo – Wayne Marshall (wmarshall@rsu3.org, 930-9689) Brooks – Ashleigh Eastham (aeastham@rsu3.org, 505-0454) Jackson – Jonathan Lorenz (jlorenz@rsu3.org, 325-338-8963)</p>
<p>1/2 B</p>	<p>Have you heard about the worms in our classroom? This week, we saw many worms enjoying an apple we saved for all really enjoyed watching the change in the mulch and seeing the worms grow.</p>  
<p>1/2 P</p>	<p>It was a week of hard work in our class completing NWEA testing and winter assessments! To celebrate we enjoyed a snowball making contest on Friday! <i>(Friendly reminder when we have days that start with a delay there is no breakfast served at school. Please be sure your child eats at home.)</i></p>



3/4 M	<p>Another week is done in our classroom! We are fully into our fractions unit. My young learners are almost done with their fiction stories and when all of them are complete they will be displayed in our bookshelf outside of our classroom! Students are delving further into their historical figure research project. We are working on our science energy lessons. Even though February begins this week it is still winter and extremely cold out! Please be sure to send your child in with the appropriate winter attire and even though I have some extras, the abyss of winter wear in the student hook area seems to swallow up my extra clothing. I hope that everyone has a fantabulous week!</p>
3/4 R	<p>We only have a few more days of assessments this week. We completed NWEA testing and will wrap up our reading assessments. I'm looking forward to sharing students' progress with you! We finally enjoyed more sledding on the playground this week! Please make sure your child comes to school ready to play outside everyday, and please reach out if your child needs any winter clothing.</p>
5	<p>Due to some technical issues we weren't able to finish our NWEA testing last week. We will finish up with that this week as well as start our book share presentation, which are due on Wednesday. We will be analyzing legends, folk tales and fairy tales for February's presentations.</p>
Library	<p>We have been enjoying our Chickadee Award nominee books! These are 10 new picture books we haven't read before, and when we read all 10, we choose our favorite. We will find out which one is the top favorite for the whole state this spring!</p>
Agriculture	<p>Classrooms were crawling with insects this week. From a giant water bug, to a cicada, to luna moths, students got up close and personal with these interesting creatures! We're learning about all the major parts of an insect including their head, thorax, abdomen, six legs, and two antennae. We identified these parts on real insects with our magnifying glasses. Students noticed some interesting things!</p>



SEL

This week, all classes dove into our new topic of respecting others. All classes did a great job of brainstorming what respecting others looks like, sounds like, and feels like!

"In the symphony of education, each school day is a note, and together they create a melody that resonates with the rhythm of growth, curiosity, and the pursuit of excellence."



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!**

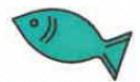
Contact Kevin Winslow for more information



**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



DO YOU HAVE TIME TO SUPPORT OUR
SCHOOLS **AND** EARN UP TO **\$135** PER DAY?

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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register online at rsu3.maineadulted.org or call us today 568-3426



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.