



Morse Newsletter

February 26, 2024



Notes from the Principal, Ms. Dupuy ...

I hope this message finds you refreshed and rejuvenated after the February break! As we dive back into the rhythm of school life, I wanted to extend a warm welcome back to each of you and your children.

I trust that the past week provided a well-deserved opportunity for quality family time, relaxation, and perhaps a few exciting adventures. Now, we're eager to continue our journey of learning and growth together.

With the second half of the school year well underway, I encourage ongoing communication between home and school to support your child's academic progress. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or me if you have any questions or concerns.

A few important Reminders this week include:

- Sometimes our students' winter gear gets wet and soaks through while playing in the snow. You may want to consider sending a dry set of clothes for students to keep at school or in their backpacks so they can change into something dry.
- 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:

The school board would like to invite families to visit Mt. View Elementary School during an open house on Wednesday February 28. The school will be open for families to tour between 4:30 and 6:00.

Important Upcoming Dates.....

2/28 - Open House at MVES 4:30-6:00

3/8 - End of Second Trimester

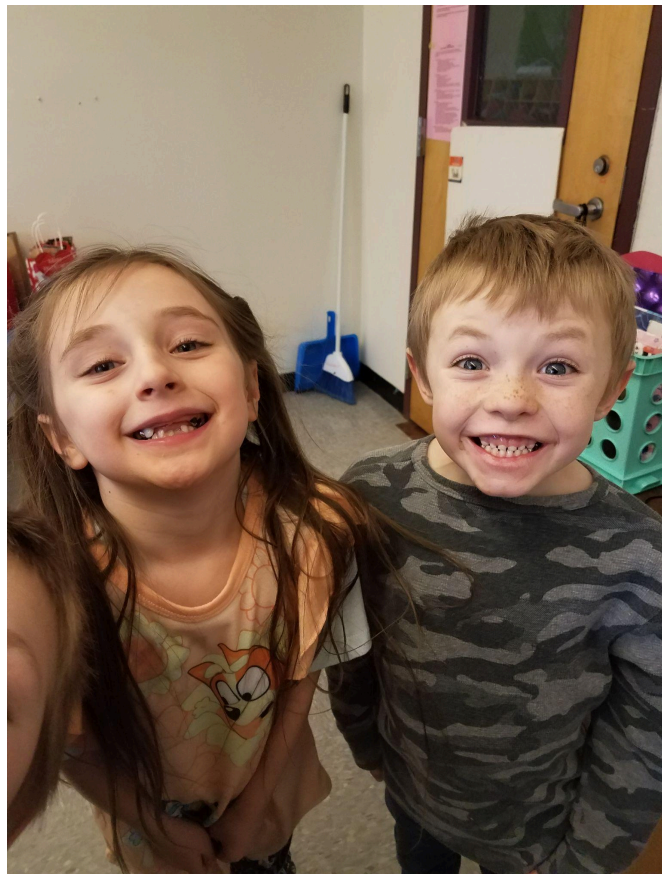
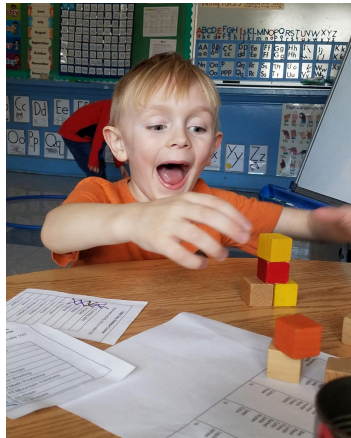
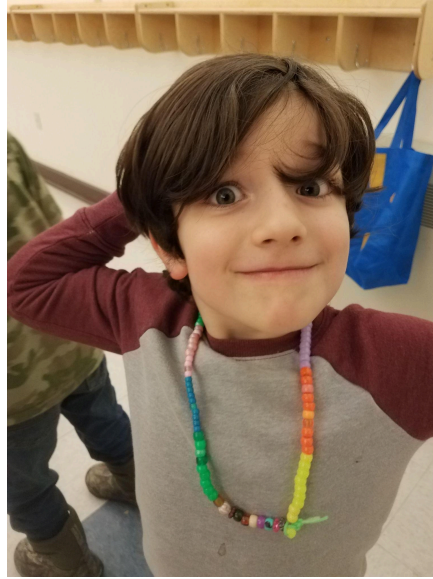
3/11 - School Board Meeting at MVHS 6:30

3/15 - Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students

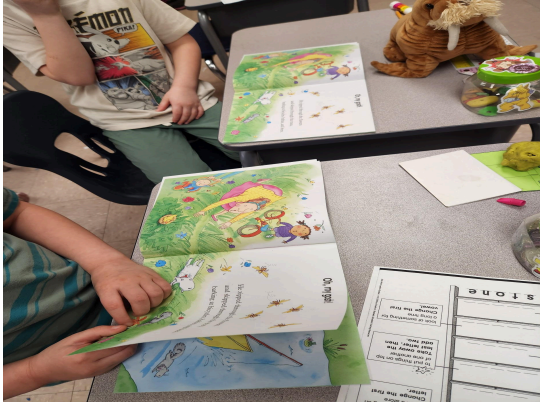
Check out what's happening at Morse School ... Week Of: 2/12

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There was a lot to celebrate this week. On Monday, we had our 100th day of school. We celebrated in our own class by making necklaces with 100 beads, playing games with skip counting by 10, and reading books about the 100th day of school. In the afternoon, the entire school celebrated with obstacle courses, cup stacking, card games, snacks, and more!



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1/2 B	<p>Before vacation, we struggled to stay focused on our learning and lost valuable learning time to student distractions. I am hopeful that we all rested up and came back ready to get our jobs done. This week, we are going to review our learning expectations, take a look at our winter assessment results, and set goals for the coming weeks. As a class, we have enjoyed reading the book <u>Oh My Gosh, Mrs. McNosh!</u> By Sarah Weeks. Students are bringing home a copy to share with their families and add to their library.</p> 
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3/4 M	<p>Our week before vacation was certainly eventful! We celebrated our 100th day with an array of fun activities. We had a Valentine’s Day party complete with exchanging cards and engaging in activities. My fourth grade learners completed the NAEP testing and I am very proud of them for accomplishing something that was new and challenging. I hope everyone had a fantabulous break and my young learners are ready for a full week of new learning. We are getting back into math groups, literacy groups and making way for a new type of writing!</p>
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3/4 R	<p>We enjoyed celebrating the 100th day of school this week! Students were presented with chapter book options for our book clubs. They are looking forward to starting these along with book discussions in their clubs after the break!</p>
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5	<p>We finished up several projects the week before vacation in anticipation of starting some new units in science and social studies when we return. Our March Bookshare will focus on current event news articles. I will be providing the students with resources to find their articles this month. Please check in with them to see what they have chosen to share.</p>
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STUDENT ATTENDANCE MATTERS

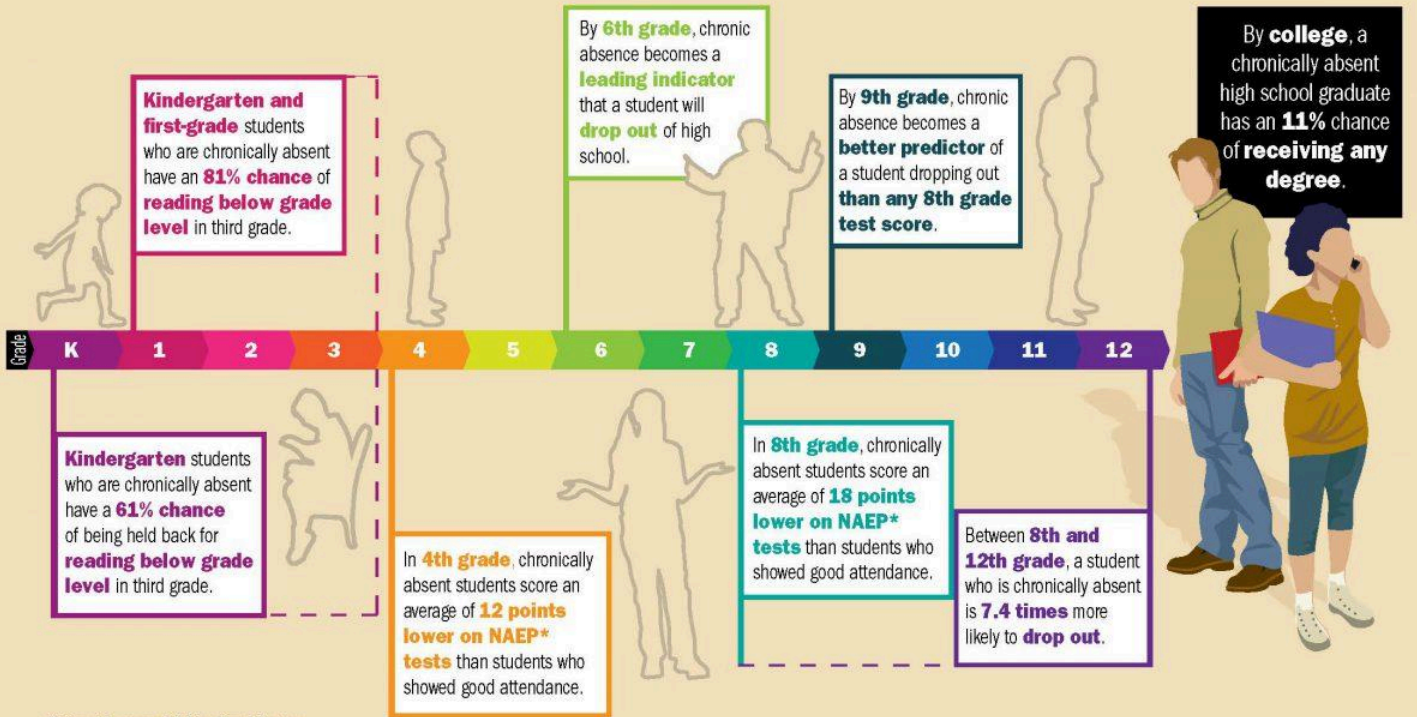
There are an estimated 5-7.5 million students in the United States who are chronically absent from school.

Chronic absenteeism hurts students in a variety of ways as they progress through their school career, starting with kindergarten.

DEFINITIONS:

Chronic Absence - Missing 2 days each month, totaling 18 days, equals 10% of the school year

Good Attendance - Missing 9 days or less in a school year (5%)



FREE

COVID TEST KITS

Expiration date has been extended to
9/30/24

Parents may pick them up
in the school office

Morse School is recruiting volunteers!

Music on Wednesday
Come instill a lifelong love
of music, share your
understanding of the art,
and have fun.

*20 Minutes, an hour, all day!
Whatever fits your schedule!*

*Please contact the RSU#3
volunteer coordinator,
Jenny Tibbetts,
for more information:
jtibbetts@rsu3.org
(207)568-4640 ext. 1413*

Thank you!

*Math with 1st and 2nd
Grades*

1:00-2:00 Monday

1:30-2:30 Tuesday

10:30-11:20 Thursday

*Come for any of these
times and help
teach kids numbers.*

*Reading with Grades
3-5*

*Read with kids
any afternoon for
an hour.*



Willing Hearts Army
RSU#3 Volunteers

**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

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

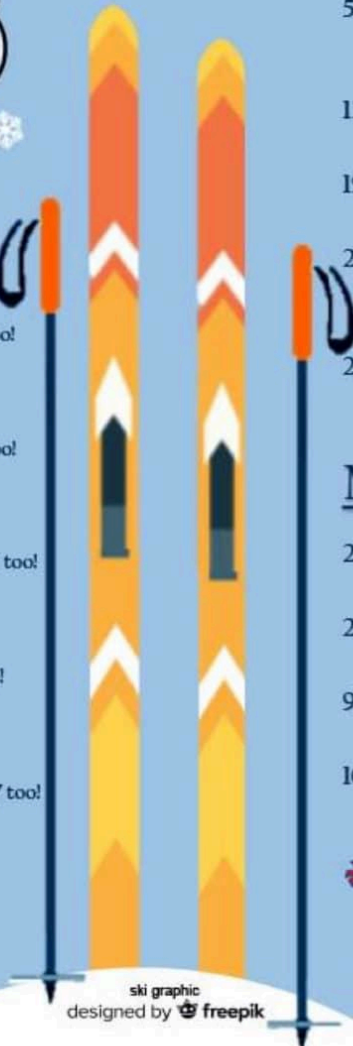
March

- 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

**FREE equipment
use with Park
Admission**

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!



* **Please call ahead to confirm.**

**TAKE IT
OUTSIDE!**

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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.