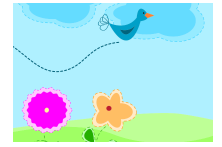


# Morse Newsletter



March 18, 2024

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

With the arrival of spring, we're excited to share some updates and upcoming events with you as we continue our journey of learning and growth together.

Firstly, mark your calendars! Report cards will be sent home with your child on Thursday, March 21st. If you have any questions or would like further clarification on your child's progress, please feel free to reach out to their teacher. We value open communication and are here to support your child's educational journey every step of the way.

In addition to academic achievements, we're also focusing our attention at school on following our Morse ROARS. These core values - Respect, OK to be different, A fun place to learn, Responsibility, and Safety - are integral to creating a positive and nurturing learning environment. As we work together to embody these values, we're striving to earn a game afternoon to celebrate our adherence to our ROARS. It's an exciting opportunity for our students to showcase their dedication to these principles and enjoy some well-deserved fun!

Reminders this week include:

- With this Spring weather comes mud! Sometimes our students' get a little wet. 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!

(email: [jdupuy@rsu3.org](mailto:jdupuy@rsu3.org) school phone: 722-3636 cell: 249-1061)

## Notes from the Office:

Check out our Hannaford Helps Flyer below to help our school raise money!!




## Important Upcoming Dates.....

3/21 - Report Cards Coming Home

4/5 - Spring Family Dance

4/8 - School Board Meeting at MVHS 6:30

Check out what's happening at Morse School ... Week Of: 3/11

K	<p>We had another great week in Kindergarten! This week, we spent lots of different ways reading - big books together, individual books during group time, heart words during games, and more. Please continue to help your child read from his or her book bag at home. Bikes for Books information and book slips will be coming home in book bags this week.</p>
1/2 P	<p>We were thrilled to have several guest readers share stories with us for Read Across America month last week. A huge thank you to our guest readers who took the time to visit our classroom. If any other family members would like to come in this week or next please reach out to me to set up a time. Friendly reminder for those families working on leprechaun traps please bring your project or a picture of it on Monday. First grade families, the YMCA first grade swim field trip will be on Wednesday, March 20th. Please be sure to send your child with a swimsuit and towel to enjoy the fun!</p> 

3/4 M



Mrs. Rasar finally put a picture up! This week we celebrated “Pi” Day in which students learned pi is the ratio of a circle’s circumference to its diameter, the symbol that pi represents and that the formula is an infinite amount of numbers. However, that did not stop us from creating a Pi chain in which each number of the formula represents a color (0= white, 1=red, etc.). The chain got very long and we did have to stop but can you imagine if we kept going? My young learners also learned a wee bit of the history of St. Patrick’s Day. I hope everyone had a restful weekend and my third and fourth grade thinkers are ready for another week of fantabulous learning! I look forward to my classroom spirit week! **A couple of kind reminders: Bikes for Books information and book slips will be sent home this week. Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, March 21st so PLEASE check your child’s folder!** As always if you have any questions and/or concerns please feel free to contact me [arasar@rsu3.org](mailto:arasar@rsu3.org)

3/4 R


Students were excited to begin word work this week in addition to book clubs! We’ve started participating in reading for Bikes for Books this week. Students are encouraged to read at home as well as at school. If your child reads for 15 minutes at home, please sign and return the form to school so that your child has a better chance of winning a bike! Please be looking for report cards to come home on Thursday.

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5th graders started looking at division in math last week. Bikes for Books slips also went home. This incentive is intended to boost student reading at home so if your student needs more slips please let me know.

Music

All students continue to practice solfege singing, reading rhythms, and repertoire for the spring concert. 3-5th graders are now working in natural minor as well as major and K-2 continue focusing on major. 3-5th graders are working on interpretive listening keeping in mind feeling, expression and historic context. This week we listened to Beethoven’s Pathetique Sonata and students were able to identify what feelings were intended, and how it was expressed. Students also

	<p>learned about Beethoven’s growing deafness as he was writing the piece and how that informs the feelingful intent. K-2 students are learning how the organ works and what sounds it is able to make.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Ashkenazy: Beethoven - Sonata 8 Opus 13 (Pathétique)</li> <li>▶ How does a pipe organ actually work?   Anna Lapwood   Classic FM</li> </ul>
Agriculture	<p>‘Tis the season for maple syrup! We continued our exploration of this long time tradition in our state. We read <u>Sugar Snow</u> and saw “old ways” of collecting sap and boiling it down. Some classes also made “birch bark” baskets for sap collecting.</p> <p>Fifth graders performed weekly maintenance on our Flex Farm. We’ll be harvesting the lettuce from it this week!</p> 

**FREE**

**COVID TEST KITS**

Expiration date has been extended to  
**9/30/24**

Parents may pick them up  
in the school office

# Spring Fling

Come Join Us for our Spring Fling Dance!

Student must be accompanied by an adult.



Date: April 5, 2024

Time: 5pm-7pm



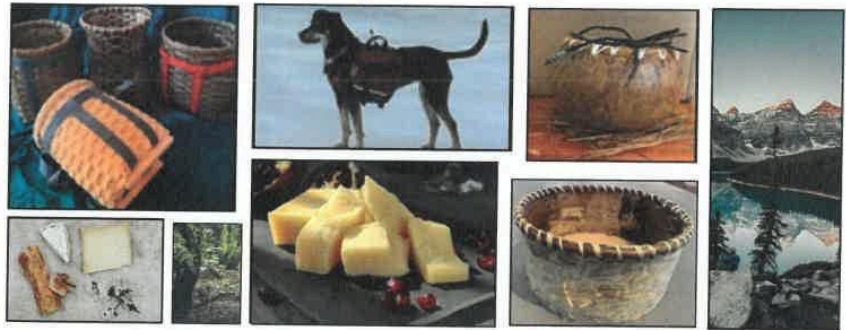
Location: Morse Memorial Elementary

27 School St, Brooks, ME 04921



*Brought to you by the Morse PTO.*





**Cheese, Yogurt, Ice Cream ... OH MY!      March 28      5:00-8:00pm      \$55.00**

Get ready to sink your teeth in some tasty treats. This is a 3-hour course where we will learn how to make soft cheese, yogurt, and my favorite...ice cream. We will go over the tools and materials needed, ingredients, recipes, and the step-by-step process. Get ready to taste our lovely homemade treats.

**Gourd Bowl with Pine Rim      April 23      5:00-8:00pm      \$55.00**

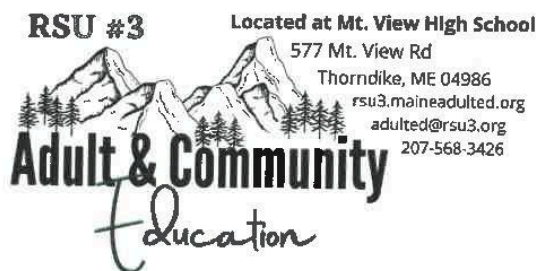
Make a gourd basket. Perfect for a gift or to keep for yourself. Gourds will be pre-cut. Students will need to clean gourds, sand, and drill holes. Then we will sew white pine needles to the rim. We will be able to pick from a number of stains to finish the gourds. Gourds are around 4-5" in diameter. During this class, we will also go over the basics of making pine needle baskets. This is another great class to learn a skill for life.

**Dog and Cat First Aid      May 16th      5:00-8:30pm      \$60.00**

This training is to teach participants how to be prepared for emergencies that involve a cat or dog. The training will combine videos, lectures, interactive discussion, and hands-on practical's. By the end of training participants will be able to do or understand the following: What goes into a pet first aid kit, What is the normal physical condition, behaviors and habits of your pet, Identify a normal heart rate, breathing rate and temperature, How to safely approach an ill or injured cat or dog, How to capture and restrain a cat and muzzle a dog, Demonstrate how to perform bandaging for soft tissue injuries, Care for fractures including head and neck injuries, Learn how to care for an animal with heat/cold related emergencies, Check for breathing and cardiac emergencies and Understand how to give rescue breathing and perform CPR for a dog or cat. Must be 18.

**Birch Bark Basket      June 4th      5:00 pm-8:00      \$50.00**

Make your own birch bark basket. Learn how to identify trees, collect the bark from down trees, how to process the bark, and finally how to make a basket. Course fee will cover all material and instruction.



These classes are brought to you by Jessica Steele of Wood Thrush Wilderness LLC. Jessica is a former director of the Outdoor Adventure Center at Unity College. Her credentials include: B.A. Ecopsychology and Outdoor Education from Prescott College, AZ., M.Ed. Adventure Education Plymouth State University, NH., Registered Maine Recreational Guide, National Registered EMT, SOLO Wilderness First Aid and Wilderness First Responder Instructor, American Red Cross First Aid & CPR Instructor and Lifeguard, American Canoe Association Level 1 & 2 Instructor, and a Leave No Trace Master Educator. Each class has a Min of 8 and Max of 12 students.



# It's Not If You Need An Estate Plan, It's When



**Instructor: Randolph A. Mailloux, Esq.**

This FREE class is a basic overview of estate planning, including discussion of essential documents and strategies. After attending this two night course students will be able to make informed decisions to prepare for the orderly transfer and protection of assets.

**Wednesday, April 3rd & 10th**

**5:30-7:30pm**

**Register for FREE today!**

**[www.rsu3.maineadulted.org](http://www.rsu3.maineadulted.org) or scan the code below with  
the camera of your mobile device.**



**RSU #3**

**Located at Mt. View High School**

577 Mt. View Rd

Thorndike, ME 04986

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[adulted@rsu3.org](mailto:adulted@rsu3.org)

207-568-3426



 **Maine Adult Education**



Thursday, March 21, 2024

**IN PERSON OR LIVE ZOOM**

5:30-7:00 pm

## **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. Please  
contact RSU#3 Adult Ed at 568-3426.

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.

**RSU #3 Adult & Community Education**  
Located at Mt. View High School  
577 Mt. View Rd  
Thorndike, ME 04986  
adulted@rsu3.org  
207-568-3426





# Essentials of College Planning Sessions

Presented by RSU #3 Adult & Community Education and  
Dori L. Leadbetter of The Maine Educational Opportunity Center (MEOC)



## PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Filing your FAFSA

## APPLYING FOR COLLEGE

Filling out College Applications



## FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE

Finding and applying for Scholarships

Wed, Mar 20 4pm-6pm

Wed, Apr 24 4pm-6pm

Wed, May 29 4pm-6pm

### How to Register

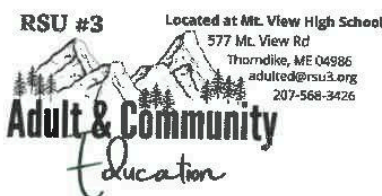
This is a free service but you must register with both Adult Ed & MEOC.

Adult Education registration: In person or online at [rsu3.maineadulted.org](http://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](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.**



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Go to [hannaford.com/helpsschools](http://hannaford.com/helpsschools).

RECYCLE ON JUNE 1, 2024



# 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](mailto: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

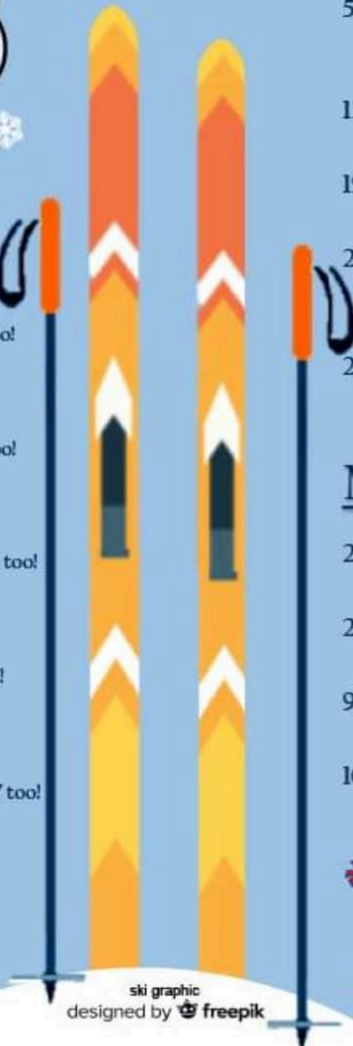
March

- 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.

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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.