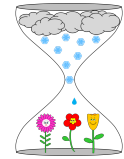


Morse Newsletter



March 25, 2024

Notes from the Principal, Ms. Dupuy ...

What a great week we all had last week. As a school we earned 100 more coins than the week before towards our game afternoon. Seeing our students follow our Morse ROARS this week has been a treat and I am excited to see what our next goal might be!

As we continue through the month of March, we also wanted to remind students about the exciting "Bikes for Books" program sponsored by our local Masons. Remember, students can earn slips by reading, and these slips could lead to winning some fantastic prizes like a new bike, helmet and snazzy t-shirt. As a bonus we are also giving the class who has the most slips per pupil a pizza party!

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead filled with warmth and cheer!

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 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.....


4/5 - Spring Family Dance


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

4/12 - Early Release for Students

4/15 - 4/19 April Break

Check out what's happening at Morse School ... Week Of: 3/18

1/2 B	<p>Spring has a funny way of arriving! Please remember to send winter gear to school, we can't go in the snow without it. Reading activities in the classroom have shifted from short vowels to blends, diagraphs, and long vowels. We are all working on reading through words and using what we know about sounds to learn unknown words.</p> <p>Math activities are also advancing! We have been working on adding two-digit numbers using multiple strategies. We will be beginning to learn two-digit subtraction strategies.</p> <p>The first graders will be going to the YMCA this Wednesday for an hour of swim.</p>
1/2 P	<p>It is hard to keep up with the weather during spring in Maine. Please remember to still send warm winter gear for recess to keep up with the changing temperatures. We go outside every day that we possibly can and many students have been complaining of being cold due to not having winter coats and gloves.</p> <p>Unfortunately, it is not time to pack them away just yet. Please check your child's folder, as report cards and parent NWEA reports were sent home on Friday. Also, a notice stating that our next show and tell session is this Friday, March 29th.</p> <p>We had another guest reader this week and have one more week left in March to welcome more. Please reach out if you have any time to come share a story with us!</p> 
3/4 M	<p>This week some of my young learners engaged in our classroom "Spring Forward Spirit Week." We had some interesting apparel for sure! We continued to work in our math and reading groups and we are getting further into our personal narrative</p>

	<p>process. They are focusing on putting details and emotions into their writing as well as interesting “hooks” to bring their readers in! I sent home report cards on Friday so if you have not checked your child’s folder yet, please do! As always if you have any questions please contact me, arasar@rsu3.org. Have a fantabulous week!</p>
3/4 R	<p>Report cards went home on Thursday. I appreciate you returning the envelope back to school with your child. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out. We are close to finishing our first book club books! Each book club is enjoying having discussions about their book. I look forward to hearing what students thought of their first book club book!</p>
Music	<p>As always students continued working on reading notation, ear training, and rep for the spring concert. K-2 practiced rhythms with bucket drumming and took a look at the inside of an organ. 3-5 worked on interpretation through their aesthetic boards.</p> <p> Pipe Organ (An instrument the size of a building)</p>
Agriculture	<p>Did you know that Maine is the #1 grower and harvester of seaweed in the entire United States?! Seaweed can be eaten in salads, soups, and sushi, but is also an ingredient in many other products, like toothpastes, cosmetics, ice cream, and candy. Thanks to Maine Agriculture in the Classroom, classrooms received a new book, <u>The Wakame Gatherers</u>, about growing and harvesting seaweed.</p> <p>We also harvested our first crop of lettuce and basil from our hydroponic grow tower! It smelled so fresh as we picked it!</p>
SEL	<p>This week classes had a lesson and a student led discussion about bullying. K-2 learned about compassion and what it means to be compassionate.</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



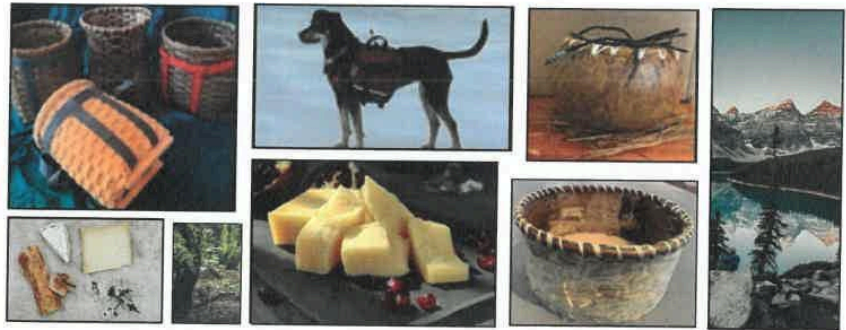
Location: Morse Memorial Elementary

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

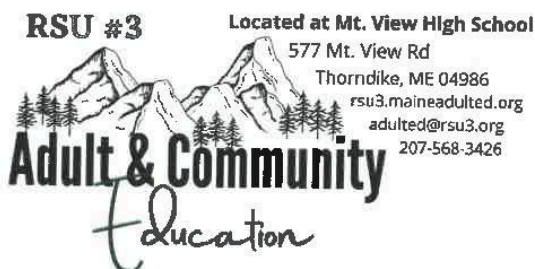
Make a gourd basket. Perfect for a gift or to keep for yourself. Gourds will be pre-cut. Students will need to clean gourds, sand, and drill holes. Then we will sew white pine needles to the rim. We will be able to pick from a number of stains to finish the gourds. Gourds are around 4-5" in diameter. 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 or scan the code below with
the camera of your mobile device.**



RSU #3

Located at Mt. View High School

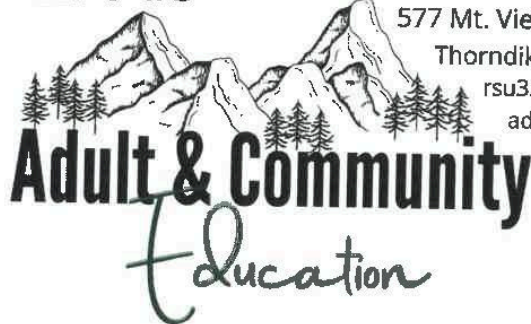
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Thorndike, ME 04986

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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

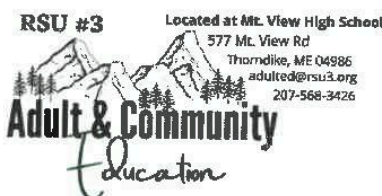
This is a free service but you must register with both Adult Ed & MEOC.

Adult Education registration: In person or online at rsu3.maineadulted.org

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.



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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
(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

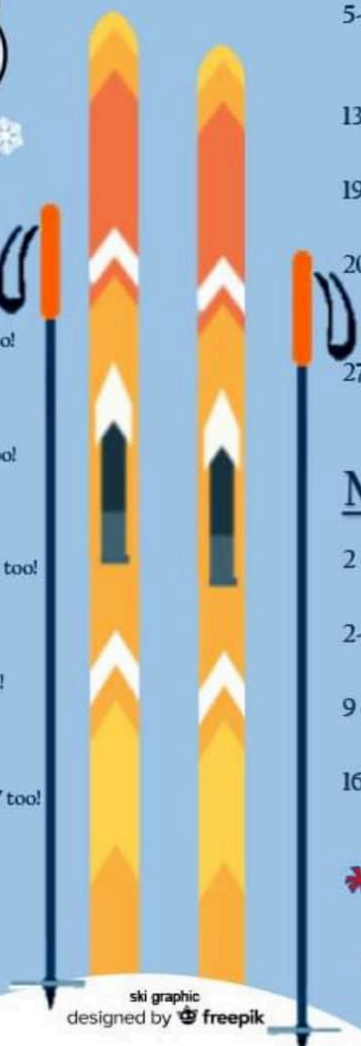
January

- 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

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!

**FREE equipment
use with Park
Admission**



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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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.