



# Morse Newsletter



April 1, 2024

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

As we hop into April, I want to remind you of the importance of laughter in our lives. April 1st, known as April Fool's Day, presents a perfect opportunity for some harmless fun and laughter with your children. Try to embrace the spirit of silliness and surprise, whether it's sharing a joke, planning a playful prank, or simply enjoying a good giggle together. Let's keep our school community happy and cheerful.

In case you missed the notice from central office I wanted to share it with you all again:

Due to the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024, RSU 3 schools will dismiss early beginning at 1:00 pm from the Mt. View Complex. The basis for this decision is out of an abundance of caution due to the fact that the timing of the eclipse is when the majority of our students would be on buses/vans. Secondly, we are hopeful that an early dismissal will allow families to experience this event together in a way that is meaningful to them, as the next predicted total eclipse is not until August of 2044. If you have questions, please feel free to contact your child's principal.

Our "Bikes for Books" incentive, sponsored by our local Masons, will continue through April Break. 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.

Happy April!!

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!

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## 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 - Early Release 1:00 PM

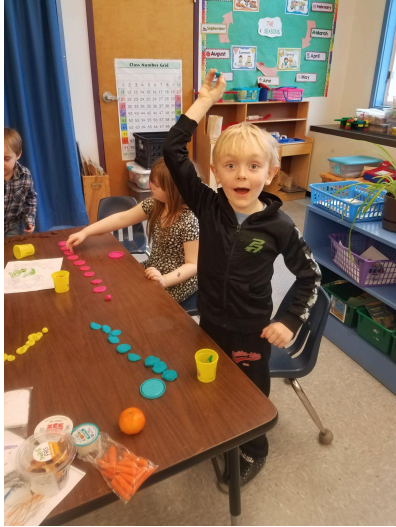
4/8 - School Board Meeting at MVHS 6:30

4/12 - Early Release for Students

4/15 - 4/19 April Break

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This week was a big week for talking about learning goals. In reading, we worked on reading and writing -an words. Thank you to families who were able to practice spelling words at home. We also started a mini-unit on vowel sounds. Ask your child if they know all five vowels and sounds. In math, we took addition strategies and transferred them to subtraction problems. We also had fun doing hands-on playdough subtraction!



# FREE

## COVID TEST KITS

Expiration date has been extended to

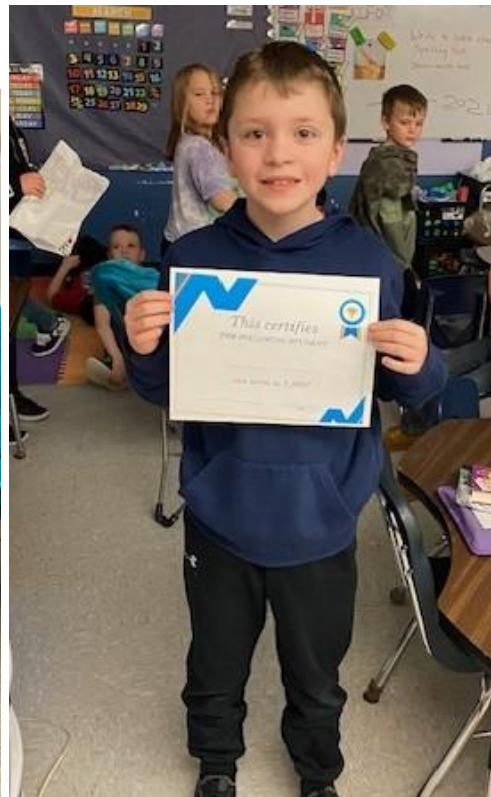
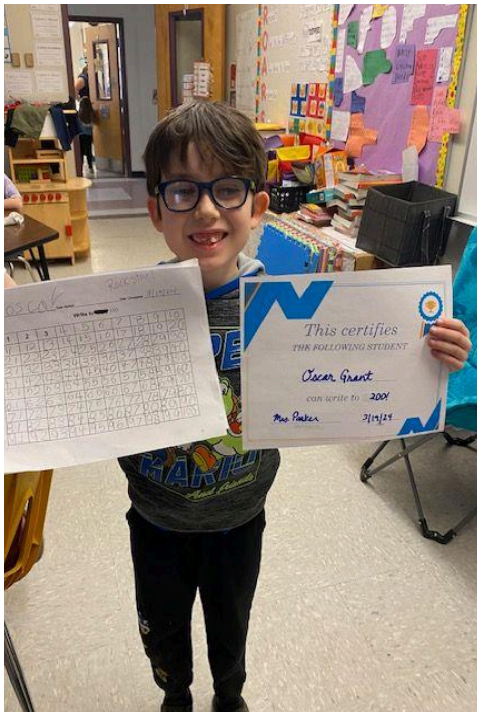
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Parents may pick them up


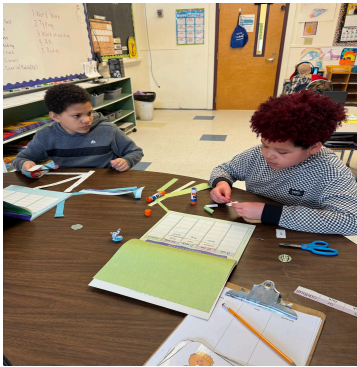

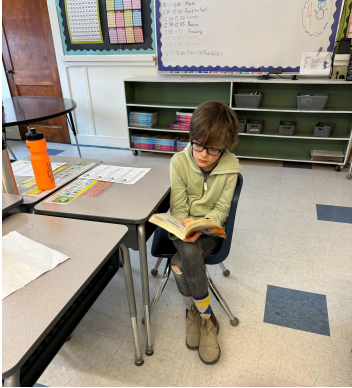

in the school office

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March was a month of fun and accomplishments! Congratulations to Owen McCormick and Oscar Grant for being the first students to complete their number writing challenge. Second graders are writing to 1,000 and first graders are writing to 200. Each child that completes the challenge before the end of the year will receive a certificate and a prize. Ask your child how their number writing challenge is going. We also enjoyed many guest readers for Read Across America month and had a lot of fun judging our leprechaun projects. We had a lot of creative and engineering minds behind them!





3/4 M	<p>Another week of learning is complete! My young learners are working hard on using positive behaviors inside and outside of the classroom! We are also using new engagement strategies for math and even for morning meeting! I look forward to a great week of new learning!</p>
3/4 R	<p>Two of our book clubs finished their first books this week! We're looking forward to starting new books! I've enjoyed listening to their discussions. Many students are excited about participating in Bikes for Books. They've been participating in extra reading any chance they get! Students are also continuing weekly word work. In math, third grade finished their unit on multiplication, and fourth grade finished their unit on division.</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; justify-content: space-around;">      </div>
5	<p>5th grade started working on an astronomy project this week. Everyone chose a planet to focus on and we began creating a scale solar system model. We will be able to compare the size of each planet, relative to the size of earth, when we are finished. We also had our March Bookshare presentations and continued division practice in math. We are going to focus on poetry for April's Bookshare.</p>
Agriculture	<p>Did you know Maine is the number one grower and harvester of seaweed in the entire United States?! This past week, we explored where seaweed grows and how we can use it. Some classes also harvested Lion's Mane mushrooms we have growing in classroom kits, as well as started lettuce seeds for our hydroponic grow tower.</p>



Hi everyone:

The Kids Bowl Free Summer Bowling Program is available in our community and we thought that your family might enjoy this great deal. Each child receives 2 FREE Games of Bowling Every Day All Summer and last summer over 2,800,000 kids enjoyed this great program.

Here's How You Can Register Your Children/Family

1. Go to [www.KidsBowlFree.com](http://www.KidsBowlFree.com)
2. Click on the State and then select the bowling center that you'd like to participate at.
3. Register your children to receive Free Bowling all summer long
4. Sign up the adults and/or older children for the optional Family Pass which allows up to 4 adult family members including parents, grandparents, or older siblings to join in the bowling fun.

P.S. Forward this email on to friends and/or family members that may be interested in participating in this FUN Family Deal!

## Bowling Centers in Maine

Augusta	1-7-10 Bowling & Entertainment Center
Brewer	Brewer Lanes
Gorham	Junction Bowl
Hallowell	Interstate Bowling Center
Parsonsfield	Archie's Strike & Spar
Portland	Spare Time Portland
Sanford	Smitty's GameLAB
Skowhegan	Central Maine Family Fun Bowl

If you go on vacation out of state this summer you can also bowl while there as well. Go to the website showing in #1 above and search by state to get a list of bowling centers.

**KIDS BOWL FREE**  
REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR A  
**SPRING & SUMMER FUN**  
*Bowling Pass*  
**2 FREE GAMES OF BOWLING**  
**A DAY THIS SPRING & SUMMER!**  
(or equivalent time)

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN TO RECEIVE  
**2 FREE GAMES OF BOWLING**  
**A DAY THIS SPRING & SUMMER,**  
GO TO **WWW.KIDSBOWLFREE.COM**

*Sign Up Now... IT'S FREE!*  
SIGN UP AT  
**www.KidsBowlFree.com**  
and  
Click On A Center In Your Community

**WHAT TO DO...**

- 1 Go To The Website Above To Register Each Child
- 2 Receive The Free Bowling Passes Every Week Electronically
- 3 Come & Enjoy Bowling This Spring & Summer!

Registered Children Receive Certificates  
To Bowl Two Free Games A Day Or  
Equivalent Time This Spring & Summer!

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Sign Up Now

# Waldo County Youth Softball



# 2024 SEASON REGISTRATION

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL  
WCYOUTHSOFTBALL@GMAIL.COM

SCAN FOR  
REGISTRATION



NOT AN RSU 71 , RSU 20, RSU 3 SPONSORED EVENT

# 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

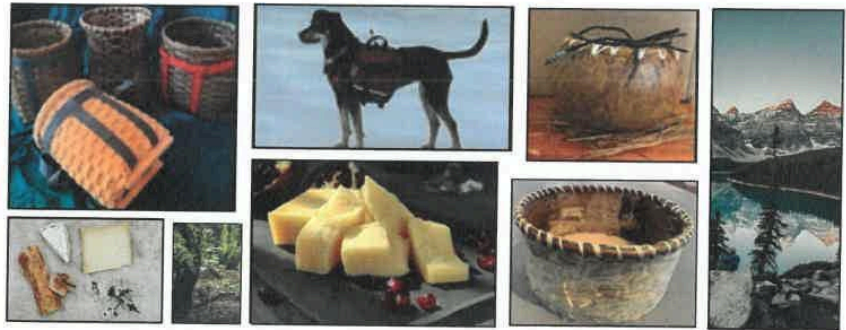
27 School St, Brooks, ME 04921



*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**

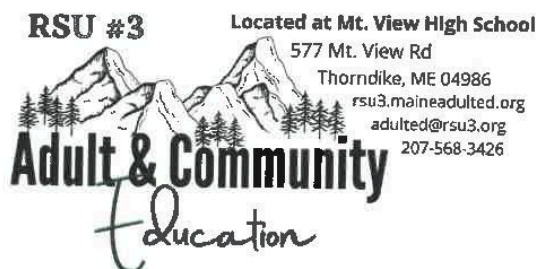
Make a gourd basket. Perfect for a gift or to keep for yourself. Gourds will be pre-cut. Students will need to clean gourds, sand, and drill holes. Then we will sew white pine needles to the rim. We will be able to pick from a number of stains to finish the gourds. Gourds are around 4-5" in diameter.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

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 **Maine Adult Education**



# 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

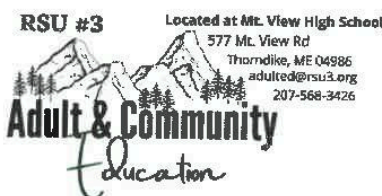
This is a free service but you must register with both Adult Ed & MEOC.

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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[hannafordhelpsschools.com](http://hannafordhelpsschools.com)

The top 200 schools that earn the most will receive a **\$1,000 BONUS!**

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for our local schools.

Looking for more information about Hannaford Helps Schools?

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**



## 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.