



# Troy Newsletter

October 23, 2023

## **Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...**

Can you believe that there is only one full week left in October? The beginning of the school year is flying by, and has been filled with so many amazing learning opportunities! Students have settled into positive routines and our fall benchmark data has allowed teachers to develop instructional plans to meet the varied needs of their classrooms.

We are excited about Parent/Teacher conferences this week and encourage all families to take advantage of this important opportunity. If you have not yet scheduled a conference, it is not too late. Please just reach out to your child's teacher and they will happily add you to the list. Our goal is to make contact with 100% of our school families and update you on your child's current strengths, areas of need, and goals.

Halloween is right around the corner and excitement will be building. Some classrooms will likely be planning small activities and some of the schools will be hosting school wide themes such as dress like your favorite book character, school spirit day, or something similar. Please just keep in mind that if your student's school decides to offer one of these dress up type activities, students are not allowed to wear just regular Halloween costumes that are not connected to these themes, and no dress up that includes weapons, blood or anything related to violence will be allowed. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

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.

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:**

Our office has recently received the 2023 Neighbor for Neighbor Holiday Assistance applications from WCAP. If your family is in need of holiday food baskets and/or gifts, please call the Office and an envelope will be sent home with your student. The application due dates are as follows: For Thanksgiving is November 1st and Christmas is December 1st.

**See below for information about our upcoming book fair!**

## **Important Upcoming Dates.....**

10/25 - Early Release



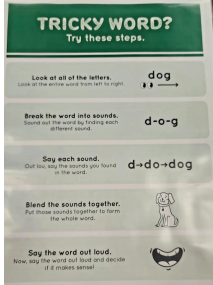
**10/25 and 10/26 - Parent/Teacher Conferences**

10/23-10/27 - Scholastic Book Fair

11/10 - Veteran's Day - No School

11/13 - School Board Mtg at **Monroe School**

## Check out what's happening at Troy School ... Week of: 10/16

<p>K/1</p>	<p>What a full and fun week! Students finished their NWEA tests and started working in partnerships and small groups. In writing, students practiced telling 3 part stories and counting the words they wanted to write.</p> <p>In reading they explored some new puzzles and work. In Math they practiced with numbers through 10. Wow, what masters of counting, adding and subtracting!</p>
<p>2/3</p> 	<p>This week we started our social studies unit on United States Regions. So far we learned about the Northeast and Southeast. Students read about the landmarks to visit, animals, and what the climate was like in those regions. In Phonics we learned to read and spell words that contain igh.</p>
<p>4/5</p>	<p>What a great week! We had lots of fun happening here. Fire Safety was on Tuesday and our volunteer fire department came and did a great job talking all about what to do if there was a fire. Your child got a fun kit that included a plan to draw your home and where they would go in case of an emergency. These plans are very important to keep reviewing, just like we do at school.</p> <p>We learned lots of math games and activities this week to work on place value. Ask your child about the games they played.</p> 
<p>Intervention</p> 	<p>Many students are working on strategies to help them decode or read accurately. We want students to first look at the word and think of the sounds the letters make, then blend the sounds together, say the word, and think about if it makes sense. Students should then go back to the beginning of the sentence and reread it fluently. When reading with your child at home you can use the language in the attached poster to encourage them to solve the tricky word. Happy Reading!</p>
<p>Agriculture</p>	<p>Our K/1 learners participated in a seed safari this week! We learned</p>

	<p>that fall provides a wonderful time to collect seeds as flowers have died, which means their seeds are ready. Miss K.'s class worked in the hoop house picking tomatoes and spinach, as well as weeding. The fourth and fifth graders finished collecting leaves from our maple trees so that we can identify the types of maples we'll be tapping in the spring. What a beautiful time of year to learn outside!</p> <p>We are also looking for leaves to spread on our garden. If you have any bagged up that you'd be willing to donate, please drop them off by the shed near the dumpster at the school or email Darcy Johnston for pick up (<a href="mailto:djohnston@rsu3.org">djohnston@rsu3.org</a>). Thanks!</p>
SEL	This week everyone went on an emoji emotion scavenger hunt!



# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

## More Bookjoy, less hassle—with **eWallet**!

This year, say *goodbye* to giving your kids crumpled bills and loose change...and *hello* to **eWallet**, a super-convenient, secure digital payment account, for the Scholastic Book Fair. Setting up an eWallet for your child empowers them to choose their own books and effortlessly check out during the Best. Week. Ever. at their school. And any leftover funds can be saved for future Fairs. Now, that's a win-win!



Create Account



Add Funds



Share with Family  
and Friends



Shop



Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started:



Starting October 2nd, 2023

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/troycentralementaryschool>





Dear Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place:

**Monday 10/23/2023 through Friday 10/27/2023**  
**at the school**

Say goodbye to cash and hello to **eWallet**—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Book Fair online**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:  
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/troycentralelementaryschool>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

**Lisa Roux**  
Principal  
**Troy Central Elementary School**



## 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.



## Check out these **FREE** Digital Literacy classes



**Coming soon to RSU 3 Adult Ed!**

Windows 10 PC Basics

Oct. 3rd at 4pm

Understanding WordPress

Oct. 5th at 2pm

Using Gmail Effectively

Oct. 31 at 2:30pm

Understanding WordPress

Nov. 2nd at 6pm

Applying for the Affordable  
Connectivity Program

Nov. 14 at 6pm

Learning about Devices

Dec. 5 at 3pm

Internet Safety

Dec. 7 at 3pm

Video Conferencing with  
Healthcare Providers,  
Family, & Friends

Dec. 11 at 3pm

**Don't see what  
you want?  
Just ask!**



# College Success Series

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



## **PAYING FOR COLLEGE** **FAFSA WORKSHOP**

Wednesday October 11 3:00 - 5:00 pm



## **APPLYING FOR COLLEGE** **APPLICATION WORKSHOP**

Wednesday November 8 3:00 - 5:00 pm



## **FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE** **SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP**

Wednesday December 6 3:00 - 5:00 pm

### 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.**





Thursday, November 9th, 2023

**IN PERSON OR LIVE ZOOM**

5:30-7pm

# 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.

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.





A photograph of the Colosseum in Rome at night, illuminated by warm lights against a dark blue sky with some clouds.

***8 Days and 9 Nights***  
**June 20-29, 2024**

**The Best of Italy's Culture, History, Food & Wine**  
**Rome, Florence, Tuscany & Umbria**

**Register by Oct 31, 2023 for Early Bird Pricing!**

**Trip Website: <https://www.astravel.world/rsu-3-trip-2023>**

**Informational Meeting Monday Oct 2 5:30-6:30pm**

**Live or via Zoom at MVHS - Register online at [rsu3.maineadulted.org](https://rsu3.maineadulted.org)**

