

# THE PHIPPSBURG EXPLORER'S LOG

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## DATES TO REMEMBER-

### December

- 6 - Report Cards Go Home
- 8 - Hannaford Helps Schools School Dollar Certificates Due at Topsham Store
- 12 - Last Great Start for this session
- 17 - RSU1 Board Meeting, PES, 6PM
- 18 - PES Winter Concert, 6PM
- 19 - Late Start, but **NO Great Start Activities**
- 20 - 1st Trimester Awards Assembly, 2PM
- 21 - Northern Stars Planetarium Visits PES

### January

- 8 - Civil Rights Team goes to Augusta
- 10 - Give Kids a Smile Form Due to Nurse
- 23 - New Session Mad Science: Take a Bite Out of Science, 8:15-9:15AM

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Are you ready for spring yet? Maybe all this early snow indicates a mild February? In any event, the snow will certainly put us into a cheerful mood for all of the upcoming December events. I hope you will join us on Saturday, December 1st, for the annual PTA/Rec Department Scholarship Craft Fair. The fun begins at 9AM, and the legendary lobster stew will be served at lunchtime. Thank you to those who volunteer to bring in a homemade dessert to serve with lunch, the staff who donated items for the stew, and of course, the crew from the PTA and the Rec department, who work together to make this happen.

Also in December, is our winter band and chorus concert. This will be held on **December 18th at 6PM**. Remember to have your child "dress their best."

## SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS WINTER WEATHER

School cancellations are announced on TV Channels 6, 8, 13 and various radio stations beginning at 5:30AM. Please look for RSU1 in the listings. RSU1 utilizes a program called School Messenger to make calls to families when school is cancelled for the day (please make sure your home or cell phone number is up to date at all times to get these calls). Please note that if school is cancelled, the office will be closed as well. Thank you.

## NHFW JOINS US AT PES

Our local domestic violence resource agency, New Hope for Women (NHFW) presented age-appropriate educational programs to Pre-K, first and second-grade guidance classes today. NHFW works to promote positive emotional expression and healthy relationships. They will visit again on December 18th to work with the remaining grades at PES. Please contact Ms. DeRosa at [sderosa@rsu1.org](mailto:sderosa@rsu1.org) with any questions. Please also feel free to visit NHFW's website at: <http://newhopeforwomen.org>

## HANNAFORD HELPS SCHOOLS

Hannaford Helps Schools School Dollars certificates are due at Topsham Hannaford **by December 8th**; just give them to Customer Service & tell them it is for Phippsburg Elementary School (haven't seen any towers to put them in), or give to Mrs. Doran by **November 29th** to deliver them. Thanks! ☺



## FREE HOLIDAY DINNER BASKET

If your family could use a FREE Holiday Dinner basket, please contact by email or phone: Ms. Sarah DeRosa, [sderosa@rsu1.org](mailto:sderosa@rsu1.org) or 389-1514, **by Friday, December 7th**. Mrs. Doran will pick them up at the Bath Area Food Pantry (now located at 807 Middle Street) on Monday, December 17th, between 1-2PM, and have them available for you to pick up at the school. If you need it delivered instead, let her know.

## BATH AREA BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Bath Area Backpack Program is a local organization that provides snacks at school and supplemental meals for home throughout RSU1. Their aim is to make your life a little easier. PES would like to invite your child to be a part of this program. Feel free to try out the Backpack Program and opt out if it doesn't suit your family's needs. Please contact Sarah DeRosa by email: [sderosa@rsu1.org](mailto:sderosa@rsu1.org) or call 389-1514 to sign up.

## FOOD SERVICE NOTE

### Please help!

The RSU1 Food Service Department has a shortage of substitutes needed in the school kitchens. No

experience is needed (we will train on-site). We are looking for people with a positive attitude and a good work ethic. Typically, these shifts run from 8:30AM-1:00PM. This is a great opportunity to make a little extra money, interact with some students, and still be home in time to meet your kids off the bus.

You can specify days that you are available and schools that you would be interested in working at. The way it works: if we have a planned absence, we will call in advance. Otherwise, we call the morning that we need a substitute (7-7:30am). We will call the number that you have provided. If you are not able to come in that day, just let us know – that's fine. If you are able to come in – even better! Dress casually, with comfortable shoes. Pay is: \$11.50/hour.

We have a long-term (1-2 months) substitute position open at Fisher Mitchell School. This position is currently for Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but may be extended.

Please call Tim Harkins if you are interested: 443-6601 ex.114

## PTA NEWS:

Please join us for our next meeting, Thursday, December 6th, at 8:30AM in the teachers room. We welcome your ideas and input. If you can't make it, but have some ideas you wish to share, email Charline at [thewymanfamily@comcast.net](mailto:thewymanfamily@comcast.net)

Are you doing any fall cleaning? We will be looking for small, new or gently used, items for the holiday store later in December. Please keep your eyes open for the donation box that will be going out in December.

Last week's Touch Tank Trivia question was (we kept it, since we had shorter weeks): **Is a lobster a vertebrate or invertebrate?**  
(circle one)

## PHIPPSBURG REC NEWS: PHIPPSBURG RECREATION/PTA SCHOLARSHIP CRAFT FAIR AND LOBSTER STEW LUNCHEON

Come join us this **Saturday, December 1st, 9AM – 1PM** for the annual senior scholarship craft fair held at the Phippsburg Elementary School. We are in need of homemade pies, crisps, or cobblers for dessert, and help in the kitchen, setup and/or cleanup. If haven't

already, and you are interested in donating dessert, or a few hours of your time, please contact a Rec. Committee or PTA member.



## ALBERT F. TOTMAN LIBRARY TREE LIGHTING

**Saturday, December 1st, at 4:30PM**, gather at the Albert F. Totman Library on the front lawn for their very first spectacular tree lighting and carols. The event is FREE and open to everyone! FMI contact the Library at 389-2309.



## GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING & FREE PIZZA NIGHT

**Friday, December 7th, 5:30-7PM** in the Phippsburg Elementary School gym, we will be decorating gingerbread houses and snacking on pizza. The houses, candies, and frosting are included for \$10 per house. **YOU MUST SIGN UP BY December 3rd.** Contact Michelle Sloan @841-3161 or [michellesloan03@yahoo.com](mailto:michellesloan03@yahoo.com) to sign up and arrange payment.



## NORDIC SKIING PROGRAM

We will offer Nordic Skiing again this winter for area youth and families. We will have a ski fitting **Saturday, December 8th, from 10AM-1PM** at the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association Outdoor Education Center.

Families are welcome, and we will do our best to fit both kids and their parents. Nominal charge for the program is \$12 per family, but I would rather have families out skiing than to have the \$12. There is no charge for families that are members of the Sportsmen's Association.

The Nordic Skiing program is supported by the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association, MYSO-Maine Youth Sports Opportunities, and by the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust. For more information, email Chuck Mainville at [sascrm@gwi.net](mailto:sascrm@gwi.net)



## FREE BOWLING

**Saturday, December 8th - from 5-7PM** at Yankee Lanes in Brunswick. Games are FREE to Phippsburg residents. Pay only \$3.50 for shoes. Reserve your lane ahead of time by calling Yankee Lanes at 725-2963.