

THE PHIPPSBURG EXPLORER'S LOG

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DUE TO SCHOOL VACATION NEXT WEEK, THERE WON'T BE A NEWSLETTER UNTIL JANUARY 3RD.

DATES TO REMEMBER-

December

- 21 - Northern Stars Planetarium Visits PES
- 24-January 1-NO SCHOOL, Holiday Break

January

- 1 - NO SCHOOL; Happy New Year! ☺
- 2 - Classes and Great Start Activities Resume
- 3 - PTA Meeting, 8:30AM
Birthday Snack with Mrs. G-P
- 8 - Civil Rights Team goes to Augusta
- 10 - Give Kids a Smile Form Due to Nurse
- 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday;
NO SCHOOL
- 23 - New Mad Science: Take a Bite Out of Science,
8:15-9:15AM
- 28 - RSU1 Board Meeting, 6PM, BMS
- 29 - Gr. 5 Math Team leaves **FMS** for Math Meet



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a festive week! It began with Willow Halpin and Nathan Trask helping Ms. McCauley and I present to the RSU 1 Board about our Outdoor Classroom. They did a wonderful job, received many accolades, and we're all very proud of them! If you'd like to view the presentation, you may view it at www.rsu1.org/Content/70.

On Tuesday, we had our fabulous winter concert. Thank you to Ms. Cyr and Ms. Downing for all of the hard work they put into preparing our students. Their dedication certainly was evident in the students' performance.

Thank you to all of the parents who contributed to the delicious lunch provided to staff on Wednesday. We ramped up the excitement on Thursday with a power outage! I am hurriedly writing this entry before my laptop battery dies. Your children were trouperous and, much like last time, carried on as usual.

We hope to end our Thursday with the trimester assembly.

Another thank-you goes to the PTA, for sponsoring Northern Stars Planetarium's visit tomorrow. What a great way to transition to vacation.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday season!



REMINDERS

Thanks to our terrific parent volunteers, Great Start will resume Wednesday, January 2nd, 8:15-9:15AM, and continue through February 13th. K-5 activities are Arts & Crafts with Mrs. Nottingham in the Art Room, physical activities in the gym with Mr. Keller & Mr. Mitchell, and starting January 23rd: Mad Science in the Guidance Room (students must be registered with Mad Science to attend).

Remember that there's NO SCHOOL Monday, December 24th through Tuesday, January 1st. We return to school Wednesday, January 2nd.

There is **no preschool** December 24th through January 4th.

FOUND

A white cell phone charger cord, with a mint-green-colored power block on the end, was found in the gym after the school concert. If it is yours, please contact Mrs. Doran in the office.

ARRIVAL TIME AT SCHOOL

If you are dropping your child off at school, please know that arrival times are **8:15-8:25AM**. Late Start Wednesday time is **9:15-9:25AM** (8:15 if we have Great Start activities). There is no supervision available for students prior to 8:15. Students arriving after 8:25 must be signed in at the office.

Please have your K-5 students walk to their classroom by themselves, as teachers and students need to get their day started. If you need to talk to a classroom teacher, you may easily set up an appointment with them by email or voicemail. The staff directory is on our website. Thank you.

BAD WEATHER:

School cancellations are announced on TV Channels

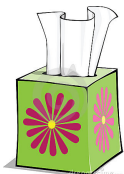
6, 8, 13 and various radio stations beginning at 5:30AM. Please look for **RSU1** in the listings. RSU1 utilizes a program called School Messenger to make calls to families when school is cancelled for the day (please make sure your home or cell phone number is up to date to get these calls). From time to time, you may receive test calls from this program. Please note that if school is closed, the office will be closed as well (phone greeting will also state school is closed for the day). Early releases happen very infrequently. In the event that we do release early, you would also receive a call from School Messenger. In addition, we will update our phone greeting (389-1514) with a message regarding early release. If you do not hear an announcement regarding early release, that means we have no information, or will be in school all day. If your child is in Y'Care and they will not hold the after school program, a representative from the YMCA will contact families. Families are then responsible to call the school with an alternate plan. Thank you.



PRESCHOOL REMINDER

In the event of a **1-hour school delay** (any day but

Wednesday), there **will be** preschool. If there is a **2-hour delay**, there will be **no preschool**. If there is a delay of any kind on Wednesday, there will be no preschool that day.



KLEENEX

If you'd like an inexpensive way to truly help out, please donate a box or two of facial tissues to your child's classroom. We use a lot of them! ☺



MAD SCIENCE

It's never too soon to register for **Take a Bite Out of Science**, which starts January 23, 2019 and ends March 20th.

Classes are Late Start Wednesdays, from 8:15-9:15AM, for grades K-5, and cost \$99 per student. Register online at www.maine.madscience.org then call Mad Science at 878-2222 to set up your payment plan. Scholarships are available; to obtain one, contact Mrs. G-P at 389-1514 by January 18th. Mad Science is hiring for instructors in the area. If you are interested, please call 878-2222 or visit the website and click the Work For Us tab.

PTA NEWS:

Thank you to all who helped with the Holiday Store; the students had a great time shopping for their families. The smiles were priceless!

The school staff really enjoyed the holiday lunch; thank you for all the delicious contributions!

The next PTA meeting is Thursday, January 3rd, in the Teachers Room. We hope you can join us!

Last week's Touch Tank Trivia question was: **Hermit crabs are not true crabs**. Answer: **True**. Touch Tank Trivia will take a break and resume some time next year.

PHIPPSBURG REC. NEWS:



FREE NUTRITION CLASS ON LOW CARB DIETS

Wednesdays, January 9th -

February 27th, 6:30 - 7:30PM at the Phippsburg Fire Station join Alison Fernald, RD, LD, CDE as she discusses maintaining blood sugars through diet and low carb dieting the healthy way. Winters can be long and hard on our bodies; don't compound a lack of energy by eating poorly. Get ideas for cooking for one, or the family, that will be nutrient-dense and satisfying. This class is great for the recently diagnosed diabetic, someone who just can't lose those last few pounds, and/or the carbohydrate craver. FMI, or to sign up, contact Tina Talbot at 522-6884 or threetalbots@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY

If your child does not have dental insurance or MaineCare coverage, and you are interested in a free dental exam, x-rays, fluoride treatments, sealants and cleanings, as well as any needed restorative work, please be sure to complete and return your attached form (from previous Thursday folders & located on the PES website>This Week's Newsletter) to PES before Thursday, January 10th. Dr. Cook's office will contact you with the appointment time for Friday, February 1st.

WINTER KIDS PROGRAM

The Winter Kids Program is now open to all students, age 18 and younger. See the application for details at www.rsu1.org>Information>Community>click App (after WinterKids).

FIRST TRIMESTER AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Award recipients:

Bus Safety Award

Riley Gerow
Sadie Jamison
Jane Jubett
Libby Reblin
James Tainter

Strong Effort

Dan Carrollton
Willow Halpin
Hunter Hawkes
Libby Reblin
Jayden Wight

Care and Concern

Addison Burden
Willow Halpin
Shelby Norman
Libby Reblin
Roy Wyman

Above and Beyond

Victoria Dore
Anabelle Gerow

Gr. 2: Radiant Routines

Gr. 1: Wonderful Writers

Most Improved – Band Award

Hannah Keller
Mica Keller

Gr. K: Lively Letter Learners

Academic Achievement

Max Couture
Kira Gamache
Anda Hoag
Sadie Jamison
Jackson Perkins
Addison Tainter
Thomas Totman
Jack Trask

Academic Achievement-Music

Libby Reblin

Perfect Attendance

Adelaide Cearbaugh
Alden Cearbaugh
Levi Giggey
Ajay Hinton
Mica Keller
Libby Reblin
Sunny Rowan
Avery Sneddon
Kylee Sneddon
Thomas Totman

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

MONTH	TARGET
DECEMBER	I can share and give to others
GRADE	STUDENT
K	Maddox Mitchell
1	Nathaniel Mitchell
2	Traben Becwar
3	Anabelle Gerow
4	Hunter Hawkes
5	Caleb Jarmuzek
Art	Aleah
Guidance	Shelby Norman
Library	Jackson Perkins
Music	Blake Quaqua
PE	Adelaide Cearbaugh
Band	Willow Halpin