

THE PHIPPSBURG EXPLORER'S LOG

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DATES TO REMEMBER-

January

- 7-31 - NWEA Test Window
- 8 - Civil Rights Team goes to Augusta
- 10 - Give Kids a Smile Form Due to Nurse
- 11 - Gr. 4 to Maine Maritime Museum
- 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday;
NO SCHOOL
- 23 - New Mad Science: Take a Bite Out of Science,
8:15-9:15AM
Baseball Winter Skills & Drills Clinic, Gr. 3-6
- 28 - RSU1 Board Meeting, 6PM, BMS
- 29 - Gr. 5 Math Team leaves **FMS** for Math Meet



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and a restful week off. Upon returning to school today, it looked to me as though many of your children had grown several inches. It must have been all that extra sleep over vacation.

As we return to school, we are headed into prime learning time. Hopefully, we won't be interrupted by too many snowstorms. This is the time of year when students are introduced to new units and concepts. Many of these topics involve long-term projects and culminating activities like presentations. For this, and many other reasons, it's important that your child is present and on time for school each day.

Another important reason for students' consistent attendance is that next week the winter window for taking the NWEA begins. Students in all grades will take this computerized assessment this time around. In kindergarten through second grade, the NWEA is read to students, and in all grades, questions are adjusted based on how a student is performing. With the results, teachers can see the progress of individual students and of their classes as a whole. Students with similar Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Growth scores are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics. MAP Growth also provides data around the typical growth for students who are in the same grade, subject, and have the same starting achievement level. This data is often used to help students set goals and

understand what they need to learn to achieve their goals. We are anxious to see the academic progress that students have made, and teachers will adjust their teaching accordingly.

The value of this particular assessment is that it is a test that compares how our students are doing in comparison to students across the nation. When looking at the results, it is important to remember that this is one piece of data that we use to assess how students are learning.

If you have any questions, you may contact your child's teacher or me.



MAD SCIENCE

Register by January 16th for **Take a Bite Out of Science**, which starts January 23, 2019 and ends March 20th.

Classes are on Late Start Wednesdays, from 8:15-9:15AM, for grades K-5, and the total cost is \$99 per student. We need a few more registered students to hold the program. 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 16th**. Mad Science is also 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.



NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN:

A reminder that if your child is carrying a balance on his/her account, invoices are sent home in the Thursday folder each week with this information. Please take care of this promptly. If you are unable to pay the full amount, please send in what you can, or call the kitchen or Food Service office at 443-6601 ext. 114 to discuss payment arrangements. All checks for the lunch program should be made payable to RSU1, not Phippsburg Elementary School. Thank you.



WHERE IS YOUR CHILD GOING TODAY?

Any day that your child's end of day destination is different, please be sure to send us a note.

We prefer a note written by you and sent in with your child. Should plans change during the day, you are always welcome to call us, preferably before 2:30. If your child's destination is the same all year, a "blanket" note stating the destination "until further notice" will do the trick. Questions? Call Mrs. Doran at 389-1514.



ATTENDANCE

If your child is out of school for sickness or doctor's appointment (or any reason), please call the office by 9AM to let us know. The school will be calling families to

check on kids if we haven't heard from you. Knowing what illness your child is dealing with (stomach, fever, cold, etc.) can help the nurse as she deals with illness in the school. Thank you!



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Many of our 4th-5th graders have started reading for the "Battle of the Books," held every year in RSU1. The competition will be held on **March 21st at WCS,**

where students will answer 40 questions about 35 books on their reading list. So much fun!

PTA NEWS:

Please join us for our next meeting, the first Thursday of each month, 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

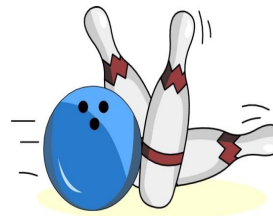


PHIPPSBURG REC. NEWS:

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.



BOWLING

Saturday, January 12th

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WINTER KIDS PROGRAM

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

FINAL NORDIC SKI EQUIPMENT FITTING

There will be a final Nordic ski fitting at 10AM on Saturday, January 5th at the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association Outdoor Education Center. This is for those families who could not make the December fitting.

If you are planning to come to this final fitting, please let Chuck know.

FMI, contact Chuck Mainville at sascrm@gwi.net.