

THE PHIPPSBURG EXPLORER'S LOG

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DATES TO REMEMBER-

October

- 5 - Flower Power Fundraiser is Due
PK, K, Gr. 1 Field Trip to Merrill Auditorium
Gr. 4 Field Trip to Damariscotta River Assn
Gr. 5 Field Trip to Clam Flats, Hermit Isle
- 6 - Autumnfest in Bath
- 8 - **No School**/Columbus Day Holiday
- 9 - Picture Day, 8:45AM
- 12 - **No School for Students**/Professional Development for Staff
- 13 - Outdoor Classroom Work Day, 9-12PM
- 17 - Odyssey of the Mind Introduction Meeting at **FMS** (Fisher-Mitchell School), 6PM
- 19-25-Food Drive at PES
- 27 - Trick or Treat Tromp, 3-4PM, PFL Park, then trick or treat at businesses 4-5PM
- 29 - RSU1 Board Meeting, 6PM, at **PES**

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I have such exciting news to share with you all! Thanks to a very generous grant from the Phippsburg Land Trust, Ms. McCauley will be working at our school an additional day each week.

As some of you are aware, for a number of years at PES we have been engaged in aligning our science learning with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Because we recognize the deep connection between where we live and the importance of keeping the environment healthy and vital, the staff initiated a move toward becoming an environmental science school where environmental science is embedded in our daily practice. This means that we will strive to incorporate science into our math, social studies and literacy learning.

Using Ms. McCauley's expertise and love of outdoor education, she will spearhead this project. She will recruit and coordinate community scientists and volunteers. An additional day at PES will allow Ms. McCauley more time to work with classroom teachers to plan integrated curriculum activities and to incorporate the use of the outdoor classroom into their daily practice. From time to time, she will also be co-teaching, both in the traditional classroom and the outdoor classroom.

We recognize that we are fortunate to be located in an area so rich with natural resources and blessed with many, many knowledgeable and talented volunteers who support our endeavors. Thank you so much to the Phippsburg Land Trust for making this pilot project possible!

I will certainly keep you up to date on how things are going, and I welcome and encourage your feedback!



FLOWER POWER FUNDRAISER

The Flower Power Fundraiser orders and payment are due by October 5th. Bulbs will be shipped directly to the buyers' homes in time to plant this year, there's no tax, and checks will need to be made to: **PES**. Thank you for your support. ☺

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND

Monday, October 8th, is Columbus Day and there will be **no school**. **Friday, October 12th**, is a Professional Day for staff. There will be **no school for students**. Enjoy the long weekends!



BAND NOTE

Congratulations to the following students who have met the band standards this week: Hannah B., Lili, Willow, Libby, and Nathan-clarinet, Ajani-trumpet, Caden and Sadie J.-alto sax.



OCTOBER 9th IS PICTURE DAY

Picture Day moved to October 9th. Classes will be called to the camera beginning first thing in the morning, so please be sure your child is ready when he/she arrives at school. To order prints: send students in with the completed order form, or order online at www.soggydogschoolpics.com. **Thank you, Bethany Mitchell, for being our picture day volunteer!** ☺

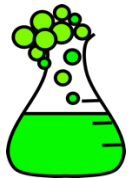


OUTDOOR CLASSROOM WORK DAY October 13th, 9-noon

It's time again to spruce up the OUTDOOR Classroom! We have new picnic tables and a fancy new sign to add to our beautiful space. We need to do some trimming, raking, and general trail maintenance. Please bring your clippers, loppers, rakes and other tools to PES on **SATURDAY, October 13th**. We'll get to



work at 9AM and wrap up by noon. Snacks and water will be provided. Remember, many hands make light work. 🌿



MAD SCIENCE FOR K-5

GREAT NEWS!! The popular before school Mad Science program (for students in K-5), on Wednesdays, **WILL** happen, starting **October 17th** and continue through December 12th. Students who wish to participate need to have parents register them at <https://maine.madscience.org/> before October 15th. There are some scholarships available; please contact Mrs. G-P ASAP, if needed.



Please note that Great Start Activities continue **Wednesdays** through **December 19th**, 8:15-9:15AM. So far, we have gym activities with Mr. Keller & Mr. Mitchell, Arts and Crafts with Ms. Norman, Nature Sleuth with Mrs. Chandler, and Civil Rights Team with Ms. Schlitt. If you would like to volunteer to lead an activity with students like yoga, readaloud, board games and puzzles, etc., please contact Mrs. G-P at sgorsuch-plummer@rsu1.org, or call 389-1514, and complete a volunteer registration form.

NEWS FROM FOOD SERVICE:

When sending money to school for your child, please make sure it is labeled with the child's first and last name and classroom teacher. You can prepay for student meals online at www.myschoolbucks.com. You will need to email or call Mrs. Doran in the office for your child's PIN number at: tdoran@rsu1.org or 389-1514. Students must have a current meal application on file in order to receive free or reduced priced meals. **If you have not filled out a new application or received notification that you are pre-approved, you will revert to full pay as of October 1st**. Applications came home on the first day of school, and are available in the school office and online any time during the school year.

FREE FLU SHOTS

There's a FREE Flu Clinic Friday, **November 16th** from 1:30-5PM at Woolwich Central School, and another on Monday, **November 19th** (a half-day at school), 3-6PM, at Bath Middle School.



BOX TOPS DEADLINE

Please bring in those Box Tops by October 11th in order to be included in the January check.

FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE

You are invited!
Tuesday, October 9th, 6-8PM
Phippsburg Fire Station
Come check out the new addition, too!



CHILDCARE OFFERED FOR OCTOBER 12TH

The Phippsburg Before and After School Childcare program is offering childcare for the Professional Development Day **Friday, October 12th**, from 8AM-5:30PM. Care will cost families \$25 for a half day, and \$45 for a full day. Students already registered for more than one day of care a week will be able to attend for no additional cost. Please contact Amanda Hoag if you wish to participate: 319-9188 or email phippsburgbeforeandafter@gmail.com for details or to enroll.

PTA NEWS:

Please plan to join us for our PTA meetings on the first Thursday of the 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

Thank you to Ronnie Kamphausen, Mark Nickerson, and Heath Hawkes for the great sea creatures. Come take a look, if you have a chance.

The wildly popular weekly Touch Tank Trivia game has begun! A question is asked each week, students write their answer on a slip of paper and tuck it into the answer envelope. The correct answers go in a hat, and one will be drawn for the winner. The winner is announced on Monday morning, then student gets to choose a small prize. This week's question is: **How many walking legs does a hermit crab have?**

Thank you, Mrs. Keller, for coming up with the great questions and prizes.

PHIPPSBURG REC NEWS:



AFTER SCHOOL SWIM PROGRAM GRADES 1, 2 & 3

Students in the grades 1, 2, & 3 after school swim program swim on **Tuesdays, September 11th - October 16th, 4:30-5:15PM.**

Students stay after school for playtime and snacks (provided by parents), depart from the school around 4PM by bus, travel to Bath YMCA, do their swim lesson, and return to Phippsburg School at around 5:45pm. **There are NO spots available; class is full.**

***SPECIAL NOTE* - CHILDREN BEING PICKED UP AT THE YMCA AFTER SWIM WILL NEED A PERMISSION SLIP BEFORE SCHOOL LETS OUT THAT DAY, OR THEY WILL HAVE TO RETURN TO THE SCHOOL ON THE BUS (EVEN IF IT IS THE PARENT PICKING THEM UP). FMI, contact Michelle Sloan @ 841-3161 or email michellesloan03@yahoo.com.**

BOWLING

Games are FREE to Phippsburg residents **Saturday, October 13th, 5-7PM** at Yankee Lanes in Brunswick. Pay only \$3.50 for shoes. Reserve your lane ahead of time by calling Yankee Lanes @ 725-2963.



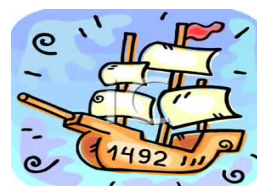
Saturday, October 6, 2018

Looking for some fall fun? Come to Bath's Autumnfest, for fun scarecrow making ***Participants must supply clothes and accessories***, shopping, FREE flu shots, photo opp.'s, face painting, fire truck rides, window displays, farmer's market, and more! Learn more at www.VisitBath.com.

TRICK OR TREAT TROMP LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

This is the 10th annual Trick or Treat Tromp, a fun Hallowe'en carnival held from 3-4PM in the Patten Free Library Park on Saturday, October 27th. Immediately after the games, the children Tromp up and down Front St. in Bath, trick or treating with local businesses from 4-5PM. They also have fun games they run every year, and are open to new games from other organizations. Older students, generally 4th grade and up, are welcome to create and host their own games, or just help out with some already in place. They are also happy to have student photographers who want to help cover the event. If any student leaders or groups wish to help, please contact Wendy Jung as soon as possible, at 207-653-5500, or email wendy@soggydogdesigns.com

PES will hold a food drive from October 19th-25th, and Wendy will collect the food around noon on October 26th to deliver to the Bath Area Food Pantry.



**Happy
Columbus Day
Weekend!**

See you Tuesday! ☺