

THE PHIPPSBURG EXPLORER'S LOG

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DATES TO REMEMBER-

October

- 19-25-Food Drive for Bath Area Food Bank
- 26 - **No Pre-K at PES, due to Pre-K Parent-Teacher Conferences**
Bus Driver Appreciation Day ☺
- 27 - Trick or Treat Tromp, 3-4PM, PFL Park, then trick or treat at businesses 4-5PM
Trick or Trunk, 5:30-7PM, Cushman Field (next to PES)
- 29 - RSU1 Board Meeting, Morse High School Cafeteria, 6PM

November

- 3 - Remember to Set Clocks **back** 1 Hour before Bed
- 6 - NO SCHOOL for students, due to Professional Development
Remember to Vote; it's Election Day
- 12 - NO SCHOOL; Veterans Day Holiday
- 16 - Dental Clinic
- 19 - PTC's, HALF DAY, 12:00 dismissal
- 20 - HALF DAY, 12:00 dismissal
- 21-23-Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We had a wet, but incredibly successful, outdoor classroom cleanup day last Saturday. Thank you to everyone who helped out: Mrs. Baldwin and her son Sawyer, Mrs. Brann, Mrs. Gastonguay, Mrs. Doran (aka Miss Tammy) and, of course, Ms. McCauley! We also had a big crew from the Land Trust, thanks to Lynn Kay's recruiting effort, and Jane and April Jubett. We accomplished a ton, including building a new bridge, and cutting a new trail! The good news continues, as we have had several classrooms visit the outdoor classroom this week.

As you can see, our staff and students like to be outside! With that in mind, this is the annual warm clothes reminder. Students are outside for recess every day for thirty minutes. Some classes are out more than once per day. Please be sure your child has appropriate clothing for being outside for a long duration. If your child, or you know of a child who needs winter gear, please

contact Mrs. DeRosa, and she will be happy to help out.

REMINDERS

Cooler weather is here! Please make sure your child comes to school properly dressed for the weather each day. Our students have outside recess every day.

Tri-County Literacy has trained volunteer tutors waiting to be matched with students who need reading support, and with parents in need of literacy assistance. If interested in this FREE service, please call Tri-County Literacy at 443-6384.



FOOD DRIVE

As part of this year's 10th Annual Trick or Treat Tromp and Bath Area Community Food Drive, we are holding a Food Drive here at PES to help contribute to this great cause. If you can spare a non-perishable item or two, please send it in with your student any time from **October 19th until October 25th**. The food then gets picked up and brought to the Trick or Treat Tromp in Bath (scheduled for Saturday, October 27th, 3-5PM) gets weighed, and then taken to the Bath Area Community Food Bank. Thank you for helping our friends and neighbors in need in the Bath and surrounding area.



BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION

We've chosen October 26th as our Bus Driver Appreciation Day, though every day we can show how much we appreciate them by being polite, safe and always following the basic bus rules.

BAND NOTE: DRUMMER NEEDED

Dear Band Parents, Grandparents, and Volunteers,
The Phippsburg School Band is looking for a bass drum player this year. Band class started today, and you receive on the job training. Band class is every Tuesday and Thursday from 11-11:30AM. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Downing at 841-3002. If you haven't already,

we'll need you to complete a Volunteer Registration Form. Thank you!

NURSE NOTE:

Please remind your children to wear their glasses and hearing aids to school every day. Vision and hearing screenings for students in Pre-K, K, 1, 3, and 5 will begin at the end of October. Heights and weights will be obtained during hearing and vision screenings. Parents will be contacted and reports will be sent home with students who require more extensive vision and/or hearing evaluation. Once a physician hearing and/or vision evaluation has been completed, please return the reports to the school nurse. Thank you!



THANK YOU

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped harvest and clean up the school gardens. They look great! We couldn't do it without you! ☺



DENTAL CLINIC

We've tentatively scheduled a Tooth Protectors, Inc. Dental Clinic here at PES Friday, November 16th. If you want your child to receive services, please complete and return the form that went home last week in Thursday folders.

WELLNESS POLICY:

With the holidays on the way, please help us support our Wellness Policy! There are a lot of snacks that are great options, such as fruit, pretzels, and yogurt, for example. Please check with your child's teacher before bringing in any snack for the whole class, as some of our students may have potentially harmful allergies to various foods. For a complete list of healthy alternatives for individual or classroom party snacks, please see the reverse side of the newsletter. Thank you for your support.

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

This week's Touch Tank Trivia question is: **Hermit crabs are crustaceans: True or False?**

PHIPPSBURG REC NEWS:



PHIPPSBURG COMMUNITY TRICK OR TRUNK

**Saturday, October 27th,
5:30PM – 7PM** in the
Cushman Field next to
Phippsburg Elementary

School. The Phippsburg Community has come together to offer a safe environment for our children to enjoy a great night of Trick or Trunk. Cars and trucks, big and small, will be decorated in their Halloween best and lined up around the field. Children accompanied by an adult are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes while collecting goodies and admiring the decorations. Participating vehicles may arrive between 3:30PM-5PM, and **all vehicles must be in place by 5PM**. If you would like to participate in Trick or Trunk with your decorated vehicle, contact Michelle Sloan **by October 25th** @ 841-3161 or email michellesloan03@yahoo.com.

PHIPPSBURG RECREATION/PTA SCHOLARSHIP CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND LOBSTER STEW LUNCHEON

Come join us **Saturday, December 1st, 9AM – 1PM** for the annual senior scholarship craft fair held at the Phippsburg Elementary School. **RESERVE YOUR TABLES NOW, at \$25 each, by contacting Tina Talbot @ 522-6884 or threetalbots@yahoo.com**. We are in need of lobster donations for the luncheon, pies for dessert, and kitchen help. If you are interested in donating lobsters, pies, or a few hours of your time, please contact a Rec. Committee or PTA member.



MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 16th,
Conductor Bruce Hagen, Portland
Symphony Orchestra's first Magic
of Christmas conductor, is back to
bring Maine's biggest tradition

to the stage! Please join the Phippsburg Rec. for Magic of Christmas. The bus will leave Phippsburg Elementary School at 11AM; show time is 1PM. **We have 30 tickets: 25 adults at \$25.00 and 5 students at \$15.00 each.** The deadline to order and pay for your tickets is **December 7th**. Contact Michelle Sloan @ 841-3161 to get your tickets and sign up for the bus.