



SANDPIPER NEWS



7 School Lane | Kittery Point, ME | Marcelle Durost, Principal

Important Dates

December

22 - Holiday Break begins
No School

January

1 - New Years Day
No School
3 - Early Release @ 2:00 pm
15 - Martin Luther King Day
No School
17 - Early Release @ 2:00 pm
25 - PBL Parent Advisory
Meeting @ 6 pm - Library



The Gingerbread Man

Run, Run, Run, As Fast As You Can ...You Can't Catch Me I Am The Gingerbread Man!!!!

Our kindergarten students have been reading many different books about the Gingerbread Man. Enjoying the story, while comparing and contrasting different versions, was a lot of fun for the students. Each class made Gingerbread cookies and they jumped out of the oven so the hunt was on.....

The children went on the hunt for the Gingerbread looking high and low until they finally caught him! Teachers enjoyed constructing different bulletin boards with their students art work. The joy of learning in Kindergarten Land!



Happy Holidays Everyone!

We hope you have a wonderful winter break with your children! The Mitchell Staff wish you a Happy New Year 2018!



Gingerbread Man



Edible Ornaments

Inspired after reading the story **Night Tree** by Eve Bunting, students make edible ornaments for the animals.



New Sweetser Clinician

Hello! My name is Lori Austin, LCSW and I am so excited to be at Mitchell School this year as the new Sweetser clinician. Sweetser is a Maine behavioral healthcare organization for children, adults and families. School-based therapy is one of the many services that Sweetser offers. While I work out of the school and am able to collaborate with Mitchell School staff, I am not employed by the Kittery School Department. My services are billed through insurance.



I graduated from Boston College with two Master's Degrees in Social Work and Pastoral Ministry and completed my undergraduate degree at Penn State University with a B.S. in Health Education. I am a Licensed independent Clinical Social Worker in the state of Maine. I've worked in a variety of Social Work settings mostly working with children and families. I love family work and fostering self-esteem and growth in children. Affirmations and healing are the cornerstone of my belief system. I utilize cognitive-behavioral therapy, family systems and play therapy as my therapeutic modalities.

Over the past four years I worked as a Military and Family Life Counselor locally and abroad. I feel immensely blessed to have had the gift of travel working in Okinawa, South Korea and England as a counselor working in schools and daycare centers. It has been an honor and a pleasure serving military families.

In my spare time I can be found hanging with my Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Lucy. Or running many miles around Eliot and Portsmouth. I love drinking coffee and being with friends. I am a proponent of good self-care and treating ourselves kindly so we can do that for others. I know school personnel work extremely hard and I thank you for allowing me to be part of your team.

There are two ways to access the services I provide in the school. The first way is to consult with Emma Kilgore or Dana Rickerich to fill out a referral, which in turn will be passed along to me. The other way is to contact me directly and we can talk about any struggles your child may be experiencing.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Contact: laustin@kitteryschools.com or (207)844-0824. My office is in the kindergarten wing.

Hours at Mitchell School: Monday through Friday, 7:30-3.

Sweetser Information:

Website: <https://www.sweetser.org/schoolbasedtherapy.php>

PromiseLine: 1-800-434-3000

The PromiseLine can be used to find out information about all Sweetser services and gain access to these services.

Crisis Hotline: 1-888-568-1112 available 24 hours a day, 7 Days a week.

Thank You Rotary

A special thank you to the Kittery Rotary for your generous donation to the 3rd grade class. With this generous donation we purchase books for the classroom libraries. The students and staff say "Thank you"!



PBL-Proficiency Base Learning at Mitchell School

How do we grade in a PBL system?

At Mitchell Primary School we have just revised our report cards in 2nd and 3rd grade to report on how students are progressing on grade level competencies for math and reading. We are working to identifying competencies in all content areas for future reporting. In the 2018-19 school year we will be revising 1st grade and kindergarten report cards.

Grading and Reporting

The Mitchell School is progressing towards using grade level competencies in our Report Cards, as a means for grading student performance primarily in Literacy and Mathematics. With PBL, each grade level, reports are based upon the competencies from their individual grade levels. All schools, K-12 have essentially moved to a 4 point system for grading student performance. Our school runs on a "trimester schedule." We have a trimester report card for students in grades one, two and three. Kindergarten student reporting is completed in January and June. It is important to understand most of our competencies are designed to be met by the end of the school year. It is our goal that most students will meet all competencies (a "3" on the report card) by the end of the school year. Students at the primary level grow and develop at different rates. Please remember these key points about our competency-based reporting system:

- We are now comparing students against a set of competencies based upon national standards. The competencies we have K-3 are the beginning of a continuum K-12, building towards the Traip Academy Graduation Standards.
- A great deal of work has gone into determining the level of performance that will indicate what a 1 2 3 4 means consistently across ALL grade levels. This significantly tightens our grading practice between teachers on all grade levels.
- It is common for students across all grade levels to receive "1"s and "2"s in the first trimester, because a "3" represents meeting the "end of the year competency."

This is the key for the levels of performance used on the Grades One, Two and Three Report Card

Academic Progress	
4 = Exceeds - The student's performance exceeds the end of year competency.	2 = Partially Meets - The student is beginning to grasp concepts, processes and skills of the competency.
3 = Meets - The student meets the end of the year competency, grasps and applies key concepts, processes and skills.	1 = Below - The student needs more time and experience for concepts, processes and skills of the competency

Friday Folder

You can access all the fliers in the Friday folder by clicking [here](#) or viewing them below.



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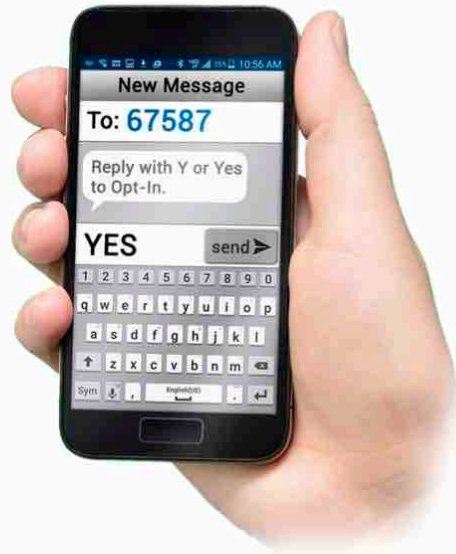
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Dear parents,

Due to the success of last year's hitting clinic, this year Kittery Little League is again teaming up with Seacoast United Baseball to offer a skills clinic for all Kittery league players. This is a great opportunity for players of all levels to improve their skills and prepare for the upcoming season.

- The 8-week clinic is being offered at a rate of \$185/player and closed to the general public.
- Classes will be held on Thursdays from 4-5 at the York (indoor) facility.
- The session begins Thursday, January 4th and runs weekly through Thursday, February 22nd.

Space is limited so sign up TODAY!

- Registration and payment is accepted online at <https://login.ezfacility.com/OnlineRegistrations/Register.aspx?CompanyID=1056&GroupID=239006>
- If you would like to pay via check, you can register by emailing richard.demarco@ubs.com. Payment will be due at the first class.

Any questions please reach out to Rich DeMarco, Director of Player Development
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