



SANDPIPER NEWS



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

Important Dates

April

- 3 - School Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Town Hall
- 4 - Early Release @ 2 pm
- 5 - Tell me a Story @ 3 pm
- 5 - Parent Teacher Conferences
Scheduled Appointments
- 11 - Kindergarten Registration
Appointments, 8:30-2:30
- 11 - Parent Teacher Conferences
Scheduled Appointments
- 13 - No School, Professional
Development Day
- 16-20 Spring Break
- 26 - PBL Parent Advisory Meeting
- 30 - May 5th - Arts Fair Week

May

- 3 - Third Grade Chorus and
Arts Fair Presentation
- 4 - Talent Show at Shapleigh



State Testing in Third Grade

The third graders have worked very hard and taking the MEA state testing seriously. They also have enjoyed the extra privilege of “chewing gum”! Whatever it takes to have our students happy and work hard we enjoy doing. Here are some snapshots of our students working hard!!!



Parent Drop off in the Morning PRIOR to 8:15

The whistle blows at 8:15 for students to enter the building from the playground to start the day. We are asking parents to be here by 8:15 for students to be on time for school. If parents **are here after 8:15 you may come up the bus lane to drop off children.** We are noticing many parents coming at 8:15 or after so this is delaying Mrs. Torr, our cross walk monitor, from coming in with students to start her day as well as students arriving late to school. So please try to be here prior to 8:15. This will help you child be ready for the day with the other students



Lost and Found

Dear Parents, We have LOTS of lost clothing that needs to find a home. WE all know how expensive winter clothing is! Please come in and check to see if anything may be your child's clothing. We will be moving what is left at the end of next week to clean up this area!

Classroom Placement

2018-19 School Year

Can you believe it is time to think about next year's placement? As we begin the process of placing students into classroom for next year we need accurate data about our enrollment. If you are planning on moving in the near future, would you please take the time to complete the form that is your child's Red Folder. We have also attached this form in our newsletter for your convenience.

Box Tops for Education

Thanks for sending in your boxtops! We earned over \$600 since September! Keep them coming! Thank you! From the Kittery K-8 PTA



Math Practice for Math Facts

Students in 2nd and 3rd grade are working to master basic math facts. Second graders are practicing addition and subtraction facts from 0 to 10. Third graders should have already mastered the addition and subtraction facts and now working on multiplication and division facts. Being able to put these facts into long-term memory takes a lot of practice.

How can you help your child? 10 minutes of practice a day!

Practice...practice....practice... helps put facts into our long-term memory like learning the alphabet as a kindergarten student. By seeing, saying, and writing new information, over and over using our different senses, helps children memorize facts. So by taking a few minutes each day practicing a few math fact in different ways will help your child master the math facts. Taking 10 minutes a day will make a HUGE difference. Playing math games using dice or playing cards children can play a game to add, subtract, or multiply. Making flash cards with children with index cards, with fact on the front and answer on the back, can be useful in the car or when you are making supper. Using a white board or paper to **write and say** a few facts 5 times each uses 3 senses at once by writing, seeing, and saying. Children can also hop on the computer and practice "Extra Math " on our website page. Using a variety of ways to practice at home or on the go will help your child develop mastery of math facts. Once mastery is achieved it helps free up your child's mind as they work on more complicated concepts from finding area, perimeter, division, and fractions to name a few examples. If you have would like support or suggestions on how to practice, your child's teacher or Mrs. Moulton, our math coach, would gladly share ideas with you.

Share your books!

Kittery Rotary Book Swap..... Coming Soon !

The Annual Kittery Rotary-, After Hours Group, will be gathering books for students in June. If you have books your children have out grown this is an opportunity to share these books with other students as well as select books for your child. So if you have books that would be appropriate for children from kindergarten to fourth grade we will be collecting books when children return from April break. What a great way to pair down all the books in your child's room, in the closets, under beds, in boxes, in the attic, or basement. Great way to get started on Spring Cleaning! More information and dates will be coming



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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Dear Parent/Guardians,

March 23, 2018

We are taking a look at our students' school attendance for we know how important it is for students to be in school. School success goes hand in hand with good attendance.

The message we tell our students is that school is *their most important job*. They are learning about more than math and reading. They are learning how to show up for school on time everyday and how to be ready to learn.

Regular school attendance has a significant impact on a student's academic, social, and emotional success. Building a habit of attending school on time everyday at a very young age helps ensure children will be successful in school, college or career preparation, and in the workforce. These habits built at this young age build on lifetime success.

We understand that there are many reasons why children are out of school from being ill, to transportation, or homelife challenges. However, no matter if the reason is excused or unexcused the child has missed the classroom instruction that can not be recreated. Over time this may have a negative impact on a child's school performance and success.

Research has shown that children who have missed 10% of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.

We wanted parents/guardians to know we are concerned about some of our students' attendance and will be sharing a letter next week with parents whose children have been absent 10% or more of the school year.

We are here to help parents and students with attendance concerns. Please feel you can reach out to your child's teacher, school counselors, nurse, or administrators for assistance. On the backside of this letter are some interesting facts and parenting tips you may find helpful.

Sincerely,
Marcelle Durost and Alli Gamache



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

DID YOU KNOW?

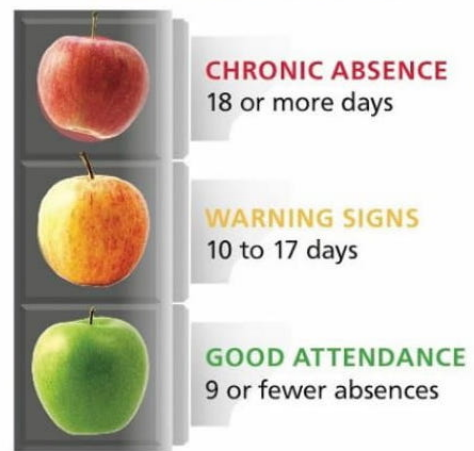
- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

For more on school readiness, visit attendanceworks.org and reachoutandread.org

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March 26, 2018

Dear Mitchell School Parents:

As we begin the process of placing the children into classrooms for the 2018- 2019 school year, it is very important that we have accurate data about our enrollment. If you are planning on moving in the near future, please take the time to fill in the form below and return it to our office. We appreciate your time with this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marcelle Durost
Marcelle Durost, Principal

WE ARE PLANNING TO MOVE AWAY FROM KITTERY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

OUR PROJECTED DATE FOR LEAVING IS ON _____

NAME _____ GRADE LEVEL _____

TEACHER _____

TELEPHONE # _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO OUR OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.