



SANDPIPER NEWS



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

Important Dates

May

- 15 - 3rd Grade to Traip Climbing Wall
- 15 - School Committee meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 16 - Early Release @ 2:00 pm
- 17 - 2nd Grade Field Trip Laudholm Farm 8:45-2:00
- 21 - Ryan Higgins Maine Author Kindergarten Presentation
- 22 - Kindergarten Registration by Appointments, 8:30-2:30
- 24 - District PBL Parent Advisory Meeting, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 28 - No School- Memorial Day

June

- 1 - 3rd Grade Career Day Speakers 9:30-11:30
- 5 - 2nd Grade Field Trip Gundalow 8:45-2:00
- 5 - School Committee meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 6 - Early Release @ 2:00 pm
- 7 - K-2 Step Up Day
- 8 - Grade 3 Step Up Day to Shapleigh School & Field Trip to John Paul Jones Park 8:40-12:30
- 8 - Rotary Book Swap, time TBD
- 11 - Mentor Appreciation -Courtyard
- 12 - Fort Foster K-3 Field Trip 9:00-1:00 (June 13 rain date)
- 14 - 3rd Grade Town Hall Field Trip 9:45-12:15
- 19 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!**



Phil the Master Beekeeper

Second grade students had an opportunity to learn about honeybees as part of their science curriculum. Phil a master beekeeper, owner of The Honey Exchange, is a skilled presenter who visited Mitchell School on Tuesday with bees and honey in tow. Each 2nd grade class experienced a 45-60 minute presentation learning about bee colonies, their life cycle, and how they make honey. Phil explained how bees from hives and how he takes care of his bees and hives to keep them healthy.

Children were able to taste different kinds of honey from Michigan and Florida. The honey texture and taste was different and dependent on the type of flower the bees use for food. They also saw a real bee colony with the queen bee and worker bees busy at work. Students asked many wonderful questions and truly enjoyed the learning experience.





Mitchell School Book Swap- WE need your books!

To prepare for the BOOK SWAP in June we are asking parents to donate books that your child has outgrown. If you have books that Kindergarten to grade 4 would enjoy and no longer need, we would greatly appreciate the donation. The Kittery Rotary are organizing this event for our students. A great way to get new books for summer reading. We have placed bins in the front lobby to make it easy for you to drop off books. You can send them with your child with a note to their teacher or drop them off in the front lobby. We thank you in advance for supporting this project!



Lyn Smith -Maine Author Visits First Grade

Lyn Smith, a Maine author, shared her book *A Porcupine's Promenade An Encounter in the Woods* with the first grade students. Students got the chance to listen to the story, enjoy starting a nature journal looking at many items she had for them from nature, and then see actual pictures of porcupines that inspired Lyn to write her story. Students had the opportunity to ask her questions about being an author along with questions about nature. This presentation was sponsored by the Kittery PTA!

About Lyn

“Writing well has everything to do with being able to read one’s own work with an eye toward the utmost possibilities that are there.” —Lucy Calkins

One of my earliest experiences with writing was documented and saved by my mother, a kindergarten teacher, who believed all forms of writing and reading were to be savored, enjoyed, and kept. The product of my crayon creativity was a plump red breasted robin colored in shades of brown, tan and black with a bright yellow beak. My illustration further showed Robin Red Breast parading through big round blue raindrops and puddles in his rubber galoshes where I had written the words; *“Rain, rain, go away. Robin Red-Boots wants to play.”*

Reading and Writing have always come easily to me although there have been many stages to my writing journey. I can

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

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 of 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.



remember reading and reciting to anyone who would listen and being the first in class to volunteer to read-aloud. I loved it all – the rigor, the conversations, the characterizations, the desire to always keep learning. Also, I recall my parents urging me to take my nose out of the book I was reading and go out and “*get some fresh air.*” I’m not sure it worked all that well as I loved school, reading books, and writing at all times of the day.

Much of my creativity came from designing and acting out the books I read. These dramatic presentations often included my brother, sister and play friends in the neighborhood. One of my favorite books at the time was, and still is, Charlotte’s Web. As I reflect on those youthful fun filled days of play and performances I recently read these thoughts expressed by E.B. White:

“A library is a good place to go when you feel unhappy, for there, in a book, you may find encouragement and comfort. A library is a good place to go when you feel bewildered or undecided, for there, in a book, you may have your questions answered. Books are good company, in sad times and happy times, for books are people – people who have managed to stay alive by hiding between the covers of a book.”



Teacher Appreciation Week

The Mitchell Staff would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the PTA and parents who so generously provided lunch, dinner, snacks and many kind gestures and notes to our the Mitchell Staff during this week. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is greatly noticed and appreciated. WE feel so blessed to be able to work with your children and families. Please know we ALL want you to know we CARE and we know our families CARE as well.

-THANK YOU-



Kittery PTA Talent Show

May 4, 2018



The Annual Kittery Talent Show was another huge success. This fundraiser, sponsored by the Kittery PTA, highlights the individual talents of our students in grades K-8. We enjoyed many forms of entertainment on this special night. Thank you to all the members of the PTA and Mitchell and Shapleigh staff who helped make this a successful and fun night for our students and families.



Shapleigh Jazz Band

This morning the Shapleigh School Jazz Band came to Mitchell School to perform for students and staff. This was the finale of our Arts Fair celebrations for the 2017-2018 school year. Always a wonderful experience!! Thank you to Director Jon Roth for supporting this tradition between the two schools!!



KAA - Art Show Reception!

Artworks will be on display until May 20th

We had an AWESOME turnout after school yesterday! Seeing the artists completely light up when they find their piece totally gets your heart. (And they ate up all the snacks in seven and half minutes...)

***Howe, Dorazio, Staulcup, Scott and Yurick's artists will all be on display 5/16-5/31 at the KCC with a reception for the artists and families next Wednesday 5:30-7! Invites to those will go home today



NEW! HealthyChildren.org Parent Webinar



You and Your Child's Healthy Weight

with host Dr. Sandra G. Hassink

May 15, 2018

1:00-2:00pm Eastern Time

MUSIC SHARE WEEK 2018!



Monday May 21st, Tuesday May 29th-Friday June 1st

*Music Share will be during your normal music special time in the music room.

Music Share is an opportunity for students to share something musical with their peers during music class. They can share anything musical (even a poem, skit, or dance routine!) that they have thought through and planned. They may bring in an instrument from home and store it in the music room for the day if needed, or use any of the classroom instruments we have. Usually we have enough time for each child to share one or two things.

The purpose of having a performance day is to give children an opportunity to perform in front of a small, friendly, known group and learn the etiquette of doing so; to provide a platform for sharing musical ideas and interests; and to give the rest of the class practice at being respectful audience members. Most important, performing is completely voluntary and meant to occur in a casual, stress-free environment.

Here are some ideas for your music share. Be creative! 😊 :

- Sing a song
- Do a dance
- Recite a poem
- Show an instrument from home
- Play an instrument from school
- Create your own instrument
- Make up a dance with friends and perform
- Do a skit with friends
- Share your favorite song on Youtube
- Tell about your favorite musical, song, or singer/songwriter
- Share a memory of music class
- Choose an activity we have done in music to repeat

And much more!

If you have questions feel free to call the school or email me at sdarezzo@kitteryschools.com

Have fun!

Sandi D'Arezzo

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The Kittery School Nutrition Program is excited to announce our summer lunch program. The open sites will be at the Kittery Community Center and Woodland Commons.

June 25-August 24, Monday-Friday

Kittery Community Center 11:30-Noon

****Available FREE to any child age 18 and under****

******Income eligibility NOT required******

Please call 439-4846 with any questions or email Wendy Collins, wcollins@kitteryschools.com.