



SANDPIPER NEWS



7 School Lane | Kittery Point, ME | Allison Gamache, Principal

Important Dates

October

- 3 - Picture Day
- 3-4 - Dental Clinic
- 4 - K Field Trip 8:40 - 1:30
Applecree Orchards
- 5 - No School -
Professional Development
- 8 - No School-Columbus Day
- 9- PTA Opening Meeting
6- 7 Mitchell Cafeteria

Welcome Parents to the Kittery PTA Opening Meeting

Tuesday, October 9th

6:00-7:00

Mitchell School Cafeteria

We welcome parents to the opening organizational meeting of the Kittery PTA. Please come and support our school Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:00 at the Mitchell School Cafeteria. We need YOU!!!!



What's Up Buttercup?

Insight into Ms. Sallade's 2nd Grade Classroom

By Ms. Sallade's Class

Here in Ms. Sallade's class we have been very busy and having so much fun that it feels like home. Everyday we sing a song together. Our favorite song right now is Best Day of My Life. We sing loudly to this one!

One of our favorite things to do is play math games. We like to play Bubble Pop on the Smart Board. It helps us learn math facts in a fun way! We also like playing the Number Circle at the end of the day.

We have a Star Student of the Week. We get to learn a lot about each other this way. It is fun sharing too. In our class we are decorating the walls with posters we made at home with our parents. We like looking at them because they give us courage.

Birth Day Celebrations

At Mitchell School we have many children who have birthdays during the school year. We also know parents would like to do something special for their child in school. Due to the number of children who have food allergies we ask parents **not to send in food** to the class. If you would like to do something please contact your child's teacher for some classroom ideas. We appreciate your understanding.

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE A NUT BAN SCHOOL



Birthday Invitations

We understand it is hard for parents to know the addresses of children when you want to plan a birthday party for your child. However our staff is not allowed to distribute birthday party invitations. This practice has frequently placed staff members in an awkward and difficult position and is often hurtful to students. Please DO NOT send birthday invitations to school with your child. The PTA has a staff directory that parents use to share addresses that you may find helpful.

We are reading the book, *Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. It's about a bunny that goes on a bunch of adventures. Edward cannot move or talk. What will happen to him next?

After reading the book *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds we celebrated Dot Day by wearing dots. It is a fun way to remember that we are all special and do things in different ways. We also liked the song that went with it! Now we want to have a Striped Day!



We released 3 Monarch Butterflies! We named them Midnight, Jet and Moonlight. We hope they are safely on their way to Mexico.

What will we do next?

Congratulations to Mrs. Masury!

Mitchell Primary School librarian and gardening enthusiast, was nominated by a Kittery parent for WZID and Hannaford-sponsored 20 Outstanding Women featured for her garden development work both at Mitchell Primary School and Traip Academy. She will be honored at a dinner to recognize the 20 women. All 20 will be featured on their website where we'll be able to click on each honoree to hear her story and read the background text on each honoree's page. Congratulations Mrs. Masury for this well-deserved honor!



Settling in to School

Starting a new school year for your child can be very emotional. It can be scary, exciting, and exhausting. Settling back into a school routine may not come easy for some children. Hopefully as we approach two weeks of school it is coming easier for your little one. Children are adjusting to a stricter routine at home to be ready for school as well as the demands of routines in the classroom. We all know getting to bed early and making sure children have a good breakfast to start their day is important. We also know some children are not hungry first thing in the morning so may do not eat prior to coming to school so that is why we offer a breakfast program. Please make sure your child knows that after 8:05 they can come and get a breakfast. We have a breakfast cart that goes to classrooms after the students are in for students that are on late busses or come to school late. If you have any concerns about how your child is doing please contact your child's teacher.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Katrina Venhuizen, from EcoMaine, came to share information about recycling. She talked about how to: reduce, reuse, recycle, compost, waste to energy, and landfills.

She shared many ways children can reuse items, reduce to save water and energy, and how items are recycled. She also shared how food is composted and turned into soil, how burned trash is turned into electricity, as well as how landfills have been changed. Children saw pictures and a video of how trash is burned to become energy. Ask your third grader what the "Claw", "Hopper" and "Boiler" are when trash is being burned! Thank you to EcoMaine for coming to share information with our students.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Compost, Waste to Energy, Landfill

Having Fun With New Playground Equipment-



THE KITTERY K-8 PTA IS HERE TO GET YOU INTO THE KITTERY SPIRIT!

This year we are starting what will hopefully be an annual sale of Kittery "Spirit Wear." Our goal is to give students, parents, staff, and local community members a way to show their local pride and support the Kittery K-8 PTA.

This year's concept for Spirit Wear celebrates all of the unique individuals who make up our school and town. I am Kittery. You are Kittery. We are Kittery.

T-shirts, long sleeves, hoodies, hats - store open until SEPTEMBER 24th - order while you can!! seacoastprinting.com/kittery_pta/shop/home

Do you want to keep up with PTA happenings? Find us on Facebook! Kittery K-8 PTA

Attendance in the early grades

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten and even 1st grade can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?



Who is affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

1 in 10 kids

in kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent. In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4!



2 in 10 low-income kids

miss too much school. They're also more likely to suffer academically.¹



2.5 in 10 homeless kids

are chronically absent.²



4 in 10 transient kids

miss too much school when families move.³



Why it matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?!



64% of kids with good attendance in K and 1st (missed 9 or fewer days both years)



45% of kids with at-risk attendance (missed more than 9 days both years)



41% of kids chronically absent in K or 1st (missed 15 or more days one year)



17% of kids chronically absent in K and 1st (missed 18 or more days both years)

What families can do



Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.



Build regular routines for bed time and the morning.



Talk about the importance of regular attendance and about how your child feels about school.



Don't permit missing school unless your child is truly sick. Use a thermometer to check for a fever. Remember that stomach aches and headaches may be signs of anxiety.

Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Keep a chart recording your child's attendance at home. At the end of the week, talk with your child about what you see.

Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Ask a family member, neighbor or another parent for help.

Seek support from school staff or community groups to help with transportation, health problems, or no safe path to school.

¹ Chang, HollyRemond, Manager, Present, Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades, National Center for Children in Poverty, N.C., 15 September 2008.
² Fowler, Rebecca, in: State Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2015.
³ Attendance in Early Elementary Schools: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Other Early Outcomes, U.S. Department of Education, May 2012.



The Girl Scout Difference:






Girl Scouts offers the best leadership development experience for girls in the world—one that is designed with, by, and for girls.

Girl Scouts unleashes the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)[™] in every girl, preparing her for a lifetime of leadership.

Our Girl Scout Leadership Experience is a one-of-a-kind leadership development program for girls, with proven results. It is based on time-tested methods and research-backed programming that help girls take the lead—in their own lives and in the world.

The inclusive, all-girl environment of a Girl Scout troop creates a safe space where girls can try new things, develop a range of skills, take on leadership roles, and just be themselves.

Girl Scouts are more likely than non-Girl Scouts to:

-  Develop a strong sense of self (80% vs. 68%)
-  Display positive values (75% vs. 59%)
-  Seek challenges and learn from setbacks (62% vs. 42%)
-  Form and maintain healthy relationships (60% vs. 43%)
-  Exhibit community problem-solving skills (57% vs. 28%)

New Member Sign Up & Information Meeting

Join us to learn more.

October 9, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Horace Mitchell Primary School
7 School Lane, Kittery Point

With your girl, you will,

- ◆ Enjoy a fun, girl-led activity and receive a patch!
- ◆ Discover the Girl Scout Difference.
- ◆ Complete your registration to become a Girl Scout.

Our Program

Everything a Girl Scout does centers around STEM, the outdoors, development of life skills, and entrepreneurship, and is designed to meet her where she is now and to grow along with her.



STEM: Computer science, engineering, robotics, and more.

Life Skills: Civic engagement, healthy living, global citizenship, and communication skills.

Outdoors: Adventure and skill building, including camping experiences for all age levels, from the backyard to the backcountry.

Entrepreneurship: The Girl Scout Cookie Program - the largest girl-led business in the world - teaches goal setting, decision making, money management, business ethics, and people skills.

Are you ready to take the lead like a Girl Scout right now? Register today at girlscoutsofmaine.org

This is not a school sponsored event.

PARENT EVENING

October 2nd, 7:00 pm York Community Auditorium



**Nationally Recognized
Digital Safety Expert**

KATIE L. GREER
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**“Technology;
What we
NEED to know
today”**

*Katie will be
presenting to
Kittery and
York students
earlier that
day!*

Katie's unique, personal, professional, and educational background with technology and internet safety has lead Katie to frequently serve as an industry expert to various media outlets. Katie has been featured in *USA Today*, *TIME Magazine*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Proctor and Gamble Everyday*, on *The O'Reilly Factor*, *CNN*, and *AJAM*.

Topics will include:

- Overview of her message to students in Middle & High School during the day
- Updates on the latest technology:
 - Apps, social networks, device trends
- Rules and tracking, Privacy settings
- Interactive gaming: Tips for safe gaming Proactive steps to make sure your kids are safely using technology Tools to help you be prepared to help foster a positive online experience for your family

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