

SANDPIPER NEWS

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

Important Dates

October

27 - Halloween Parade @ 8:50

November

1 - Early Release @ 2:00 pm

8 - Parent Teacher Conference
from 3:00 - 7:00 pm

9 - Veterans Day Ceremony
@ 8:30 am

10 - Veterans Day - No School

14 - Parent Teacher Conference
from 3:00 - 7:00 pm

15 - Early Release @ 2:00 pm

22-24 - Thanksgiving Break



Ice Cream Social

Wednesday nights PTA Ice Cream Social was a success with over 250 bowls of ice-cream being served! Thank you York River Landing and Oakhurst Dairy for your donations to the Ice Cream Social! Thank you to the PTA for such a fun time!! Here are a few photos with kiddos enjoying the scrumptious ice cream and topping!!



Veterans Day Bulletin Board

To help our students understand the importance of Veterans Day we invite families to honor a Veteran or Active Duty Member of their family. We invite families to send in a picture, or their child may draw a picture of someone in their family, who is a Veteran or is on Active Duty. We recommend that you use standard, letter-size paper of 8.5x11 inches. The photo or picture will need the Veteran or Active Duty Member's name on the front and the branch in which they served. On the back should be your child's name, grade, and classroom teacher. If you would like to participate, please place in your child's Red Folder by Friday, November 3rd! If you have any questions, please contact Dana Rickerich.





Veterans Day Ceremony

We will be having an honors ceremony on **November 9th at 8:30** here at Mitchell School outside by our flagpole. This ceremony is to give thanks to the Veterans, as well as active military families, who have protected our country. The ceremony will consist of rising of the flag, singing patriotic songs, and have some third grade students sharing what Veterans' Day means to them. Families are invited to join us for the ceremony.



Mitchell School Winter Concert

Save the Date

When: Thursday, December 7th

Where: Shapleigh Gymnasium

Time: Grades K/1: 6:00 PM
Grades 2/3: 7:00 PM

“Deck the Walls” at KCC

Select Mitchell student artwork from grades K-3 is on display at the Kittery Community Center as part of their "Deck the Walls" initiative. "Deck the Walls" seeks to use wall space at the KCC for rotating artwork in a way that is organized, but more informal. A particular emphasis is placed on youth and community artists that would not necessarily exhibit in a more formal setting. We are so proud to see our students' creative talents on display at the KCC!

Thank you Amy Nucci, art teacher at Mitchell, for presenting our student work and learning targets for each display!



Halloween Costume Parade

On Friday, October 27th we are going to be having a BRIEF Halloween parade to give the students a chance to show off their costumes and have a little fun! The parade will start at 8:50 and students will walk around the circle a few times.

For this to work smoothly we are asking students to follow a few rules:

- Come to school in your costume - the parade is first thing!
- No masks or face paint - we will ask them to wash off face paint if it is on.
- Costumes cannot interfere with the students ability to walk/move freely.
- No weapons of any kind - even if they go with the costume.
- Children regular daily clothing should be under their costumes for easy transition. !

The students will have a regular day following the parade. At 8:50, students will begin exiting the front doors and walk around the circle a few times. They will then proceed down the walkway beside the playground to the back door and return to their classrooms. While you are invited to catch a good spot outside to take pictures and wave to your students, we respectfully ask that you do not come inside to help your child "get ready." Please make costumes easy as possible for your child to wear and change out of. They are going to have so much fun!

School Safety Procedures

We have been practicing our safety procedures at school for your child to know what to do in the case of a lock down or and evacuation. Children learn how to exit the building from all areas where they have classes or lunch as well as how to be safe inside the building. We have shared when we are practicing and the importance of knowing what to do and that they will be safe. Students have done a great job with their practices. We are now going to practice without sharing it with students so we make sure we are well prepared in case of an emergency. I wanted to share how we gently teach and practice emergency procedures at Mitchell School.

Box Top

The PTA collects Box Tops form a variety of products. It is amazing how 10 cents can add up.....10 box tops is a \$1.00 and 100 box tops is \$10.00 and 1000 box tops is \$100.00 !!! Each 10cents adds up! So snip, cut and put labels in a baggie and send to school for every little bit helps! All proceeds goes toward funds to support our students. So get your family, grandparents, friends, and anyone you know to collect the Box Tops for the Mitchell students! Send to school with your child and your child's teacher will make sure they get in the Box Top container.

Mitchell PBL

We are looking for a group of 7 - 10 parents to be a part of our Mitchell PBL (Proficiency Based Learning) Informational/ Advisory Committee. During these meetings, we will bring forward different pieces of our practice within the PBL model so as to provide information and gathering your feedback on how these practices affect teaching and learning, Both at Mitchell School and throughout the district. For example, during the first meeting we will update committee members on where Mitchell School is with the transformation to the PBL model and share the Mitchell Family Guide that outlines our practices with instruction, grading and reporting. If you are interested, please RSVP to All Gamache at agamache@kitteryschools.com. It would be great if you could attend all 4 meetings, but we understand if you cannot. Please consider joining even if you can only make some of the meetings.

Date:	Time:	Location:
October 26, 2017	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Mitchell Library
January 25, 2018	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Mitchell Library
April 26, 2018	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Mitchell Library
May 24, 2018	6:00 - 7:30 PM	District Wide

Classroom Party Food & Birthday Invitations

Below is our District Policy for classroom and birthday celebrations: We have parties in the classroom in observance of most holidays emphasizing healthy snacks. They are usually scheduled in the afternoon. In keeping with our "Wellness Policy," we do not allow any food items to be a part of our birthday celebrations in our classrooms. We will continue to honor and recognize birthdays in our individual classrooms, but without the benefit of any food as a reward or treat. Our staff is not able to distribute Birthday Party invitations. This practice has frequently placed staff members in a very awkward and difficult position that is often hurtful to students.

Parents are asked when their child enrolls at Mitchell School if they would like to share their personal address to be included in a directory shared with Mitchell parents. The PTA distributes this directory once a year for parents usually in the fall. We ask you use this list as a resource when planning your child's birthday party. The new directory will be sent home in the Red Folder!

Thank you for your cooperation.

Friday Folder

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

FORESIDE *for* FUEL

A FOOD AND MUSIC BENEFIT
THE BLACK BIRCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 4-8 PM

SOME OF THE PARTICIPATING ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDE:
Anju Anneke Jans Badger's Island Pizza Beach Pea Baking Co. Bob's Clam Hut
The Black Birch Buoy Gallery Carl's Meat Market Chapel + Main Golden Harvest
Jay McSharry Restaurants Lil's Loco Coco's Maine Meat Rudders Public House
The Pointe Tulsi Weathervane

• Music By Chris Klaxton and Taylor O'Donnell •

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TICKETS
\$45 at Kittery Community Center or foresideforfuel.org

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