

WAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 24, 2023

DEAR FAMILIES, JUST LIKE THAT "SUMMER IS A WRAP"! THE TEACHERS AND STAFF HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY GETTING THE CLASSROOMS READY AND WE HOPE YOU AND YOUR CHILD(REN) WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BY DURING THE **MEET & GREET ON AUGUST 28TH FROM 6-7PM** TO SAY "HI", MEET OUR NEW PRINCIPAL, MS JACOBS, YOUR TEACHER AND CHECK OUT YOUR CLASSROOM! OUR SCHOOL HAS ALSO CHANGED TO A NEW DISMISSAL SYSTEM CALL PICK-UP-PATROL, WATCH FOR A "SET-UP" EMAIL COMING TO YOU SOON!

ALL OF US HERE AT WES LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN SOON AND WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME IN OUR NEW STUDENTS!!

Weekly Menu

WEEK OF 08/28/2023

MON- NO SCHOOL

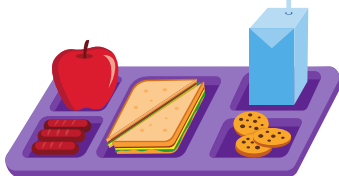
TUES- -NO SCHOOL

WED- POPCORN CHICKEN W/ POTATO STARS

THURS-CHEESEBURGER WRAP

FRI- PIZZA! PIZZA!

SUN BUTTER AVAILABLE DAILY



Upcoming Dates

LOOKING AHEAD

08/28-MEET & GREET AT WES
6:00-7:00PM

08/30-FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

09/04-NO SCHOOL-HOLIDAY

09/27-EARLY RELEASE DAY



10/06-NO SCHOOL-WORKSHOP

10/09-NO SCHOOL-HOLIDAY

10/19- CURRICULUM NIGHT

6:00-7:00PM

**SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER:
WATER BOTTLES!
SNACKS!
AND SMILES, LOTS OF SMILES!!!**

PRINCIPAL NOTES

Principal Notes: 8/21/23

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to another wonderful year of learning and growing at Wayne Elementary! Although this is an exciting time, if your house is anything like mine, the back to school jitters have begun. For elementary age children this can show up in lots of ways, such as struggling to separate from caregivers, tantrums, challenges getting along with other family members, or avoidance of normal activities in and outside of school. It can be hard to connect the dots as to why our children seem out-of-sorts, or what to do in the moment when we encounter these behaviors, but there are a few key things that caregivers can do to help. Remember the four "S"s when troubleshooting for your children.

Safe: Transitions are hard because uncertainty can bring fear and worry, so start your school year routines now to help your child develop good habits around eating, sleeping, exercise, and screen time. Knowing what to expect will help your child feel safer and cope better with situations you are unable to prepare for. One quick trick is to have your child get their backpack ready and lay out their clothes the night before, when there are fewer time constraints. This can help to eliminate the morning struggle and work toward building your child's independence.

Seen: As a caregiver, we may want to prevent our child(ren) from feeling anxious about the start of the school year, but learning how to process emotions is an important life skill. Ask your child how they are feeling and then try to normalize their emotions by sharing a quick personal story when you felt the same thing. Here's an Instagram post from [Dr. Becky: Good Inside](#) if you'd like an example of what this could sound like.

Soothed: Children need to know that they are not alone in dealing with life's challenges. When change is inevitable, such as going back to school, set aside as little as five minutes a day to be with your child. With the typical family schedule, even this small amount of time can seem hard to find, but providing individualized attention will let your child know they have a place to go when they need support. This can be as easy as a quick snuggle, engaging in a favorite activity, or simply letting your child decide what they would like to do for the next few minutes.

Secure: By being proactive, we increase the possibility of modeling what we hope to see in our children. When children reliably feel safe in their surroundings, seen by their caregivers, and soothed in times of need, they develop secure attachments and learn positive coping skills.

If you are interested in digging deeper into any of these ideas, check out the links below:

- [Back to School 2023: Parent Tips for Kids With 'First Day' Jitters \(2 minute video\)](#)
- [The Power of Showing Up, D. Seigal and T.P. Bryson \(2020\) \(5 minute read\)](#)
- [Back to School Guide 2023 \(10 minute read\)](#)

As the year gets underway, please reach out to your classroom teacher or myself with questions, concerns, or celebrations, and know that we will be doing the same for you. We look forward to developing a thriving partnership with every student and their family. We wish you a wonderful start to the new school year!

Sincerely,
Jeanette Jacobs
WES Principal



WAYNE ELEMENTARY



MEET AND GREET

AUGUST 28TH

6:00-7:00PM

- ✓ Check out your new classroom
- ✓ Say hello to your teacher
- ✓ Visit with your friends
- ✓ Have a sweet treat



WES Rocks

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

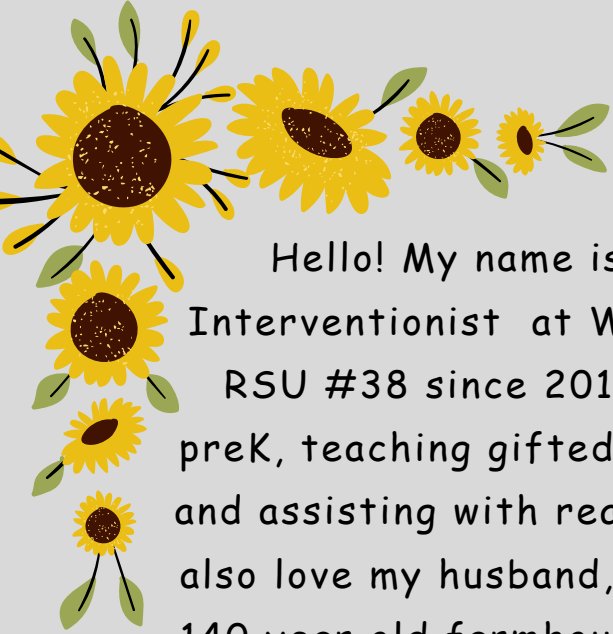
**PARENTS, PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD'S PHYSICIAN FORWARD
UPDATED HEALTHCARE ACTION PLANS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR
TO THE SCHOOL NURSE.**

FAX TO 207-685-9172

**ALSO, CONTACT THE SCHOOL NURSE IF YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO
HAVE MEDICATION ADMINISTERED DURING SCHOOL HOURS.**

THANK YOU!!!



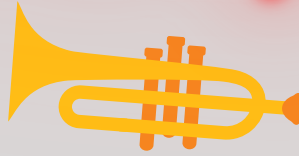


Hello! My name is Jill Worster and I am the new Literacy Interventionist at Wayne Elementary School. I have worked for RSU #38 since 2012, helping in large classrooms, assisting in preK, teaching gifted and talented classes, giving library lessons, and assisting with reading support. I love working with children! I also love my husband, my four sons, my two cats, my two dogs, my 140 year old farmhouse, my little red convertible, eating lobster, and going to Popham Beach! I will strive to be a ray of sunshine to your student(s) on a daily basis. James M. Barrie, the Scottish creator of Peter Pan, once wrote: "Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves." I look forward to a school year of learning, growing, reading, collaborating, achieving, and celebrating!



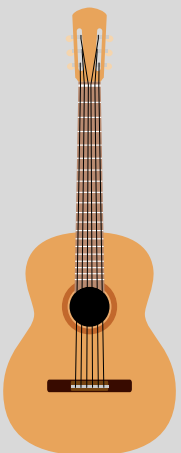


Music



Meet Ms. Temple!!

Ms. Temple is our new music teacher here at WES. She recently graduated from the University of Maine with a B.M. in Music Education with a Double Concentration in Vocal & Instrumental, as well as a B.M. in Music Performance with a concentration in Instrumental. She is very excited to guide students on their musical journeys!





Mrs. Blake's Art News!



August 2023



Why is Art class Important?

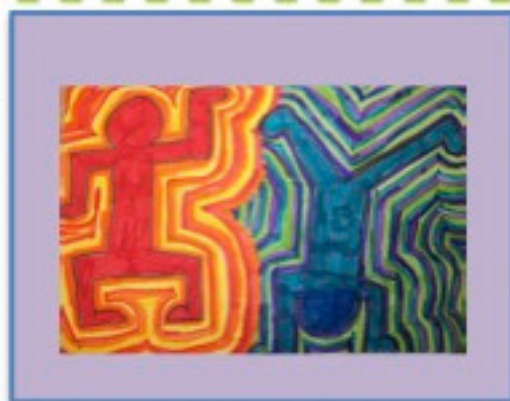


ART CLASS HELPS STUDENTS:

- Engage with school and reduce stress.
- Develop social-emotional and interpersonal skills.
- Handle constructive criticism.
- Support academic achievement in all subjects
- Improve focus and fine motor skills

Reminders

- ✓ Come to class with a positive attitude!
- ✓ School is the perfect opportunity to try something new!



What's Coming Up In September?



Contact the Teacher

• Email:
nicole_blake@maranacook.com

I can't wait to get
creative together!

NOTES FROM FOOD SERVICE

FOOD SERVICE

School meals are free to all students regardless of income eligibility. There will be a charge of \$0.50 for milk when purchased as an a la carte item and not part of a meal.

The Maranacook Food Services program operates on a debit system. Accounts must be in positive standing to make any a la carte purchases. Parents/Guardians may monitor account balances by visiting our website: mcms.maranacook.org. Click on the menu icon and select PowerSchool Parents & Students. Here you will be able to login using your individual username and password. Negative lunch balance alerts will be automatically sent each Sunday at 6:30 PM through the District's alert system. If a student's balance reaches negative \$10.00 the account will be frozen until it's been paid in full and is, once again, in positive standing. Please make checks payable to RSU #38 Food Service. Payments may be given directly to food service staff or front office personnel. Credit card payments can be made using E-Funds which can be accessed through our website or you may mail payments to: RSU #38 Food Service % Jen Hall 2250 Millard Harrison Drive Readfield Maine, 04355.

Please contact the school nutrition director, Jen Hall, at jen_hall@maranacook.com if you have any questions.





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RSU #38 – MEDIA RELEASE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM SPECIAL PROVISION SCHOOLS

RSU #38 Schools participate in the Special Provision II program through the Maine Department of Education. This alternative reduces application burdens and simplifies meal counting and claiming procedures. All students enrolled in the schools listed below may participate in the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program at no charge. **Household applications are not required to receive free meals this year, but forms similar to applications are being distributed via the PowerSchool parent portal to collect household income data for other programs that require this information, such as Federal Title programs. The application requesting economic information supports many programs at our schools which helps reduce the local tax. Please complete the online form or return the paper form by September 8, 2023, or as soon as your student is enrolled.**

All students will be served breakfast and lunch at no charge at the following schools:

Manchester Elementary School

Wayne Elementary School

Mt. Vernon Elementary School

Maranacook Community High School

Readfield Elementary School

Maranacook Community Middle School

For additional information please contact Jen Hall, School Nutrition Director, 207-685-4923 x 1085.

Federal Non-Discrimination Statement

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible State or local Agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, *USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form* which can be obtained online

at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

(1) mail:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

(2) fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email:

program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. (Federal statement updated 5/18/2022)

State Non-Discrimination Statement

The Maine Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination because of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, genetic information, religion, ancestry or national origin. Complaints of discrimination must be filed at the office of the Maine Human Rights Commission, 51 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0051. If you wish to file a discrimination complaint electronically, visit the Human Rights Commission website at <https://www.maine.gov/mhrc/file/instructions> and complete an intake questionnaire. Maine is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



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August 23, 2023

Subject: Importance of School Attendance and Excusable Absences

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. As we embark on another academic year, I want to emphasize the importance of regular school attendance and provide guidance on excusable absences.

RSU 38 firmly believes regular school attendance is vital to a student's educational success. Consistently attending school allows students to fully engage in classroom activities, interact with peers, and benefit from our dedicated teachers' valuable instruction and support. It also fosters a sense of routine, responsibility, and discipline essential for personal growth and academic achievement.

However, we understand that there may be circumstances that warrant absences. While we expect students to attend school every day, we acknowledge the existence of valid reasons that may necessitate their absence. As responsible educators, we are committed to working with you to ensure your child's well-being and academic progress.

According to Maine State Law, school attendance is mandatory, with the following allowable excusable absences:

Personal Illness: When a student is too sick (including physical, mental, or behavioral health) to attend school, we encourage parents to notify the school as soon as possible. If the illness persists for an extended period, please provide medical documentation to assist us in keeping accurate records.

Health Professional Appointments: We understand that there may be instances when a student needs to attend an appointment during regular school hours. If your child has such an appointment, please notify the school in advance and provide the necessary documentation. We will consider the absence excused, provided it has prior approval.

Family Emergency: In the case of a family emergency or an unforeseen circumstance, please inform the school so that we can make the necessary accommodations and offer support.

Religious Observance: We respect our students' and families' diverse cultural and religious backgrounds. If your child needs to be absent due to religious observance, please inform the school in advance, and we will make every effort to accommodate their absence.

Pre-Approved Personal or Educational Trips: We understand that family trips and educational experiences can be valuable for a child's development. If you plan to take your child out of school for such a purpose, kindly notify the school in advance of the intended absence and complete the necessary paperwork for prior approval.

Unplanned Education Disruption: We understand that circumstances beyond the control of students and families can disrupt their education. These circumstances may include homelessness, unplanned hospitalization for a medical or psychiatric emergency, Foster Care Placement, or an out-of-district placement not authorized by an individualized education plan (IEP) or other education plan approved by the Superintendent. In these situations, please inform the school as soon as possible so that we can provide appropriate support and resources to ensure continuity in their education.

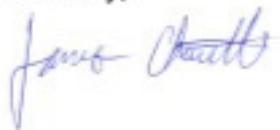
To ensure accurate attendance records, please provide documentation or use the designated absence reporting channels to inform the school of your child's absence. Please include the student's name, grade, reason for absence, and the date(s) of absence in your communication.

It is important to note that unexcused absences, those not falling under the above-mentioned categories, may have consequences on a student's academic progress and may be subject to disciplinary measures under our school/district policies.

As partners in your child's education, we encourage open lines of communication. If you have any concerns or questions regarding attendance or excusable absences, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers or the school administration. We are here to assist you and work collaboratively to ensure your child's success.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in helping us maintain a positive and nurturing learning environment. Together, we can empower our students to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

Sincerely,



James Charette
Superintendent of Schools

[Title 20-A, §3272: Truancy; excusable absences](#)

STUDENT/PARENT PORTAL

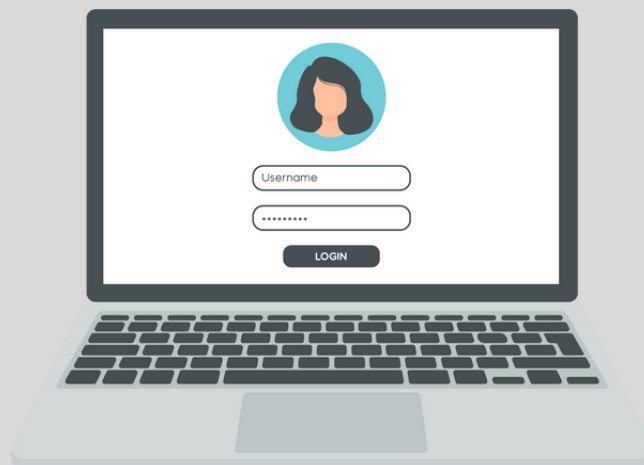
REMEMBER to sign in and fill out the yearly forms online for your child(ren).

If you need assistance, please call the office at:

685-3634

VERY IMPORTANT

PLEASE FILL OUT THE STATE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED FORM FOUND UNDER "GENERAL" IN THE FORMS (THE FIRST FORM) WHETHER YOU QUALIFY OR NOT EVERYONE NEEDS TO FILL THIS OUT. FILLING THIS OUT IS IMPERATIVE IN ENSURING WE CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH TO OUR STUDENTS , THANK YOU!





Join in the fun of Cub Scout Pack 622

We are restarting Cub Scout Pack 622. Cub Scouts is open to **all boys and girls** in grades K-5.

Come check out Cub Scouting at our recruiting information night, Tuesday, September 19th at the Manchester Lions Club on Club House Road (off Rt 17) in Manchester. We'll begin at 6:30PM and have activities for the kids while the parents meet and learn about Cub Scouting.

We also need interested parents to help lead individual "Dens" or grade level groups.

Come find out what Cub Scouting is all about!

For more information, contact:

Seth Vincent, svincent240@gmail.com, 207-485-4206

or

Tom Bartol, bartolnp@gmail.com, 207-248-7924

RSU #38 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

2023

2024

H - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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July 4	-	Independence Day
September 4	-	Labor Day
October 9	-	Indigenous Peoples' Day
November 10	-	Veterans' Day, Observed
November 23	-	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	-	Christmas Day
January 1	-	New Year's Day
January 15	-	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 19	-	Presidents' Day
April 15	-	Patriots' Day
May 27	-	Memorial Day
June 19	-	Juneteenth

W	Staff In-Service (no school students)
F1	First student day, Grades K-5, 6, 9, 12
F2	First student day, Grades 7, 8, 10, 11, CATC
F3	First student day, Grade Pre-K
G	Graduation
WI	In-Service Comp Day (no school students)
ER	Designated Early Release Day (see below)
V	Vacation
L	Last Student Day (if 2 emergency days used) (1/2 day)
▲	Flex Day

Aug. 28, 29	Professional Days
Aug. 30	1 st Student Day, grades K-5, 6, 9, 12
Aug. 31	1 st Student Day, grades 7, 8, 10-11, CATC
Sept. 5	1 st Student Day, grade Pre-K
Oct. 6	Professional Day
Nov. 22	In-service Comp Day (no school)
Nov. 23-24	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 22-Jan. 1	Winter Break
Feb. 19-23	February Break
March 15	Professional Day
April 12	In-service Comp Day (no school)
April 15-19	Spring Break
June 4	Graduation
June 11	Last student day (if 2 emer. days used) (1/2 day)
June 12	Last staff day (if 2 emer. days are used)
Note: This calendar includes 2 remote learning days and 2 emergency days.	

182 teacher days; 175 student days
Calendar includes 2 emergency days

Designated Early Release Days (student dismissal at 11:40 a.m.; content to be determined by Professional Development Committee and A-Team). No Pre-K on early release days.

September 27	January 24
November 8	March 20
December 21	May 8

Adopted by RSU 38 Board: 06/07/23 (R1 06/21/23 corrected)



*See you
Soon!!!*

