

# **Katahdin December Team Newsletter**

## **Upcoming Dates:**

**12/21: Progress Reports posted**

**12/23-1/1: Winter Break-No school**

**1/4/21- Return to School**

**1/8: Q2 Warning Notices emailed to parents**

**1/13 Tentative NWEA testing window begins**

**1/18: Martin Luther King Day: No School**

**1/25: Quarter 3 begins MCMS**

**\*\*Snowmobile use by middle school students: A Snowmobile Permission Form is required - forms are available on the information stand in the front entrance area.**



**FYI: \*\*Breakfast and Lunch are FREE to all students through June, 2021.**

## **QUARTER DATES:**

**\*Q2 Nov 9 - Jan 22**

**\*Q3 Jan 25 - Apr 2**

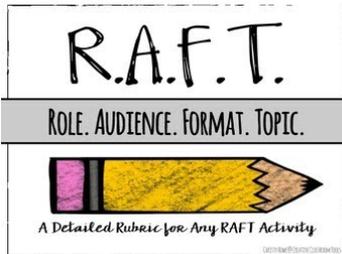
**\*Q4 Apr 5 - Last Day**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS KATAHDIN TEAM FAMILIES!**

**Messages from Team Katahdin Teachers!**

**It's hard to believe we are almost at our Winter Break. I hope everyone is looking forward to some relaxing, safe holiday fun!**

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In our ELA class this quarter we have been working on informational writing and building "RAFTs" into some fun and creative pieces. Students are beginning to delve into their research on a social movement of interest. Some students have decided to research the Civil Rights movement, the Women's Rights movement, Gay Rights movement, and the Anti-War movement (among others!). Students will research their topic, learn to correctly cite their sources and put together a "RAFT", by choosing a Role (perspective to write from), Audience (to whom they are writing), the Format in which they are sharing their research (an interview, speech, or letter), and the Topic of the specific social movement they have chosen. When the quarter ends in January, I suspect we will have a lot of amazing speeches, interviews, and letters to present to our peers. It has been a lot of fun to see the creative twists our Katahdin students have come up with.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! ~Ms. Jewett

## A Message from Mr. A:

We got off to a great start in our Civics class by jumping right into what it means to be a good citizen, on many levels, home, school, community, etc...! I was really pleased with our class discussions and how the kids seemed interested in this subject, especially when it was all about them and what they can do to make their lives better, especially when they become adults and will have the many duties and responsibilities of American citizenship! We also discussed the "3 Branches of Government". Students put together slideshows and shared them with their peers. They seemed to take a great interest in some of our local, and recently re-elected, officials (Susan Collins and Jared Golden, for example). Right now we are discussing and sharing thoughts on "American Values" (equality, freedom, diversity,

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justice, etc...). With some historic and now personal stories on the subject, the classes are really beginning to understand the importance of how unique our country really is!

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, and have a safe & healthy holiday season!

**Mr. A**

## **German with Frau Gyorgy**

**Each week in German class a new theme\* is studied using the following tools:**

- 1. Quizlets - games/tests to learn/assess vocabulary and cultural content**
- 2. EdPuzzles - videos with embedded questions embedded**
- 3. Kahoots - Students are creating their own game that will be played live by their classmates in the final weeks of German class. Three slides are added each week to reflect the theme.**
- 4. Google Forms - Students vote on which German song (tied to the week's theme) they like best.**
- 5. DuoLingo - Encouraged to play for 10 mins+/day**

**\*THEMES: Berlin Wall, German Greetings, Weather, Dates, Thanksgiving, Autumn, Numbers, Birthdays, St.Nikolaus Day, Krampus, "Silent Night", The Christmas Truce of 1914, German Holiday Ads (Next Week!).**

**If you would like to be added to our German Google Classroom, you too can vote on each week's songs!**

**margot\_gyorgy@maranacook.com**

**Enjoy these two pieces from our German studies:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KHoVBK2EVE>**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9p97sxRECo0>**

**Schöne Ferien! = Happy Holidays!**

**~ Frau/Mrs.Margot Burns Gyorgy**

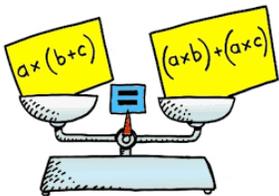
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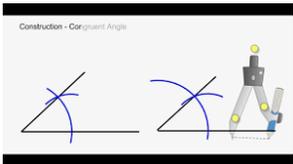
With our Advisee groups, this week, we were challenged to decorate our classroom doors- \*\*\*This is Mrs. Pelletier's door- Her group paid homage to the movie "ELF" in hopes people might want to take a s"ELFIE"

In Mrs. Pelletier's Math classes we are finishing up our second unit in each grade level and taking our District Common Assessments before heading home for the winter break!

When we return in January we will be starting the following Math Units:



**6th Grade: Algebraic Expressions**-We will learn how to use the properties of operations to prove equivalence. We will solve expressions(with variables) by using PEMDAS and identify when expressions are equal.



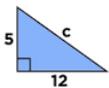
**7th Grade:Geometry Unit**-We will solve real-world and mathematical problems involving area, volume and surface area. Develop an understanding of angle types and their relationships. We will also learn how to construct angles and geometric shapes with given conditions using a protractor, ruler and compass

**8th Grade: The Pythagorean Theorem Unit**- We will learn how to use the Pythagorean Theorem to identify unknown side lengths of right triangles. We will also work with the converse of the Pythagorean Theorem, and formulas to solve for distance on the coordinate plane and the connections to previous work we've done with slope.

## The Pythagorean Theorem

given two sides we can calculate the third

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$



I hope you all have a wonderful holiday break, and get a chance for some well earned relaxation and fun! 2020 has been a tough year- and we are looking forward to a Wonderful 2021! All the best ~ Mrs. Pelletier

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A Message from Physical Education

Mrs. Magnusson



In P.E., we've been learning about the different fitness components and how they relate to exercises we do in class and healthy living. We have been discussing different exercises or tests that would focus on each component and learned which components

were health or skill related. We've been able to be active in a safe way and currently we are working on soccer skills and improving our fitness levels. The students have also been learning how to make decisions that are safe and healthy for everyone, how to communicate in an effective and positive manner, how to collaborate with classmates to complete tasks and skill competitions. Students have been appreciative of what we are able to do in P.E. and I have loved getting to know the Katahdin squad!



## Student Planned Absences for 2020-2021

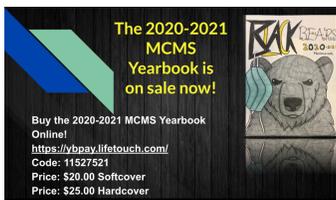
PLANNED ABSENCES for 2020/2021:

- \*student sends email to their parent/advisor/teachers/middle school office (phyllis\_cote@maranacook.com) with dates & description of planned absence at least 5 days prior to the date(s) of absence.
- \*parent/advisor/teachers respond "to all" with OK-approved or NOT OK-not approved.
- \*If you are going out-of-state, per our district regulations, students will have to have a negative COVID-19 test or quarantine for 14 days prior to returning to school.**
- \*States Exempted From Quarantine or Testing Requirements

New Hampshire  
Vermont

## 2020-2021 Yearbooks on Sale NOW!

The MCMS 2020-2021 Yearbooks are now available to order online. Go to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/School> code: 11527521 Price: \$20.00 for softcover \$25.00 for hardcover. You don't want to miss out!...



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## **Winter sports**

Schedules & more information can be found on the Athletic Website, go to middle school website, click on SCHOOLS, scroll down to Maranacook Middle/High School Athletics.

Nordic Skiing is being offered for any student in grades 6-8 (no ski experience needed & all equipment can be provided if needed) practices (dry land training while waiting on snow) will begin Monday, Dec 14. Practices are planned for Mon's, Tue's, Thur's, Fri's from 1:30-3:30 -- meet Coach Mendall outside the front doors. (you don't have to attend every practice) If interested (and for more information), email coach Dan Holman @ [dan\\_holman@maranacook.com](mailto:dan_holman@maranacook.com)

Basketball is being offered for any student in grades 6-8 who are able and willing to play.

Practices will start on Monday, December 14th.

Please understand that students cannot stay at school after the 1:00pm dismissal and must be able to supply their own ride back to practices (after 3:00pm).

Although we recognize that this may be difficult for some, we also understand how important it is for students to be active and involved in activities when possible.

Players need to have a current physical (within 2 years) on file at school. Please email the athletic director ([brant\\_remington@maranacook.com](mailto:brant_remington@maranacook.com)) if you have questions or would like to check on your physical.

Physicals can be faxed to 207-685-9597 to attention of Brant Remington

Please "sign up" by emailing one of the two coaches.

Girls: [amy\\_jones@maranacook.com](mailto:amy_jones@maranacook.com)

Boys: [tom\\_radcliff@maranacook.com](mailto:tom_radcliff@maranacook.com)

## **Virtual "Club" Offerings**

\*Arts & Crafts: meets Wed's 1:00-2:00. Email [hope\\_lord@maranacook.com](mailto:hope_lord@maranacook.com) for more info.

\*Book Club: meets every other Wed at 12:40 to talk about any book you are reading and to learn about other great books. Email [rachel\\_smith@maranacook.com](mailto:rachel_smith@maranacook.com) for more info.

\*Civil Rights Team: meets ?. Email [gwen\\_mohlar@maranacook.com](mailto:gwen_mohlar@maranacook.com) for more info.

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**\*Debate:** meets every Tue 2PM. Email dan\_holman@maranacook.com or jean\_roesner@maranacook.com for more info.

**\*Environmental Club:** meets 1x a week. Email margot\_gyorgy@maranacook.com for more info.

**\*Fantasy Sports:** meets every Wed. Email karen\_magnusson@maranacook.com for more info.

**\*Film Club:** meets ?. Email tyne\_turcotte@maranacook.com for more info.

**\*Geography:** meets ?. Email kristen\_levesque@maranacook.com for more info.

**\*GSA open minds:** meets every other Wed 11:15. Email kristen\_levesque@maranacook.com for more info and to join.

**\*Magic & Dungeons and Dragons:** meets ?. Email tom\_radcliff@maranacook.com for more info.

**\*Math Team:** meets ?. Email jean\_roesner@maranacook.com for more info.

**\*Minecraft Club:** meets on 1st & 3rd Wed 11:30-12:00. Email denise\_churchill@maranacook.com for more info.

**\*Outdoor Club:** meets Weds @ 2:00. Contact matt\_lajoie@maranacook.com for more info.

**\*Skateboard Club:** meets Wed's @ 12:30. Contact matt\_lajoie@maranacook.com for more info.

**\*Student Gov't:** meets ?. Email kelly\_jewell@maranacook.com for more info.

**\*Yearbook Committee:** meets every Wed from 2:30-3:30 using Google Meet. Email jorgeanne\_barley@maranacook.com for more info.