

# READFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



March 12th, 2021



**March 16 - Virtual Parent Teacher Conference - 3:00pm-6:30pm**

**March 19 - No School - Teacher's Workshop**

**March 22 - Rock Your Socks Day - Wear your crazy mismatch socks**

## Lunch Room Update

Effective immediately there will be 2 lunch options. Each day there is the main choice as shown on the menu, and now a sunbutter and jelly sandwich as a second choice will be offered.



## Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler

<https://pickatime.com/readfield>

Conferences will be held on March 16th. Virtual appointments available from 3pm-6:30pm, PreK-5th Grade



**Principal's Notes**  
by Jeff Boston

March 5<sup>th</sup> marked the end of the second trimester. Report cards were sent home with students on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Parent/Teacher Conferences began on March 11<sup>th</sup> and will conclude

on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## RES Reading Incentive Program

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, students K-5 started participating in our annual reading incentive program. Each student received a virtual Bingo card with various genres. Upon the completion of a Bingo card, a student is eligible to enter a random drawing to win a chance of a book (value \$5 from Scholastic), an ice cream (\$5 gift card from Fielder's Choice), or a new bicycle. RES is partnering with the Masons of Lafayette Lodge #48 and we appreciate their generosity and support in promoting literacy! The following information is on your child's SeeSaw page.

Reading Bingo Directions  
March 8<sup>th</sup> - March 26<sup>th</sup>

- \* Choose a square on the Bingo card and read that kind of book.
- \* Everyone who completes at least 1 bingo will earn an entry into a random drawing for students to win their choice of a book through the Scholastic catalogue (up to a \$5 value), or a \$5 gift card to Fielder's Choice.
- \* Complete the squares on the entire card and students get their name entered **5 times** for the book and ice cream drawing, AND their Bingo card also gets entered to win a free bike!
- \* [Video: How to access bingo boards on SeeSaw](#)



### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Where do I get books?** On the bingo cards are links to online books for kids to read on their own, or to listen to. Your child can also read books from home or from a public library. Younger students can have books read to them.

**Where do I find the Bingo cards?** Bingo cards can be found on your child's classroom SeeSaw page. If you are not familiar with how to use this site, you can contact your child's teacher for login information.

**Is there a limit to how many cards my child can complete?** No, however, we ask that your child read a different book for each square. We encourage students to challenge themselves and read books that are a good fit for their age, ability, and interests! Parents will need to sign the completed cards/bingos on SeeSaw, before submitting to the teacher. (see video link for more details)

**When will the drawings for the gift cards and bikes happen?** The drawing will most likely happen in late April or early May. We will update you when we have more details.

### **Healthy Communities Of The Capital Area Let's Go! 5-2-1-0 Story Walk**

The Readfield Community Library recently hosted a Story Walk (on loan from the Healthy Communities of the Capital Area) on the trail behind the library. Many local families enjoyed reading the featured book, From Head To Toe by Eric Carle, together while walking and acting out the story animals' actions along the trail. Readfield Elementary School has been partnered with Let's Go! 5-2-1-0 for many years. This fall, we had the opportunity to apply for a grant that would both increase opportunities for students to be physically active everyday as well as engage community partners to help support and promote active living.

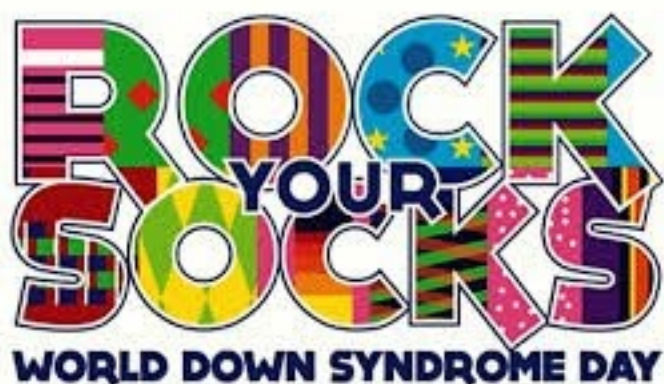
We have applied for and received a 5-2-1-0 grant for the installation of a permanent Story Walk both at Readfield Elementary and at the Readfield Community Library (special thanks to

Pam Mitchell and Melissa Small for their help in writing the grant). We believe a permanent Story Walk installation project will be an important addition for our Readfield community, particularly during the pandemic, as it promotes literacy and the enjoyment of books as well as getting outside and being active for children and their parents, grandparents, and caregivers together. The permanent Story Walk posts/signs will be wooden posts with plexiglass boxes. This design will allow for stories to be changed on a regular basis to feature a variety of stories, and even student artwork.

In order to broaden the community members involved in this project, we have reached out to the woodworking programs at two local high schools (Maranacook Community High School and Kents Hill School) for help in designing and creating the signposts for both Story Walks. We feel that actively involving these young adults in the design and creation of something that will benefit their community is an important part of this project. We are also working with By The Board Lumber Company in Readfield, and Portland Glass in Augusta to keep the project local, community-based, and cost effective.

The Readfield Community Library will begin a "Sponsor a Book" campaign where community members and businesses can donate \$40 to sponsor the cost of one story walk book. These sponsorships will allow us to purchase and laminate the two copies of each book necessary to create the walk, while at the same time engaging as many community members as possible in this community project. The book and laminating costs are beyond what is covered in the grant. We intend to hold a "Grand Opening" of the Story Walks once they are installed with a celebration and "guided" walk. We have not yet set any dates, but anticipate this will happen in late May or early June 2021. We will follow all pandemic restrictions in place at that point in time.

Keep Thinking Spring! It will be here in two more weeks!



RES recognizes World Down Syndrome Day which is on Sunday 03/21. So we will be celebrating on Monday 3/22. Wear your most wild and unmatched socks to show your support.

**School Picture Day Scheduled**  
Monday April  
12th and Friday  
April 30th

More information to follow soon.

