



Morse Newsletter

October 10, 2022

Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and got a chance to enjoy the spectacular fall colors on the trees. Here we are almost to the middle of October and the year is off to a great start. The next few weeks will be busy with several activities. Harvest Lunch will be on Tuesday October 25 and we are excited to welcome families and community First Responders to join us. We will also be hosting parent/teacher conferences on October 20 and 26. These will be an important opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to discuss the school year so far, fall assessment data and instructional goals for your child. **Please be sure to sign up for a conference time and help us reach our goal of connecting with 100% of our families for these important conversations.**

Reminders this week include:

- At this time, we are still asking that students be dropped off at the main entrance where a staff member will greet them and escort them inside.
- Daily dismissal time will begin with parent pick ups at 3:00, followed by bus dismissals beginning at approximately 3:15. Parents are asked to pull up to the entrance and your child will be brought out to meet your car.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions, concerns, or need support for your child or your family. Have a great week!

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Notes from the Office:

Please make sure to update all pertinent information in Infinite Campus. It is very important that we have current contact information as well as the updated district forms. If you have questions or need help, please contact the main office. Thank you!

Reminder: RSU 3 HAS RECEIVED FREE AT HOME COVID-19 TEST KITS FROM A FEDERAL PROGRAM. EVERY STUDENT AND STAFF MEMBER WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A KIT SHOULD CALL THEIR SCHOOL'S MAIN OFFICE.

Important Upcoming Dates.....

October 11 School Board Meeting (Monroe)

October 12 - School Picture Day (see info. below)

October 20 & 26 Parent/Teachers Conf.

October 25 Harvest Lunch

November 11 Veterans Day - No School

Check Out What's Happening at Morse School: **Week of 10/3**

K/1



This week we learned all about apples. As a special treat, we made applesauce!

1	<p>We discussed choosing “Good Fit Books” and Mrs. Bourgeois demonstrated how “good fit shoes” are like “good fit books”. Ask your child about my shoes. We had some good laughs with this learner’s statement: I can pick a good fit book. The book needs to fit the purpose, interest us, and we need to be able to understand (comprehend) it, as well as, know most of the words. We discussed how some books are interesting to look at or to have a grown up read to us, but during Independent Reading we need to practice with Good Fit Books. Those other books are great to look at during Morning Choice Time, Snack Time, or Free Time. Later in the week, as readers, we wrote and drew about our reading in special journals. Write About Reading will be a rotation in Reading Workshop on some days. I was so impressed with their drawings and writing.</p>
3	<p>We continue to build routines and build our independent work stamina! Keep up the amazing work third grade!</p>
4	<p>We are ready to start reading groups! Students are doing well with our routine during reading. We are talking about choosing “just right” books. Please ask your child about this!</p>
5	<p>We had a couple of interesting visitors leave our classroom this week. It was bittersweet as we hated to see them go, but knew it was the right thing. Manny the Mantis was with us for a few days and was such an amazing creature to observe. The kids researched food, habitat and whether Manny was a girl or boy, all for fun! Jimmy the Monarch has been with us for the past 18 days and finally emerged from his cocoon. I never get tired of witnessing the life cycle of a monarch and seeing the delight on the kids' faces when they get to watch the butterflies take flight for the first time. We also started working on designing our own civilizations this week.</p> <div data-bbox="982 1008 1250 1339" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The ideas have been absolutely amazing so far!</p> <div data-bbox="365 1348 584 1669" data-label="Image"> </div>
SEL	<p>At Morse this week for grades 3, 4, and 5, we started an activity about kindness. Each student decorated an envelope where each week one is pulled and the class must then fill this individual's envelope full of kind messages. For 2nd grade we all started making our buckets for our new on going, fill your bucket, activity that promotes kindness and manners. For K and 1, we continued working on paying attention and ways to help with distractions, as well as how we learn from mistakes.</p>

Garden	We enjoyed another beautiful fall day in the garden! This week we planted some cold crops of kale, spinach, and lettuce seedlings. By covering them with remay, we're hoping for a salad of fresh greens this fall! Fourth graders also began the process of tomato seed saving using heirloom tomatoes from the garden. They scooped seeds and put them in a jar with a little water so they can ferment for the week. This process removes the slimy coating on the seeds. Stay tuned for the next steps!
Title One	Hello Everyone! This week we are exploring the question "Is Reading Important?" We have been sharing our thoughts on this question and giving reasons why or why not. Some very interesting discussions have taken place, and hopefully, some new understandings about why reading really is important!

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 preK, 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 4.¹



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



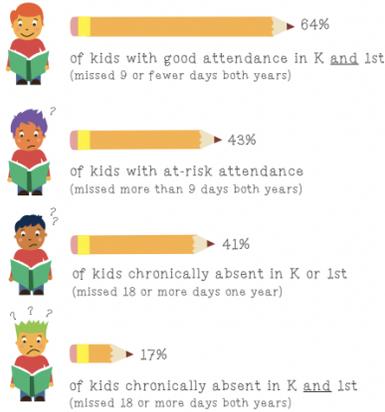
¹ Chang, Hedy; Romero, Maria Jose, Present, *Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades*, National Center for Children in Poverty, NY, NY, September 2008.

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.²

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?²



What We Can Do



Engage Families

Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and build a culture of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to data.



Fix Transportation

The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.



Address Health Needs

Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.



Track the Right Data

Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

These are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?

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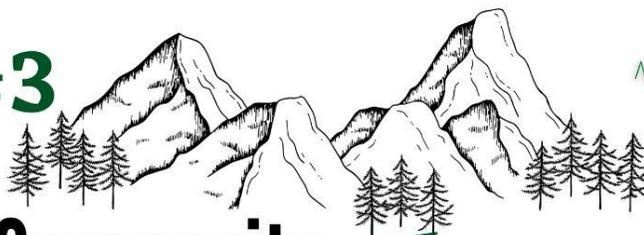
Fall Dates:

2 NIGHTS:
5:30 PM-8:00 PM

September 21st & 28th
October 19th & 26th
November 9th & 16th

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**PAYING FOR COLLEGE
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Tuesday Oct 18 5:00 - 7:00 pm



**FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP**
Tuesday Nov 8 5:00 - 7:00 pm

How to Register

This is a free service but you must register with both Adult Ed & MEOC.

Adult Education registration: In person or online at rsu3.maineadulted.org

Students that have not already submitted a MEOC application to receive free MEOC services,
please complete the MEOC online application from your cell phone or computer using this weblink:

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DISCLAIMER: For all students under the age of 18: A parent/legal guardian signature is required on the MEOC application and students must attend the workshop with at least one of their parents/legal guardians.

