



Morse Newsletter

October 31, 2022

Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

Happy Halloween!!! It was great to see so many families at school events over the last couple of weeks - including our amazing Harvest Lunch as well as recent parent/teacher conferences. Thank you to everyone for supporting both of these important activities. I hope you found the conferences informative and productive in terms of keeping you informed of your student's progress, as well as explaining the many ways that the whole family is a critical component of a child's educational team. I look forward to continuing to work closely with families and we all look forward to more upcoming fun family events. **A huge thank you to the Brooks Volunteer Fire Department for visiting our school and reminding students about important fire prevention and safety tips.**

Below, please find some important reminders as you head out for trick or treating this evening. Have a safe, and fun evening!



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!

(email: lroux@rsu3.org school phone: 722-3636 home phone: 568-3980 cell: 323-0990)

Notes from the Office:

Thank you to everyone for your understanding and support regarding last week's confirmed cases of pertussis in the school. Please be sure to review the Pertussis Fact Sheet that was sent home on Friday and contact the office if you have questions.

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.....

11/11 - Veterans Day - No School

11/14 - School Board Meeting at Morse School

11/23-11/25 Thanksgiving Break

11/30 - School Picture Retake Day



Check Out What's Happening at Morse School: **Week of 10/24**

<p>K/1</p> 	<p>We definitely had an exciting week! A big highlight was our fire safety presentation. Firefighter Joe gave a fantastic and fun demonstration of firefighter gear, equipment, and made sure everyone understood the basics of being safe in an emergency.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Harvest Lunch was amazing! Thank you everyone that was able to come and join us! This week in math we are continuing our work within 1,000. Counting fluently by ones, fives, tens, or hundreds is tricky. It would be great if we practiced at home as well. Ask your child to count on after 732, count by 5's starting at 640, count by 10's starting at 220, or hundreds starting at 400.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>What an action packed week! Harvest Lunch and Fire Safety presentations on Tuesday. Early Release with parent teacher conference on Wednesday! And finished our first reading challenge of the year on Friday. Congratulations to those that participated and keep on reading! Be on the look out for our November Reading and Writing challenge this week.</p>
<p>4</p> 	<p>Students made cards for first responders this week and presented them during a fire safety presentation put on by the fire department. We also had a great time at the Harvest Lunch this week. Thank you to all parents for participating in Parent Teacher Conferences! I enjoyed sharing about students' progress!</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>5th grade book share projects, for the month of October, were due this week. I am very impressed with the amount of effort students put into meeting the deadline and the amount of creativity that has gone into the projects. Thank you to everyone at home for supporting your students with these projects. We will be focusing on biographies in November.</p>
<p>Art</p>	<p>Students continued working on plaster masks.</p>
<p>PE</p>	<p>What an awesome time at Morse - the cross-fit/stations was a huge success again - 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades crushed the complete body, strength, endurance and flexibility routine. I was so impressed by the effort, positive attitude and perseverance of all of the children. The littles continue to work on locomotor skills while moving safely in a dynamic space. So much to be excited about - great job everyone</p>
<p>Garden</p>	<p>What an exciting week for the Morse Memorial School Garden! First, we harvested our first round of fall greens from our raised beds. We picked lettuce, kale, and spinach which was served at our Harvest Lunch. How amazing it is to be harvesting fresh greens in late October! With the help of some amazing parents, we also recovered our hoop house! Many thanks to Anthony Braley and Travis Carson for your time, carpentry skills, and tools/supplies so we could complete this project! We are very grateful!</p>



Top tips to keep your kids safe on Halloween

For parents and children:

- Children under 12 should trick-or-treat and cross streets with an adult.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Cross the street at corners, observing traffic signals and crosswalks. Parents should remind children to watch for cars that are turning or backing up.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross. Walk, don't run, across the street.

For drivers:

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day so you can spot children from greater distances.
- Remember that costumes can limit children's visibility and they may not be able to see your vehicle.
- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

Costumes and Treats

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and choose light colored costumes to improve visibility.
- Choose face paint and make-up instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision. Look for non-toxic designations when choosing Halloween makeup.
- Avoid carrying sticks, swords, or other sharp objects.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights in order to see better, as well as to be seen by drivers.
- Liquid in glow sticks is hazardous, so parents should remind children not to chew on or break them.
- Check treats for signs of tampering before allowing children to eat them. Candy should be thrown away if the wrapper is faded or torn, or if the candy is unwrapped.



DO YOU HAVE TIME TO HELP OUT
OUR SCHOOLS AND EARN
\$105 PER DAY?

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER TRAINING

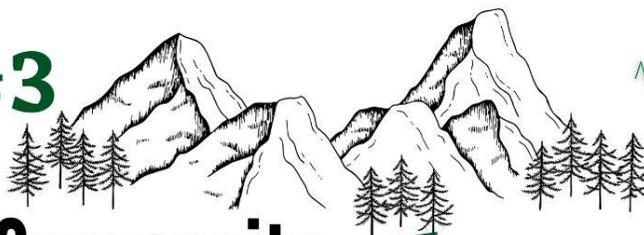
Fall Dates:

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

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

Learn the ins and outs of subbing in just two short sessions!
Taught by trained educators and experienced substitute teachers.
Supported by the RSU #3 staff and community and provided by:

RSU #3



NEVER STOP LEARNING!

Adult & Community

BROOKS FREEDOM LIBERTY JACKSON KNOX
MONROE MONTVILLE THORNDIKE TROY
UNITY WALDO

Education

College Career Community Diploma

register online at rsu3.maineadulted.org or call us today 568-3426

College Success Series

Presented by RSU #3 Adult & Community Education and
Dori L. Leadbetter of The Maine Educational Opportunity Center
(MEOC)



**APPLYING FOR COLLEGE
APPLICATION WORKSHOP**
Tuesday Sept 20 5:00 - 7:00 pm



**PAYING FOR COLLEGE
FAFSA WORKSHOP**
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:

https://trio.maine.edu/meoc/meoc_application.php

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.

