



# Morse Newsletter



May 8, 2023

## Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

This is a busy time of year for our elementary schools. We have started our spring benchmark assessments which will give us a clear picture of the progress our students have worked hard all year to make. These assessments will also help us determine as a school where our focus for the new year should begin, as well as helpful hints we can share with families to support skills practice over the summer which helps to avoid “summer slide.” Please plan to connect with your child’s teacher during these last few weeks of school to discuss his/her strengths and areas of need as they finish up this year and prepare to move onto the next grade.

There are many things coming up in these last few weeks - both at the school level as well as the district level. Please be watching for important announcements about field trips, special school events, important assignments, and other end of year activities. Please also make a note of important district community forums and budget information. It is going to be a busy and fun month and it is going to go by quickly as we wrap up the many important things we have planned throughout the district.

I would like to send out a huge thank you to our amazing PTO for helping to make last week super special for the staff in honor of staff appreciation week. We had so many yummy treats and other special things and I know that every staff member felt appreciated!

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:

If your child is absent from school, please remember to contact the school office/secretary directly either by phone or email. Please do not rely on communicating this via facebook or through other staff members. Thank you.



## Important Upcoming Dates.....

May 9 - RSU 3 Public Safety Forum

May 17 - Early Release Day

May 23 - Kindergarten Screening

May 24 - Public Budget Meeting - 6:00

May 29 - Memorial Day - No School



Check Out What's Happening at Morse School: **Week of 5/1**

K/1	After last week's rain, we are looking forward to spending lots of time learning outside this week. We are continuing our science unit of how seasons and weather affect our lives. We are working on daily weather journals this week and will be doing some scavenger hunts outside to find signs of the changing seasons. At home, you can talk with your child about changes they notice in the weather or signs of spring that they see.
1	We are revisiting narrative stories in writing and strategies to make our pieces the best they can be. During word work we talked about when to start a word with c (short vowel a, o, u) or k (short vowel e and i) and when it ends in -ck (short vowel sound), -ke (long vowel sound), or just -k (other vowel sound). We are continuing to learn about the water cycle in science. In math we took the Chapter 5 test which was addition and subtraction relationships. This week we will begin NWEA Spring Assessments in Math and Reading.
2	This week in second grade we will be starting our end of the year assessing. Students will begin completing their NWEA Reading and Math assessments. Please remind your child to take their time and let their learning show. In math this week we are continuing to practice two digit addition and subtraction with regrouping. We have learned many strategies to solve these equations and now we practice, practice, practice. We will also begin learning about reptiles and their characteristics. Students have learned about mammals and birds in previous weeks.
4	We are starting our end of the year assessments. In math, we are wrapping up our unit on division. I've encouraged students to continue to practice multiplication facts at home. In reading and writing, we are focusing on informational writing. Students are reading books about various science and social studies topics in reading groups. They are working on writing informational pieces. We will take the NWEA Math and Reading assessment this week.
5	This coming week is the beginning of our end of year assessments. We will be taking the math and reading NWEA's on Thursday. Please be sure your student is here and well rested on that day so that they can do their best and show what they have learned. The Bikes for Books Assembly is also this week. Please send in any slips that you may have at home before Wednesday.
SEL	This week at Morse, 2,3,4, and 5 all continued their learning on how to solve problems using S.T.E.P.
Garden	We enjoyed an exciting and busy week in agriculture class! Students prepared raised beds for planting, planted cold weather crops, started seeds, and cleaned out flower beds. Fourth graders also started tomato seeds that we seed-saved last fall and joined a live chat with Farmer Betsy, who owns our Adopt-a-Cow, Glow. We look forward to more gardening in the weeks ahead!
GT	ART has begun an independent study of graffiti art. What are the graphic elements of graffiti words? What type of line quality is used for certain words? What are powerful or meaningful words and how/why do artists select these? Gr 2 MATH is learning about the relationship between multiplication and division. New division terms are being introduced and problems with single digit divisors are being practiced. Also, we have been looking at and arranging arrays to reinforce these concepts.



## Dear School Leaders,

There are just a few weeks left in the 2023 **Hannaford Helps Schools** program! Thanks for your ongoing partnership. Just a reminder: This year's program concludes on **May 27**.

Get family and friends involved, too! Regardless of which Hannaford they shop at, shoppers can donate to any participating school of their choice using digital redemption. Scan the QR code on the School Dollar printout to download the app or access the online redemption tool.

Thank you for participating!

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# **RSU 3 Public Forums**

**Please join the RSU 3 Administration for  
our upcoming Public Forums**

**Tuesday, May 9th  
Community Safety Night  
6:00pm**

**\*Presented in partnership with Waldo County  
Sheriff's Office**

**Wednesday, May 17th  
Facilities Evaluation Report  
6:00pm**

**Wednesday, May 24th  
Public Budget Hearing  
6:30pm**

All public forums will be held at the MV Complex