



Morse Newsletter



May 15, 2023

Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

It was great to see families at our recent RSU 3 Public Safety forum. This evening provided an important opportunity for community members to learn about the many safety protocols and precautions we have in place throughout the district. There were several great questions asked and Superintendent Brown, along with representatives from several agencies involved in school and public safety, did a great job of answering these questions with clarification that as a district we are constantly reviewing and updating our protocols as we continue to learn about best practices. As a reminder, at the elementary level, we practice safety drills and review important messages such as See Something Say Something. We have been utilizing the book I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared Because I Know All About ALICE. I recently visited classrooms to play a review game with students to see if they remember the important concepts covered in this book. It has been a few months since I initially read this story, but it was amazing to hear the many details that students remembered and could articulate. While these concepts are incredibly important, we will continue to review and practice in a non-threatening way, just as we practice fire drills and other important safety drills. Please continue to check in with your child about this topic and reach out with any questions or concerns. 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!

We had a wonderful time at the Unity Field of Dreams yesterday. Everyone enjoyed the playground area, as well as the walking path, basketball court, baseball field, and a few even did a little fishing. The weather was perfect and the breeze kept the bugs away. Students worked hard to earn enough coins for this whole school trip. Our next trip is to Brooks Park and students have to earn enough coins individually to participate in this trip. Hopefully everyone will have enough coins which means they have been following our Morse ROARS expectations every day!

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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.

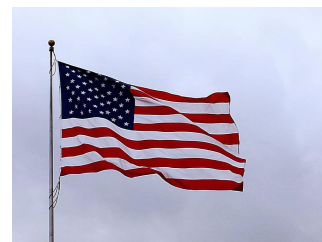
Important Upcoming Dates.....

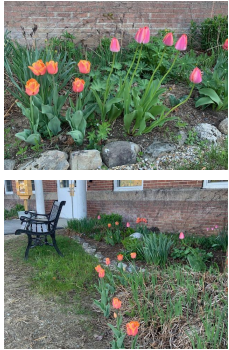
May 17 - Early Release Day

May 23 - Kindergarten Screening

May 24 - Public Budget Meeting - 6:00

May 29 - Memorial Day - No School



K/1	<p>We began our end of the year assessments this past week. We have a lot of ways to show all that we have learned this year including math and reading NWEAs, reading benchmarks, writing prompts, spelling assessments, and more. This time of year is very busy, but please help make sure your child is ready to do his or her best by getting to bed on time and being well rested.</p> <p>In between assessments, we are also having lots of fun finishing up our science unit around seasons and weather. Last week, we went out to observe the wind and fly some kites.</p>
1	<p>We took the math and reading NWEAs this past week. This week we will be starting our other reading assessments. To get ready for these we have been practicing telling the important parts of a story or text in our reading rocket and recording it on iPads. Those who completed the mission are coloring in an astronaut to add to the rocket. We have also continued learning about the water cycle. We added a fun tongue twister to our poetry journals about dewdrops.</p>
2	<p>Another fantastic week of learning in the books! Only a few weeks left as second graders but we still have lots of learning to do. Please remind your children that if we get our jobs done in the classroom we can enjoy more time outside. We took our math NWEA last week and will continue on with reading this week. We have been practicing our addition and subtraction math facts. Quiz your child and see how their learning has grown.</p>
4	<p>Students completed the math and reading NWEAs this week. Everyone worked hard and gave it their best effort! We will be starting our reading assessments. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's progress!</p>
5	<p>5th grade took the math and reading NWEA's this week. I believe everyone did their best. Scored will be available in the fall</p>
SEL	<p>This week we played a kahoot game to practice and review our S.T.E.P. and zones of regulation!</p>
<p>Garden</p> 	<p>We got our hands in the soil this week! Our youngest students observed the seeds we planted last week and drew their observations in a seed journal. We then went out and watered the garden and worked in the hoop house. Fourth and fifth graders cleaned out our butterfly garden and garden beds in front of the school. The tulips we planted last fall, so generously donated by Johnny's Selected Seeds, are in full blossom! Spring in the garden is awesome!</p>



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