



Walker Newsletter

October 3, 2022

Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

It's hard to believe that we are already into October. We are at that point in the year when mornings are chilly but by later in the day it can still feel a little like summer. It would be helpful to send your child to school dressed in layers as the buildings can be a little cool in the mornings until the heat is turned on, typically a little later this month.

As I shared a few weeks ago, one important aspect of school is our regular safety drill protocols. We have already practiced fire drills a few times and recently I have started visiting classrooms to read, "I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared ... Because I Know All About ALICE". This is the book I talked about a few weeks ago, that is an age appropriate way to introduce a new safety drill related to a "dangerous someone in the building who shouldn't be there." The book uses a drill called, The Sheep, The Shepherd and the Wolf Drill, and it explains the components of ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) in an easy to understand, kid friendly way. So far, in the classrooms where I have shared the book, students have been very engaged and it has prompted some great conversations about how just like with fire drills we have to be prepared even though we know that it is very unlikely that we will ever need to use this protocol for real. Over the course of the school year, I will continue to visit each classroom and expand on the simple lessons this book teaches and we will continue to practice all safety drills as usual. As always, I encourage you to check in with your student and answer any questions that you can, while also reaching out to me with any questions that you have.

Last week we held our monthly Wildcat Assembly. Many wildcat awards were given out by every staff member, recognizing students for their hard work so far this year. Some awards were connected to academic performance already this year, along with several for students who completed their reading summer challenge. The majority of awards; however, were given to students for taking pride in their wildcat behaviors by setting good examples, being positive role models, and making an effort every day to follow our wildcat expectations to be Responsible, Respectful, and Safe. We are so proud of every student who earned their first wildcat award of the year.

A few important 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:

Neighbor for Neighbor Holiday Assistance applications for 2022 are available through the School Office. You must be a resident of Waldo County to be eligible for assistance. Please contact the Office if you would like to have one sent home.

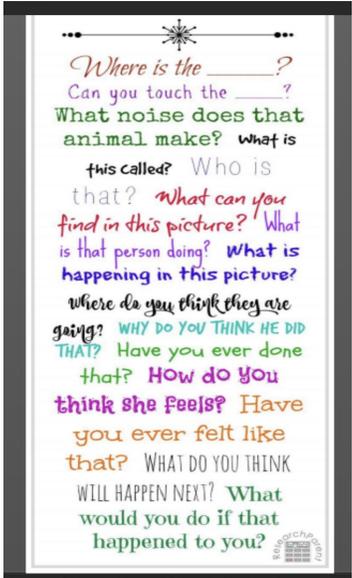
Reminder: RSU 3 HAS RECEIVED FREE AT HOME COVID-19 TEST KITS FROM A FEDERAL PROGRAM. EVERY STUDENT AND STAFF MEMBER WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A KIT SHOULD CALL THEIR SCHOOL'S MAIN OFFICE.

Important Upcoming Dates.....

October 7 - No School for Students

October 10 - Indigenous Peoples' Day - No School



<p>K-2</p>	<p>In Writer's Workshop we're learning how to identify the beginning, middle and ending of short stories. When we have identified those three parts, as a class, we write a sentence that describes the beginning, middle and ending (one sentence for each part). We have also talked about how illustrations can tell a story as well.</p> <p>In reading we have been working on word ID and vocabulary as well as doing interactive reading with a special focus on socio-emotional cues we find in the text. We are doing this interactive reading with Junie B. Jones: First Grader At Last.</p> <p>During our math time we have begun exploring content on IXL and have begun working in our GoMath workbooks. We're familiarizing ourselves with manipulatives and strategies we can use to solve problems such as drawing a picture or visualization.</p>
<p>3-5</p>	<p>In reading this week we talked about what it means to activate prior knowledge before reading a book. We used <u>Charlotte's Web</u> for our example and have begun reading this book as a class. This book will be used to help strengthen our reading comprehension skills. During math, we explored different manipulatives that will be used throughout the year. Students also practiced representing their thinking by using the draw a picture strategy to solve math problems.</p>
<p>SEL</p>	<p>At Walker this week for grades 3/5 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 grades K-2 we went over what paying attention is and why it is important to pay attention in school and outside of school. We also talked about how we learn and some of the key things that we have learned so far in our life, in school and out.</p>
<p>Title One</p> 	<p>In K-2, we are working on our handwriting. Our work has focused on proper pencil grip and letter formation. We are building our stamina when it comes to listening, focusing and following directions.</p> <p>In grades 3-5, Mrs. Arthurs has started book groups. The students are eager to read and discuss their reading in a deeper way. Building vocabulary, talking about the author's message and character traits are ways to deepen comprehension.</p> <p>Ways to build your child's comprehension at home is to talk about and involve your child in the story. See below for questions to ask during family reading.</p> <p>Title One is here to support family engagement. Feel free to contact me for materials and information regarding reading and math. Sharon Clark sclark@rsu3.org</p>

**STUDENTS WHO ATTEND
SCHOOL REGULARLY
HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO**

**ACHIEVE AT HIGHER
LEVELS THAN STUDENTS
WHO DO NOT HAVE
REGULAR ATTENDANCE.**

**A MISSED SCHOOL DAY
IS A LOST OPPORTUNITY
FOR STUDENTS TO
LEARN.**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

VOLUNTEER NIGHT

*Highlights: How Volunteers Really Affect Education,
Needs and Opportunities in Our Schools and How You Fit In*

Volunteer Awareness – Guidelines for a Successful Volunteer Experience

*For everyone interested in volunteering this school year.

**Required for all In-School Volunteers
(other than day-trip chaperons and speakers)

*You may attend any of these scheduled sessions,
All via the zoom link shown below:

Tues., Sept. 13, 6-7:00 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 20, 11 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 21, 6-7:00 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 27, 6-7:00 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 5, 6-7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting link:

<https://rsu3-org.zoom.us/j/84148070259>

Other dates/times by appointment

Please RSVP to Vicki Kupferman at 568-3782 or e-mail vkupferman@rsu3.org
to pre-register for any of the above sessions.



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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER TRAINING

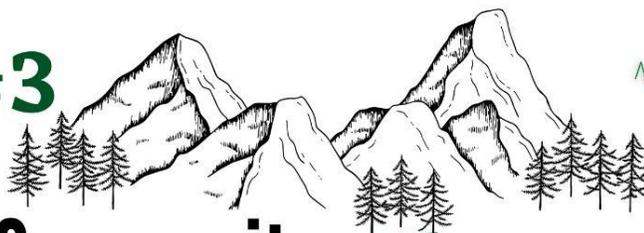
Fall Dates:

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:

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NEVER STOP LEARNING!

Adult & Community Education

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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.



LYME DISEASE and ME II

Are Ticks Still Active in the Fall?

LIVE ONLINE VIA ZOOM

The short answer: Yes!
Ticks remain a threat all year long. The blacklegged deer tick becomes especially active during the fall months due to its lifecycle (Plunkett's PC).

Building on the Lyme I presentation last May with Dr. Elizabeth Yori, our very own Environmental Science teacher Deb King returns with Griffin Dill of the U Maine Extension Tick Lab to continue the online discussion and teaching on the topic of Lyme disease in Maine.

Fee: \$10.00

Did you miss Lyme I?
Purchase the online session for
for \$10.00!



**OCTOBER 5TH
WEDNESDAY**

5:00 - 7:00 PM

To Register call 568-3426 or
email adulthood@rsu3.org



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DARK SKY MAINE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 6:30-9:00PM

WALKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 33 W. MAIN ST. LIBERTY, ME

Defending the Dark

a film by Tara Roberts Zabriskie.

Why is it important to preserve dark sky areas while emphasizing the unique dark sky environment of northern Maine? Watch the film and then hike the 1 mile trail to join a star viewing on Haystack Mountain, weather permitting. Bring a headlamp or flashlight.



Dark Sky Maine

FREE EVENT

Sponsored by Friends of Haystack Mountain, a local group formed to raise funds to buy the land to maintain public access forever

Donations gratefully accepted

TO LEARN MORE

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