



Walker Newsletter

October 17, 2022

Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

This is the time of year when teachers are finishing up collecting fall benchmarking data and we meet in teams to discuss our students' current skill levels, needs, and individual goals. We look at academic data, behavior data, and attendance data, as each of these areas is hugely impactful to a child's school success. Teachers have been busy reviewing this important data and organizing their daily schedules to provide appropriate instruction to every student. We look at all available resources and determine how best to utilize those resources to provide additional support to students. **As you are aware, we believe in a team approach to meeting all students' needs and parents/families are a critical part of that team. We are excited about our upcoming parent/teacher conferences which will give teachers a chance to share their instructional plans for each student and explain the most impactful ways that families can support at home. 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.**

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.....

10/24 Harvest Lunch

10/24 & 25 Parent/Teacher Conferences

11/11 Veterans Day - No School

11/23-11/25 Thanksgiving Break



<p>3-5</p>	<p>In reading, we set up our reading notebooks to capture character information for <u>Charlotte's Web</u>. We are focusing on character traits and how characters change throughout the story. For math, students worked on transitioning between math activities. Some of these activities included Picture This, place value memory, and flash cards. We also took our NWEA tests in reading and math, which will help us set goals for our work in the future.</p>
<p>SEL</p>	<p>For grades 3-5 we discussed what makes a good goal, and spent our class coming up with good personal goals we would like to achieve this school year. K-2, we practiced our skills on listening and paying attention, as well as sharing. We also started our bucket filling activity and started to create our own buckets that we will fill with kindness.</p>
<p>Title One</p> 	<p>Eight of our 3-5 students are participating in a writing project that included a walk up Haystack Mtn on Thursday. The weather cooperated and we had a beautiful view at the top. We stopped along the trail, looked at the trees, listened to the leaves and shared our observations. We jotted down our thoughts in journals.</p> <p>Over the next several weeks, the writers will meet and work on crafting a piece of writing. We will focus on poetry and short stories.</p> <p>This will be the first of many more writing opportunities offered to our students this school year.</p> <p>Title One is here to help increase family engagement. Please stop by my room during the upcoming parent/teacher conferences and say Hi!! I am available to meet with you during conferences to discuss your child's reading and math goals. If you would like to schedule a time, please contact me.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing you soon!</p> <p>Sharon Clark, Title One Classroom Teacher sclark@rsu3.org</p>
<p>Garden</p>	<p>Wow! Our orchard looks amazing thanks to the hard work of our award-winning student gardeners! Third, fourth, and fifth graders added a layer of wood chips around our fruit trees, which we weeded and added compost to a couple of weeks ago. The trees look so happy! Our youngest students took advantage of the beautiful day by collecting leaves for pressing for a future project. We learned that leaves come in all different shapes and sizes and that they make food for the plant.</p>

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Walker Elementary School

We are excited to open our doors and welcome you back into our cafeteria to enjoy a bountiful harvest lunch with your child. Each school is celebrating locally grown goodness and cordially invites your family to enjoy lunch with your child during Harvest Lunch Week. On **October 27th**, lunch will showcase locally-raised foods prepared by the School Nutrition Program staff. Lunch is served at 11-11:30am for K-2nd graders and 11:55am-12:25pm for 3rd-5th graders. Cost for lunch is **\$5.00** for adults and **\$3.00** for non-student children payable by cash or check. Children that are enrolled in school eat for free. **First Responders are invited to join us and eat for FREE!** Please RSVP to reserve a spot for your family no later than **Friday, October 14th**.

Menu: CHILI MADE WITH LOCALLY SOURCED BEEF, MAINE BAKED POTATOES, BOUNTIFUL SALAD BAR, CORNBREAD MUFFIN, BLUEBERRY CRISP



Please return form no later than October 14th!

Reservation Form for Harvest Lunch

Student(s) Name:

Number of Adults	Number of non-student Children

Cash Included

Check Included

Total Amount Included _____



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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER TRAINING

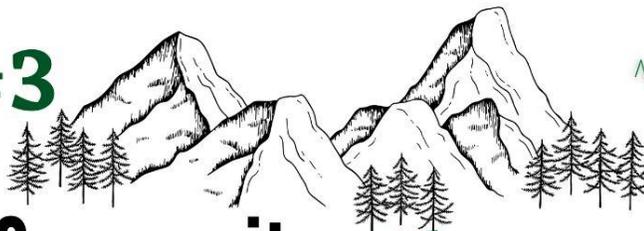
Fall Dates:

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!
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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.

