



Walker Newsletter

November 7, 2022

Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

November always feels like such a short month with both the long weekend in honor of Veterans' Day, and then Thanksgiving break a short time after that. Then we head into December with only a few weeks of school before the longer winter break. Given that these two months are a little shorter, it is imperative that families make good attendance a priority. We are wrapping up the first trimester over the next couple of weeks in preparation for the first report cards of the year to go home in December. Please pay close attention to your child's attendance in the coming weeks so that important learning can happen.

STUDENTS WHO
MISS JUST 2 DAYS
EACH MONTH
=IS EQUAL TO =
THAT STUDENT
MISSING 1 MONTH OF
SCHOOL
THAT IS 1 MONTH
OF LEARNING LOST!

Reminders this week include:

- With the unusually warm weather, not surprisingly, many students have been coming to school in shorts, t-shirts, sandals, etc. However, as lucky as we've been, the weather is due to start changing this week. **Please ensure that your child comes to school appropriately dressed for outdoor activities and play.**

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.

Please see several important attached documents below with reminders and info about upcoming events.

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.....

11/9 - Veterans' Day Assembly 8:30

11/11- Veterans Day - No School

11/14 - School Board Meeting - Morse School

11/15 - 11/28 - Virtual Book Fair (see details below)

11/23-11/25 Thanksgiving Break



<p>K-2</p>	<p>The Sharks celebrated Halloween by creating spider web name crafts and completing a writing prompt "What should Mrs. Natale be for Halloween?" They also learned about The Day of the Dead this week while reading <i>A Marvelous Mexican Misunderstanding</i> and then created their own sugar skull pictures.</p> <p>The Sharks also spent time this week setting goals for word work. We will be spending a lot of time learning letters, their sounds, and how letters go together to make words. Most of the Sharks will be learning about the letters b, m, r, and s this week. You can help out at home by having your student find these letters while reading or at other times throughout the day or by helping them notice words that start with those sounds (e.g. while eating a banana, ask your student what sound banana begins with))</p>
<p>3-5</p>	<p>During reading this week, we worked on a variety of things. Groups started new reading passages, wrote opinion and informational prompts about their reading, and played a memory match game called "Haunted Homophones." In math, students were split into their math groups to work on place value and computation review. We have also started doing science lessons, which everyone is very excited about.</p>
<p>Library</p>	<p>We started Dino-vember this week! It's a whole month of dinosaur stories and activities!</p>
<p>PE</p>	<p>What a week at Walker - the Harvest lunch was awesome - so many families - it was awesome to see the teamwork, flexibility and cooperation between everyone- the weather has been awesome and the children have been excited to be outside running, exercising and just moving.</p>
<p>SEL</p>	<p>3-5 wrapped up our unit on goal setting and each student made a detailed plan on how to achieve their own goal. K-2 did feelings stations where they practiced skills on identifying and reflecting on their feelings.</p>
<p>Garden</p> 	<p>Critters appeared in Mrs. Natale's and Mrs. Largen's classes this week...leaf critters, that is! Students created cats, owls, foxes, and other animals out of leaves we collected and pressed a few weeks ago. The older students were a great help in cleaning up and moving some old boards, weeding in the greenhouse, and harvesting salad greens.</p>
<p>Title One</p> 	<p>We had a fun math week! K-2 students are working on number sense. We had a gigantic container of cubes that needed to be counted into groups of ten. The kids worked hard to make 170 tens and 1 one. They arranged them into groups of 100, for 1,701 cubes in all.</p>

Sharon Clark
Title One
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Ask me how you can support number sense at home?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022

Walker School students and staff would like to invite local veterans to an assembly in your honor and social time afterwards on Wednesday, November 9th.

The assembly will begin at 8:30 am followed by coffee and muffins for the veterans to enjoy while mingling with other service members until 9:45 am.

Please RSVP to Mrs. Emery in the Office at 589-4208 by 1 pm on Monday, November 7th. In case she is busy and unable to take your call, please leave a message with your name, branch of service and a return phone number.

Thank you for your service and we hope to see you on the 9th.



White envelope sent home in your child's backpack today, 11/7/22, if info still needs to be updated. If there is no white envelope in your child's backpack, thank you for updating the information already.

Dear Parent/Guardian: This was sent home in the first day of school packets. If you are receiving this now it is because I have not yet received the annual updated information here in the Office. Would you be so kind as to take a bit of time from your busy schedule and complete the update for me and for your child so we have current information in our system. Thank you for your time, Mrs. Emery

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Dear Parent / Guardian:

New this year, RSU #3 will be using the Parent Portal for parents to update their Annual Student Data. The Infinite Campus Portal is our tool for parents and students to access timely and secure student information such as class schedule, grades, assignments, attendance and family demographics. Infinite Campus can be accessed through a computer or the Campus Parent / Campus Student App, which is available for download on your mobile devices.

If you are receiving this letter we have not yet received your updated student data for 22/23. Unfortunately this process cannot be done on a cell phone, it needs to be done on an actual computer.

If you currently have a portal account, follow this path to update your family demographic information: from your home computer, go to: <https://ic.msad3.org/campus/portal/msad3.jsp> Click on the Campus Parent link and log in as you normally would. Once you are logged into the portal, click on 'More' > 'Online Registration' > '22-23 Existing Student Registration' > Start.

If you do not have a Parent Portal Account or do not have access to a computer, please contact the school office where your student attends. If you have more than one child/student in different schools within RSU #3, you only need to contact one of the schools to set up a new account. One account allows you access to all of your children. The school secretary will verify your parent / guardian status and you may be asked to verify your identity for privacy purposes. You will be given an activation key that allows you to set up your account by clicking on the 'New User?' link on this login page.

Included with this letter is your activation key information to set up your Parent Portal account.

Thank you for completing the online Annual Student Update for 2022/2023.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the online process, please reach out to your school secretary.

On behalf of RSU #3, we look forward to a successful 2022-2023 school year.



Dear Parents and Families:

Our PTC can't wait to bring the joy of reading to Walker School students and families with our Virtual Scholastic Book Fair on-line from November 15th to November 28th, 2022!!

You'll get to enjoy the magic of a Book Fair from the comfort of your home with our Virtual Fair experience. Families can shop thousands of books online to discover new favorites and stock their home shelves with this season's most popular reads!

Plus, check out these special virtual shopping perks:

1. Access to thousands of products
2. Direct shipping to your home and FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25*
3. eWallet digital payment system that welcomes contributions from friends & family
4. 25% in rewards earned for our school with all purchases!

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with virtual shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/walkerschool3>

Thank you for helping our PTC (Parent Teachers Club) build lifelong readers in our school community!

Happy reading,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa A. Roux".

Lisa Roux, Principal, Walker School

This Virtual Book Fair is sponsored by our PTC.

***Free standard shipping is available on book-only orders of \$25 or more, after all discounts are applied.**

RSU #3 Holiday Tree 2022

RSU #3 is hosting a Holiday Tree for elementary and middle school students across the district and their younger siblings. If your family is in need of help with gifts this holiday season, please fill out this form and return it to your child's teacher, or take a photo of the completed form and email it to Lysie Doherty at ldoherty@rsu3.org. The information you provide will remain confidential and only be shared with RSU #3 staff for the purpose of the Holiday Tree.

Please fill out one form for each child. Email me if you need additional forms.

Child's first and last name _____ Age _____ Gender _____

School (select one): __MVES __Morse __Monroe __Troy __Unity (pre-k)
__Walker __MVMS __Not school-aged yet

Please suggest gift ideas for each child, including something of interest, something they may need, and/or types of books they may enjoy. "A want, a need, and a read!" Don't forget to include sizes if you are requesting clothing or shoes/boots.

Interests/wants _____

Needs _____

Books (titles or genres) _____

Parent/guardian first and last name _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

Please select one:

- I would like my gifts wrapped.
- I would like to wrap my own gifts. (We will provide wrapping paper.)

Please select one:

- I would like to pick up my gifts at the Mount View complex.
- I will need my gifts delivered. (If so, please share your address on the line below.)

This form is due back by the end of the day on **Monday, November 21st**. We will coordinate gift pick-up or delivery details at a later date.

Please email me with any questions or concerns. We're here to help!

Warm regards,

Lysie Doherty
School Counselor
ldoherty@rsu3.org



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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER TRAINING

Fall Dates:
2 NIGHTS: September 21st & 28th
5:30 PM-8:00 PM 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

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.

