

KATAHDIN SCHOOLS RSU #89

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Good evening Katahdin Families. I'm calling with our weekly district announcements.

Thanks to everyone who assisted and participated in our grant funded food pantry. We are fortunate to be able to provide our community with a variety of food items each month. The food pantry is also a wonderful way for students to be involved in helping our community.

Our school plan remains the same at this time. At our school board meeting it was decided to continue with optional masks and no pooled testing. We are waiting to learn more from the Maine CDC on possible changes to the quarantine requirements. Katahdin Schools as well as many other school districts across the state are advocating for changes to the quarantine and close contact requirements which is leading to learning disruptions for students. This is the result of data that is being collected demonstrating that student spread is rarely occurring within school quarantine groups.

This week will be filled with seasonal and holiday learning activities at KES. KMHS students are enjoying many festive activities as well, culminating with our annual Christmas Coffee that will take place on Thursday, December 23rd beginning at 8:45 AM.

Thursday, December 23rd is an early release for students. Students will be dismissed at 11:15 AM. Winter break begins on Dec 24th. School will be back in session on Monday, January 3rd.

Katahdin Schools is striving to provide the best possible support for students who are required to quarantine. We truly appreciate your cooperation and support during times of quarantine. Just a reminder that virtual teaching will take place if an entire class needs to quarantine. When class is happening in-person, individual learning plans are being developed for those who are home. Please contact your child's school with any questions or concerns regarding their learning plans.

Remember we're in this together - as the school year continues it is important to complete the home health screening each day and not send sick children to school. A link to the home health check form will be in the email of this message. [Home Health Check Link](#)

Thank you for taking the time to listen to this message and have a wonderful holiday vacation, a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Marie Robinson
Superintendent of School