



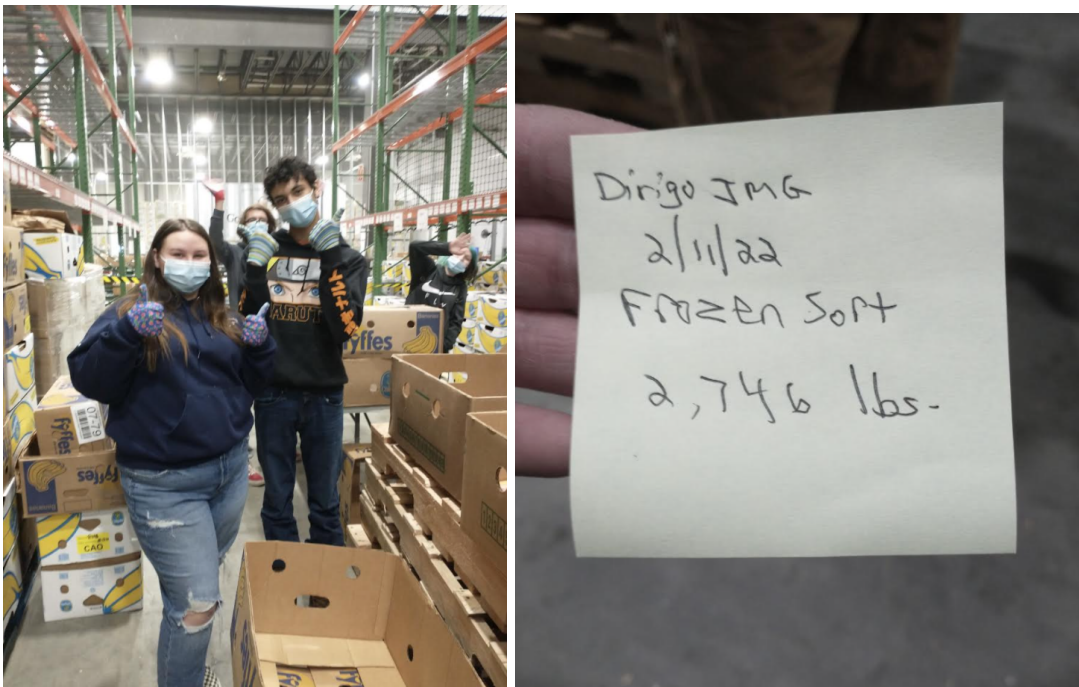
RSU 56 Weekly Newsletter

February 18, 2022

A Peek at the Week!

Enjoy this glimpse of what happened in our district recently.

JMG Volunteering



On Friday February 11, a group of six Dirigo JMG students volunteered at Good Shepherd Food Bank in Auburn. The students sorted 2,746lbs of frozen food that went directly to food pantries across the state. According to GSFb staff, they have had difficulty finding volunteers and this helped them replenish a diminished frozen food section. The students enjoyed giving back to their community and had fun in the process.



Speech and Debate at DHS

Congratulations to Junbei Chen and Jocelynn Ridley for placing 4th and 5th in Novice Debate at the virtual Maine State Championship Tournament on Saturday. Congratulations also go to seniors Jen Decker and John Conron who received league scholarships for their years of service to Speech and Debate.



The Speech and Debate students had a longer day than usual being 'States' on 2/12 so they redoubled their efforts to provide "potluck" food, snacks and entertainment for the day. I managed a "most of the group" photo right as they came in for the day. Later I caught Jocelynn and John as they were eating and making french toast. Daisy, Junbei and Jocelynn somehow found room for dancing to "Cotton Eye Joe" and other tunes with a computer program.

Not photographed but present were Rob Fenning, Cassie Quinn and Jen Decker. Michael Dunn '09 judged for us via computer.

Hands-On Learning in Spanish

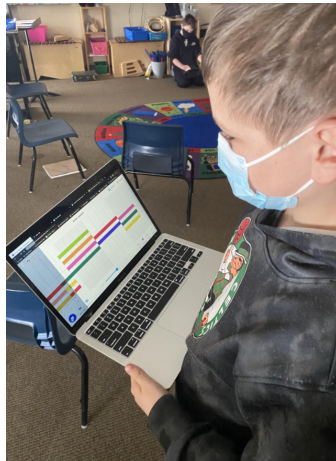
DHS Spanish students learned about arepas after seeing Encanto on a field trip. They made arepas in class.

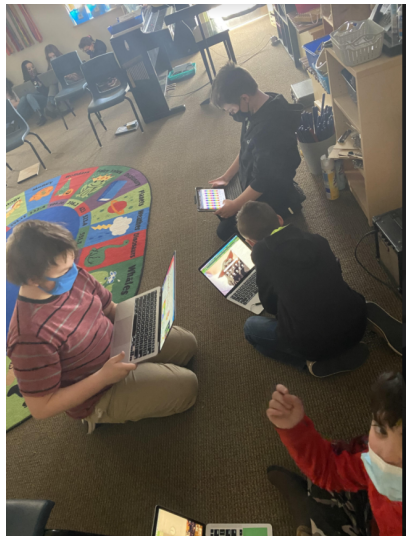




Mrs. Webster's Music Class

5th grade has been working on making and composing their own pieces focusing on syncopation.





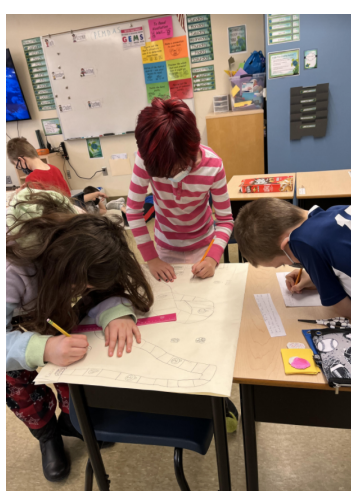
Just a group of friends enjoying lunch at DHS

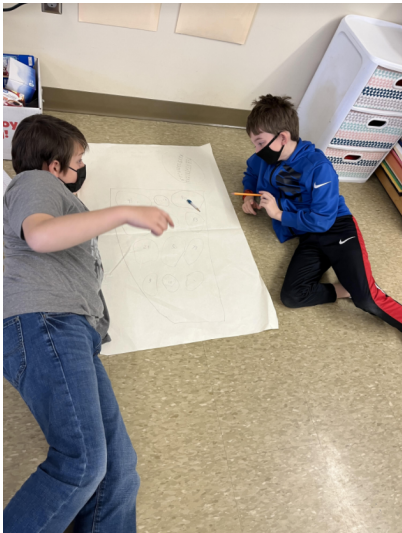


They brought in the cheesecake, wine glasses and milk to go in the wine glasses. They also brought along the card game to play during lunch.



Ms. Gammon had a Donor's Choose project that was funded! She received more than 80 books for her classroom library and for small reading groups! Woohoo!! They have also been working hard on making math games to go with the math curriculum. For science they have been learning about waves and trying to create their own waves with some stem activities.





Mrs. Johnston's Class

Students participated in an Olympics Unit to keep motivated until vacation. They had to meet certain requirements for Math, Reading, Writing, and Behavior. For Math they had to learn "new to them" math facts, in writing they had to pick 3 sports to research and learn about, for Gold they had to produce 3 rough drafts and 3 final copies (written on a graphic organizer created for them). In reading they read articles about the Olympics and the host city and different sports followed by comprehension questions. For reading they had to have "expected behavior" based on expectations created by the group. Friday will be our medal ceremony and we will be playing some sports games on the switch as a reward. They can't wait to get their hands on those medals!

2022 Olympics

	G	S	B
Math - New math facts learned	50-75	25-49	5-24
Reading - Expected behavior (Completed work for days out of 10)	9 Days	6 days	4 days
Writing - How much writing (rough & final)	3	2	1
	Reading	Writing	Math



2022 Olympics

My chosen sport is Snow Board

Five facts about my sport are...

1. It has a nickname the glider by the word in freestyle skiing.
2. The word is the name of the material the snow board is called paper.
3. The reason to make it that you don't feel it is that it is in the side of the board is called back.
4. The name is called a snow board to protect your feet.
5. There best to do snow you can fall any on it as the side of the snow board.

Something I want you to know is...

How to ride snow on a snow board

Kindness Matters Story



Shalom Martina Odokara

February 11 at 10:02 AM · 🌐

Sadio Mané, a Senegalese soccer star, earns approximately \$10.2 million annually. He gave the world a rude awakening after some fans were flabbergasted when they saw him carrying a cracked iPhone 11. His response was awesome:

"Why would I want ten Ferraris, 20 diamond watches, and two jet planes? I starved, I worked in the fields, played barefoot, and I didn't go to school. Now I can help people. I prefer to build schools and give poor people food or clothing. I have built schools and a stadium, provide clothes, shoes, and food for people in extreme poverty. In addition, I give 70 euros per month to all people from a very poor Senegalese region in order to contribute to their family economy. I do not need to display luxury cars, luxury homes, trips, and even planes. I prefer that my people receive some of what life has given me."

Big Win for the boys basketball team Wednesday evening! Go Cougars!

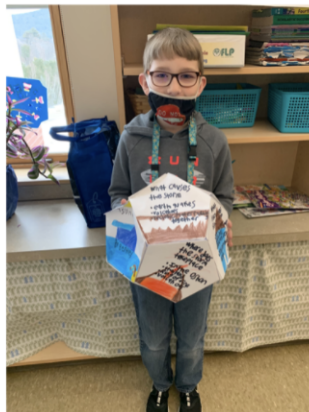
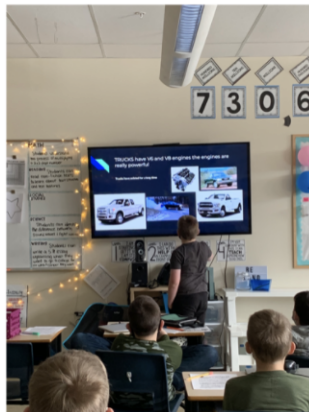
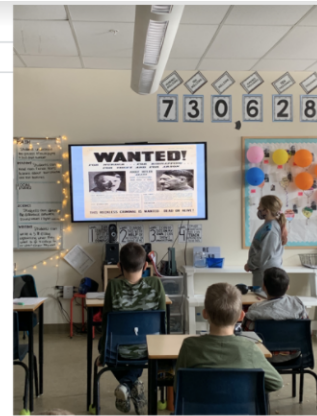




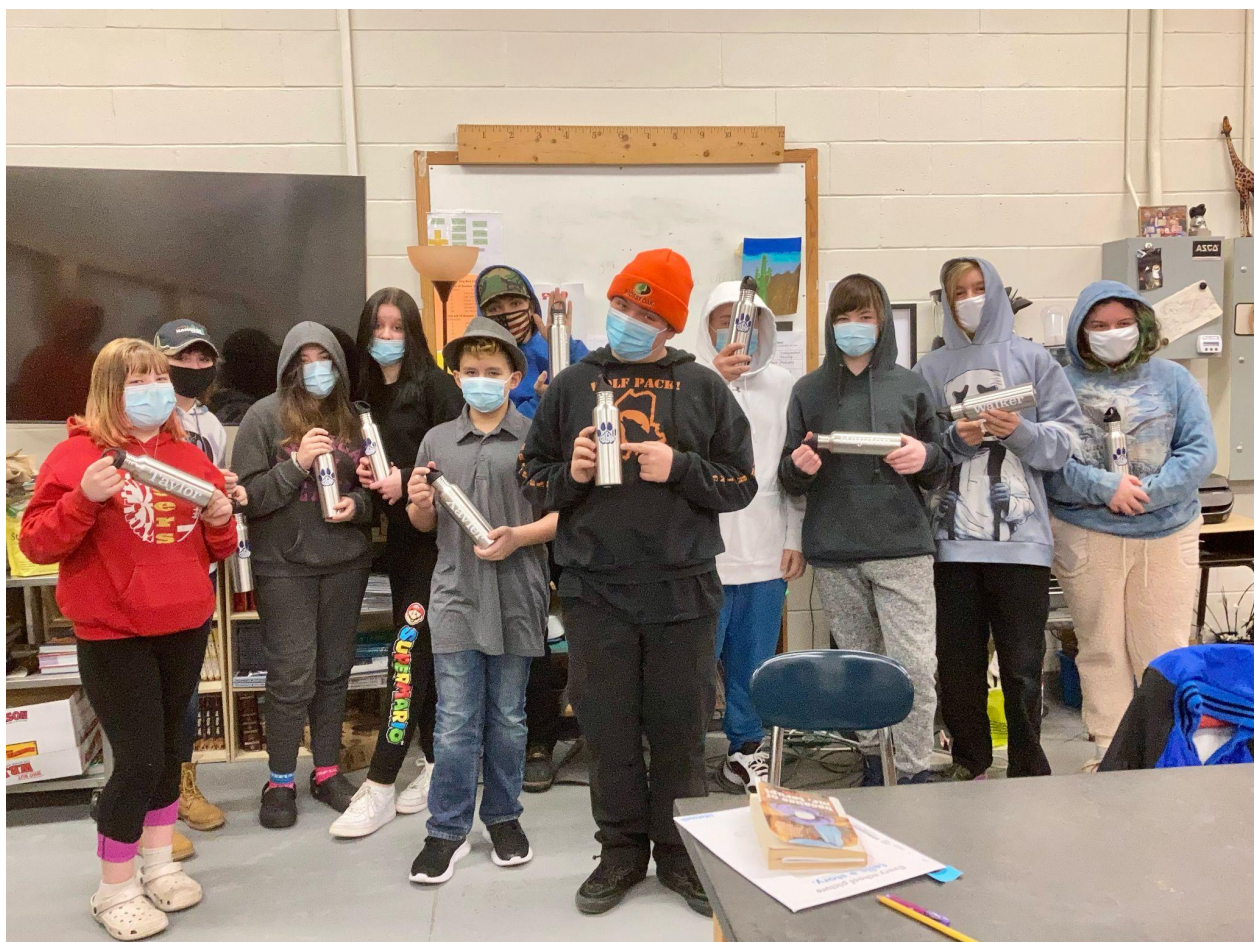


Ms. Rines' Grade Four

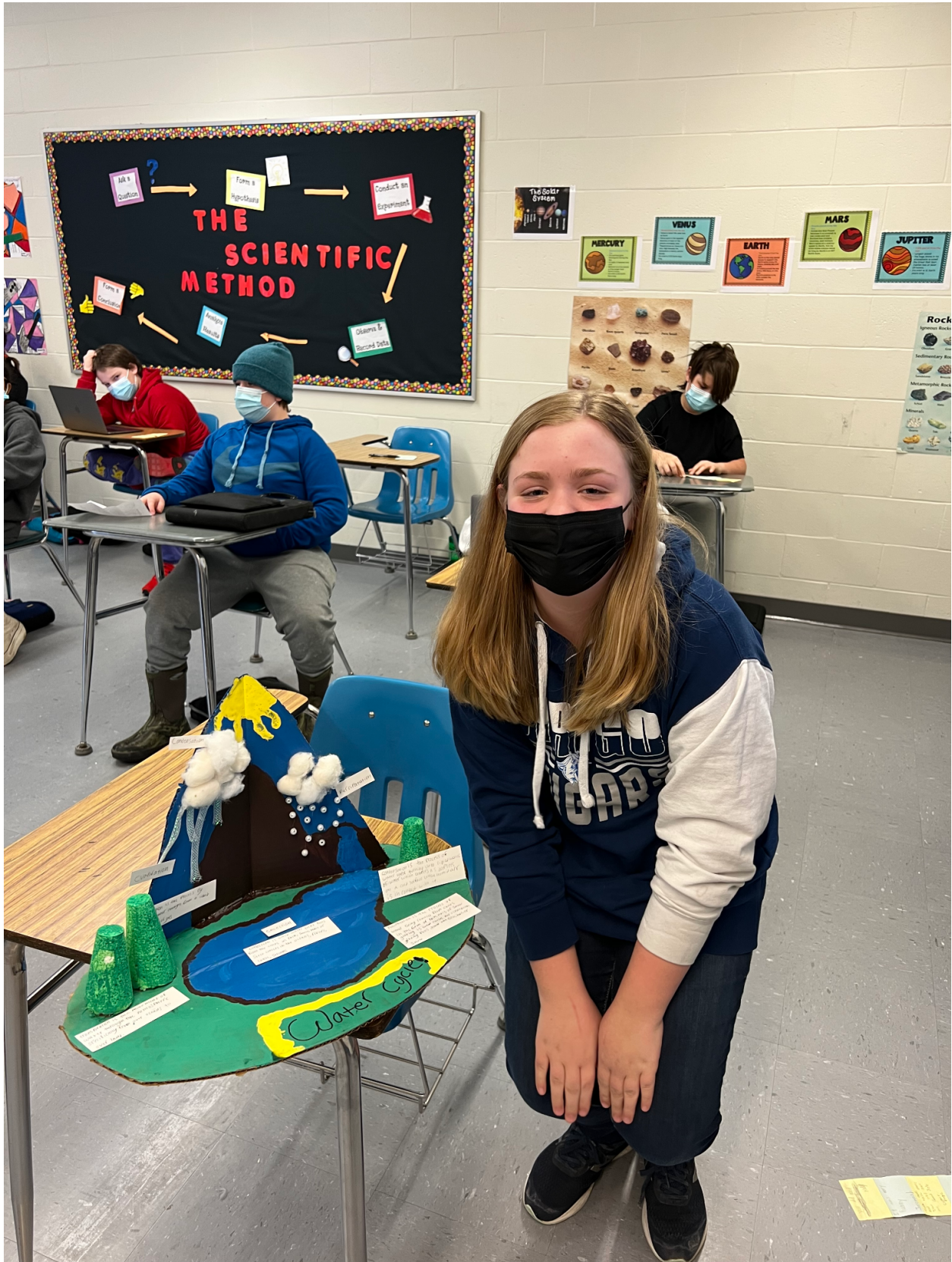
Ms. Rines' 4th Graders have been working hard reading non-fiction books to learn and create two different projects. Students were tasked with researching an extreme weather event and creating a project that shows their learning. Students also have been working hard on researching a non-fiction topic and creating slide shows that have key text features within them and presenting them to their classmates. Way to go Ms. Rines' 4th graders!



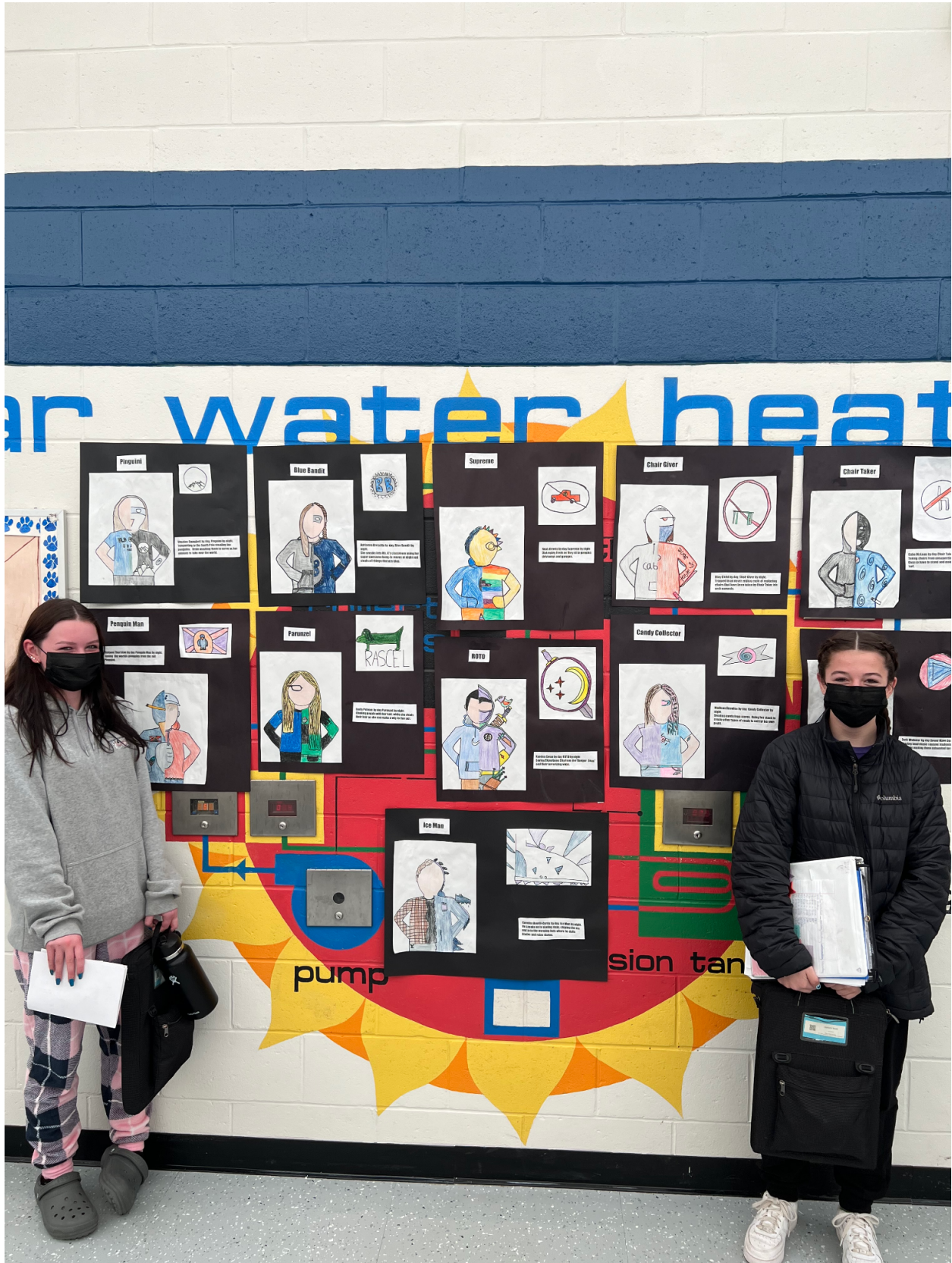
Mrs. Hutchins purchased water bottles for her TWKDMS students with the money they raised detailing cars. Ms. Bourret customized them with their names and logo on them.



Amazing water cycle projects in Mrs. Holmquist's class



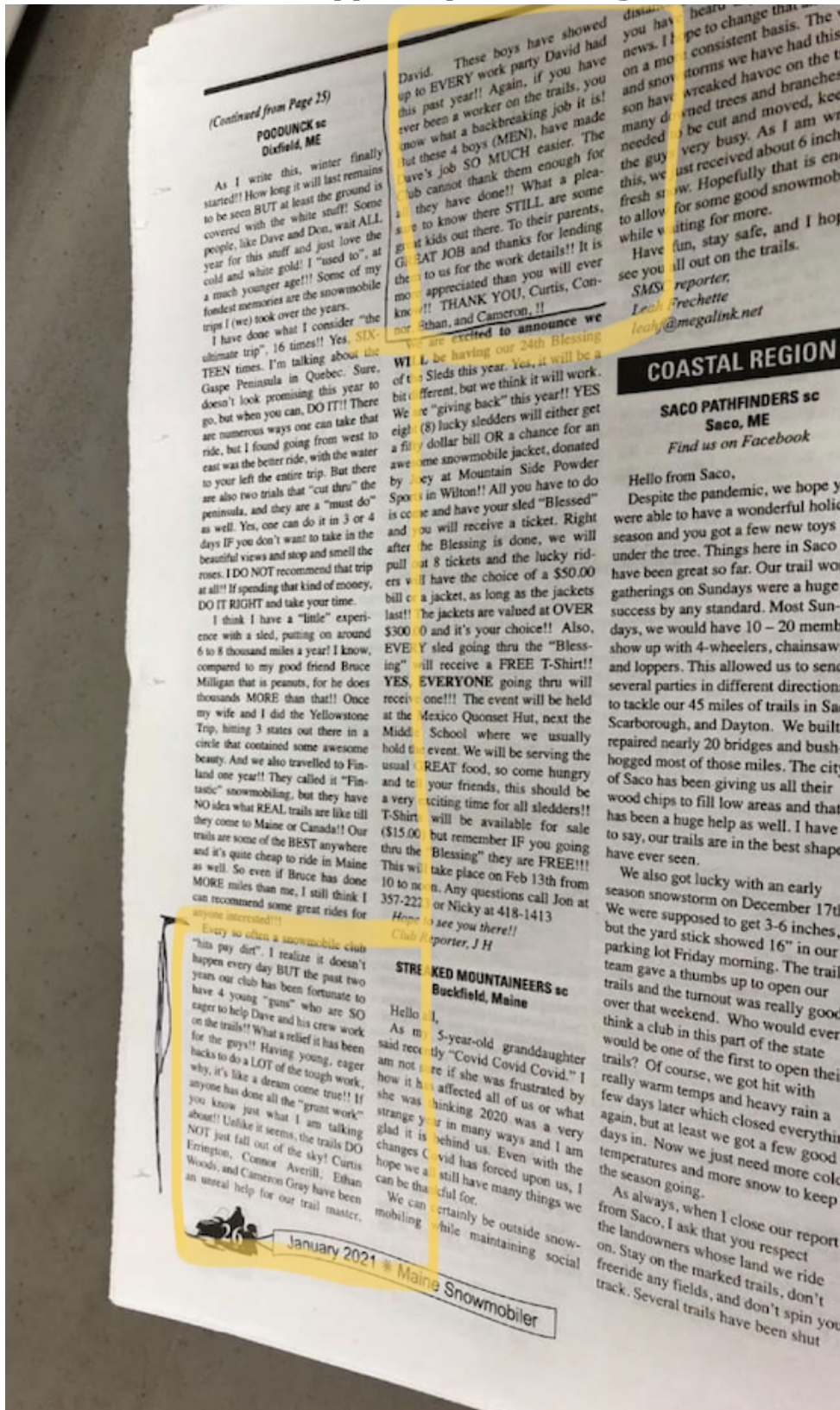
Students posing with their 8th grade art projects - superheroes!



Another big clothing donation - this time from Region 9. Our Early Act Club will be processing the donations and getting ready for a free or donation yard sale for our community youth this spring!



Students in the news: Congratulations to Curtis Errington, Connor Averill, and Ethan Woods (and former student Cameron Gray) for your recognition!



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**POGDUNCK sc
Dixfield, ME**

As I write this, winter finally started!! How long it will last remains to be seen BUT at least the ground is covered with the white stuff! Some people, like Dave and Don, wait ALL year for this stuff and just love the cold and white gold! I "used to", at a much younger age!! Some of my fondest memories are the snowmobile trips I (we) took over the years.

I have done what I consider "the ultimate trip", 16 times!! Yes, SIXTEEN times. I'm talking about the Gaspé Peninsula in Quebec. Sure, doesn't look promising this year to go, but when you can, DO IT!! There are numerous ways one can take that ride, but I found going from west to east was the better ride, with the water to your left the entire trip. But there are also two trails that "cut thru" the peninsula, and they are a "must do" as well. Yes, one can do it in 3 or 4 days IF you don't want to take in the beautiful views and stop and smell the roses. I DO NOT recommend that trip at all!! If spending that kind of money, DO IT RIGHT and take your time.

I think I have a "little" experience with a sled, putting on around 6 to 8 thousand miles a year! I know, compared to my good friend Bruce Milligan that is peanuts, for he does thousands MORE than that!! Once my wife and I did the Yellowstone Trip, hitting 3 states out there in a circle that contained some awesome beauty. And we also travelled to Finland one year!! They called it "Fantastic" snowmobiling, but they have NO idea what REAL trails are like till they come to Maine or Canada!! Our trails are some of the BEST anywhere and it's quite cheap to ride in Maine as well. So even if Bruce has done MORE miles than me, I still think I can recommend some great rides for anyone interested!!!

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David. These boys have showed up to EVERY work party David had this past year!! Again, if you have ever been a worker on the trails, you know what a backbreaking job it is! But these 4 boys (MEN), have made Dave's job SO MUCH easier. The club cannot thank them enough for all they have done!! What a pleasure to know there STILL are some great kids out there. To their parents, GREAT JOB and thanks for lending them to us for the work details!! It is more appreciated than you will ever know!! THANK YOU, Curtis, Connor, Ethan, and Cameron, !!

We are excited to announce we

WILL be having our 24th Blessing of the Sleds this year. Yes, it will be a bit different, but we think it will work. We are "giving back" this year!! YES eight (8) lucky sledders will either get a fifty dollar bill OR a chance for an awesome snowmobile jacket, donated by Corey at Mountain Side Powder Sports in Wilton!! All you have to do is come and have your sled "Blessed" and you will receive a ticket. Right after the Blessing is done, we will pull out 8 tickets and the lucky riders will have the choice of a \$50.00 bill or a jacket, as long as the jackets last!! The jackets are valued at OVER \$300.00 and it's your choice!! Also, EVERY sled going thru the "Blessing" will receive a FREE T-Shirt!! YES, EVERYONE going thru will receive one!!! The event will be held at the Mexico Quonset Hut, next to the Middle School where we usually hold the event. We will be serving the usual GREAT food, so come hungry and tell your friends, this should be a very exciting time for all sledders!! T-Shirts will be available for sale thru the Blessing" they are FREE!!! This will take place on Feb 13th from 10 to noon. Any questions call Jon at 357-2222 or Nicky at 418-1413

Hope to see you there!!
Club Reporter, J H

**STREKED MOUNTAINEERS sc
Buckfield, Maine**

Hello,
As my 5-year-old granddaughter said recently "Covid Covid Covid." I am not sure if she was frustrated by how it has affected all of us or what she was thinking 2020 was a very strange year in many ways and I am glad it is behind us. Even with the changes Covid has forced upon us, I hope we all still have many things we can be thankful for.

We can certainly be outside snowmobiling while maintaining social

distancing. I hope to change that. You have heard the news. It is not consistent basis. The storms we have had this season have wreaked havoc on the trails. Many downed trees and branches needed to be cut and moved, keeping the guys very busy. As I am writing this, we just received about 6 inches of fresh snow. Hopefully that is enough to allow for some good snowmobiling while waiting for more.

Have fun, stay safe, and I hope see you all out on the trails.
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**SACO PATHFINDERS sc
Saco, ME**

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Hello from Saco,
Despite the pandemic, we hope you were able to have a wonderful holiday season and you got a few new toys under the tree. Things here in Saco have been great so far. Our trail work gatherings on Sundays were a huge success by any standard. Most Sundays, we would have 10 - 20 members show up with 4-wheelers, chainsaws and loppers. This allowed us to send several parties in different directions to tackle our 45 miles of trails in Saco, Scarborough, and Dayton. We built repaired nearly 20 bridges and bush-hogged most of those miles. The city of Saco has been giving us all their wood chips to fill low areas and that has been a huge help as well. I have to say, our trails are in the best shape we have ever seen.

We also got lucky with an early season snowstorm on December 17th. We were supposed to get 3-6 inches, but the yard stick showed 16" in our parking lot Friday morning. The trail team gave a thumbs up to open our trails and the turnout was really good over that weekend. Who would ever think a club in this part of the state would be one of the first to open their trails? Of course, we got hit with really warm temps and heavy rain a few days later which closed everything again, but at least we got a few good days in. Now we just need more cold temperatures and more snow to keep the season going.

As always, when I close our report from Saco, I ask that you respect the landowners whose land we ride on. Stay on the marked trails, don't freeride any fields, and don't spin your track. Several trails have been shut

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Enjoy school break next week!

