



# Walker Newsletter

March 1, 2022

## Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

Welcome Back!! I hope everyone enjoyed the break last week. Here we are in March and spring is right around the corner. It certainly felt like spring last Wednesday during the break. March will be a busy month as we settle back in and use the latest data from the winter benchmark assessments to determine students' instructional needs. We also have a professional development day coming up on Friday March 11 which means that students do not have school that day. March 25 is also an early release day for students.

We are also excited to kick off our Bikes For Books Program this year. Unfortunately due to covid we were not able to offer this program the last couple of years but luckily we are back on board for this year. This is a program sponsored by local masonic lodges, who fund the program and do all of the behind the scenes work of getting the bikes and other materials. All students have the opportunity to participate by meeting the requirements determined by their teacher(s). Any student who chooses to participate and meets the requirements, will get their name entered into a drawing to win a bike. We are kicking off this year's program at a school assembly tomorrow morning in honor of Read Across America Day. Please be watching for details specific to your child, coming home in the next few days from his/her teacher(s).

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. The school is not currently open to the full public.
- Important: Please ensure that your child comes to school with a clean mask, as well as a backup in case their mask gets dirty. **Optional masking begins on Monday March 7**
- Safety protocols including masks, frequent handwashing/hand sanitizing, and appropriate social distancing are still in effect at this time.

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:

We started pooled testing at Walker School this week. It is not too late to have your child participate if you'd like. Please contact the office with questions or for more information.

Please help us recognize our staff member of the week ...

**Mrs. Quimby**



## Important Upcoming Dates.....

March 2 - Read Across America Day

March 11 - PD Day for Teachers, No school for Students

March 14 - School Board Meeting 6:30 at Mt. View

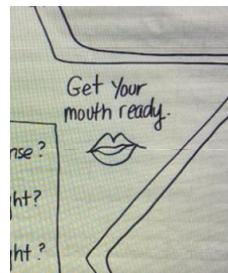
March 25 - Early Release Day for students



Check out what's happening at Walker School ... **Week of February 14**

K-2	<p>The week started out with a fun Valentine's Day celebration. In our students students enjoyed a special snack, exchanged Valentines, and watched a short Valentine's Day video.</p> <p>On Thursday, we had a school-wide assembly where students were recognized for their hard work. In kindergarten, Gemma, Briella, Minnie, Shane, and Charlie all earned awards! In first grade, Aniah, Oliver, Hunter and Wyatt all earned awards, and in second grade, Mason and Winter were also recognized. Congratulations!</p> <p>Kindergarten has also continued to work hard on writing and students have written their first books! There were lots of different topics including animals, unicorns, and Godzilla. Students should be very proud of their hard work!</p>
3-5	<p>We had a busy week in 3-5! Our Valentine's Day celebration was so much fun. The kids all enjoyed their special snack and the opportunity to share their cards with friends. We also enjoyed the school wide assembly and reward on Wednesday. Congratulations to Bailey, Johnny, Roland, Emmie, Marquise, Lucian, Gus, Mason, Nathaniel, Gemma, Scotty, Cashion, Max, Sarah and Jacob who all received Wildcat Awards!</p>
Art	<p>This week our students learned about Mandalas! Older students learned about their origins and significance in many different cultures. We talked about how the mandala is a symbol of unity and that we are all connected. Students were given several pieces of different mandalas to color and use their knowledge of the color wheel and shading. When we return from break we plan to put them together into one large class "quilt" and they will visualize how they all had a part in creating one beautiful work of art!</p>

## Title One



Title One is here to help and support family engagement.

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Sharon Clark

*Learning to read fluently takes lots of practice. Mistakes are an important part of the practice. Mistakes help us learn and grow.*

### Home Reading Practice Tip # 3:

When stuck on a word, "look at the word and get your mouth ready" to decode the entire word. This tip will decrease quick guessing.

"Get your mouth ready" may sound like a funny prompt to use, but it can be an effective way to remind the reader to focus on a word.

When reading, we use our comprehension skills to predict what word will be next. Sometimes, we substitute a word that makes sense but is incorrect. This is a good time to point out that the word does make sense but doesn't look right. Why did the author choose that particular word?

For a reader who may be quick to guess, "get your mouth ready" may come after the reader has made an incorrect "guess" or as they are decoding a word and looking at the entire word.

"Get your mouth ready" reminds the reader to; focus their **eyes on the word**- **think about the sounds**- and **try a word that looks, sounds right and makes sense**.

## Note from Mrs. Moring: Let's TACO About Elementary Guidance w/ Mrs. Moring



### Winter Edition



Welcome to the second half of the 2021-2022 school year! My name is Corrie Moring and I am the Elementary School Counselor for Troy, Walker, Morse and Monroe schools. My job is to help your child feel safe, happy, and successful in school. I meet weekly with each grade. I am also available for short term individual and group support for students. If your child is in need of more long term emotional support, I can help families access outside agencies. If you would like to talk to me directly, you can call your child's school and leave a message for me if I am not available. You can also email me at [cmoring@rsu3.org](mailto:cmoring@rsu3.org). If your child is referred for individual or group support, I will be reaching out to you directly to discuss next steps. I am here to support students and families in any way I can. Please let me know if there is anything happening with your child that might impact them in school.

### What have we been up to in Guidance classes?

I meet with each classroom every week for 45-50 minutes. At the beginning of every class we do a "Feelings Check." Students rate how they are feeling on a scale of 1-10. Then we cover our topic for the week.

Our most recent topic is learning about the Zones of Regulation.



Students have been learning how to identify what Zone they are in and how to use strategies to help regulate their emotions.

Our next unit will cover Making Healthy Choices. We will discuss perseverance, healthy sleep habits, healthy foods, personal hygiene, unhealthy substances (drugs and alcohol), and self esteem. I will also be doing a co-presentation with Mr. Bennett on making safe choices when using technology.

I have a Facebook page where I share resources for parents and updates on some of our fun projects. Check out: [Mrs. Moring is Here to Help](#) and join the fun.



## ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION UPDATE

January 2022

Dear RSU #3 Parents and Community Members,

Happy January of 2022. It took me years (actually I was an adult) before I figured out that I wouldn't dislike the cold so much if I dressed for the weather...and come on, you've got to admit, the air smells so fresh when it's cold.

The Community updates are as follows:

- Substitute Teacher Training once a month is going well. If you have ever considered subbing this class will either make you jump on board or run!
- Tonight our own Bob Nichols is running the first night of needle felting. I'd never heard of it before I met Bob but boy do I want this bunny! The class is full but he said he would love to run another. Learn the basics, make a small animal and create a felt painting. This session is getting a real deal because we only charged for the materials - that was a mistake but no turning back! **How cute are these guys!!!**



- It was sad to see the Community Market burn to the ground. I bought lots of GREAT stocking stuffers there and I look forward to them rebuilding soon. One of our new offerings was a visit with Caleb Stoll at, "Who Are the Amish." We hope to see him back in the Fall.

You should have received a brochure in the mail, if not, or to find out what is new, just go to our website at [www.rsu3.maineadulted.org](http://www.rsu3.maineadulted.org). We are about ready to launch Community Crafting one afternoon a week. Stay tuned for that!

On the College front, we are facilitating a free college course at any Maine Community College for new students and working with the University system. Just call or email and ask for me.

For high school diploma, we are ready to help anyone that was caught in the Covid Trap and unable to earn their diploma.

In closing, if you have a class that you would like to see offered or one you would be interested in finding out how to teach, we pay our Community Class instructors \$20 an hour - how can you beat that???



Guess  
what  
is  
happening  
in  
March?

Sincerely,

*Sue*



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

## **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER TRAINING**

\$5 for RSU #3 residents and \$30 for non-residents

UPCOMING CLASSES:	February 9th & 16th	5:30-8pm
	March 9th & 16th	5:30-8pm
	April 13th & 27th	5:30-8pm
	May 11th & 18th	5:30-8pm

Learn the ins and outs of subbing in just two short sessions!

Taught by trained educators and experienced substitute teachers.

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