



Cougar News



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon. 1/16 No School ~ Martin Luther King Jr Day

Tues. 1/17 4:00 Beginning Band Rehearsal @ RMS

Thurs. 1/19 4:00 Advanced Band Rehearsal @ RMS

Mon. 1/23 No School Teacher Workshop Day

**January 13, 2023
School Hours: 8:15 am - 3 pm**



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Absences:

When your child is absent. Please call the school office (603) 332-2146. Leave your name, your child's name, the child's teacher's name and reason for absence. If we do not hear from you, district policy states we will call you. This is for your child's safety.

If your child is late you need to sign them in at the office.

Lunch Menu Link
[MENU](#)

Table Talk: Why is there no school on Monday January 16th?

East Rochester School Expectations	
BE SAFE	
I will make safe and appropriate choices.	I will demonstrate behavior that is considerate of the community, the school and myself.
BE RESPONSIBLE	
I will be on time to fulfill my daily commitments.	I will be actively engaged in my learning by asking questions, collaborating and seeking solutions.
BE RESPECTFUL	
I will be truthful and accountable for my choices.	I will show respect and encourage the right to teach and the right to learn at all times.

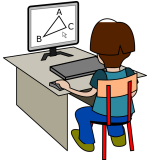
CONGRATULATIONS



December Citizens of the Month

Ms. Patridge's Class ~ Cecelia Meeks
Ms. Wood's Class ~ Jean-Claude Delgado
Mrs. Rourke's Class ~ Harper Johnson
Mrs. Veno's Class ~ Isaac Zangarine
Mrs. DiBernardo's Class ~ Mason Melville
Mrs. Garneau's Class ~ Farrah Gagnon
Mrs. Trepanier's Class ~ Avery Dion
Mrs. Olden's Class ~ Maddison Stadig
Miss Fortgang's Class ~ Tanner Forest
Mr. Saucier's Class ~ Kylie Zielfelder
Mr. Cantrell's Class ~ Kaden Kellenbeck
Mrs. Simpson's Class ~ Christopher Sherman





Hello ERS Families!

January is the middle-of-year benchmark testing month. Throughout January, all students in grades K-5 will be administered the DIBELS mid-year test to assess reading fluency and other basic literacy skills. Over the course of the month, all students in grades 1-5 will also be taking the NWEA math and reading tests (see calendar below for your child's specific NWEA testing days). Please help your child be best prepared to demonstrate his/her ever-strengthening academic skills by reminding him/her of the following tidbits for testing success:



Get a good night's sleep so you are rested and ready to show all that you know!



Eat a good breakfast so you have energy to do your best!




Be on time for school so you're ready to start with your class!




Keep a positive attitude--you CAN do this, and you will!



And don't forget these Test-Taking Tips:





Test-Taking Tips




Read the question first!
Guide your reading--know what you're looking for!

Break it down!
Split words you don't know into syllables so you can read them more easily!

 **Eliminate ridiculous answers!**
Get rid of answers that don't make sense!





 **Prove it!**
Look back in the text to find the evidence for your answer!



Twice is nice!
Double-check your answer!

Mid-Year Benchmark Testing Schedule

January 2023

 16 No School MLK Jr. Day	 17 Math NWEA 4th Grade	 18 Black & Yellow Day! ERS School-Wide Spelling Bee (9am) Math NWEA (pm) 2nd Grade	 19 Math NWEA 3rd Grade	 20 Math NWEA 5th Grade
 23 No School Teacher Workshop	 24 Math NWEA 1st Grade <u>Data Team</u> 10:30-11:30 5th	 25 <u>Data Team</u> 12:45-2:15 4th	 26 <u>Data Team</u> 8:30-10:00 Kinder 10:30-12:00 3rd 12:30-2:00 2nd	 27 COTM @ 9:15am <u>Data Team</u> 10:00-11:00 1st

Family Information Night at Maple Street Magnet School

New Hampshire's first public magnet school



Our mission at MSMS is to foster a culture in which students, teachers, parents and community work in partnership to challenge and empower a generation that will persevere, innovate, collaborate and lead for the betterment of our community.

What do we offer?

- ★ Community and Sustainability Themes
 - ★ Outdoor Classroom
 - ★ Project Based Learning
 - ★ 200 Day School Calendar
 - ★ Foreign Language Instruction
 - ★ Community Outreach & Collaboration
 - ★ Parent Talk & Morning Meetings
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Is this the place for your family? Come check us out!

When: Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Where: Maple Street Magnet School

27 Maple St, Rochester, NH

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

What to expect...

Please join us for an informal open house where you will be able to tour the Maple Street Magnet School, speak to past and present students & parents, and meet school faculty and administration.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your student!

Important Dates

- **2/1/23** Application packets can be picked up at the Superintendent's Office.
- **3/10/23** Deadline to return application packets for the MSMS Lottery.
- **3/16/23** The MSMS lottery drawing will take place.

CAMP HOPE & Pathways Mentoring



Free Open House - Kick Off

Join HAVEN to learn about Camp HOPE & Pathways Mentoring. A free year-round mentoring and summer camp program for **kids aged 7-11** in Strafford and Rockingham County. Together we can help kids discover pathways to hope and bright, healthy futures.

Open House Includes information, pizza & snacks, activities & crafts, and raffles & prizes.

All are welcome! Whether it's kids, parents, caregivers, community partners, and/or interested volunteers.

Join us Wednesday, January 24th (with a snow date of January 25th) anytime between 5:30-7:30 PM at the McConnell Center Cafeteria located on 32 Saint Thomas Street, Dover, NH. Parking is free. To find the cafeteria, enter through door 7 on Saint Thomas St. or Door 2 on Locust St.

Join us!

East Rochester School
Title I
Mug and Muffin Morning



Friday, February 3, 2023



RSVP
Here!

ERS Guidance Team Presents:
Is your child overly emotional? Feeling stressed? Join us for some information about

**Social-Emotional
Strategies**

Drama Club

Calling all actors, singers,
and dancers!

This year Drama Club will be performing

Press Start!



Drama will meet on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-4:15. All students grades 3-5 are encouraged to join us!

PRESS START transports us inside the bright, pixelated world of video games! When the famous characters we know and love run out of lives, they decide to put on a musical fundraiser that will help them raise gold rings and play on. Through hilarious and heartfelt musical numbers we see the heroes, villains and sidekicks like we've never seen them before. But when things go terribly awry, it's the quiet sidekick Little Mushroom who must find the hero within to help save the day!

Drama club will meet on Monday and Tuesday from January 30th to March 28th from 3:00-4:15. There will be a dress rehearsal on Thursday, March 30th from 3:00-5:00, with the shows being Friday, March 31st at school and at night at 6:30. The last show will be Saturday, April 1, at 1:00pm. (If your student is in the beginning band we can arrange for you to pick them up at 3:45 on Tuesday so they can get to RMS for 4:00pm).

If you sign up to participate in drama, please be aware of these dates as it will be crucial students attend all practices and are able to attend the weekend of the shows. Pick up will be in the parent loop behind the school at 4:15, please be on time. If parents are unable to pick up on time students may be asked not to participate.

We will conduct auditions for specific roles on February 6th and 7th once students have learned and read through the show during the normal practice time.

Paper copies went home with your students along with permission slips. Please return by January 20, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Saucier at saucier.d@sau54.org or Mr. Bernardini at bernardini.d@sau54.org



Rochester School District Elementary Employees of the Month

**Mrs. Melissa Hunt and
Mr. Mike Bergeron**



Mike Bergeron and Melissa Hunt have dedicated 72 combined years to the Rochester School Department. Over the last 38 years for Mike and 34 years for Melissa, they have helped to grow the young musicians in our school district and helped to set the foundation for our amazing band program. They engage our oldest elementary students and excite them about learning a musical instrument.

While the start of each school year can be challenging for all of us, for Mike and Melissa, this was certainly one for the books! This year ERS and Gonic were faced with the additional challenge of needing to hire an elementary music teacher. Mike and Melissa were willing to teach elementary general music classes for ERS and Gonic. They prepared for this position with less than a day's notice, and postponed the needs of their own program to provide classes for K-5 students. They were able to provide valuable, engaging, and musically appropriate classes to the students of ERS and Gonic.