



Maranacook Community Middle School

Weekly Newsletter

September 27, 2019



Weekly Highlights

On Monday and Tuesday, we had the NWEA for all students. We use the information from this to help us best support your child academically.

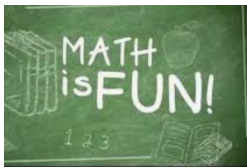
Also on Tuesday, the Maranacook food kitchen volunteers, including some of our student volunteers from the Sebago team, were interviewed by the Kennebec Journal. This is for an upcoming article! *Our food kitchen is open to the public. If you would like to utilize this service, please contact the school!*



We have a stream table! This was donated by Cobbossee Watershed to MCMS over the summer. It is now set up in our science lab and will be used across teams throughout the year! Thank you to the Tracy family for all their dedication for this project.

For more information about stream table use in schools, please check out this article:

<https://www.sciencefriday.com/educational-resources/stream-table/>



Our math team is officially up and running with their first official meeting having been last Friday! This team meets weekly on Fridays after school and also participated in math meets throughout late fall- spring. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Amy Tucker or Jean Roesner.

Student Senate Update: Student Senate has been working hard on getting things started this fall! They are working on helping with the 6th grade fall social happening in November, by adding a dance- activity component, and investigating ideas to start a school store!

On Friday, Mr. Watson invited a volunteer who is a crepe extraordinaire, to come in and make crepes with his class, as the students learn about the cultures of French-speaking countries. Everyone was very happy! Please see the photo of: Anna Albert, volunteer Chantal Berube, Josie Walker, Hayden Freeman and Jordan Futrell.



Our Environmental Club Started! Thanks to the hard work of student Molly Mahoney, and staff advisor, Margot Gyorgy, we have an environmental club that will meet afterschool on Fridays! Below is a photo of the group from today: From Left to Right: Hannah Toye, Taylor McBurney, Molly Mahoney, Mrs. Margot Gyorgy and Abby Sirois.



MCMS Highlight: Restorative Practices

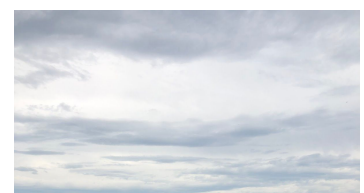
In an effort to share with you as much as we can about our school, I will work hard this year to include different educational highlights about us throughout this year. These will be brief descriptions about our curriculum and educational programming to better inform you about what MCMS is made up of!

Maranacook Community Middle School is proud to use Restorative Practices throughout our school. Restorative Practices proactively builds positive school communities while also reducing discipline referrals, suspensions and expulsions. The underlying premise of Restorative Practices is the belief that people will make positive changes when those in positions of authority do things with them rather than to them or for them. As a school, we feel strongly that the shift to these practices have very positive impact on our school community. Restorative Practices create opportunities for students to become aware of the impact of their behavior and to help them take responsibility for their actions.

Studies show that Restorative Practices strengthen relationships between individuals as well as social connections within the school community. The middle school has committed to implement practices in our classrooms and advisee groups in order to help our students foster a positive sense of community and responsibility for their own actions. This year, all advisors will be using community circles at least once a week, in their advisee groups. To the students, the circles are a time for them to share amongst their peers, and support students in finding more connections with school and our community. Through the circles, students are working towards creating a common culture that values collaboration, risk-taking, respect, openness and honesty. If you have any questions about Restorative Practices at MCMS, please ask!

Athletic Updates

Field Hockey: The girls all played hard and came together. MS field hockey had a 3-2 win over Lisbon. All of the girls are



learning the game and showing more understanding in game situations. Well done!!!

Home game on Monday!

Soccer: This was a busy week for the soccer teams, with 8 games cumulatively! On Thursday, boys and girls A teams played a rainy and wet game against Winthrop. On Wednesday, boys and girls B teams played against Mountain Valley. Our athletes were also acknowledged by Mountain Valley fans for being so well-behaved while there! We are fortunate to not only have hard working athletes but also all-around great students on all of our teams! (Picture from Boys B soccer game on Monday)

Cross Country: Both the girls AND boys came in first place at their meet this week! Darshaun Dyer was first for the boys and Abby St. Clair was first place for girls! The race was on Tuesday in the rain storm

Football: Maranacook football is in the middle of their season! Good luck in your next game, teams!

Reminders

- **October 10, 8:30-10:30 Student Photos by Lifetouch**

- Order forms will be available by the end of Sept - for your child to pick up from the Info Table located in the hallway outside the main office. In a few weeks, we will also have information on how to order directly from Lifetouch on their website!



- **It's Time to Schedule your Child's Parent/Teacher Conference! 6th Grade and New Student Parent/ Teacher Conferences: October 8 (Tuesday) or October 17 (Thursday)**



Last year, we asked parents for feedback on our Parent/Teacher Conference Design and got a lot of great input! As a result of this, we have redesigned how we do Parent/ Teacher Conferences in order to best support our families and their needs. **The fall parent/ teacher conferences are focused on 6th grade and NEW student families.** *The spring conferences (held on 2/6 and 2/11) will be focused on 7th and 8th grade*

students. Fall conferences with 7th and 8th grade parents and spring conferences with 6th grade parents can still be scheduled if parents/ teachers feel it is necessary and can be organized directly with the team and/or advisor.

- **The scheduler will open on Sept 30. There are limited slots available so please sign up as soon as possible Link to schedule your conference: [Pick-a-Time Scheduler](#)**
- **Maine Dept of Ed is looking for student voice!**
 - For more information and to apply, sign up here: <https://mainedoenews.net/2019/09/18/media-release-maine-doe-seeks-students-to-serve-on-first-ever-student-cabinet/>
- **Please keep lunch balances in the black.** To pay online, go to: <https://www.maranacook.org/orso-38/page/e-funds-lunch-payment>
- Did you know our **PTO collects Box Tops for Education** and now, it is easier than ever for you to participate! By downloading the app, you can simply scan your grocery receipts wherever you go shopping and the amount is automatically applied to the school you select when you set up your account (we hope it's MCMS!). It actually works and is easy to do. No more clipping and



saving the Box Tops is dreamy and we hope you will support our school! You can learn more by visiting [Box Tops for Education at THIS LINK!](#)

Upcoming Events

- September 27, 2:45pm: Environmental Club starts. **See Mrs. Gyorgy for more information!**
- September 30: Geography Club (during lunch B) **Anyone is welcome to join- just see Mrs. Levesque!**
- September 30: Book Club start (during lunch A). **Anyone is welcome to join- just see Mrs. Levesque!**
- September 30, 4:45pm: Boys A Soccer game Home Against Cony
- September 30, 3:30pm: Girls A Soccer game Home Against Cony
- September 30, 4pm: Field Hockey game Away Against Gardiner
- October 1, 4pm: Boys A Soccer Away Against Dirigo
- October 1, 4pm: Cross Country Meet Away at Monmouth
- October 1: Green Team Information Session during lunch A. **Anyone is welcome to join- just see Mrs. Levesque!**
- October 2, 3:30pm: Field Hockey Home Against Telstar
- October 2, 6:30pm: School Board Meeting at Manchester Elementary School
- October 3: Co-curricular eligibility check
- October 3, 3:30pm: Girls A Soccer Home Against Monmouth
- October 3, 4:45pm: Boys A Soccer Home Against Monmouth
 - **MCS October Athletic Schedules can be found online at:**
<https://mcms.maranacook.org/o/athletics/events>
- October 7: Flu clinic (during the day)
- October 7, 6pm: PTO Meeting in the middle school conference room
- October 8: Parent Teacher Conferences for 6th graders and new students
- October 10: Picture Day. Pictures will be taken from 8:30-10:30am.
- October 11: No School, Professional Day for Maranacook Staff
- October 14: No School in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day
- October 16, 6:30pm: School Board Meeting at Readfield Elementary School
- October 17: Co-curricular eligibility check
- October 17: Parent Teacher Conferences for 6th graders and new students
 - **For up to date information, you can go to:**
<https://rsu38.powerschool.com/bulletin/36303>