



## RSU 56 Weekly Newsletter

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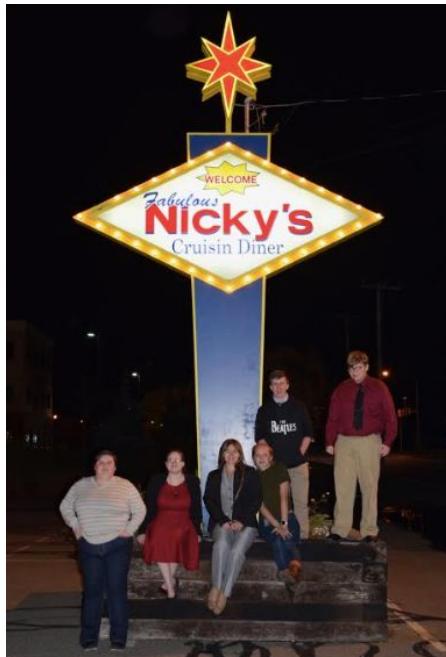


by Pam Doyen on November 1, 2019

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THIS WEEK'S  
TOP STORIES

## Debate Team



The Speech and Debate Team had a spectacular first tournament this year at Bangor on Saturday 10/26. They came away with 5 trophies from all 4 competitors. Junior Will Hines came in 2nd for Original Oratory; Sophomore Jen Decker was third in Oral Interpretation of Literature; Sophomore John Conron won 2nd in JV Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Senior Adrianna Belskis won 1st in Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate. John and Adi's combined placement led to a team "Sweepstakes" Trophy for 2nd place overall in Debate. In the photos, you will also see Ginger Cross-Burnham '22 and Asher Blodgett-Tracey '22 spectating, as well as alumni Norman Mitchell '06 who came along to help judge. The team takes a group photo in front of Stephen King's house each year.

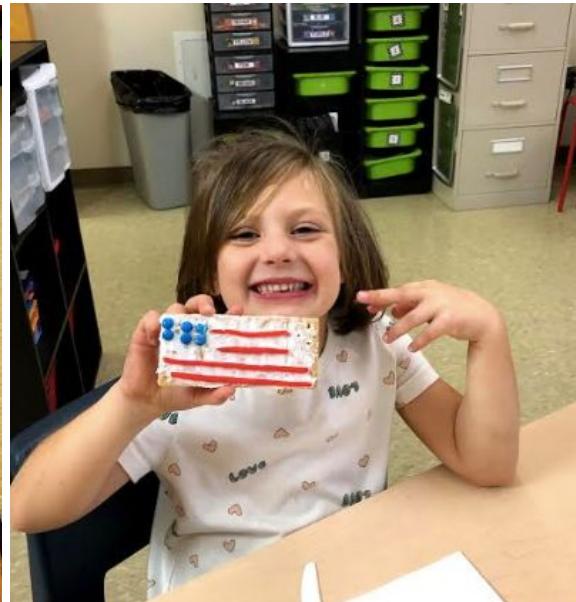
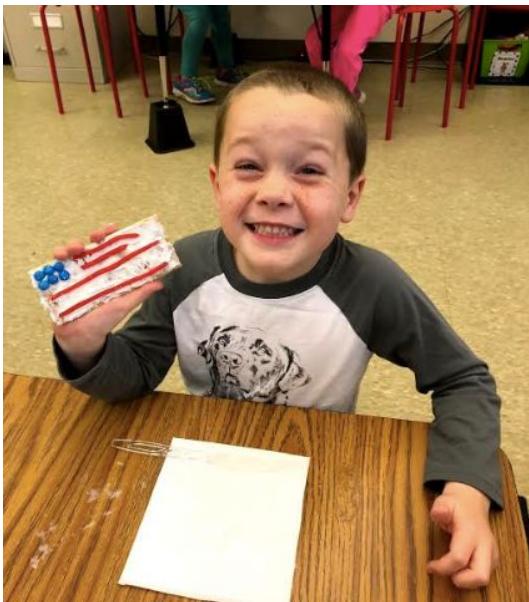
## Day of Welcome

On Friday, Oct. 25th, TWKDM's Civil Rights Team joined other schools around the State of Maine in celebrating a Day of Welcome. Members of the team made two huge posters for each side of the front doorway of the school, with the message "TW Kelly Dirigo Middle School Welcomes Everyone!!! All: Races & Skin Colors, National Origins & Ancestries, Religions, Disabilities, Genders (Including Gender Identity & Expression), and Sexual Orientations". In addition, two members of the team read a message of welcome to all students during the two lunch periods.



## Learning About America

Mrs. Afari's kindergarteners have been learning about US Symbols. They finished the unit by making some tasty American flags!



## Community Service



Rebecca Fletcher's homeroom was at Pine Grove Cemetery in Canton last Friday for Community Service Day. While the students were there they cleaned 39 stones and learned a lot about the stone cleaning techniques, history of the town and stones, and they seemed like they really enjoyed it! In talking with the volunteers that were there, it sounded like they did a great job, enjoyed it more than they thought, and really took their time making sure things looked good and were done right!

## Pumpkin Carving

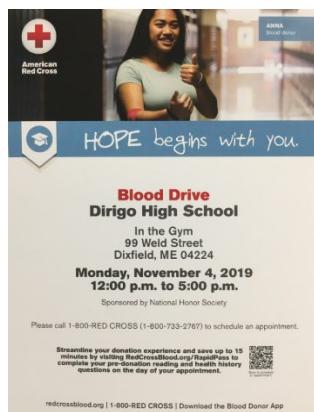


Mrs. Buck's alt ed class carved pumpkins.

## Field Trip



Mrs. Puiia's class went on a field trip to swim at UMF and eat at Pizza Hut.



## PBIS Reward



Some kindergarten students earned a science reward through the DES PBIS coin store. They made rainbow rain and lava lamps- a fun time was had by all!

## Science Fun

A few of Mr. Buck's students were building a catapult... problem solving as they built.

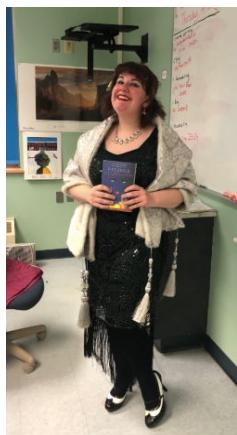


## Book Bistro



These pictures are of the "DES Book Bistro" during library special for the 4th and 5th graders. We rolled out the Maine Student Book Award nominees through a book tasting. We had quiet music and a fire crackling in the background. It was so much fun and the books are flying off the shelves! Students who read at least three of the forty MSBA books will be eligible to vote for their favorite in March. By Cindy Petherbridge

## The Great Gatsby

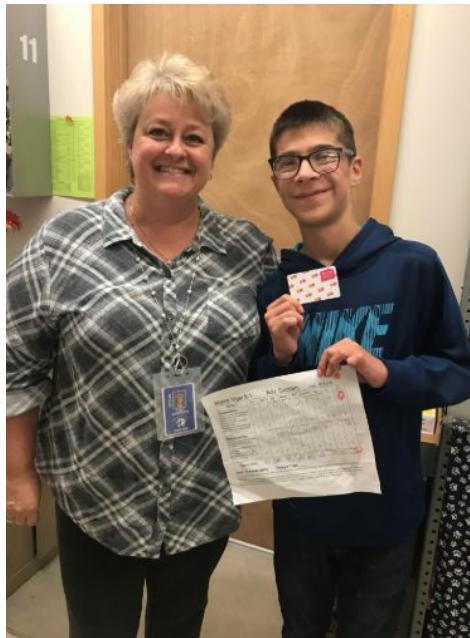


Lea Nolette dressed as a Flapper - her class is reading The Great Gatsby.

## Positive Cougars Club at TWKDMs



## PBIS Reward



Blaine was the first student to earn a gift card prize for 10 perfect days.

## Halloween Peeks



Jay says that unicorns are real. Too cute.

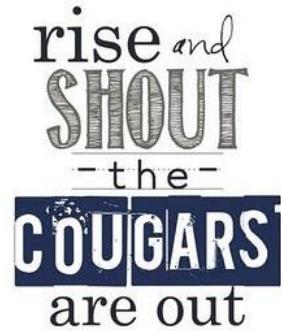


The Swans looking mighty daper.



**Cross Country State Meet Information:**

States will take place at Twin Brooks in Cumberland on Saturday, 11/2/19: C-Girls 12:20 pm;  
C-Boys 1:00 pm. Go Cougars!



Thank you for all you do for our students!  
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