

# MANCHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



January 10, 2020



## Principal's Note

**Welcome back!** January is often an exciting time in schools, students are rested and ready to get back to school. Of course they are eager to catch up with friends and like the routine of the school day but it truly is a time they are ready for new learning. We have many events and enrichment activities planned for the next few months which makes school exciting for both students and staff. However, we do keep our focus on the district curriculum and student expectations. We work to balance the time with routine learning and engaging activities that develop the whole child. As always, parents are important team members in children's growth and we appreciate all your support.

**We welcome Miss Frost to MES.** She is completing her early education degree at UMF and will spend the spring semester as a student teacher in 2nd grade with Mrs. Collins. Sharing professional knowledge and time with formative teachers is a benefit to all of us at MES.

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## Nurse Notes

If your child has a fever or is vomiting, or has any flu-like symptoms please keep them home for at least 24 hours after the symptoms subside, and until your child is free of any fever reduction medicine.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

Jan. 13 Cobbossee Watershed visits grade 5

Jan. 20 No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 22/23 MES PTCO Presents the Northern Stars Planetarium (all grades visit)

Feb. 5 District Wide Early Release Day 11:40 Dismissal

Feb. 7 Annual MES PTCO VIP Dance! 6-8 pm - see flyer



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We will be using the guidelines below daily as we determine rather we can have outside recess during the winter months!

CAN I GO OUTSIDE?

Temp. (F)	Can I Go Outside?	What do I wear?
105	NO	<u>Outside is NOT available</u>
100		
95		
90	YES	 <p>Unless raining, students may go outside with proper clothes on.</p>
85		
80		
75		
70		
65		
60		
55	YES	
50		
45		
40		
35	YES	 <p>Check wind temps. Unless raining, students may go outside with proper clothing.</p>
30		
25		
20		
15		
10	NO	<p><u>Outside is NOT available</u> Students do not go outside when the “feels like” temperature is 10 degrees or below.</p>
5		
0		
-5		
-10		

## MES - Winter Wear

The cold weather has arrived! Please dress your child for outside play daily! This includes winter boots, snow pants, winter coats, hats and mittens! It is also requested that you provide sneakers for inside use during the winter months. If you do not have these items for your child, please contact the MES Office.

Dear Families,

The school library is on the lookout for donations of gently used blocks (Duplo style blocks, bristle blocks, K'nex, waffle blocks, legos, erector sets, etc.) for our engineering center. We are also looking for puppets, flannel board pieces, puzzles and board games that have all the pieces as well. If you have any that your child has outgrown and you are willing to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Thanks for your support!

Thank You,  
Library Staff



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**RSU #38 – FY21 Budget Workshops  
Maranacook Community High School  
Student Center (unless otherwise noted)  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

<b>January 15</b>	Budget Workshop – Elementary, Middle & High Schools
<b>February 5*</b>	Regular Business Meeting - Report from Auditor Ron Smith Budget Workshop –Technology, Special Education, English Language Learners (ELLs), Gifted & Talented
<b>February 26</b>	Budget Workshop – Operations & Maintenance
<b>March 4*</b>	Regular Business Meeting Budget Workshop – Co-and Extra-Curricular, Transportation, Miscellaneous Cost Centers/Accounts (Adult Education, Food Service, Health Center, Professional Development/Assessment/ Curriculum, Systems Administration, Debt Service)
<b>March 11</b>	Budget Workshop –Joint Meeting with Local Select Boards re: draft FY21 budget; budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
<b>March 18</b>	Budget Workshop – budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
<b>March 25</b>	<i>Tentative meeting</i> – Budget Workshop – budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
<b>April 1*</b>	Regular Business Meeting and Budget Workshop – budget deliberations, follow-up and decision making
<b>April 15**</b>	Regular Business Meeting – vote on Budget
<b>May 13</b>	Annual Budget Meeting, MCHS gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.
<b>June 9</b>	<b>Budget Validation Referendum at individual town’s polling locations</b>

\* Regular Business Meeting in addition to budget workshop

Budget documents are available by visiting <https://www.maranacook.org/o/rsu-38/page/fy-21-budget-documents>