

Principal's Notes: Week of 16 December

Dear Families,

This week I would like to highlight an immediate adjustment to our Early Release Professional Development Wednesday dismissal time. Starting this Wednesday, December 18, we will officially change the student dismissal time to 2:00pm.

When the original district school calendar was developed for the 2019-2020 school year, the dismissal time for PD Wednesday's was listed as 1:50. This did not allow enough time for our bus drivers to complete their middle/high school run and return to Pond Cove in time to pick up elementary students. This often caused parents to be waiting at their child's bus stop longer than they expected because buses were running late. Changing dismissal to 2:00 will provide bus drivers with adequate time to complete their scheduled bus runs and will result in a more predictable schedule for parents.

The most notable impact will be the change to dismissal of students being picked up by parents on Early Release PD Wednesdays. Pick-up students have historically been dismissed at 1:50, but will now be dismissed at 2:00. This should not impact the time students have been arriving at bus stops.

Thank you for your support as we continue to create a smooth and efficient schedule for students and families. Please know that I am here to answer any questions you may have. Email is the most efficient way to reach out.

Best Wishes,

Jason Manjourides
Principal



Link: [Pond Cove Student Handbook 2019-2020](#)

Substitutes Teachers and Nurses Needed

We are still in need of subs for the 2019-2020 school year. Substitute teaching can be a rewarding job; it's flexible and allows people to decide their own schedule and not commit to a full-time job. Subbing can also be a great experience for those who want to pursue a career in education by allowing one to try out different grade levels, schools, and subjects. In order to sub in Cape, applicants must:

- *have, or be eligible to obtain a Maine CHRC check (fingerprinting), as well as an approved background check (district will provide).

- *have a high school diploma to be considered.

The pay is \$90 per day for daily assignments. There is additional compensation for assignments that last longer than 15 consecutive days.

If you think you might be interested in being a substitute teacher, please go to the employment page of our website ([Cape Schools Substitute Teaching Application](#)) to fill out an application.

2019/2020 Professional Day Wednesdays: Students are dismissed at 2:00.

- ***December 18**

- *January 8

- *January 22

- *February 5

- *March 4

- *April 1

- *May 6

- *May 20

- *June 3

Upcoming Events

- *Early Release Day (Students Dismissed at **2:00pm**): 12/18

- *Winter Break(no school): 12/23 - 1/1

*Martin Luther King Jr. Day/No School: 1/20

*Parents Have Access to Winter Report Cards Via PowerSchool: 2/7

School Cancellation Day Tracker:

Number of School Cancellation Days to Date: 3 Days

Last Day For Students if No Other Cancellation Days: June 16 (12:05 Dismissal)

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