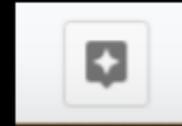


Weekly Research Tech Tip

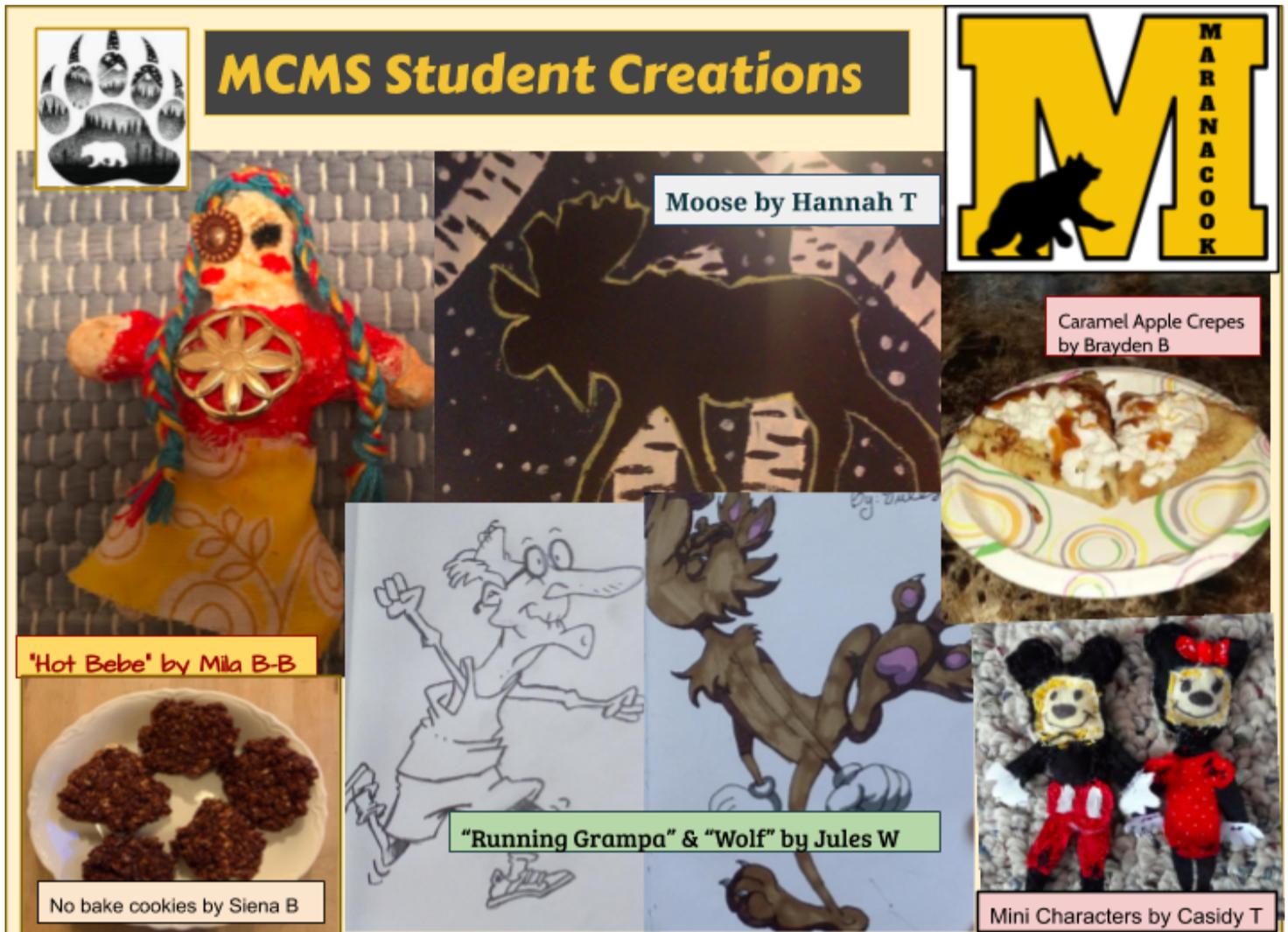
By Mrs. MaryAnn Florek

Google Docs Explore Tool



One click access using the icon located on the bottom right of your document automatically customizes the search according to the words in your document.

For example, try opening a new doc and type in "How to care for a new puppy" then click the research tool, and see the targeted google search results magically appear in a new pane on the right!



Each week, during Remote Learning, students will be given a Weekly Challenge they can choose to do. This week's challenge was: *With parent or guardian permission, create either a craft or food that you are proud of (and could go on an app like Pinterest).* **Check out the neat projects from MCMS Students!**

2019-20 MCMS Yearbook Purchase Has New Deadline: May 1st!



Spirit Week Photo

Order it online at ybpay.lifetouch.com.
School ID Code: 11527520
Soft cover:\$22.00 Hard Cover: \$28.00

For more information email:
jorgeanne_barley@maranacook.com



MCMS Yearbook committee is working remotely and only yearbooks purchased online will be delivered this year. There will be no extra copies to sell after the May 1st deadline, or when we receive the yearbook shipment.

Thank you so much for all your support! Stay Safe! GO BEARS!



Jump Rope Challenge

JUMP-19 for COVID-19! In the month of April can you jump rope on at least 19 days? Mrs. Cote is challenging everyone to jump rope (at least 19 jumps) for 19 days in the month of April. Keep track of how many days you jump rope and complete the google form at the end of the month. Send pictures of you and your family jumping rope to tess_cote@maranacook.com if you'd like to be featured in the MCMS newsletter.

Jumping rope is great exercise! Here are some benefits:

1. Improves coordination
2. Improves cognitive function (which is excellent for school work!)
3. It's fun!

This is open to all of the MCMS community: students and their families, staff and their families!

[Google Form can be found here!](#)

Free Resource of the Week

**shared by parent, Mr. Tarbuck- thank you!*

Learning is fun, especially when you are learning about nature!



<https://www.maine.gov/ifw/programs-resources/teacher-students/tools-materials.html>



Dear MCMS Families, I hope you are staying well. Here is a list of numbers for various types of support families may need during this crisis.
Gwen Robertson Mohlar (and RSU 38 Nurses!)

BASIC NEEDS/LOCAL SERVICES: 211

COVID 19 TESTING GUIDANCE: 211 OR
1-866-811-5695 or text zip code to 898-211

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

-Crisis and Counseling:
1-888-568-1112 or 621-2552
-Intentional Warm Line (peer to peer)
1-866-771-9276
-Disaster Distress line: 1-800-985-5990 or text
TalkWithUs to 66746
-G.E.A.R. Support Network for
parents/caregivers of children with emotional or
behavioral health concerns: 1-800-264-9224

FOOD PANTRIES

-Maranacook Food Pantry: Food boxes available
for pick up on Fridays from 3-4pm at the high
school to RSU #38 families. Phone: 685-4923

-Augusta Food Bank: For Augusta & Manchester
161 Mt. Vernon Avenue, phone # 622-5225
Mon-wed 9:30-11:30 by Appointment: Phone:
213-2233

-Bread of Life Ministries: Soup Kitchen
157 Water Street, Augusta
Kitchen hours: M-Sat 11:00-12:30
Phone #s: 621-2541(kitchen) or 626-3434

Homeless Shelter

155 Hospital Street, Augusta: 626-3479

-Monmouth Food Pantry at Community Church:
151 N Main St, Monmouth. Phone: 933-2400
Tues. 11:30-12:30pm & 5:30-6:30pm, Wed.
5-6pm

-Mt. Vernon First Baptist Church Food Bank:
Mt. Vernon, Readfield, Fayette, & Vienna
Saturday 9:30-11:30 or call as needed
321 Pond Rd, Mt Vernon. Phone: 293-2273 or
293-2141

-Winthrop Food Pantry: Usually for Winthrop &
Wayne Residents but open to residents of
neighboring towns now, for once a month use
25A High Street, Winthrop. Phone #377-3332
Every Thurs. 1-2:30pm & every 2nd & 4th Thurs.
open 5-6:30pm
*Kid packs available Thursdays (school aged)

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

-KBH Homeless Youth Outreach: Celia
Robinson: 873-2136 Cel: 314-5558

MEDICAL OFFICES - Please call ahead

-Winthrop Pediatrics: 377-2113
-Winthrop Family Medicine: 377-2111
-Kennebec Pediatrics: 623-2977
-Maranacook Family Health Care:
620-0237(Lisa) 620-4449 (Jenn)
-MaineGeneral Express Care, Augusta:
621-8880

MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY- rent
assistance/evictions. Phone: 626-4600

MAINE DEPT. OF LABOR- unemployment
benefits Phone: 1-800-593-7660 available
M-F 8-12:30. **Apply online:**

[https://www1.maine.gov/benefits/account/
login.html](https://www1.maine.gov/benefits/account/login.html)

OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE- child
support services through Maine DHHS
1-855-797-4357

CHILDCARE SUBSIDY: 1-877-680-5866



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Dear students, staff, parents and communities,

On Thursday, April 2, our Governor implemented a “Stay at Home” order that extends through the month of April. We, of course, will comply with this order but that will mean *RSU 38 schools will be closed until Monday, May 4th*. Governor Mills also sent out guidance around essential personnel, which we will also comply with moving forward. It is important to note that our district has the majority of our staff working remotely. However, there will be small spaces of time where staff will be in the building which will include administrators, directors, managers, custodial, food service, and technology staff. Please note that these people will be following all guidelines around health safety while in the buildings, however in general the buildings are closed until further notice. Students, staff or parents that have a need for items still in the building please contact the building administrator who will make arrangements with you for curbside pickup or another mutually agreed upon method of delivery.

We are pleased to announce that Maranacook Community High School has been added as an official meal pick up site and it will begin operation open Monday, April 6. (Mount Vernon Elementary School will continue to remain a meal pick up site.) Meals can be picked up between 7 and 9 am on Monday and Wednesday. This site can be accessed by **All** of our communities: Manchester, Readfield, Mount Vernon or Wayne as well as Fayette. We are now able to help students and families that may not be able to get to the sites for pick up. If you or someone you know needs a meal but can not pick it up please contact a building administrator and we will work with you to deliver the meals.

Finally, the first week of remote has wrapped up and I am particularly proud of the efforts of our teaching staff during this time! I have heard many stories across all levels about it being a positive start. Remote learning facilitated students and teaching staff an opportunity to reconnect and provided a level of normalcy in these very uncertain times. I want to encourage you to reach out with suggestions and feedback as you navigate remote learning. We only ask students, teachers, and parents to do what works best for you during this time. We are here for you now, and will be here for you when this all ends, our commitment to being a caring school community means more now than ever. We are in this together and we are all Black Bears!

Sincerely,

James Charette
Superintendent