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# BRES WILDCAT NEWS

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Kindness

Responsibility

Self-Control

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BRES Families,


As the pending decision to continue with distance learning for the rest of this school year looms over us, I want to share some gratitude and update you. I am in awe of this community. I'm in awe of my wonderful staff who are learning new skills and embracing teaching your children from afar. I am in awe of the kitchen crew and all of the people who have pulled together to make meals, serve and deliver them. I am in awe of our custodial and maintenance crew who work hard to complete projects and sanitize behind us. I am in awe of the community who is cheering us on and supporting us in so many ways. I'm in awe of our students, your children. They are being brave and doing what they need to do to be healthy in the face of so much uncertainty and constant disappointment. I'm in awe of YOU with all that you are juggling and worrying about right now. What we have in this community is truly a special thing.

Beyond appreciation for all of the wonderful joys around us, I also want to be real with you. What we are currently going through as a society is scary. Health and financial concerns bring more stress than what most families can bare. As I previously stated that we are in a public health and safety crisis, not an educational crisis. In just a couple short weeks, schools across our nation have risen to the occasion to continue offering learning opportunities to students. We as educators are trying to do what we know best. We are trying to help. We are trying to connect. We are trying to break down the walls of isolation and continue to cultivate the relationships that we have with you and your children. We care about your child keeping up their skills during this difficult time. However, we care first and foremost about your family's wellbeing.

We know that what we are doing isn't perfect. We know that there are gaps, inconsistencies, and frustrations on everyone's part. We know that at times the technology, buzzes, dings, assignments, and phone calls can be overwhelming. We are sorry, truly sorry. The last thing we want to do is add stress to your life right now. We want to help and we are trying to help in any way we can. We are going to continue to offer learning opportunities for your children. Some of those opportunities are online and some are being sent home in packets. Please have your child join in on whatever they are able to access. We know that every child cannot engage in and complete every assignment, prompt or project that we are offering. We are trying to figure out the balance. We are wondering about where we are doing too much and where we are doing too little. The only way we will know how we are doing is for you to give us your feedback. Tell us what you need and we will meet the needs of you and your child. Two things we absolutely don't want to do is overwhelm you or let you down.

What I'm asking is for you to speak up! I'm asking you to tell us what you need more or less of. Give us feedback as we continue to refine what we are doing. Don't be afraid to say it's too much or not enough. Reach out to your child's teacher or myself and let us know how this is working for you. This is new to all of us... Patience not perfection.

With Gratitude,  
Shawna Kurr



**WELCOME TO MUD TO SEASON**

How deep is the mud?  
Depends on who you ask.

We all go through the same stuff differently.

If you have ever been stuck in the mud, then you know it can be hard to get out sometimes. You might need a push or a pull, but with a little help you can always get out.

When the mud gets too deep, please let our school counselors help figure a way out. Contact Sarah Gordon at [sgordon@aos98schools.org](mailto:sgordon@aos98schools.org) or Kim Dionne at [kdionne@aos98schools.org](mailto:kdionne@aos98schools.org) or reach us by phone at (207) 633-5097.

# POETRY NOW!

## All Ages | March 30 - April 30

**April is National Poetry Month.** Since the record of the Epic of Gilgamesh (~1800 BC), humans have used poetry to communicate, cope with, and create our life stories. BHML invites the entire community, young and older(!) to honor the art, the craft, and the power of poetry. Send us your submissions and help write, record, and define today's world with your words.



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**The Specs:**

- 3 Entries Max (3 Poems).
- Include your Name, Town, Title, & Poem for each submission (anonymous & pseudonymous accepted).
- We are taking the "broad view" of poetry: if you prefer prose, and simply want to share your thoughts to be included in this collection, we welcome your words.
- All Ages: 0-999!
- Submissions accepted through April 30; three ways to submit:

<p>1) <b>Submit your entries online</b> at: <a href="http://bbhlibrary.org/poetry-now">bbhlibrary.org/poetry-now</a></p>	<p>2) <b>Mail your entries to us:</b> BHML Attn: POETRY NOW 4 Oak Street Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538</p>	<p>3) <b>Take a spin down to BHML and drop your entries in the book drop!</b> Put them in an envelope, or folded up, and addressed to " POETRY NOW"</p>
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*Note: All entries will be published in the final compilation. Some submissions may be published online, on the website, or other outlets from March 30 - April 30 to advertise the event. By submitting your poetry you agree that BHML may use your entry in any way it sees fit for library purposes for the rest of time! Works should be previously unpublished and/or written for this compilation.*

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#### A Week of Family Code Night “Home Editions”

A fun, free and loving learning experience for families at home.

An introduction to coding, together.

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*PLUS:*

### Spanish Language “Family Code Week”

Five Live Events, also April 13-18. A national Spanish-language K-5 computer-science family learning event.

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### Schools, Districts & Partners:

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Teachers and online classes welcome.

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