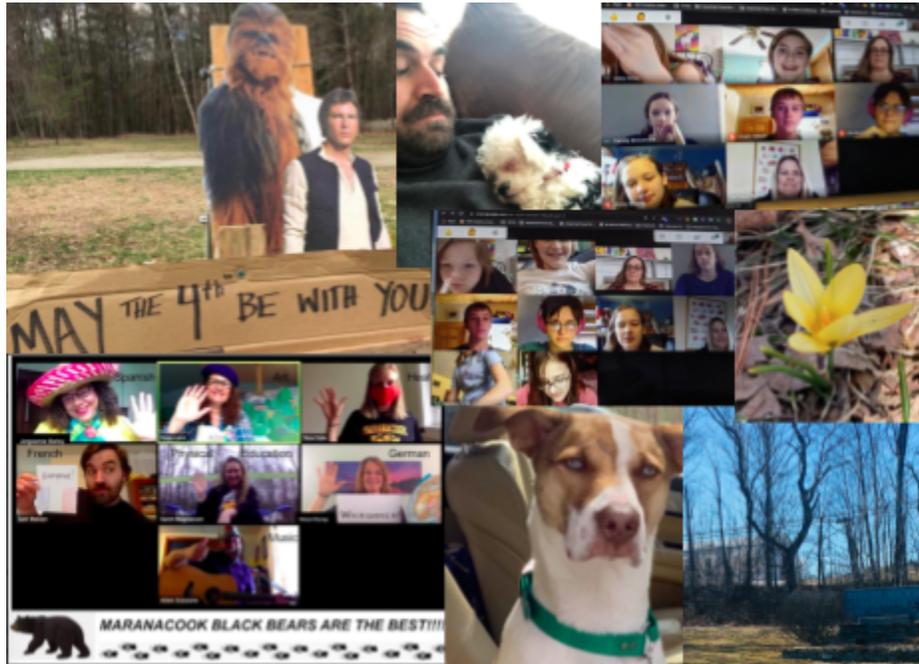


Maranacook Community Middle School

Weekly Newsletter

May 8, 2020



Running for a Cause

Jonah Jenkins, 7th grader, ran a virtual 5K on Saturday May 2nd to raise money for Feeding America, which benefits those who are struggling to get food during the pandemic. The 5K was part of a National Camp In with BSA (scouts). His family measured a 5 K around their neighborhood and he ran it in 26:56! He raised over \$200! Great work, Jonah!



Thank you to our PTO!

This week was Teacher Appreciation Week and the MCMS PTO went above and beyond to show their support to the MCMS teachers- getting Fielder's Choice Gift Cards for each educator AND having a daily raffle!

Thank you MCMS, and our MCMS Community for your love and support!



"To teach
is to touch
a life
forever."
- Author Unknown

And, thank you to our students for their kind words in the video they helped to make for Teacher appreciation week! Here is the video!

MADLIB FUN!

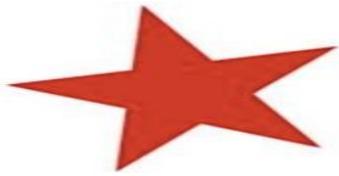
The Moose Team does daily Mad Lib and this was Thursdays! This one is especially hilarious and participants were: **Mrs. Tucker, Taylor McBurney, Abbey Sirois, Mrs. Cote and Will Connors.**



The Latest Dance Craze

Have you heard about the **fluffy** dance craze sweeping (the) **McDonalds**? It's called The **Sam**! Slip on your **fanning** shoes, turn up the speakers on your i- **Zeppelin**, and let's master the moves that put this **sleepy** dance on the map:

- ① Put your hands on your **noses**, stomp your **elbow**, and strike a/an **squishy** pose.
- ② Take **20,000** **stinky** steps to the left, spin **kindly**, then take **7/8** **hard** steps to the right.
- ③ Throw your **earlobes** into the air and sway your **basketball courts** from side to side.
- ④ For the big finish, stick out your **toe** and wiggle it **loosely**.
- ⑤ Repeat all of these **three** steps until the song is over.



8th grade Recognition



Sadie Falconer: Sadie is a member of the Moose Team. Sadie has played an active role, behind the scenes, in the last two MCMS plays and has a great sense of humor. Mrs. Satt says, "Sadie, your sense of humor is one of a kind. Your earrings are by far the best I have ever seen. And your enjoyment of cats matches that of my daughter. You have brought a lot of quirk to Moose Island and from your back of the room conversations to your work with the plays to getting over some rough patches have made you the amazingly resilient learner and person you are today! We wish you tremendous luck at high school and hope you stay true to who you are!" Good luck in high school, Sadie!



Jaidyn Deah: Jaidyn (Jada) is on the Royal Team. Jada is a strong, independent and empathetic young woman. Mrs. Tracy says, "Jada is an amazing young woman who works incredibly hard. Jada is a very kind young woman who cares deeply about others. Jada is very serious about her school work and works hard to make sure she has done each assignment well." Jada, keep up the hard work! You will be missed at MCMS next year!



Ashley DeSchamp: Ashley is on the Katahdin Team. Her advisor, Mrs. Magnusson says, "Ashley is a talented student and successful athlete. She comes to school with energy and a smile and is always up and talking with classmates. She has an energy about her that engages others to want to follow her. She added a lot to her class as it was obvious she was considered a leader by her peers. Ashley has the natural leadership skills that could help her be successful in the future in whatever she chooses to do. But what's most important is that she has the ability to help others as they look up to her. Choosing to be that positive leader for others, she will help change lives as she grows up." Ashley- keep working hard and good luck next year!



Isaac Easterby: Isaac is a member of the Royal Team. Mrs. Gyorgy says, "Isaac is really good at helping others understand technology. When asked to help he is there ready to share his depth of knowledge. He learns very quickly and when interested, puts his full force of intellect behind his work. I am grateful to have had Isaac in class and as an advisee. He is a great ping pong player! I can imagine Isaac working in the tech' field one day. We will miss you Isaac!" Mrs. Tracy says, "Isaac cares very deeply about doing high quality work, to the best of his ability. He is a deep thinker and he has a very wide range of interests. Isaac is an excellent participant in class discussions and often looks further into topics that are brought up in class." Good luck next year, Isaac!



Olympia Farrell: Olympia is a member of the Moose Team. Olympia has been involved in many school activities including sports and a member of our drama productions. Mrs. Satt says, "Olympia, I remember when you came to middle school and devoured any book I had to do with historical fiction. I was excited to share some titles with you. It's been really rewarding to watch you change over three years at the middle school to become a self-confident and assured learner. Your ideas have become very deep and I feel quite confident that you are going to have an impact on the high school community that is going to be something special! We will miss you!" Enjoy high school, Olympia. We will miss you!



Wyatt Folsom: Wyatt is a member of the Katahdin Team. Mrs. Magnusson, his advisor, says, "Wyatt has been a joy to have in advisee time because I got to have shooting competitions on a daily basis. He was my main man when it came to talking about sports, specifically basketball. I enjoyed talking with someone that was passionate about basketball and who loved to be active. I will miss the pop-ins by Wyatt when he had a chance to join P.E.! I will miss our 3 point shooting competitions too." Mrs. Satt says, "Wyatt, I think your face will come to mind every time I hear Djibouti, but you will also be remembered for your wit and your knack for writing passes to get Moose Island kids to tutorials where you wanted them to be. Come back and teach with us anytime!" Wyatt, thank you for your hard work your entire time at MCMS. Good luck next year!



Andrew Ferguson: Andrew is a member of the Moose Team. Mrs. Holland says, "Andrew is a wizard with technology." Mrs. Satt says, "Andrew was in my group at Chewonki and I have never seen anyone climb the high rope element faster than Andrew. Andrew is incredibly animated when having conversations about things that matter and earning his trust is something very valuable. Andrew may not be a man of many words, but what he does say is the big picture and I know that if he can keep a focus on learning and questioning, he is going to do great things at the high school!" his advisor, Mrs. Bonnevie says, "Andrew is a funny, smart young man who cares deeply. He is one of the smartest problem solvers I have met. He is creative and never gives up on a problem. He thinks outside the box and turns ordinary items into extraordinary masterpieces!" Enjoy high school- we will miss you!



Kody Goucher: Kody is a member of the Acadia Team. Mrs. Magnusson says, "Kody is a very talented athlete but also very kind. He takes the time to help others because he is compassionate and thinks about others before himself. He was a great leader in class and helped to engage others. These are qualities that will help him as he goes on to high school. Kody has a quiet leadership about him and could be a tremendous advocate for those who won't speak up. I look forward to seeing how Kody grows in high school with these leadership skills. I know he'll be successful!" You will do great in high school, Kody! Good luck!

Keirstin Gray: Keirstin is a member of the Moose Team. She joined MCMS and MCMS in 7th grade and we are very fortunate to have gotten to know her! Mrs. Satt says, "She joined Moose Island in 7th grade and although she is very quiet, she has enjoyed talking books with us which is one way into our hearts. We have enjoyed watching her develop friendships with her classmates over these two years and making her laugh is a win!" Good luck next year, Keirstin!



Ilana Jones: Ilana is a member of the Royal Team. Mrs. Gyorgy says, "Ilana brings joy into the classroom. She has a creative flair that she brings to her work and her friendships. It is great to hear Ilana talk about her family, her rabbit and her love of riding. We will miss you next year, Ilana, but I can't wait to see what you do at the high school! Mrs. Tracy says, "Ilana is a lovely young woman who is wonderful to have in class. She is thoughtful and caring and is great to talk to, especially about horses!" Good luck in high school, Illana!



Gabe Jacobs: Gabe is a member of the Moose Team. Mr. Sirois says, "Gabe is a free-spirited and kind-hearted young man. He loves the outdoors and everything that goes with it. He is smart and funny and is a loyal friend. I will miss sharing stories with Gabe!" Mrs Satterfield says, "Gabe, it's going to be a very different place at the middle school without you, and while we may have had a few bumps in the road, laughter with you happened very smoothly. You are smart and witty and I hope you are able to see that when you set your mind to things, you do them so well. Getting to know you over three

years has been a joy. I will always remember your Maranacook colored glasses, even if they did get scratched. (At least your dog didn't eat yours.)” and his advisor says, “I always enjoyed talking with Gabe one on one. He was always straightforward and honest with me. I admire how much he cares for his friends and his family. He has a great sense of humor too. My favorite memory with Gabe was before I even taught at MCMS. I met him in the summer and we were all out boating and my 6 year old son was with us. Gabe went tubing, swimming, and dock jumping with him and took care of him. He talked with him often and put his arm around him so he wouldn't fall off the tube. He was thoughtful and compassionate and was a big fan of my son that summer!” Good luck next year!

Lilly Mushlit: Lilly is a member of the Royal Team. Her advisors say, “This young woman is unstoppable! Lilly is a great athlete. She is thoughtful and respectful of others.” Mrs. Tracy says, “Lilly is an amazing human being in oh so many ways! She is an incredibly hard worker. When Lilly digs into a task, she commits totally and will not give up until she has it completed or has mastered it. She is a great student, a great athlete and a wonderful leader on Royal.” You will be great in high school, good luck!



Jared Maddocks: Jared is a member of the Royal Team. Dr. Levesque says, “Jared is such a friendly person. I will miss saying hi to him when I pass him in the hallways! Jared has a good sense of humor and gets along with everyone. His sense of humor and friendly personality will be greatly missed next year!” Mrs. Magnusson says, “Jared has a great sense of humor and I admire his love for his family. I enjoyed working with Jared because I enjoyed our conversations. He has a lot to offer and can make me smile. I think his compassion for others is one of his strongest qualities. He cares about others and has a strong passion for the military which is another thing I admire. I think Jared will do great things in the future and I hope he stays in contact!” Good luck in HS, Jared!

Natalia Landaeta: Natalia is a member of the Moose Team. Mrs. Satt says, “Natalia has been so great to get to know! Although she professes she isn't ready for high school, she 100% is! Her smile is one of the best on Moose Island and has never minded my terms of endearment for her. She laughs and all the day's troubles are gone! Although she has not been too sure of me at times, I have always been sure of her happy go lucky self and her sense of humor and her kindness.” Natalia, we will miss you so much, but you've got this!



Keagan McClure: Keagan is a member of the Moose Team. Mrs. Satt says, “Keagan, hands down, graced the hallways of MCMS with the greatest sweatshirts of all time and wearing slippers to school allowed him to achieve the look of naptime every time! Keagan is a hard worker who asks awesome questions and isn't afraid to advocate for himself when needed. We can't wait to see what he does at the high school and look forward to watching the McClure brothers on the court. Long live the Smurfs!” Mrs. Magnusson says, “Keagan's laid back personality and go with the flow mentality draws people to him. He is fun to be around, can lighten any mood and bring laughter to serious situations. Keagan is very talented athletically and I have enjoyed watching him play basketball. His carefree attitude will certainly help him as he grows up because he can see the good in tough situations and make bad situations go away. He will be fun to watch grow as a person in high school.” Enjoy high school, Keagan!



Owen Poisson: Owen is a member of the Royal Team. Owen has a wonderful sense of humor and is respectful. Mrs. Bonnevie, his advisor, says “Owen is a young man who is always looking for fun in life! He walks around with a smile on his face that makes you wonder what he is up to!” Mrs. Tracy says, “Owen is an intelligent young man who loves to debate. When he engages in a topic, he dives in and works to find out all that he can.” We will miss you, good luck in high school, Owen!





Sam St. Germain: Sam is a member of the Moose Team. Sam has grown into a leader during his time at MCMS. Mrs. Satt says, "Sam asked my very favorite question of all time when we were getting ready to go to Chewonki and I don't know that he knows this, but it was "Can we bring whale sounds?" I don't know if he was serious or silly, but the question makes me laugh to this day. Sam, there aren't many kids you can give an alien foil hat for cats to and actually have them hold up their end of the bargain. Thank you for being who you are and for giving things your best even when you weren't necessarily motivated to do so!" We wish you luck next year!



Ryan Leavitt: Ryan is a member of the Katahdin Team. Mr. Sirois says, "Ryan has matured so much in the past 3 years, as a student and as an individual. He is continuing to develop into a responsible, respectful young man. I will miss my many bus duty conversations with Ryan!" Mrs. Gyorgy says, "I have enjoyed talking with Ryan about his dog. He cares very much for his dog which I identify with because of my own love for my dog. I wish you well, Ryan, as you move on to the high school." Good luck in high school, Ryan!



Google Classroom Support for Families *from Mrs. Churchill*

Please click on any of the links below for Google Classroom Support and Tips:

Support with Parent Access to Google Classroom:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Asa_2ecaygprQtJI2IOR5HUTTjGXLgpcqyi45VHmdKc/edit?usp=sharing

Support for Helping Students Navigate Google Classroom:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WZSSSXg2DcKk_BiA_7bunkCAPDBVzpl0/view?usp=sharing

Support with Passing in Assignments in Google Classroom:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WjwETcE9FFhvBGmNYbaM9AMdMsCge1aA8ZtKX7xylCQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Weekly Research Tech Tip for May 8, 2020 *from Mrs. Florek*

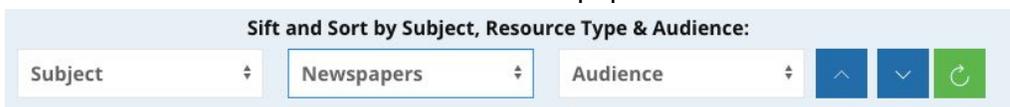
Our school has a subscription to local daily newspapers which can be accessed on-line! Use [this link](#) to get to either the Kennebec Journal or the Morning Sentinel electronically. Log in using the following:

e-mail/username: **susan_trott@maranacook.org**

Password: **Newspaper1!**

In addition, access to global news is always available through Digital Maine Libraries ProQuest and Gale services.

Use the sift and sort feature to filter for Newspapers.



[Global Newsstream \(ProQuest\)](#) "... over 2,800 news sources including newspapers, newswires, news journals, transcripts, video, and digital-first content ... Includes the Boston Globe, New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal and more!

[Maine News \(ProQuest\)](#) "... Bangor Daily News, Kennebec Journal, Morning Sentinel, Maine Times, Portland Press Herald and Sun Journal ..."

[US Newsstream \(ProQuest\)](#) "... access to the most recent premium U.S. news content, as well as archives which stretch back into the 1980s featuring newspapers, newswires, blogs, and news sites in active full-text format."

Newsstand (Gale) "... searchable by title, headline, date, author, newspaper section, or other fields. Access to more than 2,300 major U.S. regional, national, and local newspapers, as well as leading titles from around the world. It also includes thousands of images, radio and TV broadcasts and transcripts.

FOR STUDENTS: In Context: Middle School (Gale) "Created specifically for middle school students, this resource combines reference content with **age-appropriate** videos, newspapers, magazines, and primary sources. It includes more than 1.6 million articles."

Opportunity for Families: Mini Podcast Series: Running with the K9s

The Maine Warden Service K9 team brings missing persons to safety and helps protect our natural resources. When these highly trained pups are not working, they can be found doing normal dog things, like chasing balls and looking for treats. In this mini Fish + Game Changers podcast series, Katie chats with K9 Corporal Lucas Bellanceau, Landowner Relations Corporal Dave Chabot, and Warden Kris MacCabe to learn what they do and how they train. Visit mefishwildlife.com/changers to listen now or search "Fish and Game Changers" on your favorite podcast app. Available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and more. **Thank you Mr. Tarbuck for sharing this opportunity!**



As stay at home orders continue and reopening moves cautiously forward, many of us

are feeling frustration, impatience and continued loss. We are ready for things to go back to "normal" but there are some important things we all need to remember and do to continue to protect ourselves and our families! Please see this link to a pdf put out by the [Centers for Disease Control](#), "[Share Facts, Not Fear](#)".

* If you are concerned about how your child is navigating remote instruction or the pandemic, please feel free to reach out to me at gwen_mohlar@maranacook.com.

GREAT JOB TO EVERYONE WHO RECEIVED A GOLD SLIP THIS WEEK!





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RE: End of School

Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

My last communication with you talked about leaving open the possibility of returning to school. Sadly, this is not going to be a possibility for this school year. Based on guidance that I have received we need to make plans to end the school year under the current directives set forth from Governor Mills and the Department of Education Commissioner Pender Makin. As I write this letter I am reviewing typical end of year activities at all schools and feeling an overwhelming sense of loss for those celebrations, activities, and traditions that helped bring closure to the school year for our students, their families and our Maranacook Area Schools staff. It is a difficult decision to make when I know it will cause anxiety and discomfort and cause us all to mourn the loss of what should have been a time of celebration. The “we are in this together” campaign holds out the promise of acknowledging these difficult times while pointing us to the fact that better days are going to come.

The end date for student instruction is going to be Friday, June 5. However, students and teachers will have the days of Monday, June 8th through Wednesday, June 10th to bring closure to the school year. During these last 3 days no new work will be assigned, it will be a time to turn in technology, finish and pass in work, and/or provide an opportunity for teachers and students to say goodbye before the start of the summer break. **The official end date for students is Wednesday, June 10.**

In the near future building administrators will be reaching out to you to schedule a time to return laptops and other devices, return school materials, and allow students to collect personal items that may still be at their respective schools. I hope by providing you this information it affords students, families and our staff opportunity to plan for a definitive end day. If you should have any questions concerning the end of instruction or material pick up/drop off please reach out to your building administrators.

Sincerely,

James Charette
Superintendent of Schools