

Maranacook Community Middle School

Weekly Newsletter

May 22, 2020



**MIDDLE SCHOOL
SOCCER COACHES NEEDED**
We have openings for a Boys B Coach and a Girls B Coach.
If interested, please visit maranacook.org for details or
email Brant Remington
(athletic director) at
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Haiku Madness

- This week's MCMS Challenge was to write a haiku about.... Your pet three-line poem with seventeen syllables, written in a 5/7/5 syllable count.
- You never feed me.
 - Perhaps I'll sleep on your face.
 - That will sure show you.

Check out the responses!

**Atlas - you do not
Hold up the heavens. You just
hold me up. Lateness.**

- Mrs. Satterfield

Scooter

Black kitty cat.

Grumpy but sweet, and cuddly.

Attention seeker.

- Sarah Muniz

Oreo Haiku

You only cuddle

When I'm about to get up

Then loudly, you snore

- Mrs. Tucker



8th grade Recognition

Ethan Clark: Ethan is on the Royal Team. Mrs. Tracy says, "he is a well liked young man with a big personality and a big smile. He loves to be outside doing sports and other activities." Mrs. Bonnevie says, "I have gotten to know Ethan from Outdoor Active and he is a competitor! He is always positive and cheering his teammates on. He is the first to offer a hand to some one who has fallen. He is always smiling and brings positive energy into the room."



Alexandra Thaller: Alexandra (Allie) is on the Royal Team. Mr. Watson says, "Allie is one amazing artist and an excellent French student to boot! Her unique perspective on the world and hilarious memes make having her in class a real joy." Mrs. Tracy says, "Allie is a tremendously gifted artist. She uses her drawing to help her organize her thoughts, as she works through course material. Allie is a loyal friend and loves to have fun." Good luck in high school, Allie!



Bailey Shink: Bailey is a member of the Moose Team. He is kind, hardworking, and a good friend. Mrs. Satt says, "From a love of all things Office to sharing the odd factoids about this and that, Bailey has brought a truly unique perspective to the MCMS family. He has changed so much from a somewhat quiet and unsure 6th grader to a student running around my room dressed as a landshark. With this confidence and silliness, Bailey, you can take on the world! We will miss you so much and are always willing to share book titles with you so come back." Enjoy high school, Bailey!



Davin VanWinkle: Davin is a member of the Acadia Team. Mrs. Bertrand writes, "Davin, you are a polite, sensitive young man, and your smile can light up any room!! Please stay focused on your strengths and positive qualities, if you do, you will always be able to accomplish anything you set your mind to!" Mrs. Mohlar says, "Davin is creative, empathic, and sensitive. I will miss our conversations next year!" Mrs. Roesner says, "I have learned so much about Norse culture and metal work from you! Thank you for conversations on car rides that entertained my children, for seeing the sensitive sides of others, and for seeking fun and adventure."





Katherine Nolette: Katherine is a member of the Katahdin Team. Mrs. Bonnevie writes, "I have gotten to know Katherine through Outdoor Active. She is polite and caring and always takes care of her stuff." Mrs. Magnusson says, "I loved seeing Katherine in the hallways because she would always say hello. I also enjoyed watching Katherine play on the basketball team because she was a hard worker and always stayed positive. I also enjoyed watching her make some of her shots too! I've enjoyed getting to know Katherine and will miss her!" Enjoy high school, Katherine!

Isabella Savage: Isabella (Bella) is a member of the Acadia Team. Mrs. Holland and Mrs Davis say, "Bella is an excellent student and athlete. Isabella is a strong, independent girl who loves the outdoors and sports. I enjoyed watching her play field hockey this past year." Mrs. Roesner says, "Isabella has grown into an amazing leader, student, and friend. She is kind, caring, and watches out for those around her. I will never forget the compassion she has shown to other students to support them both personally and academically." Good luck in high school!



Ethan Smith: Ethan (Smitty) is a member of the Katahdin Team. He has been a great addition to MCMS and will be missed when he goes on to high school next year! Mrs. Magnusson writes, "I always loved running into Ethan and having discussions about sports and high school. Ethan was a great worker for me and a really good leader in class. He always worked hard and cared about putting his best effort forth in P.E. and he helped others, which is even more important. I will miss running into him in the hallways and I hope to follow his high school career wherever he goes. Good luck Smitty! I'll miss you!"



Jacqueline Delacruz: Jacqueline (Jackie) is on the Royal Team. Mrs. Holland says, "Jackie is an enthusiastic and energetic young woman." Mrs. Davis says, "Jackie's energy is contagious. When put in a leadership Jackie always steps up and does a wonderful job! She is quite the athlete as well!" Jackie, we wish you the best of luck in high school, and beyond!



Eli Reynolds: Eli is on the Katahdin Team. Mrs. Mohlar says, "I will miss Eli's friendly smile in our hallways!" Mrs. Magnusson writes, "Eli was a great addition to my P.E. class. Not only was he a hard worker, he was good at everything he participated in. I enjoyed seeing him in class but really enjoyed running into him outside of the class where he would smile and say hello. Eli has a great presence about him that he gives off a positive energy wherever he goes. I will miss this energy greatly, but I'm excited to see what he does at the high school!" Mrs. Satterfield says, "Eli, I will miss laughing with you about weirdly random things or nothing at all! You added a lot of quirky to indoor activity and that you were the target in the wildest game of dodgeball ever makes me laugh to this day! Keep your sense of self! It's amazing." We will miss you, Eli!



Kelsey Ross: Kelsey is on the Royal Team. Mrs. Gyorgy writes, "Kelsey has a love of music and the gift of creating awesome artwork, both of which she shares with her friends. It has been a lot of fun to see what new drawings you have created, Kelsey! I am excited to see what you do with all of your creativity, Kelsey!" Mrs. Magnusson writes, "I loved getting to know Kelsey in class and seeing her passion for music. I enjoyed how much she enjoyed certain artists because I too loved one of her favorites. I will miss her smile and her playful attitude. I wish nothing but the best for Kelsey in high school." Have a great time in high school!



Alexandra Bero: Alexandra (Lexi) is on the Katahdin Team. Mrs. Jewett says, "Lexi has a quiet spark and quick wit, and is a true joy to have in class." Mrs. Farrin says, "Lexi is a soft-spoken, quiet, sensitive and deeply caring individual. Over the course of these past three years, it has been a joy and privilege for me to watch Lexi gain confidence within herself as an individual and in her academic efforts. In our advisee group, Lexi will oftentimes share her more passionate side, by expressing a strong sense of what is "fair", using her soft demeanor along with a glimmer of her smile and a slight side-note of her giggle." Enjoy high school, Lexi!



Rory Delano: Rory is on the Acadia Team. Mrs. Corrigan says, "Rory is a quiet student who is not shy to ask questions. She is a caring, compassionate friend and is always willing to go the extra mile for her friends." Mrs. Gyorgy says, "Rory is creative. She uses her gift as an artist to put a unique spin on class assignments. It is always fun to see what Rory will do creatively, either on her own, just for fun or in her classwork." Mrs. Roesner says, "Rory is a gentle soul who cares about everyone around her. Her smile brightens a room!"



Christian Dunlap: Christian is on the Royal Team. Christian was on the ski team all three years at MCMS. He also volunteers to coach ice skating to beginners at the Skating Association of Maine in Hallowell. Mrs. Barley says, "Christian is a very responsible, talented, kind, respectful young man. He always brings his A game to class. He is ready and prepared for any task he faces at the moment. Mrs. Tracy says, "Christian is a great young man who cares deeply about producing quality work in everything that he does. He has grown a ton as a student and is well liked by his peers. In middle school, Christian branched out to include sports in his favorite activities. He has a great smile and enjoys a good joke!" Good luck in high school!



Takota Lemelin: Takota is a member of the Katahdin Team. Mrs. Holland writes, "Takota has a great smile. He is a good sport." Mrs. Davis writes, "Takota loves to have fun and always has a go with the flow attitude." Mrs. Jewett says, "Takota is a good friend, and a caring soul. His quiet respect is admirable. I'll miss him!" We will miss you next year! Enjoy your high school experience!



Mavia Lenane: Mavia is on the Acadia Team. Mrs. Magnusson says, "Mavia was a great student for me. She always worked hard, was willing to attempt any activity and give her best effort. She is extremely fast and challenges other students to work hard. She was a "follow by example" leader in my classroom where she always did what was right. She was a great addition to that class and I will miss not having her next year. " Mrs. Roesner says, "Mavia is a writer at heart and can capture emotions with a way that moves a reader. She has a strong moral compass and can be trusted to make the best choices led by her values." Good luck, Mavia!



Charles Feagin: Charles is a member of the Katahdin Team. Mrs. Barley, his advisor, states, "Charles is an excellent language learner and a hardworking student. He has a strong knowledge of geography and history around the world. He is our current GeoBee champion at MCMS and he enriched the learning environment by adding important facts related to a country or culture we were studying at the time. He worked diligently on extra assignments in Spanish every Friday during tutorial, to improve his language skills to take the Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) in the spring. He was an active participant in class and I will miss his comments and high-level pronunciation in class. I wish Charles all the best at the high school. Good luck Charles!" Charles, you will do great in high school! Good luck!



Jasmine Lovering: Jasmine is on the Royal team. Mrs. Gyorgy says, "Jasmine is an artist and enjoys sharing her creativity and love of music with her friends. She is able to think outside the box. I hope you take advantage of the many opportunities to take classes that allow you to work with your hands at the high school, Jasmine!" Mrs. Roesner says, "Jasmine is a dancer. She finds herself moved by music. She's a 21 Pilots fan who is addicted to having fun and enjoying her friends. I'm not going to lie, it's been a challenge keeping you away from Kelsey during advisee! I'll never forget you and Zach trying to connect with one another every day. Your adventurous spirit and zest for life fill the room with palpable energy. Keep in touch, Jaz!" Have fun in high school, Jasmine!



Owen Lyons: Owen is on the Moose Team. Mrs. Satterfield says, "Owen, we can't believe your three years at MCMS are coming to an end and we wish you all the best in high school. We will miss your sense of humor and the moments of serious learning mixed with not serious fun. We really appreciate how kind you have always been to everyone on our team and we will miss your leadership! Mr. Sirois writes, "Owen is a smart, funny, polite and athletic young man. He is always wearing a smile on his face and taking the day as it comes. He always will take a moment to stop and talk hockey with me in the halls. I will miss seeing Owen around here next year." Good luck in high school- we will miss you!

Hannah McAdam. Hannah is a part of the Acadia Team. Mrs. Satterfield remembered Hannah in one of our Ugly Sweater contest days, commenting, "Best. Christmas. Sweater. Ever." Mrs. Magnusson says, "Hannah is extremely talented. I was able to have her in P.E. where she was a hard worker and gave her best effort. She was always able and willing to transition into class activities quickly and was a great listener. She always attempted everything that was asked of her and pushed herself to her full potential. I was absolutely amazed when I saw her perform on Arts Night and her musical talents took my breath away. I was in awe watching her perform and I loved her voice. Hannah is going to be successful at whatever she decides to do going forward." Mrs. Roesner says, "Hannah has the most exuberant laugh. It fills a room with joy." Good luck next year!



Maine Dept. of Ed: Technology Virtual Conference for Students- Last Chance to Sign Up!

The Maine Department of Education is excited to share that the registration for the much anticipated Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) student conference is open. The conference will be held on May 28th, in virtual format, and it is FREE to Maine students! Registration for the 2020 MLTI Virtual Student Conference is open until 5/22/20. The Conference will take place online on Thursday, May 28th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.



<https://mainedoenews.net/.../mlti-virtual-student-conference.../>



Parenting is always a big challenge but it is even more so during the pandemic. As parents, we too have stress and anxiety about work, finances, the health of our family, etc. Tapping in to resources for support, helps us to do the best we can as parents. It is the toughest job we will ever have and in my experience one that can't be done alone! I hope you find these resources helpful!

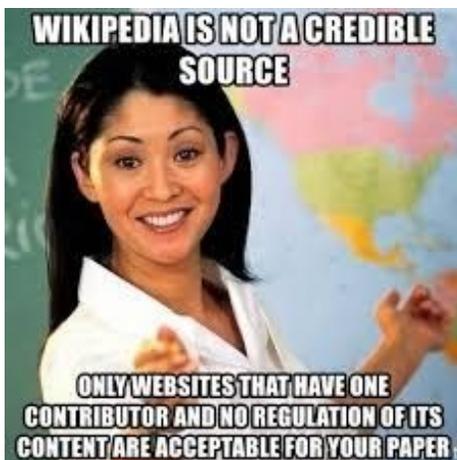
-Gwen Mohlar

<https://childmind.org/article/how-to-avoid-passing-anxiety-on-to-your-kids/>

<https://resilienceguide.org/>

Weekly Research Tech Tip for May 22, 2020

-MaryAnn Florek



The debate continues - to WIKI or not to WIKI?

Most students are using it already, even if they acknowledge that they “aren’t supposed to”! Here are a few **good reasons** to help you students to use WIKIPEDIA in a responsible way:

- Helps students identify **Keywords** for the topic they are researching.
- Wikipedia provides great **Overview/general** types of information. This lends itself well to basic fact checking.
- Entries usually contain a “**Contents**” section, which can be a good starting place to develop an outline for the research topic.
- The “**References**” section is an excellent resource for finding additional articles about the topic. Remind students to always find at least 2 more sources!



Lastly, because of the very fact that Wikipedia can be edited by “just anyone”, and has historically had some credibility issues means that it is an excellent springboard for teaching students to carefully evaluate sources, and to use their judgement!

Opportunities for Students and Families!

[A world-wide "Misinformation Challenge" from the University of Maine](#)



Join librarians at the University of Maine's Fogler Library to discern fact from fiction in popular media. Each day for 5 days, you will receive an email with one or two tasks designed to test your knowledge of the novel coronavirus, while having fun and learning something new. You'll spend time evaluating memes, doctors, news headlines, treatments, and some of the science behind the virus. Let Mrs. Tucker at amy_tucker@maranacook.com to get signed up!

[Varsity Tutors has several FREE virtual summer camps available for anyone.](#)



Most of them appear to be Monday-Friday for one week and 1-2 hours per day throughout the summer. Topics include: Kawaii (Drawing Anime & Manga), Theater Audition Tools and Tips, Photography, Video Game Design, Strategy Board Games, Health and Wellness, Writing, Songwriting, German, Minecraft, Math, and much more. [The MIDDLE SCHOOL SELECTION IS HERE.](#)

End of the School Year Student Belongings Pick Up and Laptop/ School Materials Drop Off

MCMS will be holding their End of the Year Drop Off/ Pick Up Days on June 8, 9th and 10th.

- Students will need to return any school books and their school-issued laptops and devices on this day.
- Students will also have one more opportunity to be given any belongings that were left in school.
- A lost and found will also be set up on this day, and photos of the items will be sent out in upcoming newsletters, to help families search and identify items which belong to them.

June 8, 7:30-11:30am: 8th grade (8th graders encouraged to come, if able)

June 9, 7:30-11:30am: 7th grade

June 10, 7:30-11:30am: 6th grade

**Families with more than one child at the middle school are able to pick up on one day only.*

Please communicate with your children's advisor as to what day you are coming.

8th grade families are asked to come on June 8 as there will be some special recognition!