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# Friday

## January 15th

*I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality.... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word. ~Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I want to remind you that grades close Friday, January 22nd, and report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, January 29th.

On Thursday our students listened to a presentation from Brandon Baldwin on the "Power of Words". Mr. Baldwin works out the Civil Rights Division of the Attorney General's Office. Students, staff and the Civil Rights Team will be doing follow-up activities in the upcoming weeks.

I hope you had the opportunity to attend our 7th/8th grade concert Wednesday. Our 6th grade concert is this coming Wednesday, January 20th at 7 P.M., in our cafeteria.

Our FITNESS ROOM continues to be open on most days after school (Tuesday-Friday) from 2:00 to 2:50.

CASA (Communities Against Substance Abuse) Prevention coalition at Mid Coast Hospital focuses on preventing underage drinking, high risk drinking, and prescription drug misuse and abuse. The organization would like your help by completing a Parent Survey prior to Sunday, January 17th. The survey is completely anonymous. The survey link is: <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2oi5x6yg4bhzrc3/start>

Have a wonderful weekend.....

Bud Solebello  
Principal

## 6th Grade Popham House



We have had a busy week in the Popham House. The focus this week has been the second round of NEWA testing. All the kids have been working quite diligently at these tests in an effort to find the gain they've made from the first round in the Fall. We have used the results of the first round of testing in the Fall to guide our instruction, and we'll certainly do the same with the results of this battery of tests.

Due to the testing, and the abbreviated week, we have not assigned the usual routine of homework seen to come home in a five day school week. Be assured that when the testing is finished we will resume assignments and regular activities in Math and Language Arts.

Our Literacy focus is historical fiction and the kids are all reading and doing work related to the Egyptian theme book. Please be aware that although some of the work associated with this class is done here in school, there is still a good quantity that you should see coming home as independent work.

Finally, as we fast approach the mid-way point of the school year, please do a check with your sixth grader to be certain they have an adequate supply of pencils, pens, erasers, and their expandable file still has the ability to keep their work organized. Your participation with this organizing will continue to promote success here each day.

## 6th Grade Reid House



The second week of January has come and gone already, it's hard to believe. Students continue read in the class book of Tangerine within their homerooms. This book has allowed for rich class discussions about characters, setting, conflicts, all the great story elements that make up a good plot. Students will also be able to make connections in

Science class as well.

In Science, students are finishing their research reports on soil and will begin to make the transition into ground water.

The hellenes (another work for Greeks) are busy learning about the government of ancient Greece, as well as working on their research project. By today, students should have completed one note sheet with 5 facts. They will need to complete another note sheet with 5 new facts by next Friday.

Reminder that there is no school today (teacher workshop) or Monday (observance of MLK Jr. Day). Also, next Tuesday and Thursday, students will be taking the NWEA tests in Reading and Math. This is our winter testing to see how our students are progressing in these areas.

Enjoy the long weekend!

## 7th Grade Green House



Please tune into Channel 14 to view the Public Service Announcements on our Pennies For Peace campaign. Students did a great job creating these in computer class. We have been requested to extend our collection of pennies at local businesses, as this has been very successful. Thanks to all who have helped us! On January 15th, Greg Mortenson, author of Three Cups of Tea, will be interviewed on PBS. He will be sharing insights into his new book, Stones to Schools. Please check your local listing for times. In science students are enjoying dissecting sheep hearts and lungs. Samples are being examined under the microscope - very interesting! Project Alert continues on Wednesdays. Recent topics of discussion have been the dangers of inhalants and smoking tobacco.



Reminder: Teacher workshop Day - Jan. 15th

Dr. M.L. King Day - Jan. 18th

## 7th Grade Red House



This week students took the second NWEA tests in reading and math. Once we have the results tabulated, we'll compare their scores to the ones from this fall. Hopefully they'll be well on their way toward reaching their spring goals. At any rate, afterwards we'll be writing some action steps to get there.

Several students have shown excellent precision in math and fine motor skills in following the directions to master using a sewing machine and to complete a 16-block pillow in home ec. this quarter - **Brett Hinkley, Balt von Huene, Devon Bryan, Scott Petersen, Amber Ryan, and Leslie Wyman**. The final unit is to create a floor plan using all the proper architectural symbols and to decorate a room, choosing furniture and color based on knowledge of the color wheel and color schemes.

Yesterday our students saw an important presentation about teasing and harassment in schools given by Brandon Baldwin from the Maine Civil Rights Team Project with the State of Maine Attorney General's Office. They learned that the school's harassment policy is one of zero tolerance, and that it's illegal in the state of Maine to use offensive or derogatory language that is biased and based on someone's race, religion, gender, national origin, or sexual orientation. This kind of language can lead to threats and actual violence. Immediately following, we met with our crews to debrief and conduct an activity that asked them to list reasons why students get made fun of or harassed. Those lists were very long. Then they were asked to write down if they'd ever been made fun of based on anything on that list and how it made them feel. Had they ever made fun of someone else? Feelings were shared anonymously, and at the end, everyone was asked to think about this question – if we've all been a target at one time or another, and we know how it feels, why to we continue to harass people based on their differences?



## Eighth Grade Black House

The Black House kicked off their first expedition on Thursday: The Real World: Black House. First, as a large group, students considered the the number 10, which they were finally able to figure out represented the number of jobs the average adult has in their lifetime. They also tried to come up with the definitions of "career" and "job". They spent some time taking they Myers-Briggs personality test, and discovered what their personality type is and what careers may best fit their personality. Then they took an interest inventory and found a wide range of careers, both academic and technical, that fit some of their interests. Finally, students chose a career to research based on the results of the two tests. Underwater welder, teacher, lawyer, author and military leader were just a few of the careers that students found. **Did you take an interesting path to your career that you'd like to share with students? Would you be willing to be interviewed by a student researching your career? Please contact Miss Corrigan if you'd like to be an expert for our students during this expedition.**



## Eighth Grade Purple House

We in the Purple House have just finished up our second round of NWEA testing. In Math, we will begin to look at the Pythagorean Theorem. In science the students continue their study of motion and forces.

The Purple House Students will be putting the final touches on their Leadership essays that are due at the end of the week. Ask your student to share their writing with you. Finally, a reminder that the quarter ends next Friday. With the end of the semester, the Purple House students will say good-bye to Mr Richard and hello to Ms McKeon, the Art Teacher here at BMS.

## BMS UPCOMING DATES

- Friday, 1/15 - Professional Day - No School for students
- Monday, 1/18 - Holiday - No School
- Wed, 1/20 - 6th Grade Concert in the Cafeteria, 7pm.
- Friday, 1/22 - End of Second Quarter - Grades Close
- Thursday, 1/28 - Heartwood Theatre (Mime/Movement) for 8th Grade
- Friday, 1/29 - Report Cards go home with students





## COMMUNITY NEWS

### TONIGHT!!!

Healthy Family Night a week from Friday at the Bath YMCA, 303 Centre Street



Looking for something to do as a family on Friday nights? Come to the YMCA and enjoy some fun activities that will engage the whole family! With funding provided by a Pepsi Healthy Living Grant and program support from Mid Coast Hospital, the Bath Area Family YMCA hosts Healthy Family Nights the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, from 6:00-8:00 pm, for all ages. TONIGHT the program will feature *martial arts, free swim or gym time and a healthy snack*. The focus of the evening is for parents and children to have fun together and to encourage healthy eating at home.



The event is FREE to families taking part in the activities.

For a full schedule of events, visit [www.bathymca.org](http://www.bathymca.org), or call 443-4112.



### **Winter Vacation Camp** **For 1st - 8th Grade Boys & Girls** **February 15-19, 2010**

If your child loves being outdoors, having fun, participating in hands-on activities, and playing with other kids, then this is the place to be for a week off from school. Participants may sign up for one or more days. All programs are taught by experienced teachers and naturalists at Chewonki's Center for Environmental Education in Wiscasset. Early drop-off/late pick-up is available upon request. For more information on Vacation Camps contact: Emma Carlson, Vacation Camp Coordinator, [ecarlson@chewonki.org](mailto:ecarlson@chewonki.org) 207-882-7323 ext. 153 or link to [www.chewonki.org/camp/camp\\_vacation.asp](http://www.chewonki.org/camp/camp_vacation.asp)

### **WANT TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE BMS WEEKLY AS AN EMAIL? WANT TO UNSUBSCRIBE?**

Please send an email to [dmacphee@rsu1.org](mailto:dmacphee@rsu1.org) and ask her to add or remove you.

Please be sure, if you use filtering, to allow mail from [rsu1.org](http://rsu1.org). Some service providers may block mass emails in general unless you specifically allow them. Some businesses block email as well.