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# Friday May 22th



*If only I could figure out how to make this scratch and sniff...*

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tuesday evening, twenty-nine of our seventh graders were inducted into Bath Middle School's **National Junior Honor Society**. The inducted students have exhibited outstanding character, leadership, citizenship, service and scholarship. Next year, as 8th graders, the NJHS will participate in a variety of community service projects. This year's NJHS sponsored a food drive and pennies for patients, wrote letters to troops and volunteered at the Humane Society.

I would like to commend our 8th grade National Junior Honor Society officers (**Sam Leeman, Sadie Gosse, Abigail Moore, and Danica Moore**) for their speeches on Leadership, Scholarship, Service and Character.

I would like to thank Miss Loewen, Miss Smith, Mrs. Harkins, Mr. Shatto and Mr. McGuire for their important contributions to the induction ceremony.

Congratulations to the 2009 NJHS inductees:

Elizabeth Ambler  
 Kyle Bauer  
 Kyle Bonti  
 Kelsey Brick  
 Lauren Chandler  
 Morgan Cram  
 Rachel Detwiler  
 Amy Franklin  
 Meaghan Harper

Kyle Hietala  
 Claire Keating  
 Peter Kosakowski  
 Paige Martin  
 Jacelyn McNeill  
 Charles Mills  
 Courtney Mitchell  
 Hannah Morong  
 Samuel Palicte  
 Emily Parker

Christopher Paulus  
 Kyle Perry  
 Lauren Quimby  
 Savannah Rice  
 Samantha Sprague  
 Micheal Stinson  
 Angela Sweeney  
 Joshua Valentine  
 Morgan Vigue  
 Caitlyn Ware

Bud Solebello  
 Principal

**HOUSE NEWS****6th GRADE : POPHAM HOUSE**

This morning over the ocean there was a sliver of the waning Moon so thin it resembled a baby's eyelash. Later, as a possible harbinger of the holiday weekend's new Moon, against the screen of Mrs. Welner's window here at school a Luna Moth clung resting-up from a night's explore.

Everyone in sixth grade who got the chance to see this creature before its release was left with the feeling that their day was especially blessed from the start.

Not every day begins quite so auspiciously, but nonetheless we continue to work on meaningful activities. We do have a definite date set for visiting Dike Newell school to work with the second graders, and this will be Tuesday, May 26th, the first day after Monday's Memorial Day holiday. *Please make every effort to return the necessary paperwork for this field work, and to set aside the book ahead of time your child has chosen to share with their second grade buddy.* There will be many books circulating around on this day, and afterward in the days to follow, so please consider putting your child's or the family's name inside the front cover to allow any unclaimed or lost books to be recovered.

Enjoy the long weekend. On their return to school Tuesday your student will be reviewing story elements in ELA, working with reciprocal fractions and positive and negative numbers in Math, blasting off into space in science, and wandering around Medieval Europe looking to avoid the plague and hopefully find a charter to start a guild or perhaps a town.



**6th GRADE: REID HOUSE:** Another beautiful week in May and it is already Memorial Day weekend. Please take time this weekend to remember and honor our fallen soldiers who have paid the ultimate price to preserve our freedoms in this country. Don't forget the parade on Monday morning where our own middle school band will be marching.

Our young troubadours have interviewed their chosen staff member to gather as much information as possible to be able to create a ballad. Students have been busy organizing their information, learning about rhyming patterns and meters to better aid them in their writing. They are very excited about this project.

As a thank you to Allison Freeman, who came a few weeks ago and presented ballads to our house, the students are creating thank you cards. They are researching a Maine-made product that helps our economy that will be featured on the front of the cards. Inside the card will have information about the plant, tree, etc. the product came from.

***Reminder: If you have not signed the progress report slip or the permission slip for the Music Theater, please do so and send it in with your child.***



Have a wonderful, long weekend!

BLACK HOUSE NEWS:



The Black House teachers and students would like to invite all parents to join us on Wednesday, June 3, to launch the Bath Exhibits on the Maine Memory Network. The event will begin in the Montgomery Theater at Morse High School at 6:30 with a showing of a student-created documentary that gives an overview of all the different sites that were researched during the Maine Community Heritage Project. Following the viewing, our guests will be able to check out the actual website on the Maine Memory Network. The website will be going live very soon, and students are very excited to share their hard work with the community.

*Please Join Us*

 The 7th Grade Black House students at Bath Middle School invite you to attend the community-wide celebration to launch the Bath Exhibits on the Maine Memory Network for the Maine Community Heritage Project. 

**Wednesday, June 3**                      **6:30 p.m.**

**The Montgomery Theater,  
Morse High School**

There will be a presentation of student research, followed by  
a chance to view the website.

Light refreshments will be provided.

RED HOUSE NEWS:



Red house students walked down to the tennis courts Monday morning to participate in the preliminary run-off race for the **Junior Solar Sprint**. There were approximately 28 cars in the competition, and everyone was hoping their car would come out in the top few. Peter Zack from the Maine Energy Education Program had set up the course before we arrived and explained to the students how the race would be run. Mr. Richard and Mr. Hixon assigned car numbers, and students took their places at the starting blocks, on deck, or in the hole. Mrs. Wright kept track of the race order on the board. Unfortunately, we had a cool and cloudy day, so students were forced to use battery packs instead of solar panels, which was a major disappointment. The winning cars were:

“BW” - **Duane Tardif, Sam Leeman & Logan Allen**

“Star Power” - **Sophie Mayo & Alex Montano**

“Winner” - **Chris Mixon & Jen Dolloff**

“Epic Taco” - **Matt Munster**

“Epic Zeebrah Taxzy” – **Megan Hixon**

Tops in innovative design were: “The Mystery Machine” - **Hannah Rossetti, Amanda Morton & Sierra Meszaros**; “Sprinkles” - **Tessa Lindsley, Aysia McCloud & Devon Green**; and tying for third place were “The

Silver Bullet” - Niesa Ryder, Lucy Rawson & Brooke Gilliam and “The Boom Boom Box” - Clare Tolan & Abby Moore. These cars took part in a second race Thursday, this time using the solar panels.

In other news, **Catie Luedee and Emily Buchanan** ran last week's community meeting which emphasized more positive recognition for students, teachers, and athletes. **Matt Grover** volunteered to run this week's meeting. He gave the first house-wide presentation of the slide show that the students made of the monuments and memorials visited on the Freedom Tour. Every student contributed to the information, eighteen recorded, red house BMS Special students did the singing, and Matt put the whole thing together - SEVERAL times. Everyone did an awesome job and can be very proud!

**All 8th graders will be going up to the high school for step-up day from 7:30 – 9:15 on Monday, June 8. Busses will leave promptly, so students need to be in school on time, or they will remain behind. If you do not want your child to go, please email [kroberts@rsu1.org](mailto:kroberts@rsu1.org) for the red house or [cbartlett@rsu1.org](mailto:cbartlett@rsu1.org) for the green house.**



GREEN HOUSE NEWS: Students are very busy with our Immigration : Then and Now expedition. In Language Arts, case studies of immigrants are being written based on interviews conducted last week. Portraits of our immigrant friends are being painted in Art class. Fictional narratives, reflecting the immigrant experience, are being written in Social Studies class.

Our culminating activity, **Immigration Celebration**, will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. *If you have gently used children's books you could donate to the Sudanese Refugee Committee in Portland we would greatly appreciate your donation.* A collection box will be available during our celebration evening. More information on this event will follow, but save the date!

Speaking of dates, as the end of the school year rapidly approaches, here are a few reminders:

May 27 - 7th and 8th grade concert

May 29 - selected students - Wellness Hiking Trip

June 1 -Jazz Band tour

June 8th - 8th grade Step-Up Day to Morse

June 9th - vote on school budget

June 11 - 8th grade to YMCA - 10:00 - 11:30

June 11 - Awards Night

### **From the Music Department**

We are still looking for one more person with a trucks or van to meet us behind the Library around 11:10 am after the Memorial Day parade this Monday to help us get the percussion equipment and the banner back to BMS.

The 7th and 8th Grade Concert will be on May 27th at 7:00pm. Come hear the 7/8 Band,7/8 Chorus, BMS Special and Jazz Band! Admission to all events is free.

## •8th Grade Prom

The prom is Friday 5/29 at the Senior Center on Floral St. from 7-10 pm. Paul Wolfe is the DJ. There will be no charge for the prom and it will be a great way to celebrate your moving up to high school. We are looking for a few more adults to chaperone the prom, or if you are available to help set up, decorate or clean up, please contact Heidi Howe at 504-2198 or [toonlyone@yahoo.com](mailto:toonlyone@yahoo.com)

8th graders may bring one date. Sign up sheets will be in the homerooms. Please indicate if you are bringing a date.

## From the PTSA:

We have two new officers for the PTSA!! Katrina Ringrose is our Secretary/Treasurer, and Judy Martin is now our Vice President. Congratulations and Thank You to them both!! We are still looking for someone to take over the office of President. We'd also like a staff member to take on the office of 2nd Vice President... a seat which was empty this school year. We will have one more PTSA meeting this year -- on Thursday, June 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the BMS Home Ec Room. If you are interested in becoming President of the PTSA, please contact Barbara Moore at [barbmoore01@yahoo.com](mailto:barbmoore01@yahoo.com) or 837-7736. Also, PTSA member/friends... if you donated food for the staff appreciation breakfast and left your dish/pot/pan at the breakfast, you can pick those up from the school office! Thank you!

## BMS UPCOMING DATES



- Monday, 5/25 – Memorial Day – No School
- Tuesday, 5/26 – Freedom Tour Meeting – 6:00-7:30 pm – Cafeteria
- Wednesday, 5/27 – 7th & 8th Grade Concert – 7:00 pm – Gym
- Friday 5/29 - 8th Grade Prom, 7-10:00 pm Bath Area Senior Center, Floral Street
- Monday, 6/1 - Jazz Band tour
- Thursday 6/11 Awards Night, 7:00 pm BMS Gym

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **PARKS & REC DEPT. SUMMER FUN**

It's that time of year! The Bath Parks & Rec Dept. is offering another daily Extreme Camp program for middle school students, those entering grades 6 - 8 in the Fall. It takes place at the Huse School, and features the popular beach days and trips to Splash Town, Fun Town, Aquaboggan and more.



In addition to the Extreme Camp, there are many other summer activities, such as Soccer, Field Hockey and Tennis Camp, a new Summer Track Program, plus a new Middle School Garden club program, where students will learn how to plant, weed & harvest fruits and vegetables, and about composting & organic pest control. They'll learn by working at the L.O.C.A.L. Garden, and will also have sessions with a local beekeeper. The summer/fall brochure is out now, and can be picked up at the office or at the BMS office starting next week. You can also visit the web site at: [http://www.cityofbath.com/bath\\_prcef.html](http://www.cityofbath.com/bath_prcef.html)