

## News from the Principal

It's a challenge to figure out if it's springtime or winter!

I hope you had the opportunity to attend the 6th grade Winter Concert last week. Our sixth grade band and chorus were awesome! Congratulations to student accompanist, Sophie Wilson, and to soloists: Emma Gould, Abby Minott, Sierra Wallace, Rosie Varian, Erica Guild, Caitlyn Belanger, Syrena Stevens, Andrew Barber, Brendan Young, Halley Gellatly, Zoe Pascuzzo, Whitney Durgin, and Haley Kinghorn.

We would like to congratulate Aaron Ouelette for placing 4th in the January 17th Math Meet at Saco Middle School! The seventh grade team placed 8th and the eighth grade team placed 6th in the 21 team meet. The seventh grade team was led by strong performances from Paddy Keith-Hardy, Arielle Leeman, Samantha Brown and Lily Harris.

Second quarter report cards were sent home with students today, Friday, January 27th, Please contact your child's teachers if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning.

Our successful winter sports season is winding down. Students are beginning to sign up for the annual Intramural Floor Hockey after school program. Games begin directly after February break. Staff members are beginning to get in shape for the upcoming hockey games and the students are dreaming of defeating the faculty team!

Pats? Giants?

Enjoy the weekend.....

Bud Solebello  
Principal



## HOUSE & DEPARTMENT NEWS



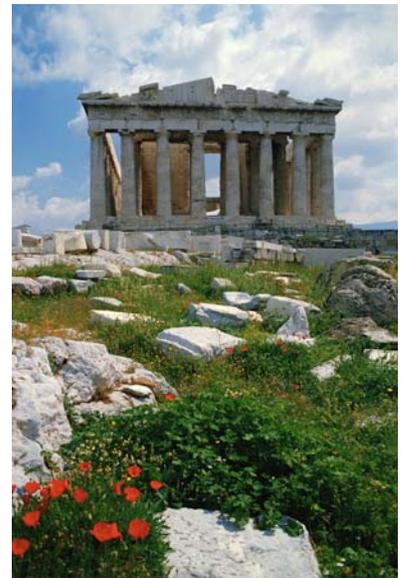
### 6th Grade Popham House

With your reading of this news we have started our third of the four quarters of the school year. We are just slightly past the halfway point of the school calendar, and though halfway might not seem too far along, it's true that the second half of the year passes much more quickly than the first. Every day there is an increase in the time the Sun hangs in the sky, and Spring will eventually make her presence known as we roll around through space and slowly tilt closer to the Sun's warmth.

Presently in math class your sixth grader is working with the concepts of fractional parts of numbers: equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, finding common denominators, and finding least and greatest common factors. Fractions tend to make sixth graders goofy. If your child is perplexed by this area of math Mr. Morin is available to help out.

The Popham House kids are now deep into the workings of Ancient Greece With its class system, mythology, religious beliefs, democratic form of government, and early Olympic games, many connections are being made between our own culture and that of Ancient Greece. Everyone has been reading myths and creating Myth Cards - picture on one side and details of the character on the other, as well as identifying important story elements of: character, setting, rising action, climax, falling action and the conclusion.

Thank you for your assistance with the work we do here at school. Please be on the watch for Spring Conference sign-up information to be coming home soon. The conferences will be in early April.



### 6th Grade Reid House

January seems to have flown by. I guess it helps with several four day weeks and a snow day. Sometimes it makes it hard to be consistent and keep the flow going in classes. One thing that is consistent, whether it is a short week or there are snow days is that students should be reading independently everyday for 30 minutes. That will not change. They should also be recording what they are reading on a reading log, but if they should find themselves without one, a piece of paper with the correct information recorded will work just as well.

We are more than half way through the school year now and your child should have their report cards for the second quarter with them. Please make sure you look at that and call or email with any concerns you may have. Also don't forget to sign the bottom portion of the report card and send it back to school so that we know you have seen it.

The week of February 13th will be here very quickly and students will need to be ready for their Ancient Greek oral presentations. Students should be working on their visual prop at

home now to ensure that it will be quality work. If your child needs poster paper, they can get some from Mrs. Jones. This project is worth 50% of their grade and they have had a lot of time to work on it. Today their last set of research facts and sources were due. The week of February 6th we will be writing out their presentations in class. Then they are strongly encouraged to practice it before the start of presentations.

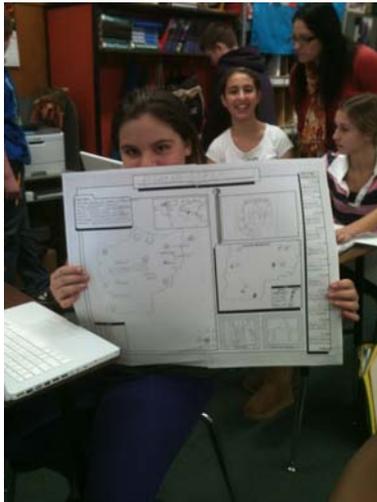
Thank you for your continued support in your child's education.



## 7th Grade Green House

Humanities classes are researching Pakistan or Afghanistan as part of our expedition, Peace Through Understanding. We have finished reading *Three Cups of Tea*, and now researching the controversy surrounding Greg Mortensen. Upon completion of the research, students will debate the allegations. This will be our first formal debate and students are looking forward to the challenge.

Report cards for 2nd quarter will go home Friday, January 27, 2012.

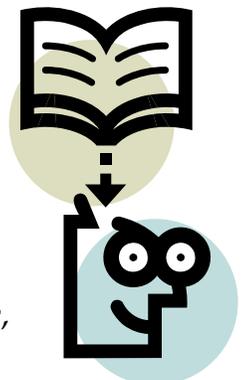


*Green House students work on their research projects of Pakistan or Afghanistan.*



## 7th Grade Red House

We just finished with the winter session of NWEA testing, and some of our students either did not make the gains in reading that we think they should have, or they slipped backward. We have also noticed that some students are unprepared when it comes time to do their book reviews. Why? They haven't read their book! Therefore, beginning Monday, January 30, all red house students will be required to keep a daily reading log that needs to be initialed by parents. A minimum of 30 minutes a night is expected. If students feel that they don't need their parent's initials, they may write a letter to their literacy teacher explaining why they think they should have special dispensation. However, they still need to do the log.



What can you do to help? We have loads of books to choose from in the humanities classroom and BMS library, but if your child is still without a book, you can help by getting him or her to the Patten Free Library, Bath Book Store, or Paperback Trader. Ask your child to tell you about what they're reading, and be a good role model by sitting down and relaxing with a good book yourself.



*Leanna, Samantha & Kelsea look over some new books.*



*Izabella checks for AR titles.*



## 8th Grade Purple House

In science we are back to physics after a short break for our genetics unit.

Students have kicked off their study of force & motion through playing the game marbles. Of course it was fun to knock out more marbles with our shooter than our partner, but it also taught us some basic principals about the motion of objects and the forces which drive this motion. Throughout our unit students will be conducting many hands-on labs to prove and explain Newton's Laws of Motion. Additionally, they will apply these physics concepts to how humans play whether on playgrounds, skiing, skateboarding, sledding, or even riding roller coasters!

Would you take 1 million dollars today, or would you take a penny today, 2 pennies tomorrow, four pennies the next day, and repeat the pattern for one month? This is the type of question the Purple House math students will ponder in the next unit, Growing, Growing, Growing. They have explored linear relationships, inverse relationships, and now they will explore exponential growth and exponential decay. The algebra students will be taking their Mid-term on Thursday and Friday this week, and next week will begin their study of solving systems of equations.

Purple House students in humanities have been busy finding examples of leadership qualities in their self-selected non-fiction books they have been reading. In literature groups, we have discovered that leaders share these qualities, but in differing amounts. Students will begin to compare themselves with their leader and planning their end of book project. Students should have completed their book and their student packet by February 6th. Students' end of book project should be completed by February 9th and 10th when they will present to the class.

**REPORT CARDS FOR 2ND QUARTER GO HOME FRIDAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



## 8th Grade Black House

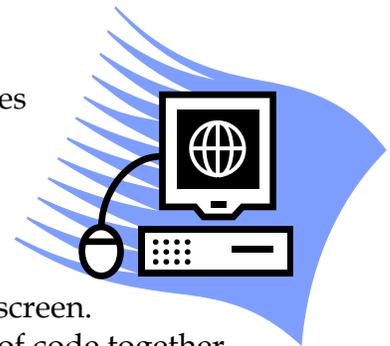
Black House students are getting used to a new teacher this week now that Mrs. Gay has started her maternity leave. Ms. Burlage will be with the Black House until Mrs. Gay returns in late April. If you have any questions about Humanities work, please contact Ms. Burlage directly at [eburlage@rsu1.org](mailto:eburlage@rsu1.org). Her phone number and extension are the same as Mrs. Gay's.

This week in humanities, students learned about what life was like during the Revolutionary War. Ms. Burlage created a PowerPoint presentation that addressed specific events during the Revolutionary War such as the Sugar Act, Stamp Act, and the Boston Tea Party. Each student has been emailed a copy of key notes from the PowerPoint presentation. Because we are reading two historical fiction books that take place during this era; *Chains* and *Forge*, having background knowledge on the Revolutionary War will only serve to support them in their readings.

The Black House Scientists have been exploring the world of chemistry and the periodic table of elements. Recently, we have been learning WHY the periodic table is organized the way it is, and the "hidden" families within it. We know which part of the periodic table has the explosive elements, the gas elements, the "happy" elements, and the other unique family characteristics. Feel free to ask a Black House student for more information about the periodic table.

As it relates to element characteristics, we have been exploring everyday foods and objects as well. We looked very closely at the ingredients, and looked at the chemical formula for the ingredients to see which elements combine to make them. By exploring the individual element characteristics, we can see that these everyday objects are actually made up of metals, gasses, powders and somehow form things that we can eat and use safely. It has been very interesting to see how chemical bonds, compounds and molecules can change the sometimes poisonous items into safe to eat and use objects. In the upcoming weeks, Black House Scientists will be exploring chemical versus physical changes, and head into how molecules, solutions, mixtures and solutions are different.

Finally, Black House Mathematicians have given computer programming a try by using the program Scratch. Long gone are the days when students have to spend an hour typing in lines and lines of commands just to make the word "hello" flash on the screen. Scratch is an excellent program that allows students to put pieces of code together in a puzzle-type fashion to create a variety of projects. Right now, students are completing one of three project options that are all related to the Pythagorean Theorem. Students are creating, animated proofs, hypotenuse calculators, or cartoons. All projects must demonstrate a strong understand of the Pythagorean Theorem as well as a basic understanding of programming. Students have been highly engaged in the project and Mrs. Feeney is very excited to see the final products next week.



# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BMS UPCOMING DATES

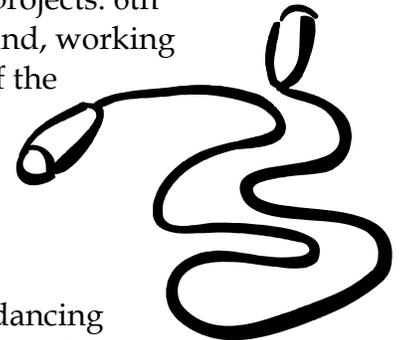
Friday, 1/27 - Report Cards go home with students  
Now - 2/3 - Coastal Humane Food Drive (Mrs. Deschaine)  
2/3 - Morse's Odyssey of the Mind Chowder Cook-Off - BMS Cafeteria - 5:00-7:00  
2/4 - Tsugaru Exchange - Carnival - 1:00-3:00 and Dinner 5:00-7:00  
3/19- 3/20 - Dental Hygiene Clinic at BMS



Please remember to call the school to let us know if your child will be absent.

## P.E. NEWS

BMS P.E. classes have been very busy lately working on a variety of projects. 6th graders were given the task of learning a variety of jump rope skills and, working with a small group, putting together a routine to present to the rest of the class. They were given 3 classes to work on the project and the presentations went very well. They discovered that jumping rope is a healthy aerobic activity that is also very inexpensive and can be done almost anywhere!

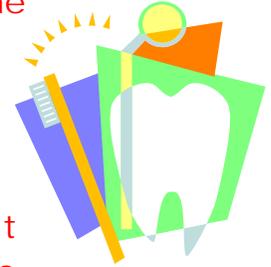


7th graders are in the middle of a dance unit that began with square dancing and will eventually have them working in small groups to create a dance from movements of their choice. Square dancing reinforces the teaching of motor patterns and requires a great deal of cooperation and teamwork in order for the dance to be successful. Students are learning a variety of movements as they progressively become more challenging as each new dance is introduced.

8th graders are taking over our jobs! Again, working in small groups, their task is to create a game that has never been played. They are being assessed on the creativity of the game, teamwork (shared work amongst the group/cooperation), a completed lesson plan that fully describes their activity and the presentation to the class. Each group will be responsible for teaching their activity to the rest of the class while also taking on the roles of officiating and class management.

The fitness room is open most days after school from 2:00 - 2:45. A schedule is posted on the fitness room door.

There will be another dental hygiene clinic at BMS, during the school days, on March 19th and 20th. If your child was already seen in the fall, he/she will be seen again for a cleaning and no additional paperwork is necessary.



If you would like your child to be seen for the first time this year, please fill out the attached permission slip and send it to the BMS office. There are also permission slips on the counter in the office.



## COASTAL HUMANE FOOD DRIVE

Mrs. Deschaine's crew is currently sponsoring a pet food drive to help the Coastal Humane Society stock their pet food pantry and take care of the animals at their facility. Some of the items that can be donated include: dog or cat food, puppy or kitten food, senior pet food, treats, toys, blankets, towels and cleaning supplies.

Donations will be accepted through February 3rd. All donations can be dropped off in room 108, Mrs. Deschaine's room. Thank you for supporting our community.

*The picture comes from [www.utterlycute.com](http://www.utterlycute.com)*

## RSU 1 SURVEY

RSU 1 is facing another challenging budget situation with decreased revenues and increased costs. It is projected that the district will need to reduce the 2012-2013 budget by approximately \$1,000,000. Considering the current budget is approximately \$25,000,000, this will represent a significant reduction that will affect programs and services. The RSU 1 Board of Directors has developed a budget survey, similar to last year, and we would ask that you take a few minutes to complete this valuable survey. Your input is valued and the Board of Directors hopes that you will continue to be involved throughout the budget process.

The deadline for completing the survey is Thursday, January 31st. Please note that this survey will only allow one respondent from an IP address. If multiple people in a household want to complete the survey but do not have access to additional computers, please visit or call the RSU 1 Central Office where your responses can be recorded manually. Thank you in advance for completing this survey.

### Save the Date!!

**All seventh grade students will be attending a 3-day, 2-night ecology based, outdoor educational experience at Ferry Beach Ecology School in Saco, Maine! This event will take place from March 21-23, 2012.**

**To cover the cost of accommodations, lessons and meals, we are asking each student to pay \$50.00. (This program usually costs \$250.00 per student).**

**We will be sponsoring additional fund-raising events to ensure no student will be excluded.**

**More information regarding this overnight adventure will follow as the date draws near.**

**You can check out Ferry Beach Ecology School at [www.fbes.org](http://www.fbes.org)**

## CAFETERIA NEWS

Healthy, low-cost Brown Bag Meals "To-Go" are available from the BMS cafeteria for all students, especially athletes for away games or field trips. Each meal costs \$2.50 and includes a hearty sandwich, 20oz. water, 4 oz. juice, fruit and a crunchy snack. Just order it the day before your event and then pick it up before 1:00 the day of the event. Meals are charged to the students account at the time of order regardless of pick-up. Order forms are available in the cafeteria.

Sarah J. Bingham, M.S.Ed  
Health Coordinator  
Regional School Unit #1



## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Mobil Food Truck Dates



(Note: Each truck is the last Tuesday of the month)

**Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

**TIME: 2:00-4:00**



## **LOCATION: Grace Episcopal Church**

1100 Washington St: Go north on Washington three blocks past the 4-way stop at North St. Just after you pass the church turn left on Edwards St, which leads to the parking lot. The Food Truck will be in this parking lot. There will be plenty of room to park in our parking lot.

**THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS ASKED.** If you need food you are welcome to come. Please bring something to put your groceries in...IT WOULD REALLY HELP.

**Join us in the church after 1:30 for a warm beverage and a snack while you wait.**





Patten Free Library, Children's Room, 33 Summer St, Bath, ME 04530, 443-5141 x16 Children's Room website <http://www.patten.lib.me.us/> Carol McFadden, Children's Librarian, 443-5141 x17 [ccmcfadden@patten.lib.me.us](mailto:ccmcfadden@patten.lib.me.us)



*The North wind doth blow and we shall have snow  
And what will poor robin do then, poor thing?  
He'll sit in a barn and keep himself warm  
And hide his head under his wing, poor thing...* (anon)



### **IPADS & EARLY LITERACY: Facilitated Classes for Parent and Child**

We will continue to offer early literacy classes for parents and children (ages 2-6), using six new iPads purchased with a generous grant from the Senter Fund in Brunswick. In these small, supervised gatherings, we'll show you and your child some of the best "apps" for teaching letters, phonics, and numbers, as well as those that build vocabulary and reading fluency. We also have some great book apps that we'll all read together. And you'll have plenty of time to explore the iPad features on your own.

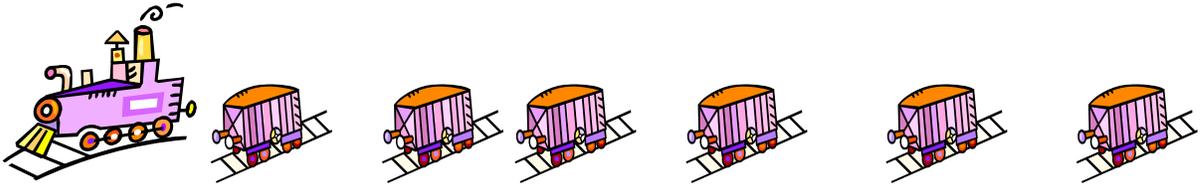
Beginning Thursday, February 16, you can come and use the iPads with your child on Tuesdays from 11:30-12:30 and Thursdays from 1:00-2:00, on a first-come first-served basis. We'll be there to help you learn the basics and find the right apps. Or, you can pre-arrange a time for your own iPad "playgroup" by contacting Roberta Jordan by phone at 443-5141 (extension 25) or by e-mail ([rjordan@patten.lib.me.us](mailto:rjordan@patten.lib.me.us)).

## **wee bee yoga!**

Join us, **Thursday, Feb 2, 10:30am** in our Storytime Room, for a Family Yoga Program with Amy DelaTerre of Wee Bee Yoga. This will be a fun and engaging children's yoga play session for older babies to preschool-age children, along with their caregivers. We will move and stretch our bodies, share songs, hear stories, and explore playful movement activities and yoga poses inspired by nature, animals, and the world around us. No previous yoga experience is needed, and children and adults should wear comfortable clothing that they can easily move around in. Older and younger siblings are most welcome to attend this program. No registration required.

✚ Amy DelaTerre has been sharing yoga with people of all ages for over a decade. She is a Kripalu-certified yoga instructor, and has completed teacher-training programs in Children's Yoga with Shakta Kaur Khalsa, creator of The Radiant Child Yoga Program, and Prenatal and Postpartum Yoga with De West of The Yoga Workshop. Amy received her MA degree in Environmental Leadership and Contemplative Education from Naropa University. Her thesis project was the completion of a book entitled Yoga for Wholeness: An Exploration of Yoga as Holistic Education. Before having her own children, Amy was a preschool teacher for many years. She lives in Bath with her husband and two young boys, and teaches two weekly Family

Yoga Classes at Bath Dance Works, on Mondays at 3:45-4:45pm, and on Tuesdays at 10:15-11:15am. Visit [www.weebeeyoga.com](http://www.weebeeyoga.com) for more info about Amy's local class.



All Aboard...**The Maine 3 Railers Model Train Club** will be here all day time, during February vacation week, Feb 21, 22, 23, and 24, for a special show and tell. Electric train displays will take over the Storytime Room and "engineers" will be on hand to talk about their exciting collections. All ages.



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**STORYTIMES** program runs throughout the school year with a December and June break. It's a wonderfully fun way to teach your child early socialization and literacy skills. Each age appropriate program is thoughtfully prepared and no registration is required. Parents and caregivers have a chance to make and meet friends, too! After Storytimes, you're welcome to stay and read to your children or play with our castles, pirate ship, blocks, puzzles, Legos, and storybook character toys. Climb aboard our little red sailboat, *Time of Wonder*, built in collaboration with the Library and the Maine Maritime Museum, by area children and master boat builders. While you're here, get a library card and check out some wonderful books to bring home.



**Tuesdays with Miss Jessica** ~ 10:30am-11:15am

Stories & Crafts for young ones, with volunteer, Jessica Mahnke.



**Book Babies** ~ Wednesdays, Feb 1, 8, 15 & 29, 10:30am,

Gather with your little ones (babies & toddlers), for twenty minutes of fun rhyming stories, finger plays & songs. Children's author, Rosemary Wells says, "*Read to your bunny often. It's twenty minutes of fun. It's twenty minutes of moonlight, and twenty minutes of sun.*"



**Time for Twos** ~ Thursdays, Feb 2, 9 & 16, 10:30am-11:00am

Join the circle of little two year old friends and enjoy short stories, songs & puppets



**Preschool Storytimes** ~ Fridays, Feb 3, 10 & 17, 10:30am-11:15am

Join the fun reading adventure for three to five year olds with stories, songs, puppets & crafts.





**KIDS' BOOK CLUB**, Tuesdays, Feb 7, 14 & 28, 4:00pm-4:45pm, ages 9 & up

We're reading ***The Day of the Wave***, a gripping story of courage, by local author, Gina Hamilton who will join Book Club, Feb 14. Here's what it's about... "*On the day after Christmas, in 2004, an earthquake and tsunami devastated the island of Sumatra, Indonesia, especially the northern Banda Aceh region. This book, written for the 9-12 age market, follows the story of Merpati, a 12-year-old girl, separated from her parents and sister, and responsible for the care of a tiny orphan and an ancient blind villager, as she tries to keep them all alive, while refusing to give up hope of seeing her cherished family again in the grim days that followed the day of the wave. Day of the Wave is a coming of age story in a very complex and difficult setting. It also offers young people and teachers a strong multicultural component about daily life for villagers, especially girls and women Sumatra*". **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



***Building a better Bath...*** The Morse Mentors, a mentoring group from Morse High School, are available, afterschool, 2:30pm - 4:30pm, to help elementary and middle school students with homework. Kyle Hietala, a Morse High School sophomore honors student, summer camp counselor, and energetic tutor, is our enthusiastic leader who has brought this new program to fruition. His tutoring will emphasize mastery of material, and its practical applications to the real world, including reading, writing, math, even music writing! Other high school students have joined **Morse Mentors** and are ready to help your child. We will select the suitable mentor match for your child. All tutoring takes place in the Children's Room's new *Home Work* section. Mentors will meet the parent before the tutoring begins and apprise the parent with the tutoring progress. For further information and to register your child, please contact Carol in the Children's Room.



**Exploring Art Series** with Carol McFadden ~ Wednesdays, 4:00pm-4:45pm

This a hands-on art history program in which children, ages 6-11, recreate their own versions of the masters' works of art & explore craft techniques of world art. Limit 12, **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**.



**Feb 1 ~ The Color Power of Henri Matisse.** This French Fauvist painter was known for his rich, bright colors, fanciful patterns, flattened abstract forms, and graceful lines. Scissors, paper & glue will be used.



**Feb 8 ~ Egyptian Hieroglyphics, Picture Writing.** Ancient Egyptians left stories on their pyramid walls. What is a mummy, a scarab, a shawabtis, a sarcophagus? Come & explore the meaning behind these ancient artifacts as we investigate

them by drawing pictures on “papyrus” scrolls.

**Very Hungry Caterpillar.** Explore the art of distinguished children’s book illustrator Eric Carle by painting a wall mural.



**Feb 15 ~ Beyond the**



**Feb 29 ~ George-Pierre Seurat’s Dots.** Learn about the Neo-Impressionism art style by using his Pointillism technique. Ink pad paint will be used.



- ✚ **Chess Club** meets **Fridays**, 3:30pm-4:30pm, ages 7-11  
Join enthusiastic chess leader, Nathaniel Rines, along with beginners and seasoned chess players. We supply the chess sets. If you’d like, bring a snack. No registration required.
- ✚ **Lego League** meets **Tuesdays**, 3:30pm-4:15pm, for ages 6+  
A few things to know...our Lego Leader is Matt Boyle, a high school junior; bring your own Legos in a bin; either bring your finished work home at the end of each session or leave it in our display case for a short time. If you’d like, bring a snack. No registration required.
- ✚ **Learn Italian** for children ages 6 & up, **Thursdays**, 3:30pm-4:30pm, with Morse High School exchange student, Ruyao Zhou who likes to be called Zhou, pronounced Zoo. She was born in China, raised in Italy and is currently a senior at Morse High School. Your child will learn Italian words, numbers, songs and basic communication. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**
- ✚ **Homeschool Time** ~ **Thursdays**, 1:00pm-2:00pm,  
All homeschooling families are welcome to join other homeschoolers in the Children’s Room at the Patten Free Library. The goal is to offer a place of connection, to have fun, to learn new things using the resources of the Library, and to socialize with other area homeschooled families. Drop by and see what happens. Please pass the word☺

**“Do We” Really Know Dewey? Children’s Library Class, Feb 2, 1:00pm-2:00pm.**

Need help locating books in the library? Have fun while learning about how books are arranged on the library shelves with the Dewey Decimal System. Your child will learn some important searching skills by looking up items in the MINERVA Library Computer Catalog. Group classes for other days and times may be arranged. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**



✚ **Pictorial Haiku**, Thursday, Feb 2, 3:30pm-4:30pm, ages 7+

Let's learn about Haiku through words and pictures! Children will pick a word out of a hat; draw a picture of the word; and write words to describe the picture. Then, they'll add the words into the picture to create a pictorial haiku. There are no rhyming words in haiku, and each 3-line verse has only 17 syllables or less! The three lines are often arranged so that the first line has five (5) syllables, the second line has seven (7) syllables, and the third line has five (5) syllables. This is called the 5-7-5 rule. **Haiku does not always follow the 5-7-5 rule.** But to be haiku, the verse must express a thought, feeling or mood. The verse cannot be composed of more than 17 syllables; it cannot have more than 3 lines; and it cannot rhyme. Here's an example... Snowflakes *by* Kaitlyn Guenther

Snowflakes are our friends (5)  
They descend when winter comes (7)  
Making white blankets (5)

**VACATION WEEK ~ FAMILY FILMS** (upstairs in the Community Room on the big screen!)



**WINNIE THE POOH** (rated G; 63 minutes; 2011) **Wednesday, Feb 22, 2:00pm**

"This all-new movie reunites audiences with the philosophical "bear of very little brain" and friends Tigger, Rabbit, Piglet, Owl, Kanga, Roo-and last, but certainly not least, Eeyore, who has lost his tail. It's business as usual in the Hundred Acre Wood. Pooh wakes up absolutely famished, but has no honey. That sets him out on his journey, which is derailed when he finds a note from Christopher Robin that reads: "Gone out. Busy. Back soon." But when Owl misinterprets the note, the whole gang is on a wild quest to save Christopher Robin from the imaginary culprit. It turns out to be a very busy day for a bear who simply hoped to find some honey."



**CARS 2** (rated G; 113 minutes; 2011) **Friday, Feb 24, 2:00pm**

"Star racecar Lightning McQueen, and the incomparable tow truck, Mater, take their friendship to exciting new places when they head overseas to compete in the first-ever World Grand Prix to determine the world's fastest car. But the road to the championship is filled with plenty of potholes, detours and hilarious surprises when Mater gets caught up in an intriguing adventure of his own: international espionage. Torn between assisting Lightning McQueen in the high-profile race and towing the line in a top-secret spy mission, Mater's action-packed journey leads him on an explosive chase through the streets of Japan and Europe, trailed by his friends and watched by the whole world".



# Japanese Celebration Weekend February 2-5, in Bath!

A weekend of exciting events for families, children, and adults is planned in honor of Bath's Sister City relationship with Tsugaru, Japan. Experience Japanese culture close to home! Many events are free or pay what you wish. For detailed information, or weather cancellations, visit the website at <http://bath-tsugaru.org>> Schedule highlights include:

**Thursday, Feb.2, 7-9 p.m.:** Movie:*Shall We Dance?* Refreshments and homemade desserts. Donations accepted. Winter Street Center, 800 Washington Street.

**Friday, Feb. 3, 7-10:30p.m.:** *Seven Samurai*. Classic Japanese movie, the basis of the later film, *The Magnificent Seven*. Refreshments and homemade desserts. Donations accepted. Hampton Inn, 140 Commercial Street.

**Saturday, Feb. 4: Activities all day for the whole family!**

**8-11a.m.:** **Starlight Cafe Benefit Breakfast.** Yummy American breakfast food!

**1-3p.m.:** **Family Carnival** with carnival games, Japanese crafts and activities, martial arts demo and dragon parade. Refreshments. Donations accepted. Bath Middle School Cafeteria.

**5:30-7 p.m.:** **Benefit Japanese Dinner.** Delicious Japanese food, gift basket raffles. Tickets: Advance \$5, \$20 max per family at Now You're Cooking till Wed., Feb. 1. Door \$7, \$25 max per family. Bath Middle School Cafeteria.

**7-8 p.m.:** **Celebrity Sumo Wrestling and Bowdoin College Taiko Drumming Group.** Two amazing Japanese traditions come to Bath for a fun family evening of entertainment! Celebrity wrestlers in giant Sumo suits include BMS and Morse staff, Randy Hixon vs. Matt Hamilton, Scott Walker vs. Charlie Bingham, community celebs Joe MacMahan vs. Jason Gibbons (White Shadow), and students Ann Tolan vs. Noa Sreden (BMS), and Max Rawson vs. Ethan Mattice (Morse). Bowdoin Taiko combines huge drums, rhythm, dance, and music. Plus a chance to play Japanese Bingo between Sumo matches! Pay what you wish. Bath Middle School Gym.

**Sunday, Feb. 5: 12-5 p.m. Gardening, Geisha, Green Tea, and More!** An afternoon of Japanese activities geared toward a wide range of interests. Come for any or all! All sessions are free.

**Noon-1pm:** "Creating Japanese-Inspired Gardens in Maine"

**1-1:45p.m., or 2:15-3p.m.** Green Tea Ceremony. Call Patten Free Library, 443-5141 to reserve a space.

**3-4 p.m.** "Geisha: It's Not What You Think It Is" Book discussion. FMI: <http://bath-tsugaru.org>>, or Patten Free Library, 443-5141.

**4-5p.m.** Haiku Workshop. Reading, discussion, and opportunity to write your own!

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