

Friday October 31



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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to thank all of you who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences. It was nice seeing your child joining you for the conferences. If you have any ideas on how conferences can be improved for you and your child please email me at solebello@rsu1.org with your suggestions. Please remember that you can contact your child's teacher at any time during the school year if you have any concerns about their academic progress. **First quarter grades close on November 7th, and report cards are scheduled to go home with students on November 14th.**

We have three community members who are interested in joining our school's School Advisory Group. There is still time to submit an application for membership on the SAG. Our first meeting will occur prior to Thanksgiving. If you misplaced an application, and would like one, please call me at 443-8270 X 414.

Last week I introduced our school's "Habits of Work" in the newsletter. Over the next few weeks I will detail the Habits:

If a student is a **clear and effective communicator** he/she communicates with parents about his/her education, listens when others speak and asks for help when needed.

A student who is a **self-directed and life-long learner** is prepared for class, participates actively in class, meets assignment deadlines, keeps trying when the work is difficult and is able to work independently.

If you haven't already, make sure you ask your 6th grader about their Chewonki experience. Talk with a Red House 8th grader about what they learned during their fieldwork examining memorials in Bath. Ask a 7th grade Purple House student about their PSA and editorials on "WHY VOTE?" Finally, if your child attended the Wellness Hike at Bradbury Mountain yesterday, have a conversation with them about their experience.

In closing, I would like to thank our Student Council and advisor, Lisa Smith, for arranging this past week's **Red Ribbon Week: Drug Free** activities.

Sincerely,

Bud Solebello

Principal

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

We have had a busy week in the Popham House. Along with being a bit tired from our week at Chewonki, we also squeezed in the parent - student conferences Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon which were postponed due to our time away last week. Thank you to all who made it in to school to discuss the progress these great kids have made so far this year. We appreciate your involvement. Now, perhaps we got a little too close to nature last week, or, the

"nesting" instinct has begun to kick in due to the colder weather, whatever reason, it has begun. What's it? "It", is the habit that kids in sixth grade develop, about this time of year, of lining their bags and lockers and planners with papers (similar to a squirrel using leaves and soft fur to line its nest). All these loose papers are now starting to dribble out of the planners, and the lockers, and swish around in the bags, causing no end of trouble and strife. The best place for all this work is either in the expandable file organized by subject, or, if it is not needed any longer, store it at home or recycle the stuff. Please take some time, each week, to organize the bag and the planner - and we will work on the locker here at school - so your student remains well prepared with their materials managed in a pro-active way. With this help from you, the work we are doing in science with our Chewonki reflections, in math with place value, in ELA with biographies, and in social studies with geography and early civilizations, will continue to stay organized and ready for presentation when due.


**6th GRADE: REID HOUSE**

Back from a wonderful week at Chewonki. Our students put into motion the design principles they had learned about through their anchor text, The Acorn People. Students reflected upon their experience and how they demonstrated the design principles through activities at Chewonki. We have been busy finishing up our culminating activity that ties the anchor text and the students Chewonki experience. Your child will be sharing this with you during their parent/teacher conferences. Conferences will be held on Wednesday November 19th from 1:15-5:15pm and Thursday November 20th from 1:15- 7:15pm. Notices about conferences and sign up times went out this week, please check with your child if you have not seen this. We look forward to seeing you soon.

7th GRADE BLACK HOUSE:.

Why is Bath so historic? Did we really have a jail in town? Is Miss King really related to William King, the first Governor of Maine? These are all questions that Black House students had about Bath before we began the **Maine Community Heritage Project**. After taking two trips to the library, though, students began to find answers to many of their original questions. During a 45-minute activity with Mr. Meserve, students were given the opportunity to record the new facts they had learned about Bath as well as ask new questions they may now have about this city. Curiosity prompted many of these new questions after looking at the City of Bath Assessor's Data Base. Students were able to learn about different land owners, the value of different properties around Bath, and they were able to see a current footprint of their assigned property. Why did they change the name of Bath? Why was the Customs House vacant for many years in the 70s? These are all new questions that students are wondering.

7th GRADE PURPLE HOUSE:

 The world premier of the purple house students' "Why Vote?" public service announcements **aired on Bath Public Access TV channel 14** on Tuesday this past week. If you have not seen them yet, tune into channel 14 before next Tuesday and don't forget to vote.

The Times Record


timesrecord.com
Maine's Mid-coast Starts Here

Also, **student editorial letters to the Times Record**

will be published in the next three editions of the paper (plus yesterday's). The letters are encouraging everyone eligible to vote, to get to the polls and cast their vote for the future.

Finally, students have participated in a nationwide mock election. Next week they will be analyzing the election results for the Bath area to see if voter participation has increased in this election.

8th GRADE RED HOUSE:


 For the last couple of weeks in social studies, we have been focusing on the Presidential election. Students have learned about the election process, candidates' platform issues and the electoral college and have generated amazing campaign posters.

As a way for the students to meet the candidates, they were asked to find a political current event article, read it, and present a visual as an explanation of their topic. Unfortunately, a majority of the students did not meet the standards on that visual presentation. However, after re-teaching 'poster' protocol, their next assignment was to create a 'campaign' poster. ALL students stepped up to the *platform* and produced colorful, informative and creative posters with their choice for President loud and clear! The posters are fantastic! We are very proud of the Red House students' success.

On Monday, we will hold a 'convention' as a last effort to persuade classmates and others to vote for the candidate of (student's) choice. This will also be our celebration for a job well done!!

Students will be bringing home some fundraising materials on Friday. The fund raiser helps to fund many of our activities during the school year.

8th GRADE: GREEN HOUSE

 Please check your mail for a letter regarding 8th graders being able to take their laptops home. All information is included - please return the signed form to school ASAP.

Homework is now being posted on the Green House website. This will be updated weekly. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us. Our website is: <http://www.bms.rsu1.org/GreenHouseHW.html>

Our EL kickoff took place on Oct. 30th. Please ask your child what they have been doing in each class regarding this expedition.

Students voted in the Mock Election sponsored by the Youth Leadership Initiative. Feel free to discuss the candidates and issues as they have just completed a five paragraph essay on this topic in LA.

Our annual fund raiser has been approved. Look for a packet and information letter to come home soon.

From the Music Department

Chaperones Wanted!



The 6th grade Band will be headed to Dike/Newell to perform on Tuesday, December 16th. We will be leaving at 9:30 am, performing at 10:00 and will head out to lunch and be back at school around 11:30 am. We would love to have two parents come with us! If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Kenison at rkenison@rsu1.org, or send a note in. It will be great fun!

BMS NOTICES

- The BMS **Civil Rights Team** will have their first meeting on Wednesday, November 5 at 2:00 in room 310. This is a student organization - one of 233 teams across the state - which works together towards making positive changes in the school's climate. The group will meet bi-weekly on Wednesdays. Mrs. Clark, Ms. Curry, and Mrs. Wells will be focusing the group as they plan activities that will meet their mission, "...to increase the safety of students and reduce the incidence of bias-motivated harassment and violence in schools." A community member is also needed as an advisor to the team. If you are interested, contact Mrs. Clark, mclark@rsu1.org. Encourage you student to attend.
- Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time at the **Scholastic Book Fair** last week, as well as those who showed their support by giving their students money to spend. We made a profit of \$950 to support literacy at the middle school. Most of this was taken in new books for the BMS library and language arts classroom libraries.
- Did you know BMS has a free after school program that encourages fun and fitness? **The BMS Wellness Program** is a highly popular program that offers activities for middle-schoolers from skiing to ultimate frisbee to mountain climbing! (Yesterday the first intrepid group climbed Bradbury Mountain.) For most programs, no sign up or notes are necessary....just come after school (students need to provide their own transportation home). The program is staffed by volunteer teachers.



Coming up this month:



Ultimate Frisbee

(no sign ups necessary, meet at the field after school)

2-3pm

Nov. 5, 6, 12, 13, 14

Flag Football

(no sign-ups necessary, meet at the field after school)

2-3pm

Nov. 18, 19, 20



• Please note that Tuesday November 4th, Election Day, is a Teacher Workshop Day. **There is no school for**

students. The polls at BMS are open for voting from 9am until 8 pm. The PTSA bake sale will be in full and yummy swing in the Lobby!

- Parents: FYI

Signs and Symptoms: Specific Substances

If you notice unexplained changes in your child's physical appearance or behavior, it may be a sign of substance use – or it could be a sign of another problem. You will not know definitively until a professional does a screening.

There are a number of signs related to particular substances. These can vary in intensity, depending on level of intoxication.

Sources: Join Together, The Partnership for a Drug-free America

Find out more! Visit www.accesshealthme.org

Signs of Alcohol Intoxication

Slurred speech or difficulty expressing a thought intelligibly
 Lack of coordination, poor balance
 Can't walk a straight line
 Can't focus on your eyes
 Red eyes or flushed face
 Morning headaches, nausea, weakness, or sweatiness
 Odor of alcohol on breath or in sweat

Signs of marijuana use

Bloodshot eyes (or bottles of eye drops to clear up red eyes)
 Smell in hair or on clothing (sweet, pungent odor)
 "Munchies" or sudden appetite
 Wetting lips or excessive thirst (known as "cotton mouth")
 Burned or sooty fingers (from "joints" or "roaches" burning down)
 Seeds left in devises used to clean marijuana (Frisbees are a typical tool used for this purpose) or items used as makeshift smoking devices (bongs made out of toilet paper rolls and aluminum foil for example)

Signs of inhalant use

The types of inhalants used might be found in your household, such as glue, paints, paint thinners, White Out, gasoline, and aerosol chemicals. If you notice these items missing from their proper place or suddenly emptied, it could be a sign someone is using these substances.

Aggressive or hostile behavior
 Violent outbursts
 Moves slowly, as if lethargic ("drugged" appearance)
 Slurred speech
 Inability to focus
 Stupor
 Lack of coordination
 Seizures
 Vomiting
 Trouble moving

BMS UPCOMING DATES

- Tuesday November 4: **Election Day** *No School*
- Friday November 7: **1st Quarter Grades Close**
- Friday November 14: **1st Quarter report cards go home**
- Wednesday Nov. 19 and Thursday November 20: **Reid House Parent-teacher Conferences**
- Thursday, November 20th: **PTSA meeting**, 6:30 pm, Home Ec room.

COMMUNITY NEWS

• Betsy Varian, the proprietor of **Betsy's Hair Salon** (just opposite the Holiday Inn in Bath) is offering a great way for her shop to give back to the community.

With any kid's \$12 haircut, Betsy's will ask where you would like a \$1 donation to be sent. They will keep a list of peoples' chosen organizations, and at the end of the school year, will send a check in the total amount to each organization (PTAs, PTOs, Sports, Band, Karate, Dance Teams, etc.). If you have no preference,



how about naming the Bath Middle School PTSA, which is always working to make the school a better place to be? This program does not require any special coupon or flyer -- just let them know you heard the news of their donation to the community program. This will go on through the school year. Betsy's Hair Salon, 94 Richardson St Bath 443-1123



• **Tomorrow!** **Benefit Breakfast for Art Van at Starlight Café - in conjunction with Bath Early Bird Sale.** This Saturday, November 1st, from 7am-11am ArtVan will be at Starlight Café on 15 Lambard Street in Bath. A percent of all food sales will go to our program! Yea! Our benefit coincides with Early Bird, a HUGE sale that starts at 5:30am. Most all of the downtown businesses participate. So come shop and then stop at Starlight for a yummy breakfast to

benefit the ArtVan!

Adventures at Huse
Free Family Activities
1st and 3rd Saturdays

**9 a.m. to noon at the Huse School,
 39 Andrews Rd., Bath**

Tomorrow

Nov. 1: Drawing and Sketching: Betty King offers free instruction and inspiration for all budding artists.

Call 386-5151 for details or visit www.adventuresathuse.com

**Heartwood Regional Theater Company
 Presents *Thoroughly Modern Millie***

This jazzy, high-spirited youth musical will delight all ages! *Thoroughly Modern Millie* is presented in collaboration with Lincoln Academy and is sponsored by Chesterfield Associates of Westport Island.

Show dates are: Nov. 7, 8, 14, 15, 20, 21, & 22 at 7:00 p.m.
 & Nov. 16 at 3:00 p.m.

All shows are at the Parker B. Poe Theater on the Lincoln Academy campus in Newcastle.

Tickets are \$10 for students through high school and \$15 for adults. All seating is general admission.

For information or reservations, call the Heartwood Box Office at 563-1373 or email heartwoodrtc@roadrunner.com

come see BMS alumna Sarah Winglass!

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