



# SANDPIPER NEWS



7 School Lane | Kittery Point, ME | Marcelle Durost, Principal

## Important Dates

### March

26-27 - Dental Clinic

### April

4 - Early Release @ 2 pm

5 - Tell me a Story @ 3 pm

11 - Kindergarten Registration

Appointments, 8:30-2:30

13 - No School, Professional  
Development Day

16-20 Spring Break

26 - PBL Parent Advisory Meeting



## Seacoast Science Center

Did you know that lobsters swim backwards, that starfish can grow new arms and that barnacles adapt to the tide by staying open in high tide and closed in low tide? These are some of the facts that the first graders learned when they visited the Seacoast Science Center this week. All students had hands on encounters in the touch tank with sea stars, sea urchins, hermit crabs and other creatures that live on the rocky shore just outside the Centers door. They learned how light and temperature effects different ocean habitats from choral reefs to deep blue ocean. Best of all they got dress up and go fishing from a real lobster boat



## Being on Time to School

It is very important children are to school by 8:15. This helps your child enter the day with their peers, have breakfast if they prefer, and do the morning check in with their teachers. There are a lot of daily activities that happen within the first 15 minutes children come to school. If children are late, this makes it hard for them as well as their teacher for instruction has begun. We are asking parents to please have your child here by 8:15 - Thank you!

## 120 days smarter!

1st grade celebrates 120th day of school



## Classroom Placement

### 2018-19 School Year

Can you believe it is time to think about next year's placement? As we begin the process of placing students into classroom for next year we need accurate data about our enrollment. If you are planning on moving in the near future, would you please take the time to complete the form that is your child's Red Folder. We have also attached this form in our newsletter for your convenience. We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.

## Parent Teacher Conferences:

### April 5th and April 11th

Teachers will be reaching out to parents to set up Parent/Teacher Conferences. We are scheduling conferences for Thursday April 5th and Wednesday April 11 from 3:40-6:40. Report Cards will be sent home March 26th for the 2nd trimester for grade 1-3. This is a great time to connect with your child's teachers to see how they are doing and how you can support them at home!

## 3rd Grade State Testing

### MEA Testing March 26-April 3rd

Third graders will begin Monday, March 26th participating in the annual Maine Educational Assessment (MEA). Students will take one section of the assessment daily with their classroom teacher. The assessment is given on-line so some students will be in the computer lab while other classes will test in their classroom with laptops. It is important students are well rested and have a good breakfast to do their best. We take this testing very seriously and want our students to do the best. We do not want students to feel stress about testing. We just ask them to do their best and try their hardest. We share with students that some questions they will find easy while others may be challenging and to just do their best. Teachers are sharing practice items with students to help them feel more comfortable and prepared for the assessment. It is important for you child to be present for this assessment. We start March 26, Monday and will complete testing Tuesday, April 3rd. Make up sessions will be April 4-6th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the main office or your child's teacher.

## Lab reports in Mrs Dowd's Class

Believe it or not this was our writing workshop this week! It was a great blend of science and writing. We wrote lab reports for trials we were conducting with ramps and cars.





March 2018



Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents:

Our annual Arts Fair Week is coming up Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Every year 3<sup>rd</sup> graders get a special artist in residence that works with students for 45 minutes every school day, during arts week. This year we are fortunate to have local choreographer Sarah Duclos working with students and Mrs. D'Arezzo to perform a choreographed song and dance to various Disney songs.

The week concludes with a concert on **Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM** in the Mitchell School all-purpose room. This will also be when the **3<sup>rd</sup> grade chorus** performs the two pieces they have been working on every Monday and Wednesday morning. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will perform this same concert Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:40 PM for the rest of the school (grades K-2).

The concert dress is to be determined at this time, since we may have the performers dress in colors based on their Disney song.

Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
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March 26, 2018

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Sincerely,

*Marcelle Durost*  
Marcelle Durost, Principal

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WE ARE PLANNING TO MOVE AWAY FROM KITTERY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

OUR PROJECTED DATE FOR LEAVING IS ON \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO OUR OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**