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"Where Life is Good!"



### THINGS TO REMEMBER

#### SCHOOL HOURS:

School Hours are 8:10 am - 3:10 pm  
Doors open at 8:10 am. For the safety of your students, please do not drop them off at school before 8:10am. Thank you!

#### PHONE NUMBERS:

582-6268(School Office)  
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We'd love to hear from you!

### A Note From Your Principal

It just doesn't seem possible that it's already the month of October. In addition, we have been in school for well over a month. Before you know it we will begin to see the white "stuff" dropping from the sky.

On October 9, we will be practicing a school wide evacuation to the Pittston Town Office. We did this last year with the help of the Pittston fire Chief, Jason Farris and his crew. They will accompany us again, along with State Trooper, Greg Stevens. It is always helpful to have advice from our experts in the field. Trooper Stevens is also reviewing our crisis plan, as we are always looking for ways to improve. I am sure it will be a successful and informative evacuation.

Our fifth graders head to Chewonki on October 6, for a great day of physical and mental challenges, that emphasize and reinforce team work. I have been invited to join them this year and have accepted their invitation. It should make for an interesting day!

Next week is Fire Prevention week. All of our students will have the opportunity to meet with our fire chief, Jason Farris. There is a smokehouse and muster station set up for various grades. It is a lot of work and we are grateful for the volunteers that make this successful.

Progress reports will be sent home to all students on Friday, October 17. Since we have moved to trimesters this year, students will receive progress reports at the mid trimester point.

Our PTG fundraiser ends on Wednesday, October 8. Please be sure to send in your packets by the 8th. Also mark your calendar for the annual PTG Cropfest on October 18 from 9-4 at GRHS.

Until Next Time.....

Shelly Simpson

### Student News!

Wednesday, October 1, the Town of Pittston and Spirit of America organization recognized Deanna Plaisted as a youth hero for her contribution of 13" of her hair to Locks of Love. Many other townspeople were honored at the ceremony that was held at the Community Hall on the Pittston Fairgrounds. Deanna is in Mrs. Rowe's 4th grade class.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### REMINDER

10/10 - DISTRICT WORKSHOP

10/13 - COLUMBUS DAY

10/6 Chewonki Trip - Gr 5  
10/6 & 9 Fire Prevention  
10/10 Staff Workshop - No School  
10/13 Columbus Day - No School  
10/28 Portland Symphony - Gr 4  
11/10 Staff Workshop - No School  
11/11 Veterans Day - No School

If your child is sick and will not be in school, please call the office and let us know(582-6268). You can also email us at:

jpelletier@msad11.org(Wed-Fri)  
mwells@msad11.org(Mon-Tues)

Thank you!



## IMPORTANT



We will be having an Emergency Evacuation Drill on Thursday, Oct 9th. If you have any questions please call us at 582-6268



## PICTURE RETAKE DAY



Picture retakes have been scheduled for 10/22/08. If you would like your child to have their photos redone please be sure they have their photo packages with them on this day!

## PTG News!



Thanks to all who attended our October meeting. It was a great turnout and we saw a few new faces. We would love to see more at our November 5th meeting!

o October 8th - Meadow Farms fundraiser packets are due back to school. Be sure your child's name, teacher and grade are on the order form. Please send both copies with payment in full for your entire order. One copy will be returned to you with your order. Orders are due to come back mid-November.

o October 18th - Croptoberfest - An all day scrapbook event to raise money for Pittston School. If you need another registration form, please let us know.

o Coming soon - The PTG will be taking orders for Pittston School t-shirts and sweatshirts. Order forms will be sent home with students at the end of October. This is a great way to shop for family Christmas gifts.

o Ongoing fundraisers - Hannaford Helps Schools, Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Labels for Education, and Red Sox Tops. The Red Sox Tops program ends October 31st so please turn in your tops.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

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## FIRE SAFETY!

Do you know what to do if there was a fire in your home?

Here are some things to remember:

- \* It's important to get out FAST
- \* NEVER hide or take time to gather up your belongings.
- \* Yell FIRE so everyone in the house will know to get out.
- \* If your clothes should catch fire, STOP, DROP, and ROLL is the best way to put out a clothing fire.



Fires are scary and confusing. They can be loud, burn very fast, and their smoke can make a room or home very dark. It helps to have a plan so you'll know what to do to get out of your home safe!

Good escape plans help you get out of your home quickly in case of a fire. The best plans have two ways to get out of each room. If one way is blocked by the fire, you can get out the other way. When escaping, stay low to the floor. Smoke rises during a fire. The safest air is down low.

You can help your family make an escape plan. Here's how:

- \* Try to find two ways out from every room in your home
  - \* The first way out should be a door. Every way needs to be planned and practiced with grown-ups.
  - \* Before opening any door in a fire, feel it first. If it is hot, there may be fire on the other side. Try to get out another way.
  - \* Stay low to the floor when escaping a fire.
  - \* Pick a safe and easy-to-remember place outside the home to meet your family after you get out.
  - \* After you get out, call 9-1-1 or the fire department. Stay outside no matter what.
- DO NOT GO BACK FOR ANYTHING!**

Remember, Be Smart, Be Safe!!!!

## Soccer Challenge



The Knights of Columbus will be holding a soccer challenge at the Gardiner Boys and Girls Club on Saturday, October 11th at 1:00 p.m. All boys and girls ages 8-14 are invited to participate. For more information you can contact Pat Berends at 446-4011