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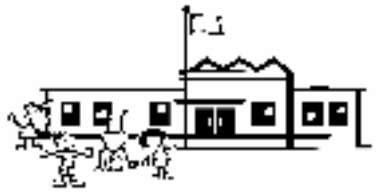
Shelly Simpson
Principal



"Where Life is Good!"

Julie Pelletier
Marcia Wells
Secretaries

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)
582-6334(Fax)
582-6663(Bus Office)

EMAIL ADDRESSES:

jpelletier@msad11.org(Wed-Fri)
mwells@msad11.org(Mon-Tues)
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We'd love to hear from you!

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!

A Note From Your Principal

Happy Fall!

It has been a whirlwind of a time, these past few weeks. Our third, fourth and fifth graders have all taken the NWEA test in both reading and writing . They have done a terrific job, really plugging away.

Last Monday, I was invited to accompany the fifth graders to Chewonki for their team building day. It was a day filled with courageous and adventurous activities; one of them being the infamous Gulch. The Gulch is approximately 30 feet deep and 50 feet across. The children were encouraged to cross the gulch, with confidence and support from their peers. I was encouraged to cross the gulch as well. Knowing that I am petrified of heights, you would never have guessed that I actually did it! It was the scariest thing I have ever done. It was the cheers from the fifth graders and the adrenaline rush that helped me get across. I did feel a sense of accomplishment, as I continued to shake for hours after the task. I can't say it was exhilarating or that I overcame my fear of heights, but I can say it was the teamwork and camaraderie for each other that really made me do it. That was the key to everyone's success. It was an unforgettable, always to be remembered kind of day. I may never cross the Gulch again, but the experience will remain fresh in my mind, as will those cheering ,smiling supportive fifth grade students.

Progress reports will be coming home today as well. Our report cards will be given to you at conference time in December. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please be sure to contact your child's teacher.

On Friday, November 21, the PTG and Pittston School Staff will hold a benefit supper for the Philbrook family, from 5-7. We hope that you will be able to join us in support of this great family. Jesse is still in Boston in a rehab center, with a long road ahead of him. I am always amazed at how this community comes together in time of need. We hope your generous support will continue and that you will be able to join us on Nov. 21. More information will be sent home at a later date.

Until Next Time....

Shelly Simpson
Principal

Teacher Wish List

Ms. Chamberlain:
Electric Pencil Sharpener

All Classrooms: Tissues

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

10/22 Picture Re-take day
10/28 Portland Symphony - Gr 4
11/10 Staff Workshop - No School
11/11 Veterans Day - No School
11/21 Philbrook Family Supper

Cub Scout Sign-up Night!

Cub Scout Pack 601 will be having its annual sign-up night on Tuesday, October 28 at Pittston School at 6:00 PM. Boys that are in Grades 1-5 are eligible to join the fun! For more information, please call 446-6437 or email cclary@earthlink.net.

Internet Safety for Parents

Chip Howe ***Maine Computer Crimes Taskforce***
The internet is amazing - it has become an invaluable asset to most families. Kids can go on-line almost anywhere - a computer at home or at a friend's house, library, or school. Many coffee shops, bookstores and even entire towns have wireless access to the internet. Allowing kids to go online without supvervision or ground rules is like allowing them to explore a major metropolitan area by themselves - something most parents won't do. You can't watch your kids every minute - but you can learn how to avoid exploitation and teach your kids how to be safe on-line. Don't let your family become victims of internet predators! Gardiner Area High School Room 117. Free admission, but you must call 582-3774 and pre-register.
Wednesday, October 22, 2008 7:00 -8:30 pm 1 class meeting.

Title 1 News!

First of all, thank you to those of you who attended the Title 1 Fall Family Night. Students came to school the next day very excited about the books they got to take home!

Please be on the look out in future school newsletters for a Title 1 section. In it you will find Title 1 updates, and information on what you can do at home to help your child become a better reader and writer.

Sara Barrows
Literacy Specialist

PTG News!

- **The Meadow Farms fundraiser is due to come in the week of November 17th. Thanks to all who raised money for our school.**
- **The PTG will be taking orders for t-shirts and sweatshirts soon. Items will be offered "at cost". Orders will be in by Christmas.**
- **The Hannaford Helps Schools program goes through December 4th, so keep sending in your certificates.**
- **Hood Sox Tops program ends October 29th. Be sure to send in your tops.**
- **The next PTG meeting is November 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.**

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions.

Melissa Porter(582-0880)
Angi Manter(588-0123)
Vickie Hebert(582-8929)
Tracy Johnson(588-0567)

Congratulations Students of the Month!

Kindergarten:	**Serena Spence**
	Jared Philbrook
	Jason Purington
	Josh Thornton
1st Grade:	**Kaitlyn Tuttle**
	Jacob Ward
	Caitlin Paul
2nd Grade:	**Noel Frith**
	Tanner Hebert
	Sarah Foust
3rd Grade:	**Logan Porter**
	Leslie Stevens
	Alex Howard
	Katie Owen
4th Grade:	**Jennah Minchin**
	Trevor Rideout
	Kacey Carter
	Brynne Austin
5th Grade:	**Ian Fyfe**
	Amber Perry
	Mackenzie Edwards

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY UPDATE – ANIMALS AT SCHOOL

It was approved as policy at the school board meeting on Thursday, October 2, that pets would not be allowed on M.S.A.D. 11 properties during any event without permission from the school principal. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we attempt to provide the safest environments for our students