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Pittston School

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"Where Life is Good!"

*No School  
Feb 16th - Feb 20th.  
Students will return  
to school on Feb 23rd*

**Next Early Release Day  
March 18th!**



Dear Parents,

Buses start arriving for end of day pickup at about 3pm each day. If you are here picking up your child, please be sure that you do not park in the designated bus area. Thank you for your help in this matter.

**It is that time of year again!**

**If you have a child that will be 4 years old on or before October 15th, 2009 and you would like to enroll them in the 4 year old preschool program please call the Superintendents office at 582-5346.**



### A Note From Your Principal

There have been many issues this year regarding the Bakugan toys. Due to these issues, they are not allowed at school for the remainder of the school year. Many are being stolen, traded or sold, which is discouraged at Pittston School.

Sometime in the next month or so, we will celebrate our Take Time! DVD with the premiere showing. Our students will be invited, along with our school board members, administrators and sponsors to join us for our first viewing. Our school families will then have the opportunity to purchase the DVD for a nominal price. We are honored to be a part of such an incredible opportunity. I have had the privilege of assisting with the editing, and so far it is more than I could have imagined. Our students are highlighted in a most positive, fun way. It is wonderful to be able to help other schools in the state with their Take Time! curriculum. A special thank you to Anthony Anderson, our District Health Coordinator for making this all happen. We couldn't have done it without you Mr. Anderson!!

When we return from school vacation, we will be gearing up for the annual MEA testing for grades 3-5. They will take place the first two weeks in March, with the third week for make ups. We are hoping that our students will shine again this year.

Enjoy the school vacation and the beautiful snow. I was hoping Phil would not have seen his shadow, so that spring would be here soon! I guess we will have to hang in there for another month or so. Stay warm....

Until Next Time.....  
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### SUMMER TUTORING OPPORTUNITY

If you are interested in providing your child with lots of 1 on 1 tutoring or VERY small group tutoring with two teachers from Pittston School during the summer please check out this program.

This summer tutoring program will offer your child exercise, fun, and learning. Exercise helps grow new brain cells plus it helps us feel more optimistic about learning. The program is designed to combine exercise/sports/outdoor time with academic learning time. Because of the very small group setting we will be able to target your child's academic needs. Sound interesting?

Here are some specifics of the program.

Up to 4 days per week

8:00am - 12:00pm

Up to 6 weeks (July/Aug)

For more information please contact Kelly Chamberlain (kchamberlain@msad11.org) or Linda Ciampa (lciampa@msad11.org) or by phone (582-6268) at school. Space will be limited.



## Jump Rope For Heart

Pittston Consolidated School is holding its sixth annual Jump Rope For Heart event February 10, 11, and 12. February is American Heart Month and thoughts of Valentine's Day brings images of hearts. The human heart is a vital organ that pumps blood and delivers nutrients and oxygen to the brain and body. Good heart health is achieved through proper nutrition, regular exercise, sufficient hydration and adequate sleep. Heart disease is the nation's number killer. Cardiovascular activities like walking, jogging, biking, swimming, and jump roping increase the heart rate to strengthen the heart muscle and increase lung capacity. Recent neuroscience research also shows that cardiovascular exercise will grow new brain cells that boost brain function. A healthy heart is vital to a healthy mind and a healthy life so start now to strengthen and protect your heart.

The Jump Rope For Heart event is a popular event in physical education programs worldwide. During P.E. classes, students will take part in a variety of jump rope stations. While exercising their own hearts, they get to be lifesavers for others. Friends and family members may sponsor students in this event and donations go to the American Heart Association. We ask that students **not** ask strangers for donations. **Fundraising is voluntary.**

Students are asked to bring back the collection envelope to P.E. Teacher Mrs. Mazerolle or the Office on the day of their P.E. class (Feb. 10, 11, 12). **No cash, please write checks to "American Heart Association."** Depending on the amount of contributions collected, students may be eligible for thank-you gifts. Any questions, please call Pittston School at 582-6268 or email [bmazerolle@msad11.org](mailto:bmazerolle@msad11.org).

Volunteers to help turn ropes are welcome!  
Thank you,  
Beth Mazerolle  
Physical Education Teacher

### Jump Rope Schedule:

2/10 Gr 2  
2/11 Gr K,4,5  
2/12 Gr 1,3



## PTG News!

- o Spring Fundraiser. We have chosen Yankee Candle again this year for our spring fundraiser. Packets will be coming home March 4th. Orders will be in by Mother's Day. Candles make great gifts!
- o 2009 Spring Cropfest. We will be holding our spring crop on May 2nd, 9-4 at the Gardiner High School. We will be looking for donations for food and raffle items. We will be sending home flyers soon. Please mark your calendars. We would love to see more Pittston faces.
- o Here are just a few things the PTG has done this year for our staff and students. Teacher allotments for classroom supplies, goodies for teachers on the first day of school, sponsored field trips, including Maine State Museum, Hawthorn House, 4th grade symphony tickets, 5th grade Chewonki trip, and more. We have also provided library magazine subscriptions, playground repairs, Philbrook family benefit, popcorn and drinks at Thanksgiving celebration, Santa Shop, and books and hot choc for the K-2 reading celebration.
- o We love our staff and students and will continue to work hard to contribute to Pittston School, "Where Life Is Good."
- o The next PTG meeting is scheduled for March 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

## Students of the Month



- Gr K Kristopher Campbell  
Ian Ramsden  
Nathan Million
- Gr 1 Oliver Blanchard  
Logan Carleton  
Jaycie Stevens
- Gr 2 Sidney Bartunek  
Nathan Malinowski  
Kiana Cookson
- Gr 3 Kate Doucette  
Kolton Brochu  
Leslie Stevens  
Logan Porter
- Gr 4 Gabrielle Cooper  
Bill Peaslee  
Skye LaVoie
- Gr 5 Matteo Ortiz  
Samuel Howard  
Shane Picard  
Nick Malinowski

