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"Where Life is Good!"

A Note From Your Principal

Spring has Sprung!!!!!! And I am thrilled!!! It is so nice to see smiling faces and happy adults entering our building.

Next week, Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Hutchins' classes will host our monthly Morning Meeting. This month's Super Skill is Effective Communicator. We all continue to work on this skill daily as well as the other Super Skills. I am looking forward to our meetings.

Our parent teacher conferences will take place from April 6- April 17, with April 9 being our common evening. The book fair will be open during conferences as well as the evening of April 9. It will be nice to see all of you in the building once again.

As we begin to think ahead for next year, our goal is to provide well balanced classrooms, with the best learning environment possible. Please know that if you feel the need to request placement for your child for the next school year, the letter of request must be in no later than April 17. It must be based on educational reasons as well as a true need for this placement. Requests are only honored if it does not affect the ultimate goal, which is the optimum opportunity for successful learning.

Enjoy the month of April!

Until Next Time....
Shelly Simpson

Upcoming Events

March

30th: Spring Book Fair

April

6th-17th: Parent/Teacher Conferences
9th: Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences

15th: All Chorus Concert
17th: All Staff Workshop
No School for Students

20th: April Break Begins
27th: Students return to school

May

2nd: PTG Annual Cropfest
8th: Kindergarten Screening
11th: K-2 Concert - Pittston School
16th-17th: Pittston School Annual Plant Sale

18th: Chewonki Trip - Gr 5
19th: Portland Symphony Orchestra Gr 3-5

20th: EARLY RELEASE DAY

21st: Kindergarten/Parent Orientation 5:30 - 6:30 pm
25th: Memorial Day - NO School
27th: All Band Concert
29th: 5th Grade Plymouth Trip

June

4th: Seadogs Game - Gr 3-5
8th: Maine State Music Theatre Gr K-3
12th: Maine State Music Theatre Gr 4-5

Kindergarten Screening

Kindergarten Registration for the 2009-2010 school year will be held on Friday, May 8th at Pittston School. Children who will be five years old (or older) on or before October 15, 2009 are eligible to start school this fall. Registration packets are now available at Pittston School. Please feel free to call us at 582-6268 if you have any questions.



Just a Reminder

Students who are the ages of 7 through 17 must attend school. If your child is at least 7 years old, he/she is considered habitually truant if he/she misses 5 unexcused school days in a row or 7 unexcused school days in one school year. Excused absences include: personal illness; an appointment with a health professional that must be made during the regular school day; observance of a recognized religious holiday when the observance is required during the regular school day; a family emergency; and, a planned absence for a personal or educational purpose that has been approved. Schools must be notified when your child will be absent from school; otherwise, your child will be marked "unexcused". Truancy violations carry a \$250.00 fine for responsible adults.

A new state law was also passed last year and mandates that DHHS be notified when a child is habitually truant. They will investigate to see if a child is in "jeopardy" and may bring a child protective proceeding.

Please be aware of these laws and recent changes. If you have any questions, please call Shelly Simpson at 582-6268

PTG NEWS!!



- o The Yankee Candle fundraiser is complete. Orders will arrive at school in approximately 3-4 weeks. Thank you to everyone who participated.
- 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. Registration forms will be coming home next week.
- o American Cancer Society, Relay for Life. The Pittston School team has been formed for this year's walk. The relay is scheduled for June 19th and 20th at the Halldale High School. You can sign up to walk for an hour or stay the night and participate in all the activities. If anyone is interested in joining our team or wants more info, please contact Melissa Porter at 582-0880 or porterjm@roadrunner.com. This is a fun and healthy way to donate to the American Cancer Society.
- o The next PTG meeting is scheduled for April 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

Pittston School would like to recognize Kami Collins for her generous donation to Locks of Love. What a wonderful way to touch the lives of those in need! Way to go Kami!



SPRING BOOK FAIR



WHEN: March 30th - April 15th
WHERE: Pittston School

If anyone would like to volunteer to work the book fair please contact Ginger Shaw at 242-3136. This is a great opportunity for High School Students to earn some Community Service. Thank you!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES APRIL 6TH - 17TH.

Information will be coming home soon.

Free & Reduced Lunch Application Reminder

If your financial situation changes at any time during the school year, please let us know and we will send you a new application. You may now qualify for free or reduced lunch for your children.

It's mud season! Please send extra clothing to school with your students for those occasional mishaps! Thank you.

Congratulations to the following students of Pittston School for their beautiful displays of art at the Harlow Gallery for Young at Art 2009!

Hannah Dyer
Tessa Ahn-Reeves
Briana Brochu



Jump Rope for Heart



In the last newsletter a top fundraising student's name was accidentally omitted. In the \$50 or more level should have been Jaycie Stevens. Jaycie is a first grader in Mrs. Hutchins' classroom. Thank you to Jaycie and each of our fundraising students. Pittston Consolidated School was able to donate \$1,223 to the American Heart Association. Thank you gifts arrived this week and were handed out to the students.

2nd Annual Staff Student Basketball Game

When: Friday April 3rd @ 7:30pm
Where: Gardiner Area High School
Cost: \$2.00 Students
\$3.00 Adults



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.