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"Where Life is Good!"

Title 1 News



Good Habits

The purpose of reading is to make meaning, and research has shown there are a handful of thinking strategies consistently used by "good readers" that enhance what they understand when reading. Predicting, visualizing, connecting, inferring, and determining importance are included among these so called *good habits*. You can help your child become a better reader by talking about and practicing these habits.

A simple one to start with is visualizing. For children of all ages, it can be as simple as reading to them without showing them any illustrations, and having them describe what they see with their eyes closed when they think about the story. Another activity is to have children make their own illustrations of a story or favorite part of a book.

As with many of the *good habits*, visualizing may seem so simple, yet it gives opportunities to practice. Through conversation about and practice with these skills, children will be more likely to automatically engage in these habits on their own.

PHILBROOK DINNER
NOVEMBER 21ST
5 -7 PM
PITTSTON SCHOOL

A Note From Your Principal

What a beautiful fall so far! The warm weather helps with the conservation of the heating oil! Let's hope the cold weather stays away for a bit longer.

Today we began our annual Senior Spectrum Penny Drive. For the past three years, Pittston School has been an annual sponsor for the Meals on Wheels program. Our pennies help those in need of meals and wellness checks. Last year we consistently helped 14 of our own Pittston residents. We will be holding the penny drive through November 25.

Due to the fact we are now in trimesters, our parent teacher conferences will be held the evening of December 4. Your child's teacher will be contacting you soon, so that you may sign up for a time to meet with your child's teacher. Conferences are a tool for open communication between the teacher, parent and student. Please don't miss this great opportunity!

Please join us on Friday, November 21, from 5-7 for the Philbrook Benefit Supper. It should be a delicious meal of spaghetti, salad, beverages, bread and dessert. The price is \$5 pp or \$15 for a family of three or more. Don't miss this great evening for all!

Our next newsletter will be sent home on Friday, December 5, due to the holiday break. May you all have a wonderful, happy Thanksgiving as you spend it with your precious family. We will see you all after the break as we return on December 1.

Until Next Time....
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Spectrum Generations
Meals on Wheels Annual Penny Drive
November 14th - 25th



Once again, Pittston School is proud to be working with Spectrum Generations (formerly Senior Spectrum) to help support the Meals on Wheels Program for our local citizens. Please help us make this a success by bringing in your pennies and spare change. A collection jar is available in the office at Pittston School. As always your support is greatly appreciated.

PTG News!

o Meadow Farms fundraiser orders were sent home with students this week. Thanks to all who participated and raised money for our school. If you have any questions with your orders, please call us.

o The PTG will be taking orders for Pittston School t-shirts and sweatshirts. Order forms will be sent home soon. This is a great way to shop for family Christmas gifts.

o Philbrook Family benefit dinner is scheduled for November 21st, 5-7. The basket raffle tickets have been sent home with students and will also be available to purchase at the dinner. If you need more raffle tickets, they can be picked up at the school. We also had a Thanksgiving basket donated that will be raffled off. Tickets can be purchased for this basket the night of the dinner. We are still in need of basket donations. The baskets are as follows: movie night, game night, sports, coffee, scrapbooking and chocolate lovers. Please send in donations by Monday, November 17th. The winners will be drawn on November 24th.

o The next PTG meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

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Johnson Hall Center Stage series Goes Out with a SheBoom!

Johnson Hall's Center Stage series winds up its fifth year anniversary with a super-special finale. **SheBoom!** is four fantastically talented women, together for the first time ever-- Karen Montanaro, Jackie Riefer, Barb Polk, and Diane Wasnak & Bonzer the circus dog. Adding to the fun, Bonzer is sometimes joined on stage by her two puppies-in-training, Bizzo and Coeoy.

The SheBoom! ensemble will energize the stage at the Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center on Saturday, November 22 at 7:30 pm. The audience will enjoy a great show of physical comedy, acrobatics, a blend of mime and dance, and excellent song. Don't miss Bonzer skateboarding and jumping through hoops! This is the Center Stage Series--Entertainment for all Ages finale, sponsored by Kennebec Savings Bank. The show is supported by Downeast Energy.

Seating is limited at Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center, 280 Water Street, Gardiner, and reservations are recommended. Past shows with Karen Montanaro and Diane & Bonzer have sold out. For reservations, call (582-7144) or email (johnsonhall@verizon.net). Ticket prices are: Adult \$16, Johnson Hall member \$14, Child (under 13) \$10. More information is available on Johnson Hall's website: www.johnsonhall.org.

Come and join the fun!

Students of the Month

K	Kate Luiz Madelyn Hebert Logan Gove
Gr 1	Paisley Fitzmaurice Jaycie Stevens Isac Philbrook
Gr 2	Erin Frankhauser Hayden Haskell Noah Tisdale
Gr 3	Hannah Dyer Kami Collins Kali Stanley
Gr 4	Sam Stearns Donnie Ouellette Deanna Plaisted
Gr 5	Josh Farrin Dan Snow Hannah Tirrell Isaiah Skipper

Comedy Basketball at it's best

The Harlem Superstars
vs.
Gardiner High School Faculty!



December 3rd@ 6:30 pm - High School Gym

Tickets: \$6.00 in advance
\$7.00 at the door.

FMI call Dawn Wise, GAHS-JMG
582-3150 x 3405.

PARENT INFORMATION

LOCKDOWN DRILL SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, NOV 20TH. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL US AT 582-6268