



News from South School's Starfish

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Want, Wear, Need—Student Sponsorship Program

RSU 13
South School

Jan 2018 Newsletter

Dear Families,

Once again, the support South School's families received from our local community members during this past holiday season was phenomenal!

Through the efforts of our School Counselor, Monica Karam and our School Social Worker, Bethany Browne, we were able to sponsor over 47 students this year—WOW!

We'd like to thank the following companies for their generosity!

- PenBay Pharmacy
- Camden National Bank Rockland
- Machias Savings Rockland
- Fisher Engineering
- Nancy Wood/Rheal Day Spa
- The Brass Compass
- Archers on the Pier
- Bruce Roberts Toy Fund
- Rockland Fire Department
- Fire Department Wives
- Better Homes and Gardens Masiello Group
- First National Bank Rockland
- Five County Credit Union Rockland
- Dave Neilson Insurance

Upcoming Events

- ☺ Jan 31—Mrs. Curtis' Farnsworth Trip
- ☺ Feb 01— Mrs. Grunewald & Mr. LaBreck's Tennis Fieldtrip
- ☺ Feb 05—Mrs. Marks' Tennis Fieldtrip
- ☺ Feb 05—Mad Science Presentation for 3rd & 5th Grade
- ☺ Feb 07—Early Dismissal
- ☺ Feb 07—Family Math Night 3:30—5:30
- ☺ Feb 12—100th day of school
- ☺ Feb 13—Mad Science presentation for K & 1st Grade
- ☺ Feb 13—Mrs. Berry's Farnsworth Fieldtrip
- ☺ Feb 14—Mrs. Curtis' Farnsworth Fieldtrip
- ☺ Feb 19-23—School Vacation!
- ☺ Feb 27—Mrs. Berry's Farnsworth Fieldtrip
- ☺ Feb 28—Mrs. Curtis' Farnsworth Fieldtrip
- ☺ Mar 02—Dr. Seuss Day



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

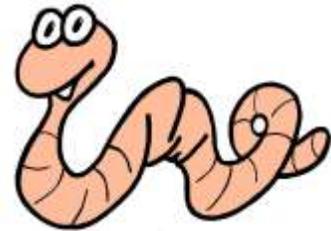
- ⇒ Family Math Night—February 7th 3:30—5:30 PM
- ⇒ Parent Teacher Conferences—March 22nd 1:00—7:00 PM



We have many, many events happening here at South School!! For a complete list see <http://ss.rsu13.org/node/2355>

Earth Science in Mrs. Curtis' Class

Ghoram resident and compost enthusiast, Jock Robi visited Mrs. Curtis' classroom to show students how to harvest castings from their worm bin. Students had to sift the worm bedding to get the castings. They harvested 5 pounds of castings, which is the waste from the worms composed of nutrients from the organic waste they have been fed over the past 4 months. Mrs. Curtis' kids had enough worms to make a new worm bin for another classroom! The students had fun finding baby worms and worm cocoons. Among other things, students learned the castings are recycled nutrients, and are great fertilizer for plants.



South School Winter Candid's



Miss Geel and friends having great fun during recess making an absolutely fabulous snowman! Very impressive!



Mrs. Berry's class was very excited to pick out books through our Books in Every Nook program!



Miss West and friends getting out the wiggles before settling down to work!



4th grade students have been very successful participating in this year's Snow Bowl Ski Program. Staff members from both the Snow Bowl and South School report how incredibly attentive and respectful the group has been! Nice job 4th graders!



To join South School's PTF email:
southschoolptf@gmail.com

Mrs. McNichol's Class Publishes a Book!

In Mrs. McNichol's class, students are developing a How To anthology – a collection of some humorous as well as some serious how-to stories. They have been working hard on developing, printing, and illustrating each story. In two weeks, they will submit their story to Student Treasures for publishing. Once they receive the published book, sometime in April, a copy of it will go to South School's library for other students to view for years to come.



12 Days of Kindness Challenge

Mrs. Marks' Class Takes the Challenge!



In the month of December, Mrs. Marks' charged her class to participate in the 12 Acts of Kindness Challenge. As a class, they discuss and determined the 12 acts of kindness that they would perform. Students helped classroom teachers clean and organize their classrooms, wrote kind letters to other students anonymously, wrote thank you letters to past teachers, counted box tops for the office, etc. Their favorite kind act was reading to Mrs. Linscott's kindergarten class – this they enjoyed the most!

RSU #13 SOUTH SCHOOL NEW VISION STATEMENT

Vision: South School provides a safe, cooperative school where respect and accountability form the foundation of an inclusive learning environment that supports the needs of the whole child.

Mission/Values: At South School we value student growth in academics, social/emotional skills, and intellectual curiosity. Our students are motivated, thriving learners with a healthy sense of self and a growth mindset. We foster citizenship and a fearless approach to learning.

Message from the Nurse

Happy Winter!

Influenza is widespread in Maine. For the past few years, RSU 13 schools have not participated in flu shot clinics; however, vaccine is plentiful at pediatrician offices. Below please see an excerpt from the Maine Health Alert Network.

“Influenza activity in Maine is widespread with laboratory confirmed influenza reported in all sixteen counties. Maine’s Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory (HETL) has confirmed Influenza A/H1N1, influenza A/H3, and influenza B/Yamagata in Maine indicating most strains are circulating. Maine CDC has followed up on thirty-three (33) outbreaks of influenza as of

Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Influenza vaccination is still strongly encouraged and is widely available, especially to protect those persons at risk of severe disease. The vaccine appears to be a good match to all strains this year, and it is not too late to get vaccinated.”

Let’s keep healthy in 2018 with hand washing, a good night’s sleep, healthy food, exercise and vaccinations!

Best,

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South School Nurse



Principal's Award—November



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