

- **Wednesday, 11/22/17 -- Early Release Day, pick-up at Noon.**
- **Thursday, Friday, 11/23/17-11/26/17-- Thanksgiving Recess.**
- **Wednesday, 11/29/17 -- Principal's Coffee from 8:00-9:00am in the multipurpose room.**
- **Wednesday, 11/29/17 -- David Borden visits the 3-4 classroom.**
- **Thursday, 11/30/17 -- Grade 3-6 Final Folk Tales and Ancient Civilizations Performance at 6:00pm. Bake Sale to follow.**
 - **Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors to this special event!**
- **Friday, 12/1/17 -- K,1,2 Field Trip to NHSPCA from 12:00-2:00pm.**
- **Saturday, 12/2/17 -- PTO Phonebook Pickup at the Guild Fair.**
- **Monday, 12/4/17 -- New Castle School Board Meeting, 6pm.**
- **Friday, 12/8/17 -- RJH School Dance Grades 6-8 at 7:00pm.**
- **Monday, 12/11/17 -- Rye Lions Club Vision Screening at MHT.**
- **Wednesday, 12/13/17 -- NH State House Field Trip for Grades 3 & 4. Bus will leave MHT at 8:45am.**
- **Wednesday, 12/20/17 -- Community Luncheon at 12:30pm. Details about how/when to RSVP are to follow.**
- **Friday-Monday, 12/22/17 through 1/1/18 - Holiday Recess.**



From the School Counselor:

Hello!



The last few weeks, the lower elementary classes began discussing mindfulness and what it is (being aware of our thoughts and feelings and choosing what to pay attention to). We even had the opportunity to practice some ways gain focus and be aware of our surroundings (listening game, deep breathing)!

We also continued with our mentor/mentee group activities. This week, each pairing talked about and wrote down their own A-B-C's of Thankfulness. Some were silly, but many were wonderfully thought out.



I hope you and your family have a safe and happy holidays!

Yi-Fu Han
Special Education Coordinator
School Counselor

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Maude H. Trefethen School

A Friendly Reminder Regarding After School Supervision:

Recently, a few parents have inquired about after school hours with regard to child supervision. As a reminder, it is the responsibility of each parent/guardian to provide the appropriate supervision, as needed, after the school day (i.e. after 3:15pm) as there is no formal, designated MHT staff on duty. Additionally, if your child(ren) enjoys playing after school, which is certainly encouraged, please be sure the adult charged with supervising is *actively* doing so as we want to make playtime as safe as possible.

Portsmouth Middle School:

Parent Information Night Talk:

On November 28th in the 8th grade breakout space, Mr. Davis and team will be presenting to parents regarding what he would want to know if he were a parent of a middle school student today. The presentation will be from 7:00PM - 8:00 PM and there will be plenty of time for parent Q & A.

Bowling Club:

will start on Tuesday, January 9th at Bowl O Rama on Lafayette Road. This is an 8 week program and the last day will be on March 6th. The program will run from 3:30PM-4:45PM. A bus will take students to Bowl O Rama from the middle school at 3:15PM and students will need to be picked up at Bowl O Rama at 4:45PM. The cost is \$6.50 per week, and this includes shoe rental. Kids are encouraged to bring a snack as we do not have access to the Snack Bar.

Please make checks payable to PMS Bowling Club. If you are need of a scholarship or have any questions, please email advisors Amy Jones: ajones@sau52.org or Deb Jones: dbjones@sau52.org.

Message regarding Homework Club (please read and take note):

There has been recent issues again with Parents signing their child up for Homework Club for a particular day(s), yet the child is not in attendance on the scheduled HWC day. **PLEASE:** if you sign your child up for HWC you **MUST call the school by 9:00am that day if the student will be excused from attending.** Your child will not be excused from homework club unless the school receives Parental/Guardian permission ahead of time. As you may well imagine, it is quite frustrating for Ms. Jones to arrive here only to find students that have requested to be in HWC have instead at the last minute decided to leave, or take part in another activity. We value Ms. Jones' talent, time and the attention that she gives our students. We are hopeful that this issue can be resolved so this very worthy program can continue. Furthermore, in order for your child to participate in HWC you must email Courtney Jones directly at cjones@sau50.org **on Sunday night**, with your child's name, grade level and days of the week they will be attending. There is not an option to sign your child up "on the day of." We appreciate your understanding.

PE Moving to The Commons on Thursday, 11/30/17:

Starting on Thursday, 11/30/17, the regular Thursday PE classes will be moving to The Commons. However, this year, there will be a slight change as a result of bus availability (due to the changes in start/end time that took place this year at Portsmouth High School). In short, MHT no longer has access to a bus to bring the last group of 5-6 students back to MHT at the end of the day. **As a result, the 5-6 students will be released directly from The Commons at 3:00pm to either walk home or get picked up.** Thus, we wanted to make sure families were aware of this change now and well in advance of this change so any necessary plans (i.e. such as carpooling) could be made and established ahead of time! Please note, that Ms. Stearns will stay at

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The Commons until all 5-6 students leave and, or are picked up. If you have any questions or concerns about this topic, please feel free to reach out to either Ms. Stearns or Mr. Latchaw.

STEM:

Thank you for the many generous STEM recycling donations. At this time we have reached our limit for what we need and/or can store. We will let you all know when our STEM box, recyclable etc. inventory needs replenishing.

Lunch Room:

Please make note on your lunch menu's that the lunch for Monday, November 27th has changed. The lunch choice that day will be Hamburger or Cheeseburger.

Crosswalks:

Multiple parents and community members have noticed students not using the crosswalk, and in some cases dangerously popping out in front of cars on Route 1-B, when entering and exiting school grounds. As such, please remind your child that they must cross the street using the crosswalk to ensure their safety. For example, students who walk or ride a bike to school from *Walton Road, Pitt Lane* etc. should still be using the crosswalk in front of the school.

New Castle Fire Department:

HELP US SHARE THE LOVE AND GIVING SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON .

Each year during the Holidays the New Castle Volunteer Firefighters Association asks for community support for the association's annual toy drive . One of the drop off locations is the Maude H. Trefethen School. Students are asked to bring an unwrapped toy to school for pick up by the Fire Department. **The deadline for toys is Thursday, Dec. 21.** All toys are distributed to needy children , ages 5 - 13 , by Operation Blessing of Portsmouth.

PMAC:

If your child is interested in being a member of the Sandpipers Seacoast Children's Chorus please contact PMAC. We would like to note that the Sandpiper program was started by one of our very own MHT alumni. Please see the attached flyer regarding an upcoming performance at PMAC.

~ Enjoy your long weekend!