

# Eagle Update

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## FROM PRINCIPAL KIMBALL:

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be taking place during the week of November 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to attend your conference during this week, please reach out to your child's team for an alternate time, as they would really like to meet to discuss your child's progress with you.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be available during conference week. Thank you to our SSO for bringing this event to SeDoMoCha. We look forward to seeing you during the week of November 27<sup>th</sup>!

### Happy Thanksgiving

We want to take a moment to thank you for all you do for SeDoMoCha. We wish you all a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

Please do not hesitate to contact teachers, Mr. Dyer or myself with questions or concerns that may arise throughout the year. When we continue to work together, students will have a great year!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/20-11/24 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/27-11/30 Parent Teacher Conference Week
- 12/5 School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 12/6 SSO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 12/14 Middle School Concert 6:30 p.m.

Please remember there is no staff on duty in the mornings until 7:30 a.m. For the safety of all students, please do not drop them off before that time. Students need to be dropped off at the back entrance. This includes walkers and bikers as well. The back entrance doors are open until 7:55 a.m.

We have received many last minute after school changes in the past weeks. We ask that you send a note in the morning with any changes to your child's schedule. **Thank you for your cooperation.**

## School Cancellations/Delays

SeDoMoCha utilizes an automated calling system to contact parents and employees in the event of weather-related cancellations and other important announcements. If a broadcasted message is not received correctly, press 1 to replay the message from the beginning. You will also notice that the Caller ID phone number for our calls is [877-565-8456](tel:877-565-8456). You can replay the last broadcasted message by dialing [877-565-8456](tel:877-565-8456) from the phone on which you received the automated call. To receive announcements via text, text **sedo2017** to 292929. Cancellation announcements are also available on our homepage and on the following television stations:  
WLBZ 2, WABI 5, WVII 7.

## **FROM THE 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

5th Grade Parent/Student/Teacher conferences will be on Tuesday, November 28th from 3:30-6:30 and Wednesday, November 29th from 3:30-6:00 in the library. Please bring your child. We look forward to sharing their success. We are thankful for our wonderful families and students. Happy Thanksgiving!

## **FROM THE 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

**Science:** In science, students are still working on the *Geologic Time* unit. When we return from vacation, students will begin the *Geologic Time Scale* project, which will have them working to create a scale model of Earth's history. This week, we've also been doing some preparation for student-led conferences by organizing portfolios and completing first quarter reflections.

Friendly Reminder: Student-Led conferences for 6th grade are being held Monday, November 27th and Tuesday, November 28th.

**Math:** We have started our fractions unit! We are revisiting greatest common factors and least common multiples. We took a quiz online over both of them, and have had a vocabulary quiz over the essential fraction words. When we get back from break we will jump into adding and subtracting fractions. I hope everyone has a wonderful break!

**Social Studies:** The class has started presenting State Reports and after Thanksgiving we will look at Indigenous Peoples around the world. We have also begun taking weekly map tests with the United States map this week, the rest of North America will take place after break. Have a great holiday!

**ELA:** Students began the first writer's workshop of the year this week. Over the next several weeks, we will be focusing on argumentative writing. As a class, we will review the steps of the writing process. Students will be crafting a five paragraph essay based on one of the controversial topics in *The Giver*. To begin our focus on argumentative writing, students read articles discussing the pros and cons of recess in middle school. Students were assigned a position and collected text evidence from multiple articles to support their side. This activity culminated in a class debate on Thursday.

The quarter two book talk for *Strive* is due on December 18th. Congratulations to Mr. Miller's homeroom, our first quarter *Strive* homeroom competition winners!

## FROM THE 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

**ELA:** We are working on writing narratives in 7th grade ELA. Students have to write a 3-5 page story based on a small moment in their life. They can either write the true event or fictionalize the story. We will begin new vocabulary and grammar units after the break. I hope to see you at Student-Led Conferences on November 27th and 28th.

**Math:** Students are finishing targets 8-12 in our Number System Unit. These focus on being able to multiply and divide all rational numbers, including fractions, decimals, and negatives. Students finished a formative and summative assessment this week that was on due Friday. Please note that all formative assignments are done in class and as homework. They will not be allowed to turn in formatives past the due date and students have been told this information. As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. My website and Google Classroom are excellent resources as well.

**Science:** Student are working their way through the body systems and have three more to go. We will finish work with the body systems when we get back from vacation and start building our argument for our current life science standard, "Use an argument supported by evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells."

**Social Studies:** In social studies this week we have moved forward from the dawn of man to the dawn of civilization, and have begun talking about the civilizations that were nestled within the fertile crescent. This unit of study will take us from learning about the foundations of civilizations, through the establishment of empires.

## FROM THE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

**ELA:** We have officially started our *A Christmas Carol* unit. This week, students have been learning about some of the context for the story including key vocabulary terms, the life of Charles Dickens, and the Victorian Era. Students are also reading and responding to passages from William Dodd's *Narrative of the Experience and Sufferings of William Dodd: A Factory Cripple*, which provides insight into the life and work of a factory worker in Victorian England. We will begin reading *A Christmas Carol* once we return from Thanksgiving break.

**Science-** We have been busy analyzing and applying Newton's Laws of Motion. We have also learned how to calculate force and momentum. After the weeklong break we will look at collision and maybe even impulse. Parents, please check Web2School regularly, and email or call with questions or concerns.

**Social Studies-** Just like dominoes, the events before the American Revolution tumbled one on another until the war erupted. We have been looking at these events to understand the unrest of the era. After break we will pause in our studies of the Revolution to examine Victorian England at the time of *A Christmas Carol*, so students will have a clearer idea of the setting and times of the Dickens classic being read in ELA.

**Math:** Pre-Algebra students are finishing up with the first three targets in the second part of the Expressions & Equations domain. They have been coming up with some awesome projects to show their understanding. I'm very impressed with the quality of their work. Algebra students are finishing up with systems of equations and using the three different methods (graphing, substitution, and elimination) to solve them. When we get back from break, they will be finishing up with Chapter 7 and learning about systems of inequalities.

**Conferences-** You should have received a letter explaining this fall's upcoming Student-led Conferences. Conferences will be held on Monday, Nov 27th from 3:15- 6:45 and Tuesday, Nov. 28th from 3:15- 6:15. You do not have to make a specific appointment. Please plan on having a half hour conference with your child and the 8th grade core content teachers. The last conferences should start at least a half hour before the ending time. We hope you are able to join us!

## "What's on the Menu?"

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Rib-A-Que w/Bun Baked Beans Honey Dew	French Toast Turkey Sausage Hash Brown Apple Sauce	Chop Suey Bread & Butter Peas Kiwi	Pizza Sticks Dipping Sauce Cucumbers Cantaloupe	Beef Ravioli Cooked Carrots Pears Roll
4	5	6	7	8
Meatball Subs Sweet Potato Fries Grapes	Chicken Stew W/Veggies Rolls Pears	Mac n Cheese Green Beans Peaches	Cheese Pizza Cucumber Strawberries	Veggie Soup w/Beans Crackers Apples

All meals include fresh fruits, whole grains, skim/lowfat milk, 0 trans fat & low sodium & sugar

### Nurse News

November is American Diabetes Awareness Month - Talk to your health care provider about the risk factors in your family, take precautions, & support the people you know with Diabetes!

Please keep all sick children home from school especially if they are exhibiting respiratory and stomach symptoms! If you are unsure - stay home and call your health care provider or school nurse for advice.

We can protect and strengthen our own immunity by eating nutritious foods, exercising daily, sleeping 8 -10 hours a night and reducing stress.

### Exploratory News.....

Twelve 7th and 8th grade students have begun to learn a language during their weekly Exploratory period using the program Rosetta Stone. Students were selected randomly from all who chose Rosetta Stone as their first choice. Students were allowed to select a language from over 20 choices and the selections include Vietnamese, Japanese, French and Spanish. These 12 students have made the commitment to remain in this Exploratory class for the remainder of the year. If your child is one of the 12 selected, they can continue their lessons at home if they have access to the Internet and a pair of headphones with an attached microphone and a USB plug.

The Kiwanis Club of Dover-Foxcroft is proud to sponsor a variety of programs for the benefit of children. Through the Community Christmas Project, Kiwanians, area churches, charitable organizations, businesses, generous individuals and groups of individuals have the opportunity to anonymously "adopt" needy children within our community for Christmas. An 'adopter' then purchases needed clothing for their 'adopted' child(ren).

If your child(ren) are served by or live within MSAD #68, are under the age of seventeen (17), and you are finding it difficult to provide for them this Christmas, then we invite you to complete an application online through the Facebook page DFKiwanis and clicking on the Christmas Project link. This link will be available Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> through Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. A paper copy of the application can be picked up at your child's school, town office, Chamber of Commerce and the Dover-Foxcroft Area Food Pantry. Application can be mailed back to the address listed on the application.

Exciting Art News! The Dover-Foxcroft Police Patch Contest's top 10 submissions are at the Center Theatre on display for the next two weeks while the Justice League is playing from Nov. 16-30. This is the public's chance to vote on the patch they like best. If you want your favorite to be in the top 5, you will need to go out and vote! The top 5 will move on to give presentations in December for a chance at winning the contest.

### What's Happening in the Middle School Art Room:

- \* 8th Graders are Beginning the "Share the Love" Service Learning Project.
- \* 7th Graders are Experimenting with Drawing Techniques to create Expressive Self-Portraits.
- \* 6th Graders are Constructing Armatures for Paper Mache Bird Sculptures
- \* 5th Graders are Exploring Artists in our "Artist Hands" Unit

Fall Greetings from Guidance!

**Classroom Guidance Update:**

Fifth and sixth grade Guidance classes are ready to show you our areas of focus during CONFERENCES! Some have slide shows on their laptops and others have paper copies. Hoping that you can get an idea of what we are doing. (*Hint: Success in school- academically, socially, & emotionally!*)

**KINDNESS & ANTI-BULLYING AT SEDOMOCHA!**

"*KNOW YOUR CLASSMATES*" was a National Event for Bully and Bias Prevention. Fifth graders created their own hand for a bulletin board in the main hallway.

**\*All classes 5-8 were taught with a lesson about the definition of bullying and some conversations as to how to prevent bullying behavior.**

**Civil Rights Teams** meet weekly to help promote a safe school and a positive climate for ALL! Team members are planning activities during December and January. We hope and emphasize that ALL students RESPECT each other!

**Individual School Counseling and Group Counseling**

My role as a school counselor is to support and assist students to be successful here. School counseling can be helpful for temporary issues or setbacks. It can be very helpful for students who are feeling lonely, different, anxious, or troubled.

If you have concerns about your child, please let me know. I can help you decide on a way to address the problem.

The middle school years can be challenging for parents and young teens.

**SSO News:**

We are off and running! Here are some dates to remember:

Monday, Nov. 27: **Meals for Teachers** - Sign ups went home this week but if you need more info or missed the sign ups contact Theresa Makowski via the SSO Facebook page.

Monday, Nov 27 - Thursday, Nov. 30: **BOOK FAIR** during parent teacher conference week!

Stop by and shop! We can now take credit and debit cards. Don't need anything new in your library? Consider buying something from one of the teacher's wish lists and donate. All purchases benefit the SSO and allow us to do more events and provide more support to Sedo throughout the year.

Monday, Nov 27 - Thursday, Nov. 30: **Gift Card Sale pick up.** The Gift sale raised \$840 for SSO. Thank you to all who ordered. Gift Cards can be picked up during Book Fair.

**Coming soon:**

-The SSO will be supporting the Anne Frank: A History for Today from the Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect in collaboration with other community groups. This exhibit will be available for the Middle School classes and general community. More details to follow soon.

-Saturday, Feb 3rd: Save the date for the Annual Daughter Dance. This years theme is a Royal Ball! Stay tuned for more information after the holidays.

-Good news- We have had a volunteer step forward to organize a Mother Son event! Stay tuned for more information in the spring.

We are grateful to our new members, keep them coming; our next meeting will be January 10th. Happy Holidays!