

Eagle Update

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FROM PRINCIPAL GUDROE:

The seasons are quickly changing both inside and outside of the building here at SeDoMoCha. Our fall sports season has come to a close and our winter sports season has begun. This holds true for our academic programming as well. The first quarter has now come and gone with the first report card of the year going home. It will continue to be important to contact your child's teacher or administration if you have any questions or concerns about their academic progress throughout the year. I want to remind everyone to please take advantage of the online access to your child's' academic progress using your Web2School login information. This is a great resource as well as a great way for our students to take ownership in their learning. If you cannot remember how to login or if you don't have access please contact us to set up your account.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share some other exciting news. Our Teach-to-Lead Team in conjunction with our amazing staff will be celebrating many of our students who have displayed a strong work ethic, consistent effort, and improved achievement during their Student In The Spotlight assemblies throughout the year.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

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. You can replay the last broadcasted message by dialing 877-565-8456 from the phone on which you received the automated call. To receive announcements via text, text **sedotext** to 292929. Cancellation announcements are also available on our homepage and on the following television stations: WLBZ 2, WABI 5, WVII 7.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/20 Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
Report Cards go home
11/21-11/23 Thanksgiving Break No school
11/26-11/29 Parent Teacher Conferences
12/4 School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
12/21 Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
12/24-1/1 Winter Break

Web2School Parent Portal

Parents/Guardians who filled out the form requesting access to Web2School have been processed. The Web2School portal is located on the RSU 68 home page on the right hand side under "portals".

If you already had access to Web2School, please use your existing user name and password. New accounts do not need to be set up each year. Once you have an account it will be active as long as you have a student enrolled at SeDoMoCha.

If you have any questions in regards to the Web2School parent portal, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yearbooks are now on sale!

Soft Covers: \$16.00

Hard Covers: \$18.00

See Miss Moors or Mrs. Speed for an order form.

Cash or Check Sales ONLY this year.
(No online sales, sorry for any inconvenience).

Please hold on to your receipt to avoid any confusion when yearbooks come in.

Orders due by Friday, March 29th, 2019.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

A friendly reminder to have a change of clothing, as well as proper footwear for PE, especially as we approach boot season. 5th & 6th Grade students have started their recreational games unit, while 7th & 8th Grade have started tennis. A reminder that locker rooms will be cleaned out on Friday's.

FROM THE 5TH GRADE:

Science: In 5th Grade Science we have finished our unit on Scientific Methods and Practices. These methods will continue to be important throughout the year and will guide our inquiry of each unit. Students are beginning to explore Earth's Systems. In fifth grade we study the lithosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, and the atmosphere and how they interact and affect Earth's surface materials and processes. This is a key concept for the NGSS and our units will relate to these systems all year. We will be using vocabulary with this unit to help reinforce understanding.

Math: Snow + wind + rain = bad day for math night! Don't worry we will reschedule this awesome event soon! Hooray!!! Our next unit is all about multiplying decimals...yay... and it is a long one. 10 "lessons" long. Additionally this unit will be followed by a unit 1 through 4 cumulative exam. I will keep everyone posted, as we get closer to that one. Students should be keeping all their work (previous tests and all) in their portfolio file in the classroom. This will give them plenty of material to study for this 4 unit whopper coming up.

Social Studies: In fifth grade social studies, students are finishing up their Native American unit by making totem poles which help show the story of their own families. They will be paying tribute to authentic Native American totem poles by using symbolism found in the originals in their own!

ELA: Students have begun their writing workshop unit and will be producing several personal narrative pieces over the next few weeks. The final narrative piece will be due on December 19th. Students have selected a new chapter book for their next "Book Talk" scheduled for January 8, 2019. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming conferences.

5th Grade: Student/Parent/Teacher conferences will be on Monday, November 26th and Tuesday, November 27th from 3:15-6:30 pm. Please fill out the form sent home to schedule a conference. ~The Fifth Grade Team

FROM THE 6TH GRADE:

Science: Students are wrapping up the Geologic Time unit with the final project. This project has students working in groups to create a scale model of Earth's history, with important geologic and biological events mapped out to scale. We hope to have these projects on display during Student-Led conferences when we return from Thanksgiving break. Our next unit will also begin after Thanksgiving, which will cover the structure and composition of Earth.

Note: Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you have any questions about Student-Led Conference information. Forms were sent home with students on November 5th.

Math: In math we are starting our Unit 2 over integers and rational numbers. We will make sure we know what integers are, and move into representing integers and rational numbers on the number line and a coordinate plane. I look forward to meeting everyone at Student Led Conferences after break!

Social Studies: Social Studies- Classes are beginning the second quarter with our first map quiz of the year. Students will be tested on states and provinces located in North America, each quiz will be in groups of ten. We will also begin reading the book Cultural Landscape that focuses on Human Geography themes. There are vocabulary terms associated with each reading and vocabulary practice using vocabulary.com.

Reminder: Parent/Teacher conferences are November 26th and November 27th.

ELA: Students began a literary essay writer's workshop this week. Students are learning how to "mine" ideas out of a text to notice important details the author includes about a character. They are learning to think like essayists to reflect on the author's purpose for sharing these details and using these details to better understand the character's motivations. The flash drafts and quick writes students wrote this week were truly impressive.

A reminder that on Monday, November 19th, all sixth grade ELA students will be visiting the Center Theatre to view the movie adaptation of *The Giver*. Please have students bring appropriate outerwear and footwear on this day as we will be walking. Concessions will be available with a group discount rate: small popcorn \$1.50, water \$1.75, or both for \$3.00. We are looking forward to celebrating our first reader's workshop of the year.

FROM THE 7TH GRADE:

ELA: In 7th grade ELA, we are writing Realistic Fiction short stories. Students spent a week brainstorming ideas, developing characters, and plotting out their stories. Students are drafting their stories with a focus on creating scenes rather than summarizing events. I am amazed at the students' creativity and cannot wait to read their stories. Along with this unit, students are also learning different Latin and Greek roots and affixes to help them identify unknown words. Please continue to check Web2School regularly for up-to-date grades. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at tdever@sedomocha.org.

Math: Students have started working on unit two this week. We have discussed the use of rates, ratios, and unit rates. Students have practiced division of rates and explored problems where they may have to use unit rate. We will move forward to explore proportions and their uses. We look forward to seeing all parents at conferences on November 26th and 27th.

Science: In 7th grade science we are discussing how organisms are suited for their environment. This fits into our ecology unit, as we discuss how organisms interact with their ecosystems.

Social Studies: Currently we are working on wrapping up our mini-unit on characteristics of civilization. Students are working to identify examples of the various characteristics of civilization, and will also be working towards being able to explain how they function and what their purpose is.

FROM THE 8TH GRADE:

Social Studies- We have begun learning about the events of the American Revolution, starting with the "shot heard 'round the world"- the battles of Lexington and Concord. A chart is being used to keep all of the events, dates and significance straight, and can be used as a study guide for assessments. To add a bit of visual spice to the lessons on the war, video clips from the History Channel's series *The Revolution* are being used to complement class instruction.

Math- Pre-Algebra: Students are continuing their learning of how to solve equations. We've slowed down a bit to really tackle the multi-step equations and all they entail. Students in Algebra have started in on Chapter 7: Systems of Equations & Inequalities. They will be applying knowledge from previous lessons in order to learn this new skill. Parents, lack of homework completion is on the rise and I need your help! Please encourage your child to do his/her homework as that will better prepare him/her for any type of assessment, as well as help me know where your child may be struggling.

Science- Students have been doing a great job producing data reports, generating graphs, and constructing data statements. We will continue to do this type of informational writing as our year progresses. Next up: 50-yard dash! A friendly, but strong reminder that students receive homework regularly and they need to be completing it. Homework is practice, but should not be invasive. Most of the work sent home requires only the resources I have provided, and students are encouraged to contact me if there are issues or confusion! Thanks for everyone's hard work thus far!

ELA- Students have finished their narratives and we are heading right into *A Christmas Carol*. Leading up to Thanksgiving, we will be discussing some background on the Victorian Era as well as discussing Dickens' purpose in writing *A Christmas Carol*. In order to get a full picture of the times and Dickens' life, we will be watching *The Man Who Invented Christmas* and completing constructed responses on the movie.



Music News

It's that time of year when everything gets kicked into high gear, including the SSO calendar.

Upcoming SSO Events:

Book Fair - Scholastic Book Fair will be Nov 26-29th 1:30-7pm. We will be looking for many volunteers to staff the book fair so keep an eye on the Facebook page for sign up opportunities.

Meals for Teachers - We are looking for families to send in meals for teachers on Monday Nov 26th to keep them well cared for during parent teacher conference days. See the SSO Facebook page for a link to sign up.

Holiday Caroling - Tentative Date of Dec 14th. Spend the evening with a family friendly event taking the bus and caroling around the neighborhood with Mrs. Young!

Free Family Movie - December 30th at 1pm at Center Theater the movie will be The Greatest Showman.

Daughter Dance - The date is set! January 26th. Theme is The Greatest Showman Doors open at 6:30 Dance is 7-9pm.

With the coming holidays we want to remind everyone to keep an eye out for Box Tops for Education on your favorite products. Each one cut and submitted is worth .10 for the SSO. We will be accepting Box Top submissions throughout the school year so if your collection is taking up space, send them in to your child's teacher and they will find their way to the SSO.

Last but not least, remember, for each SSO meeting you attend until May your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$200 scholarship! This scholarship will be for a summer camp or extracurricular activity of your choice for your child(ren). Meetings are 1hr long on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the teachers lounge.

Our first quarter of rehearsals have been a success! Both ensembles are up and running and our students have been hard at work making some great music!

Please be on the lookout for a note that is going home with band and chorus students with information about our open rehearsals and performance opportunities for 2019.

Our next music booster meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 28th at 6:30 PM in Miss Griffin's music room. We will be discussing our plans for community outreach during the winter and looking ahead to fundraising and other opportunities for parent involvement. Please contact Miss Griffin or Mrs. Young if you are not able to make the meeting, but would still like to be involved with the group.

Nurse's Notes

November is American Diabetes Awareness Month – Talk to your health care provider about the risk factors in your family, take precautions and 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.

I would like to thank the parents and guardians for trusting me to take care of your children over the last 2 years. It has been a pleasure to get to know each of them. I will be leaving SeDoMoCha at the beginning of December and Mrs. Arcaro will be our new school nurse. Please give her a warm welcome to our school.

Thanks again,
Mrs. Noke

Miracle Tree Event

Saturday, December 1st

9:00am - 4:00pm

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Sunday, December 2nd

10:00am - 2:00pm

Central Hall
(152 East Main Street,
Dover-Foxcroft)

Come to visit our open house style viewing, where you will have the opportunity purchase raffle tickets for the tree or trees of your choice. If your ticket is chosen, you can walk away with a beautifully decorated tree and all of the gifts and prizes underneath it. All proceeds benefit various Piscataquis County Charities.

****You do not need to be present to win****