South Bristol School

Weekly Newsletter

March 8, 2024



Memo from the principal

Students were on the go all week! Whether skiing with the SBS Outdoor Adventure Club or attending a Mariners hockey game, students were engaged and represented SBS well wherever they went. The girl's basketball team enjoyed their banquet this week. This week we also hosted a representative from the Holocaust and Human Rights Center (HHRC). The SBS Civil Rights Team, 8th graders, and staff attended various training sessions on antisemitism and the history of the Holocaust. Our school board has been busy as well, with joint meetings at BCS and budget work. Please see the message below with important school board dates. Lakes are becoming ice free and we turn our clocks ahead this weekend! - Mr. Hamm

"Laugh at yourself first before anyone else can." - Elsa Maxwell - Socialite

School Board update;

Our school board has been extremely busy lately. Joint board meetings with BCS and the South Bristol Select Board, Strategic Vision and restructuring considerations, and budget work have dominated their time these past few months. A Restructuring Committee is being formed with 5-6 members each from both South Bristol and Bristol. The committee will be charged with exploring beneficial structural options for our schools in the coming years. If you are interested in serving on this important committee, please reach out to SBS School Board Chair Sara Mitchell at smitchell@aos93.org or the town office at sbristol@tidewater.net. Deadline to be considered for the committee is March 15th. Additionally, there are two seats open on the school board. Voting for those positions is at the town office, March 11, 12:45-7:00.

A few dates to watch:

- March 11 12:45-7:00 Voting at the town office for school board positions
- March 12 7:00 town meeting to vote on budgets
- March 21st 5:30 BCS and SBS Joint board meeting at SBS

Grades 3 through 8 had an awesome time at the Maine Mariners Education Day! There were tons of activities revolving around the fun things to do in Maine and lots of STEAM activities.

















Skiing! The SBS Outdoor Adventure Club had tons of fun on the slopes at Lost Valley. They had a very successful trip. Experienced and brand new skiers alike found success on the hill. Many had never skied or been on a chairlift before. The students report that they had so much fun and would like to go again in the future! A big thank you to our chaperones and bus driver! - Ms. Jordan

















The Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Augusta (HHRC) provided antisemitism training this week







The tradition of Boat Shop continues;











Grades 1 and 2 are putting the finishing touches on their biomes and critters. Come see!



ECOLOGY, BIOMES, & ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS UNIT: THE 1/2 ZOO

Please join us in our classroom Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 1:45pm to view our zoo exhibits & speak with animal experts.

















Students in grades 3 and 4 had a great time visiting the Rutherford Library!







First place and Honorable Mention winners of the Soil and Conservation Poster Contest in grades 3-4.





Congratulations Sophia and Aria!!!!

Tricky Tray is a couple of weeks away! This school and community wide fundraising event will be on Saturday, March 23rd. The Boosters are still looking for volunteers to help and would love to bring some new parents on board. Tasks include assisting with food, donation solicitations, and/or putting together a donation from your own family for the raffle. If you are interested in helping out in any way- or want to learn more before committing, please reach out to Lynn or Tenley at lsavage@aos93.org or tseiders@aos93.org.

From Nurse Crystal

Lice continues to be a concern at SBS. We encourage and ask parents/guardians to check your children and follow appropriate measures. A hard copy of guidelines has been sent home with every student.

New guidance regarding Covid 19:

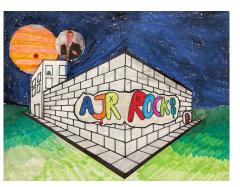
When people get sick with a respiratory virus, the updated guidance recommends that they stay home and away from others. For people with COVID-19 and influenza, treatment is available and can lessen symptoms and lower the risk of severe illness. The recommendations suggest returning to normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, symptoms are improving overall, and if a fever was present, it has been gone without use of a fever-reducing medication. CDC LINK - Nurse Crystal

A few more photos for your enjoyment







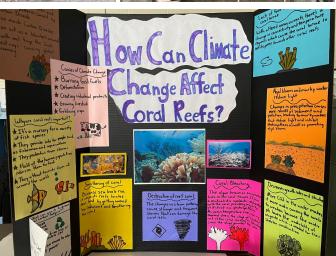




















Learn, Play, Love

PICKLEBALL!

Where? SBS Gym

When? 10:00 AM to Noon Saturdays March 16 and 30

PLUS APRIL SESSIONS NOW ADDED

10 AM to Noon on 4 Saturdays: April 6, 13, 20, & 27

7 to 9 PM on 2 Tuesdays, April 9 & April 23

Who? Open to all South Bristol School students, families, and community

members

Bring Your own water

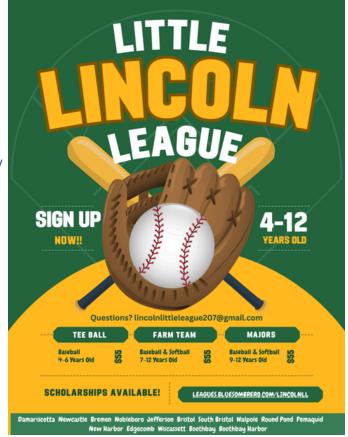
Wear tennis shoes or sneakers

All other equipment provided! No experience necessary!



Photos from Community Pickleball sessions at South Bristol School gym in February and March.







A SCHOLARSHIP TO SUMMER CAMP.

A FREE WEEK OF ADVENTURE.



Sleepaway camp. It's so Maine and yet just a dream for many locals. It's why Oakhurst Dairy is partnering with The Holy Donut* and YMCA Camp of Maine to send a handful of kids to summer sleepaway camp, free*of charge.



It's just one way we can all celebrate Maineness.



To learn more or apply, scan the QR code or visit

OakhurstDairy.com/campscholarships.

This is for children ages 8-15.





*Scholarship is for one week tuition payment to YMCA camp in Winthrop, ME. Recipients are responsible for all other expenses tied to attending camp.







Upcoming events

March 11 - SBS Boosters meeting at 3:00 in the Learning Center

March 12 - Town Budget meeting at SBS at 7:00

March 13 - Jump Rope travel day

March 15 - Staff professional development day, no school for students

March 21 - BCS and SBS joint school board meeting at SBS at 5:30

March 23 - TRICKY TRAY!

March 25 - Hardy Girls trip

March 27 - FAME visits with grades 6-8

March 28 - Kids' Healthy Heart Challenge

April 2 - School Board meeting, 5:30

April 3 - Lincoln Academy Job Fair for 8th Graders

April 3 - Being rescheduled - OUT Maine presents to 8th Grade

April 24 - Jump Rope travel day

April 30 - Healthy Kids Night at SBS, 5:00 to 6:30 for families and students

May 8-9 - New Hope for Women visits SBS

May 10 - Civil Rights Team to Sea Dogs Game in Portland

End of trimesters

March 8th

June 17th

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