

OTES Family Update February 4, 2022



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COVID “Simplified” Guide for Families: What to do when your student is not feeling well, exposed to COVID, or tests positive:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DtZ7Tvo6EB0x7yBDVST5toqTNMUTuVFtoMbv6D96qpw/edit?usp=sharing>

We are doing our best to keep up with questions and concerns in a timely fashion. Please have patience with staff as we process many calls and emails. In the office, we work as a team, share information, and are all aware of OTES COVID procedures. Please review your question or situation with the staff member who answers the phone so we can help you get the information you need right away. We will connect you with someone who can better help you if necessary. Also, please check your email regularly for close contact notifications and updates. For example, we had seven positive pools this week and all families connected to those pools have been emailed.



Early Release Day- Friday, February 11, Dismissal at 11:30am

We will have an early release day this Friday, February 11. Students will be served breakfast and lunch. If the release time of 11:30am changes your student's dismissal plan, please contact their teacher and/or the office. The final planned early release day for 2022 is scheduled for Friday, April 1.



Winter Gear

We are Mainers and go outside in all kinds of weather! Please send your student to school everyday with a jacket, snow pants, boots, a hat, and mittens or gloves (multiple pairs are great!). Even when it is very cold, we bundle up and go out for quick breaks and fresh air. We watch the temperature carefully to keep our students safe, but please help them to be prepared as well. If any of these items are a hardship for your family, please reach out to your student's teacher.



This Wednesday, February 9th from 6-7pm via Zoom: Parent and Caregiver Virtual Event About Online Safety: Supporting and Protecting Youth in the Digital Age

Join OTES School Counselor Vicki Wilcox to discuss myths and facts about social media, cyber bullying, privacy and safety, digital citizenship and gaming. Frequently asked questions that may be covered include, "Is this a red flag?" "Is my child ready for a cellphone?" or "Should I be worried?" RSVP to Vicki Wilcox at vicki.wilcox@rsu34.org

Parking to the Left of the Building and Buses Exiting at Dismissal

The parking spots on the left side of OTES, facing the building, are now for Pre-K pick up and drop off and sick/nurse visit parking only! Please do not use these spots for any other reasons. At dismissal time, when you are waiting in the student pick up line, please leave room for buses to exit the loop if it is safe to do so. Buses are on a tight schedule to complete their routes. Thank you!

Free Dental Care Clinic for Kids! Friday, February 11 and March 4 8am-5pm

UMA Bangor's Give Kids a Smile program is offering free dental care for kids ages 5-18 who don't have a dentist. Care at this event could include exams, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride, and education. Call 207-262-7872 for a free appointment. Call ASAP as appointments are limited. The clinic will be located at UMA Bangor 201 Texas Avenue in Bangor. Friday, the 11th is an early release day at OTES, making it a convenient time for our families!

ESEA Budget Involvement or Input

RSU #34 is beginning development of the 2022-2023 ESEA Budget in parallel with the local budgeting process. Through ESEA (the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act), RSU #34 applies for and receives funds in Titles IA, IIA, and IVA. Title IA generally funds some of our intervention services to disadvantaged students, Title IIA is generally focused on professional development, and Title IVA includes three sub-funds: Safe & Healthy Schools, Effective Use of Technology, and Well-Rounded Education. For information on how to be involved in needs assessment and the application planning process for ESEA, please contact Jon.Doty@rsu34.org.

Upcoming Events

Monday 2/7: CoGAT testing in 3rd grade this week, 5th grade yellow community musical practice 2:15-3:15pm

Tuesday 2/8: pooled testing

Wednesday 2/9: 5th grade red community musical practice 2:15-3:15pm, virtual online safety event with Vicki Wilcox 6:00-7:00pm (see details above)

Thursday 2/10: 5th grade band practice 2:15-3:15pm

Friday 2/11: early release day- dismissal at 11:30am

Monday 2/21-Friday 2/25 February Vacation