

August 2022

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome, or welcome back, to Maranacook Community Middle School. We are so excited to have you here as a part of the Royal River Team. Everyone is looking forward to seeing old and new faces in August. We are excited to be welcoming Anna Satterfield to our team as the third team teacher.

## First Days

We wanted to drop you a letter of welcome and include a few thoughts about the summer in preparation for the fall. The first day of school for sixth graders will be Wednesday, August 31. During this day you will be with your advisee group participating in activities planned by your advisors, spending time at the middle school meeting teachers and other 6th graders, and enjoying the day. **You can either buy lunch or bring lunch. Please bring a water bottle. Dress to be outside and active for the day.** Thursday, September 1st, is the first day for all students and this will be the first day you have classes. Once you get here, we will help you figure out where your classes are and how different color days work. There will be no school Monday, September 5th.

## Supplies

Many of you are probably thinking about buying supplies during the course of the summer. This is a great idea and here is what we recommend. **Students will need pens and pencils, a set of inexpensive headphones that can be left at school or in a backpack, one single subject notebook, one large (one inch or so) three ring binder with 7 dividers or folders, and a three ring pencil pocket.** It is incredibly important that students gather these supplies so that we can help them get organized and start the year off on the right foot. We will help all students organize their binders once they get here in the fall. Please bring a photo to share and put up on our picture wall. It can be of anyone or anything you would like.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Finally, we would like to remind you of our **Summer Reading Challenge**. We challenge all Royal River Team students to read over the summer. As an incentive, we offer extra credit for books read over the summer. **If a student reads at least 3 books (each book must contain at least 120 pages) over the course of the summer we will award an extra credit grade in reading.** All you need to do is read, write down the title, author and pages, have your parent/guardian sign it and turn it in to us in September. The Reading Log and Summer Reading List are attached to this email. You can also find the summer reading list and log on our Royal River Team Website, along with many other resources. To access our website go to: [google.sites/maranacook.com/royalriver](https://google.sites/maranacook.com/royalriver). Once here you will see a lot of great links, including a link to the Summer Reading List & Reading Log.

## Exciting News for Next Year

We will be returning to the Chewonki Foundation next spring, April 25th-28th, for their Outdoor Classroom experience. We have done this many years in the past, and are incredibly excited about this opportunity. Stay tuned for much more information in the fall. We simply wanted to let you know for planning purposes. This program does cost \$100 per student for the four days and three nights. We will be fundraising in the fall, but if your family wants to get a jumpstart on this over the summer, feel free.

## **More Exciting News**

Welcome Ms. Gilbert, our new team teacher!!! Hello, I'm Mrs. Gilbert. I am so excited to be a part of the Royal River Team. I have been teaching for three years in elementary school and this will be my first year teaching middle school. I cannot wait to meet you all and learn with you! I live in Augusta with my husband who is also a teacher in the district and my two cats (Bruce and Storm). In my free time I like to crochet, paint, play video games, bake, and watch tv and movies.

We hope you have had a great summer and are excited to be at MCMS in the fall. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of us by email over the summer. However, please be patient waiting for us to get back to you. It is summer and the three of us will be in and out of town throughout July and August.

We are looking forward to seeing you,

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