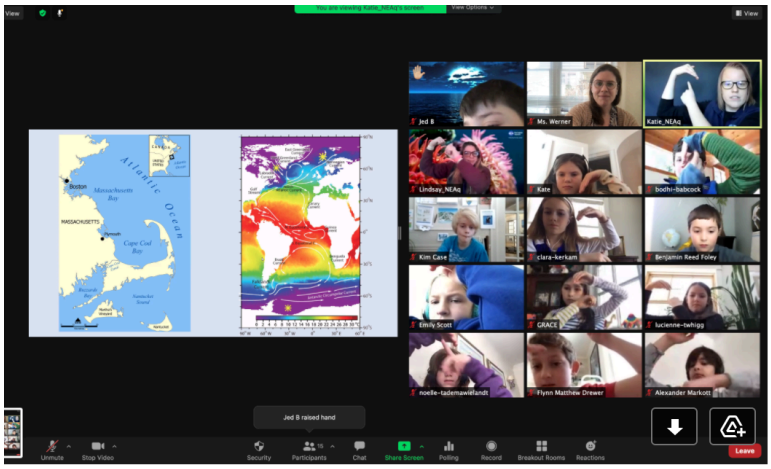
Pond Cove Principal's Notes

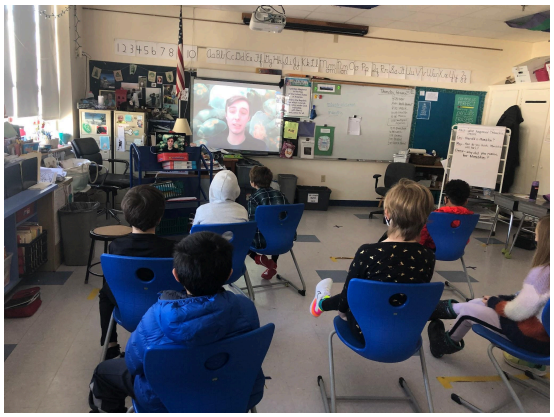
Week of 3/15/2021

Dear Families,

Our Pond Cove Grade 4 students recently participated in a virtual field trip to the New England Aquarium in Boston, MA. During this experience, an aquarium educator presented the inspiring story of Munchkin, a 330 lb sea turtle who was stranded on a beach in Cape Cod, due to cold-stunning, while attempting to migrate south. Munchkin was rescued and admitted to the New England Aquarium's rehabilitation facility in November of 2018. Munchkin's journey led our fourth graders into deep discussions about how we can all be globally and environmentally conscientious citizens! We are very grateful for our friends at CEEF (Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation) for funding this entire experience!



Students in Ms. Werner's fully remote grade 4 class (above) and Mrs. Bucci's hybrid class (below) participated in the New England Aquarium virtual field trip.



We have two more weeks of spirit days left in March. The students and staff have really been enjoying these!

Future Job Day

Maroon: Thursday, March 18

Gold: Friday, March 19

Dress up for the job you hope to have when you are older. Maybe you want to be a doctor, join the police or fire department, or be a movie star. Whatever you dream of becoming when you grow up, come dressed and ready to tell others why you want to do that job someday.

Favorite Book/Movie Character Day

Maroon: Thursday, March 25

Gold: Friday, March 26

Wear something that reminds you of your favorite book or movie character. You can share all about why you like that particular character the most.

As a reminder, our office is now accepting kindergarten registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Please help spread the word to any Cape families who may be interested in registering their child/ren for kindergarten next year. All new students, whether they are new to the district, starting kindergarten in the fall of 2021, or reentering following withdrawal due to COVID-19, should be registered via our online Registration Portal. Please click here to begin this process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Jason Manjourides
Principal, Pond Cove Elementary

Please continue to complete this Daily Symptoms Checklist for your child each day before they attend or visit the school for any reason. This is very important as we work to keep our campus open for in-person school this winter. Thank you.

Mindfulness for Parents 2.0
March 1- March 22, 7:30pm-8:30pm
Registration

Please join us for another four sessions where we dig deeper into mindful parenting. We will explore more ways of anchoring in the present moment, living mindfully, being with difficult emotions, communicating mindfully, and cultivating compassion, and of course, whatever is alive in this moment for you. Also, if you were unable to join us for the first four weeks, or know someone who wasn't, and already have some familiarity with mindfulness, feel free to join as well! I find a more robust community can allow for depth of learning together.

Thanks so much!

Erica Marcus
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Mindfulness Director
Cape Elizabeth Middle School

If a Student is Required to Quarantine

To ensure that learning continues for these students, teachers have prepared lists of learning activities which will be posted in Google Classroom. On remote days they should access their remote learning like the rest of their cohort (maroon or gold). On their scheduled in-person days that they are home on quarantine, they should choose learning activities from the prepared lists. Your child's teacher will have more information for you on this.

Monday **3/15**	Tuesday **3/16**	Wednesday **3/17**	Thursday **3/18**	Friday **3/19**
Maroon cohort students in school. Gold cohort students at home working asynchronously on learning tasks previously sent home or posted on	Gold cohort students in school. Maroon cohort students at home working asynchronously on learning tasks previously sent home	**We're Online Wednesday** *All students work asynchronously at home. *Student Support by appointment	Maroon cohort students in school. Gold cohort students at home working asynchronously on learning tasks previously sent home or posted on Google	Gold cohort students in school. Maroon cohort students at home working asynchronously on learning tasks previously sent

Google Classroom. Elected Fully Remote students follow the schedule provided by their teacher.	or posted on Google Classroom. Elected Fully Remote students follow the schedule provided by their teacher.	*Parent meetings by appointment *Students complete unfinished assignments *Online skill practice *Students log in to Allied Arts Google Classroom and participate in assigned Allied Arts lessons *Special education services provided as scheduled *RTI math and literacy support provided as scheduled	Classroom. Elected Fully Remote students follow the schedule provided by their teacher.	home or posted on Google Classroom. Elected Fully Remote students follow the schedule provided by their teacher.

Looking Ahead

2020-2021 District School Calendar

March 24: Parent Teacher Conferences (Your child's teacher will reach out to schedule.)
April 16-23: Spring Break/No School

Important Reminders

- If students arrive late to school (after 8:35 a.m.), please have them enter the Pond Cove front door and check in at the main office.
- Due to the pandemic, we are discouraging parents/guardians from dropping items off at school this year. It takes us all working together to keep everyone healthy and safe. Thank you for all your efforts at home!

Arrival and Dismissal Update

On days that you pick your child up, your scheduled time to arrive is listed below. Please do your best to arrive on time, but not before. All parents/guardians must remain in their vehicles throughout the pick-up process.

Maroon days

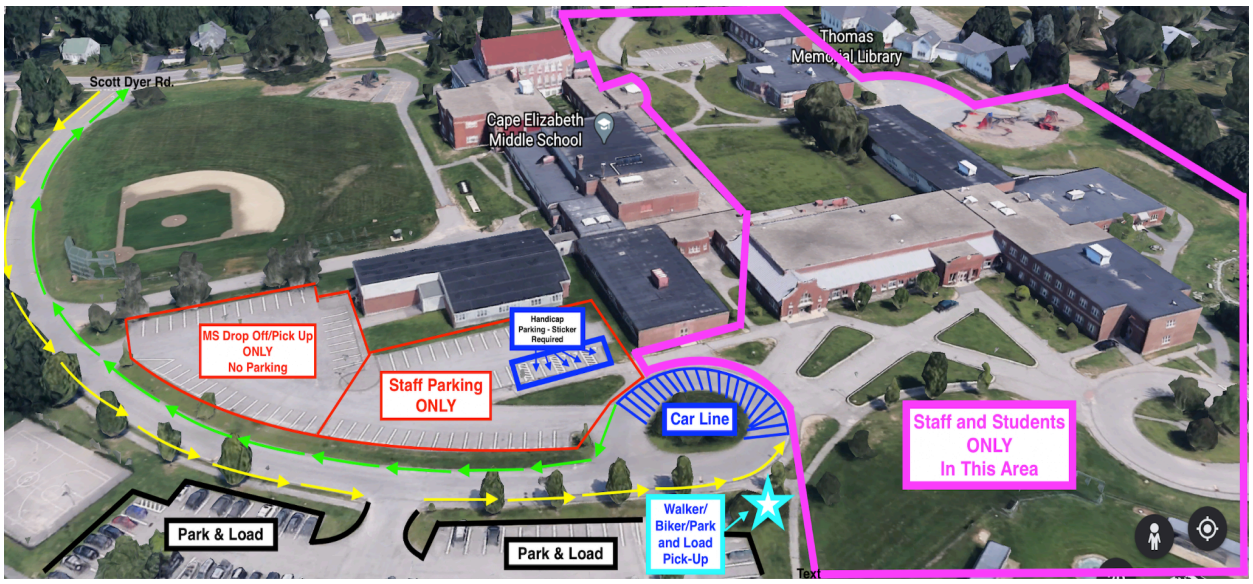
Last Name A-G 2:55

Last Name H-Z 3:05

Gold Days

Last Name O-Z 2:55

Last Name A-M 3:05



Resources:

COVID-19 Parent/Student Handbook

Pond Cove's Wellness Space

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