
South Bristol School

Weekly Newsletter

May 31, 2024



Memo from the principal

A whirlwind! That describes the week succinctly. Trying to capture everything in a weekly publication is tricky at SBS because I am always sure I've missed an activity or interesting story. Students are enjoying a strong baseball and softball season with some recent wins that have been exciting, the 8th grade went golfing this week and they also participated in a beach cleanup, led by Mrs. Thibodeau. Farm trips with PreK-K, Plummers Point with grades 3-4, and local walks have all taken place this week. We ended up canceling the Hardy Boat Cruise due to weather. Hardy Boat folks were kind enough to reschedule for Friday afternoon, next week. I'm looking forward to that adventure. Speaking of adventure, our Outdoor Adventure Club is headed to Acadia for some biking and camping with Ms. Jordan today. We sure are fortunate to have such great staff!

- Mr. Hamm

"How people treat you is their karma; how you react is yours." - Wayne Dyer - *American author*

Beach cleanup and golfing in the same week! Way to go 8th graders!



It's tough keeping up with all the activities in our PreK-K classroom!



Spring cleanup, organized by the SBS Boosters, seems to bring on the summer weather.



Third and fourth graders culminated their year-long collaboration with Coastal Rivers educators by spending Wednesday at Plummer Point. They reviewed the coastal and forest ecology they have learned throughout the year and added to their knowledge about ecosystems and the natural history of their local environment.



In previous sessions, students learned about Fibonacci numbers and their prevalence in nature. Here, students discovered that red pine needles also come in a Fibonacci number (groups of 3).



Students enjoyed finding many kinds of creatures in the intertidal zone.



Students used their science journals to record their observations.



Students used nets to temporarily capture sea life in order to be able to examine them more closely and think more deeply about their adaptations.

SOUTH BRISTOL EIGHTH GRADERS SHOW THEIR FISH WATER COLORS

On Wednesday, June 5th at 5 pm please join us for a viewing of the South Bristol Elementary School 8th Graders' works in water color. Artist Susan Johnson has been working with the class on a project called "Art in Water: A Visual Exploration of Maine's Coastal Fish". The project's goal was to provide students an introduction to water color painting using live fish as models and to help them develop close observation and drawing skills. Their visit to the annual alewife run that takes place in May at Great Salt Bay fish ladder has provided their subjects. The project has also been coordinated with the schools' art teacher, Olivia Richmond.

You will not only have the opportunity to see the students' work, but Ms. Johnson will also give a presentation on this project, sharing the student's learning process and progress. If unable to join us for light refreshments on opening day, the paintings will be up for a short time, June 5th through June 8th.

Ms. Johnson is a water color artist and former high school biology teacher who says of her work "my current paintings focus on two coastal fish species, Atlantic Mackerel and Alewives; I am interested in how these fish move, reflect light, and how their shapes interact with water." She hopes to share these interests and observation skills with the students. Most recently she has worked at Harvard University for 20 years overseeing educational and outreach programs for youth and teens. She will retire as of June 4th of this year and will be devoting herself full time to painting. She shares her time between Portland and South Bristol, Maine.

For more information about this event, please contact the library at 644-1882, email us at sblibrary2000@gmail.com or check our Facebook page at RUTHERFORDLIBRARYMAINE. The library is located at 2000 State Rte. 129 in South Bristol. Regular hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 12-6 and Friday and Saturday from 9-1.



Susan Johnson Painting



Eighth Graders at Work

The SBS honeybees have been buzzzy!



A few more photos for your enjoyment:



Help LAUNCH the Class of 2028!



Start Strong with LA Launch

A FREE high-school readiness program for incoming ninth graders

- Fun, active outdoor programs
- Field trips to explore the local waterfront
- Get to know new classmates
- Get familiar with the LA campus
- STEM activities
- Staffed by LA teachers & upperclass students

on the Lincoln Academy campus

81 Academy Hill, Newcastle

Free! Transportation & lunch provided!

Space is limited

Now accepting nominations & registrations

Interested?

Contact info here:

lincolnacademy.org/summer-programs/

Register using the form at this link:



August 12-16 OR August 19-23

Booster News: Thank you to all who came out for the Spring Clean-Up! We were a small but mighty group that tidied many different areas around the campus that needed a little attention. After the hard work, a delightful cookout was enjoyed by students and adults alike. Thank you for your hard work. It really is so special to see families come together to volunteer their time and energy for the good of their community.

We also enjoyed an "evening out" last week at the Shuck Station. Both staff and families gathered for some tasty treats and beverages while getting to know each other as ***people*** beyond the roles of "mom", "dad", "teacher", etc. Our next social gathering will be held on June 19th @ 4:30 at Coveside. Bring a friend and hope to see you there!

Yours in service,
Booster Club

*Summer with the Past -
Stepping Back: Discovering Skills and Pas-
times of the 18th & 19th Centuries*

Lincoln County Historical Association's
Annual Summer Programs - Hands-on History

June 24 - 28, for ages 7 - 11 at the Chapman-Hall House, Damariscotta
What would you make to trade if you were a Colonial farmer, tinsmith or widow?
Make a trade item and enjoy some Colonial games. Program runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

July 22 - 26, for ages 12 - 15 at the Chapman-Hall House, Damariscotta
18th & 19th Century trades are the focus of the week with a different hand
skill each day. Program runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

August 5 - 9, for ages 7 - 11 at the 1811 Old Jail, Wiscasset
Wiscasset was a prominent place in the early 19th Century. Themes for the
week revolved around: Shipping, Trains, Merchants, Tradespeople, and the Jail.
19th Century Pastimes round out each day. Program runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Registration forms and more details can be found on the Lincoln
County Historical Association web site, www.lincolncountyhistory.org -
click Learn, Summer with the Past

Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Tuition assistance is available.



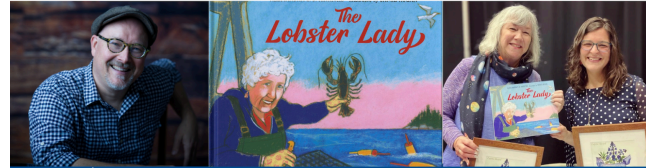
Summer with the Past programs are part of the Lincoln County Historical Association's
Education Outreach offerings. LCHA is a private, non-private organization preserving and
sharing Lincoln County, Maine history. Additional information can be found at: www.lincolncountyhistory.org



Creative Fusion Summer Camp
August 5-9, 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Play with all forms of art making. Sketch to music, paint to story, write to
song! Week includes a songwriting workshop with award-winning musician
Jud Caswell. Jamie Hogan, winner of two 2024 Lupine Awards, will facilitate
a book art workshop. No experience necessary. \$350

Register at merrybarn.com



MERRYBARN.COM

417 River Road
Edgecomb
ME 04556

SUN Bucks Basics

SUN Bucks, sometimes called Summer EBT, is a new federal program that helps families who qualify to buy groceries during the summer months using a debit-like EBT Card.

To get SUN Bucks, each child must meet criteria set by the USDA. Some kids will automatically qualify, while others can apply. Children must individually qualify during the school year before the summer starts or they can apply over the summer.

Each student that qualifies will receive one payment of **\$120 in benefits** for the summer period.

Visit <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi> for more information and latest updates.



When will SUN Bucks Benefits be issued?

Late June 2024 to late October 2024: Summer 2024 benefits for qualifying students will be issued at the end of each month, June – October as students are determined eligible

- If the student currently receives SNAP, the benefits will be loaded onto their existing Pine Tree card
- If the student received P-EBT last year, the benefits will be loaded onto their existing P-EBT card
- If the student does not have an existing account, they will be sent a new Pine Tree Card

If students no longer have their P-EBT Card, they can order a replacement by calling OFI at 1-855-797-4357 (8-4:30 M-F)

To Activate a new card

To activate a new card, the PIN activation code will be the child's date of birth, when prompted for a SS# use the child's social security number, if this is a new account use all 9's.

It is **crucial** to activate the EBT card within 45 days of receipt, or a new one will need to be ordered, if you try and fail 3 times, you will need to wait 24 hours to try again.

Points of Contact/ Additional Questions

Families should wait to receive the **Notice of Decision**, that will be mailed to families in mid May to see if they have been pre-qualified. If they do not receive a letter in the mail, they can find and application for benefits at:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms>

Applications will be accepted until August 15th

You can also find answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ's) at www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi or by calling OFI at 1-855-797-4357 (8-4:30 M-F)

HOT LUNCH Summer Meals

Families receiving SUN Bucks, may still participate in HOT LUNCH Summer programs across the state, where they can find SUN meals or SUN meals to go.

To find the site closest to you go to:

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/hotlunchsummer>

Who will get SUN Bucks Benefits?

NSLP School Student Eligibility

Students enrolled in NSLP schools are automatically eligible if they participate in at **least one** of the following:

- **Have submitted and qualify** for free or reduced-price school meals, with a Free & Reduced Price Meal Benefit Application or Alternate Income Form
- SNAP, TANF, FDIR
- Are Homeless, Migrant or a Foster Child
- MaineCare with a verified household income level below 185% of the federal poverty level

All other students that attend an NSLP school **may apply** for SUN Bucks by completing an application

Non- NSLP School Student Eligibility

Students **NOT** enrolled in NSLP schools are automatically eligible if they are between the **ages of 6-16** and participate in at **least one** of the following:

- SNAP, TANF, FDIR
- Are Homeless, Migrant or a Foster Child
- MaineCare with a verified household income level below 185% of the federal poverty level

All other Non-NSLP students are not eligible for Sun Bucks

Students at Community Eligibility (CEP) Schools or Schools participating in Special Provision II

Students in special provision schools are automatically eligible if they participate in at **least one** of the following:

- SNAP, TANF, FDIR
- Are Homeless, Migrant or a Foster Child
- MaineCare with a verified household income level below 185% of the federal poverty level

All other students that attend special provision schools **may apply** for SUN Bucks by completing an application



Maine Office
for Family
Independence

[HERE](#) is the link for more information

BREAKFAST **JUNE 2024** AOS 93 SBS Menus are Subject to Change Without Notice.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cereal 3 Cheese Stick Fruit	Breakfast 4 Sandwich Fruit	Eggs 5 Toast Fruit	Yogurt Parfait With WG Granola Fruit 6	Bagel 7 Cheese Stick Fruit
Cereal 10 Cheese Stick Fruit	Chefs Choice Breakfast 11	Chefs Choice Last Day!! Early Release 12	Happy Summer Vacation!! 13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Whole grains, cereal, fresh fruit & choice of milk are served daily.
This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider.
Check out the New AOS 93 app for Menu changes.

LUNCH **JUNE 2024** AOS 93 SBS Menus are Subject to Change Without Notice.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheeseburger 3 Potato Wedges Carrots Fruit	BBQ 4 Chickenburger Beans Fruit	Chefs Choice Lunch 5	Hot dog on WG bun 6 Potato Salad Fruit	PIZZA 7 Leafy Green Salad Fruit
Chickenburger 10 Potato Wedges Carrots Fruit	Chefs Choice Lunch 11	Chefs Choice Last Day!! Early Release 12	Happy Summer Vacation!! 13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

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Whole grains, fresh fruit & vegetables & choice of milk served daily. GSB & JVS WB & J Served daily. NCS & SBS PBAJ served daily. BCS serves both daily.
Check out Menu updates on the new AOS 93 App.

Upcoming events

June 10 - 8th Grade Graduation and Boat Launch
June 12 - Last student day, half day

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