

Swan's Island School

April 2, 2021

Dear Families,

I am so excited to announce the beginning of after school activities! Sam and Leah have created a schedule for track and competitive games. Track practices and competition is offered to grade 6-8 students and competitive games will be available for k-5 students and 6-8 students not participating in track. Attached you will find the April activities calendar. **Please remember that students can only participate in after school activities if they have insurance.** Please be sure to write your insurance information on the attached packet and send in a copy of your insurance card. If you are not able to make a copy, you can take a picture and text it to me at 812-8939 or email rbanks@mdirss.org. If you currently do not have insurance, you can email Raylene to get the information for you to apply for school insurance.

Please remember that when you are picking up your children from after school activities, we ask that you stay in your vehicles. We will send your child to your vehicle when the activity is over.

Today 3rd-8th graders participated in the 2021 Swan's Island Spelling Bee. This year we had nine students qualify. Congratulations to all who participated!

Here are our top 3 spellers for 2021:

Spelling Bee Winner -- Savannah
1st Runner Up -- Meri
2nd Runner Up -- Morgan

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held next week. Please be sure to send in your slip indicating whether you would like to meet using Google Meet or speak by phone.

Please continue to review the [Travel/Quarantine Guidelines](#) and use the [MDIRSS Screening Tool](#) before sending your children to school each day.

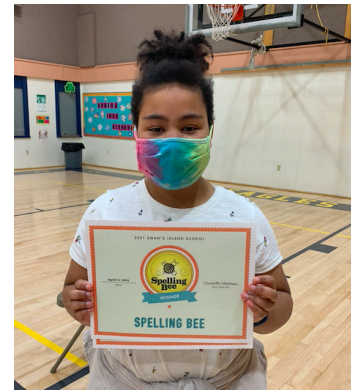
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at cdagraca@mdirss.org or 812-8939.

Happily,
Mrs. DaGraca

Athlete of the week!



2021 Spelling Bee Winner!



Egg Hunt!



K-2 News From Janice

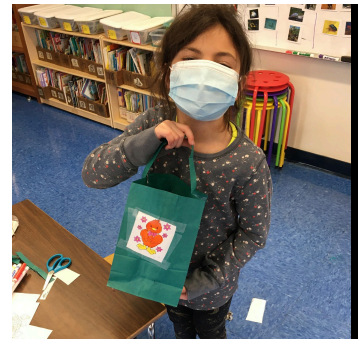
The k-2 classroom has been working on an animal unit during science time. We have learned the differences between animals and have been playing a fun game of animal classification. This week we took a break from our animal studies and made Easter baskets and decorated Easter eggs.

Everyone has done a great job on their spelling tests this month. Keep practicing for the Friday tests!

In Math the 2nd graders have been working on geometry. The 1st grade is doing place value work. In Kindergarten we just finished up a unit on shapes and are working on addition facts. Everyone has been practicing their addition facts with flashcards.

I just want to let parents know that I am very proud of my class and their reading skills. Everyone has improved in reading this year and are on their way to becoming great readers! Please take some time to listen to your child read. You will be amazed!

K-2 Classroom Photos



Join us in making the MDI PROMISE!

In the second half of the year, we want to continue to be as safe as possible and keep learning in person! By caring for the welfare of one another, we can help to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. As a member of the MDI Regional School System, I promise to lead by example, to take action to keep our community and myself safe to the greatest extent possible, and to actively encourage others to recognize and keep the MDI Promise.

To the greatest extent possible, *I (the student) promise to:*

- Use the [Student Health Screening Tool](#) every day before leaving home.
- Stay home and away from others if I'm not feeling well or symptomatic.
- Stay 6-feet away from others whenever possible, especially when eating or having a mask break.
- Wear a face mask over your mouth and nose when with others.
- Wash or sanitize hands often.
- Be extra careful when spending time with people outside of your household both inside and outdoors.

To the greatest extent possible, *I (the parent/guardian) promise to:*

- Help my child(ren) complete the [Student Health Screening Tool](#) every day before leaving home.
- Support the school with its efforts to keep everyone safe by following CDC guidance.
- Follow CDC guidelines when considering travel or having guests from out of state.
- Communicate with the school if my child(ren) have traveled outside of Maine.
- Honor the privacy of students who I may see during my child's remote learning experience and be mindful that I am a guest in that classroom.
- Be respectful on social media about COVID-19 related issues.
- Reinforce and model mask wearing, hand hygiene and physical distancing for your child(ren).
- Be extra careful when spending time with people outside of your household both inside and outdoors.