

Pond Cove Principal's Notes

Week of 3/8/2021

Dear Families,

This week I am excited to share some “outside the box” thinking that created engaging learning opportunities.

During Read Across America Week, the kindergarteners in Mrs. Marsden class blasted off to learning! Using the book Rocket Says Look Up! as a mentor text, students began learning more about outer space. Throughout the week students used space as a theme to access learning goals. In addition, Mrs. Marsden’s class had the incredible opportunity to Skype with Dr. James Miley at the ALMA Observatory in Santiago, Chile. Dr. Miley taught the class about recent discoveries in astrophysics and answered all of the very challenging questions posed by the kindergarten scientists. This opportunity was made possible through the Skype A Scientist program.



Mrs. Marsden’s Kindergarten Students Skype with Dr. James Miley

Our amazing school counseling team, Mrs. O'Neill and Mrs. Gallagher, are excited to share their new website, The Pond Cove Wellness Space. This wonderful new resource will enable parents and teachers to access social emotional resources. The Pond Cove Wellness Space will be updated with new information/resources as we learn about them.

Pond Cove's Wellness Space can be accessed through this link - [Pond Cove's Wellness Space](#)

Our office is now accepting kindergarten registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Please help spread the word to any Cape family 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 3/8	Tuesday 3/9	Wednesday 3/10	Thursday 3/11	Friday 3/12
<p>Maroon cohort students in school.</p> <p>Gold cohort students at home working asynchronously on learning tasks previously sent home or posted on Google Classroom.</p> <p>Elected Fully Remote students follow the schedule provided by their teacher.</p>	<p>Gold cohort students in school.</p> <p>Maroon cohort students at home working asynchronously on learning tasks previously sent home or posted on Google Classroom.</p> <p>Elected Fully Remote students follow the schedule provided by their teacher.</p>	<p>We're Online Wednesday</p> <p>*All students work asynchronously at home.</p> <p>*Student Support by appointment</p> <p>*Parent meetings by appointment</p> <p>*Students complete unfinished assignments</p> <p>*Online skill practice</p> <p>*Students log in to Allied Arts Google Classroom and participate in assigned Allied Arts lessons</p> <p>*Special education services provided as scheduled</p> <p>*RTI math and literacy support provided as</p>	<p>Maroon cohort students in school.</p> <p>Gold cohort students at home working asynchronously on learning tasks previously sent home or posted on Google Classroom.</p> <p>Elected Fully Remote students follow the schedule provided by their teacher.</p>	<p>Gold cohort students in school.</p> <p>Maroon cohort students at home working asynchronously on learning tasks previously sent home or posted on Google Classroom.</p> <p>Elected Fully Remote students follow the schedule provided by their teacher.</p>

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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

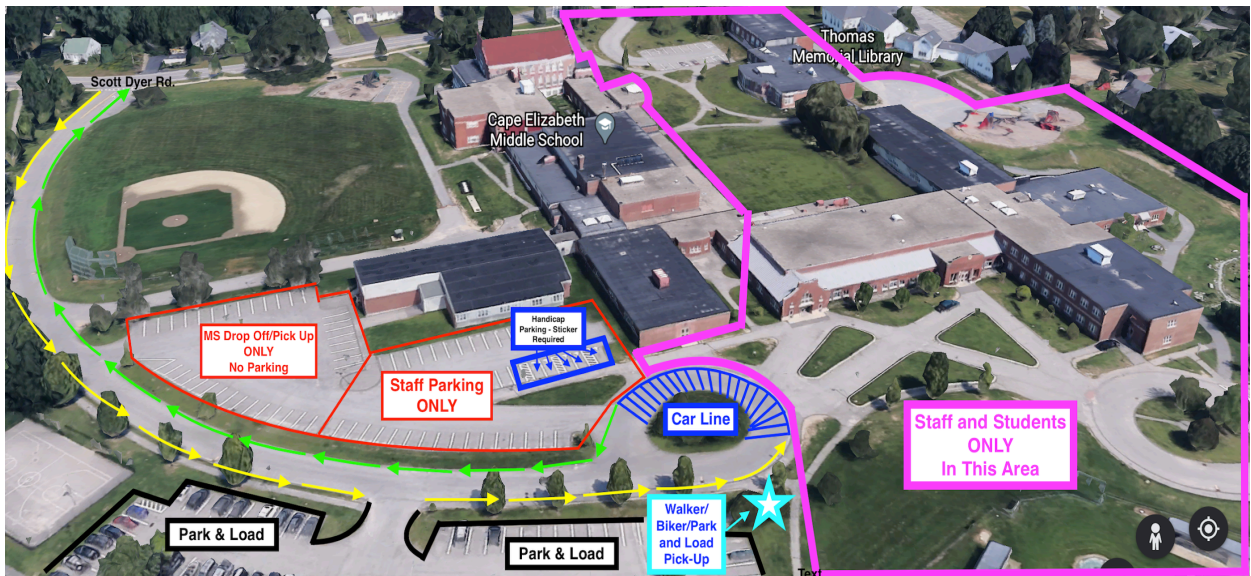
Last Name A-G 2:55

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

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