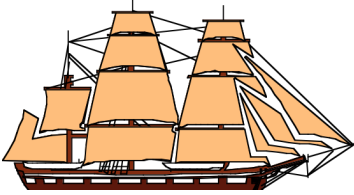


THE PHIPPSBURG EXPLORER'S LOG

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UPCOMING EVENTS



December

- 3 - End of 1st Trimester
- 9- Report Cards go home
- 16 - PES Winter Concert- 6PM
- 17- Phippsburg Town Hall Outdoor Event
- 23 - 1/3/2022 - **No School- Holiday Break**

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and was able to spend time with family. I think I say this every month, but it's hard to believe that it is already December! This is a month that is always exciting for students. Students are busy in music and band classes preparing for our upcoming concert at 6PM on December 16th. For more information, see the flyer in this week's folder.

As I mentioned in a previous log, the concert will take place in the gym with limited seating. We are planning to live stream the concert into overflow classrooms and hopefully, it will be available live on the RSU 1 youtube channel. Masks will be required at all times while in the school building.

NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Many students have shared with us that they have been or are being vaccinated. We were excited to hold a school-based vaccine clinic in collaboration with Mid Coast Hospital on the Friday before Thanksgiving. As a reminder, there are many locations offering vaccinations to children.

Another way to keep your child safe and in school is to join the PES COVID pool testing program. The benefits of pooled testing programs are that COVID-19 infections are discovered before there is enough concentrated virus in an individual to spread it to anyone else, therefore enabling full classes and afterschool activities to continue since close contacts would no longer need to quarantine. This allows us to keep all uninfected students and staff in school and avoid the ten-day quarantine. Testing happens each week usually on Thursday for staff and students who opt into the program. If you would like more information on pool testing please reach out to Nurse Tainter at btainter@rsu1.org.

REMINDERS

DECEMBER BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

Be sure to check the new menu for December for tasty meals your child will surely enjoy.

BUS REMINDER

RSU 1 collaborates with First Student to provide student transportation to school and home safely and efficiently. We request that students only ride their assigned bus to and from school unless extenuating circumstances are pre-approved through the school office. This allows the school district to more accurately conduct contact tracing when there is a positive COVID-19 case and reduce the potential number of quarantines. Thank you for your understanding and assistance with this matter.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SANTA ALERT!

Phippsburg Town Hall reports that on December 17th at 5PM they will be hosting their annual Christmas Party in the Town Hall parking lot. Santa has agreed to stop by and will be arriving around 5:15PM to greet the children and hear what is on their wish lists. Warm beverages and cookies will be served. Bundle up and come enjoy the fun!

LETTERS TO SANTA

Knowing that Santa always watches the Phippsburg Selectmen's meetings in December, they thought it would be a great time to read the children's letters to Santa. Letters can be dropped off at, or mailed to, Phippsburg Town Hall, 1042 Main Rd, Phippsburg ME 04562. Tune in to Phippsburg local cable Channel on Wednesday evenings starting at 5PM to hear what the Phippsburg children have added to their Christmas wish lists!

MAINE MARITIME MUSEUM

Exciting news: as of December 1st, they are no longer charging admission for kids (17 and under), and have joined a program called Museums for All to provide free admission to anyone with an EBT card (four people per card), hoping many more local families will have the chance to come explore the museum.