# THE PHIPPSBURG EXPLORER'S LOG

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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**



#### **December**

- 9- Report Cards go home
- 16 PES Winter Concert & PTA Bake Sale 6PM
- 17- Phippsburg Town Hall Outdoor Event
- 23 1/3/2022 No School- Holiday Break

# NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week marks the end of the first trimester, and what a lot has been accomplished! Students and staff have worked really hard on academics and their work has really paid-off. Teachers will be sharing this information with you on student report cards. Report cards are enclosed in today's folder.

As a reminder if your child or children are asked to quarantine from school because of a possible exposure or are ill due to COVID teachers will post directions for student work on Brightspace. This work may be instruction through digital programs, take-home packets, and may follow along directly with in-classroom instruction. If the whole class or school is quarantined teachers will post a daily schedule that involves a live morning meeting and live lessons throughout the day with independent, off-camera work time sprinkled in throughout the day. This work may be instruction through digital programs, take-home packets, and may follow along directly with in-classroom instruction. If you have any questions regarding Brightspace, please reach out to your child's teacher for more information.

# **REMINDERS**

**VACCINE CLINIC** #2 for 5-11 year olds will happen tomorrow - **Friday, December 10th**.

Information for Vaccine Clinic #2:
Date: Friday, 12/10

Location: Morse High School/ Bath Tech gym

Time: 7:45 am - 11:00 am Vaccine Type: Pfizer

Students: Those receiving either there 1st or 2nd shot

### **SNOW DAYS AND DELAYED STARTS**

RSU1 will be returning to traditional snow days this winter. On days where there is inclement winter weather and roads are not safe, school may have a delayed start, or the school building may be closed for the day. In addition to an automated phone call to each household, notice will be made on TV channels 6, 8 and 12 beginning at 5:30am. School cancellations can also be heard over the radio stations: WGAN 560 AM, WCLZ 98.9, WPOR 101.9 FM, WJTO 730AM, WMGX 93.1 FM. Remember that our schools are listed under RSU1, not individual towns. Please be sure the school has your correct phone number so that you will receive all notifications.

# **BUS REMINDER**

RSU 1 collaborates with First Student to provide student transportation to school and home safely and efficiently. Unless extenuating circumstances exist, such as child care issues, students must ride their assigned bus to and from school. Any changes must be 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.

We also ask that if you plan to pick-up your child up at the end of the day that you email or send a note to your child's teacher. All arrangements should be made no later than 2:30. Calling to make changes at the end of the day should be avoided. This will ensure a safe and smooth dismissal process. Thank you for your understanding and assistance with this matter.

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

# PHIPPSBURG RECREATION COMMITTEE

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Phippsburg Recreation Committee's December flyer if you didn't receive one in your mail. It is full of activities, events and more that are happening all around town throughout the month of December. Below are just a few of the many offerings.

### **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!

### **LIGHT UP THE TOWN!**

Share your spirit for the holidays by "Lighting Up The Town!" PRC will be posting on their Facebook page the locations of all the great light displays in town. If you would like to add your address to the running list please contact Cathy Thomas @ 522-3105. When leaving a message please include the section of town (i.e. Sebasco, Popham etc) along with the street address. Check FB often for new listings.

### 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.