

Swan's Island School Newsletter

May, 7, 2021

Dear Families,

Outdoor mask protocols have been updated. Students and staff are now able to remove their masks while outside of the building, if they are able to maintain 6ft of distance from others. Students running by other students or competing in after school athletics may have quick encounters unmasked as they pass other students. If students choose to gather or play closely with peers, then they are encouraged to keep their masks on. An example of this would be when playing Four Square or while lining up to enter the building. Indoor mask protocols have not yet changed. Students and staff are still required to wear masks, unless eating or drinking, from a distance of at least 6ft.

Congratulations to Savannah, our 2021 Geography Bee Champion! 10 students in grades 3-8 participated in our 2021 Geography Bee. Questions were answered about oceans, countries and continents.

Our first swim and tennis lessons were a success! A big thank you to our swim instructors, Leah and Sam and Dan, our tennis instructor. Students loved to be back in the pool and on the tennis court! We will continue to spend Fridays in May at the YMCA in Bar Harbor.

Our 6-8 Track Team did a wonderful job representing Swan's Island School at the MDI Track Meet on Tuesday! Students will have two more opportunities to represent our school at MDIHS meets on 5/11 & 5/18.

Please check your homes for books that belong to the school. Many classroom and library books are missing from our collections. As we begin to prepare to purchase for next year, we need to collect as many of our books as possible. If you are ready to clean out your bookcases, we are also accepting donations of children's books. We will use these to create book bags for children to take home for summer reading or to restock our classroom libraries. Please feel free to send these in with your children or leave them in a bag outside of the front door. Thank you in advance for supporting literacy at Swan's Island School!

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

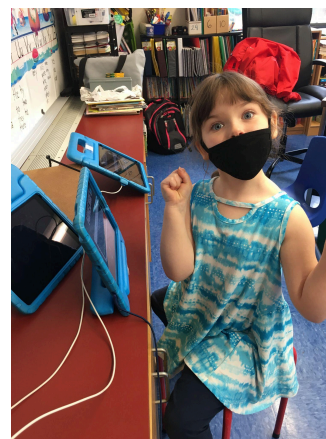
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at cdagraca@mdirss.org or 812-8939.

Happily,
Mrs. DaGraca

2021 Geography Bee Champ!



K-2 Class Photos



K-2 News from Janice

I'm sorry to say we do not have a lot of new news for this newsletter. We have had a lot of absences since vacation, so we haven't started any new units.

But we have been working hard on our writing, reading and math this month. We have been enjoying a new math app on our ipads, that helps us with math facts.

We are also working on character development in writing. We now know how to give detailed descriptions of our characters and interesting personalities.

We have been doing a countdown of school days and as of Wednesday, May 5th we have 25 school days left until summer vacation!

Keep checking the newsletters for dates of important events coming up. A lot happens in May and June!

