

THE PHIPPSBURG EXPLORER'S LOG

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December

10 - Report Cards Go Home

14 - RSU1 School Board Meeting, 6PM

16 - Holiday Musical Recording

23-Jan. 1 - **NO SCHOOL**; Holiday Break

January

4 - Back to School



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There are just a little over seven school days before we break for Christmas. That is truly hard to believe!

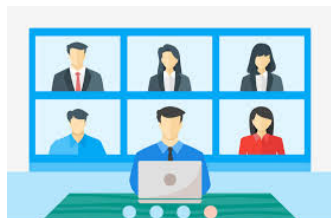
As you are aware, we are not able to have students sing in music class. We are also not able to invite parents and families into our school. Clearly, this makes having our traditional winter concert out of the question. Fear not! Our fantastic new music teacher, Ms. Gagnon, came up with the idea of giving families a snapshot of what is happening in music class by recording each class, and posting it for families to view. Students have been practicing their pieces over the last few music classes. The recording will take place on Wednesday, December 16th. To that end, we ask that next Wednesday students "dress their best" for the filming of Sounds of December Music. I will share the information and the link as soon as we are able to post the video. Stay tuned!



Another COVID-related change that is taking place at school is the way that teachers are doing snack breaks in their classrooms. Beginning last Wednesday, teachers are combining breakfast and snack times. By combining the two, students will only be without their masks once in the morning. The reason for this change is to be exceptionally cautious about the number of times students are unmasked. Breakfast will be moved to a time a little later in the morning. For students who don't eat school breakfast (remember it's FREE, now's a great time to sample it) they can choose to eat a snack from home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or your child's teacher.

RSU1 BOARD MEETING

Community participation is always welcome and wanted at the RSU1 School Board meetings, and the next one changed to **Monday, December 14th, at 6PM.**



However, given the current limitations on public gatherings per the Governor's Executive Order, it is not practical at this time for the Board to conduct meetings with the public present. However, the Board will accept and acknowledge questions and comments that are submitted in advance. Please visit www.rsu1.org for specific details on how to submit a comment/question. Thank you.

SCHOOL PICTURE ORDER FORMS

If you are unable to order school pictures online, or wish to pay with cash or check made out to soggy dog designs, please use the attached order form. Form must be returned to school with payment no later than **Tuesday, December 15th**, for holiday orders.



SCHOOL CANCELLATION

Parents/Guardians are notified by phone around 5:30AM if school is canceled. RSU1 school cancellation and delay announcements are also posted on the three major television stations (Channels 6, 8, and 13), Bath Community Television, Cable Channel 3 (PBCTV) and the following radio stations: WCME 99.5FM/900AM, WMME, 92.3FM, and WEEB 98.5FM. Closings are also posted on the website, www.rsu1.org, and the District Facebook Page. Keep in mind that if there is a 2-hour delay, there is no Pre-K, and if there is a 1-hour delay on Wednesday, there is no Pre-K. Remember that our schools are listed under RSU1, not individual towns, except if ours is the only one without electricity, as happened recently. Please be sure we have the correct phone number (as well as address and email), so that you will receive all notifications.

NOTICE TO CHILDREN OF PHIPPSBURG

The Town Selectmen were sad that they could not host a party this year for Santa to come to and meet Phippsburg's children. So, in an effort spearheaded by Selectman Mixon, the Board sought to keep the lines of communication open with Santa, and actually made contact with him!



Selectman Mixon asked Santa if he would enjoy hearing the Christmas wishes of our town's children. He proposed that children could write a letter to Santa, leave it in a special drop box at school or send it in an email to the Town. This way the Select Board could read the Santa letters each week during our meeting that is streaming live online. Santa agreed! He will tune into our Selectmen's meetings every Wednesday night at 5:00 p.m. prior to Christmas, to hear the letters that are read!

So children, please write your letter to Santa, and put it in Santa's drop box at school by **December 22nd** or email it to: Phipps@phippsburg.com, and we will read them aloud for Santa on Wednesday night.

P.S. We also asked Santa to tour our town by Fire Truck and wave to the children as he goes by. We will let you know soon when Santa will take the tour. You'll want to mark your calendar for that, and keep an eye on the roads in front of your house!

PHIPPSBURG REC NEWS: **PHIPPSBURG SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Due to COVID, we won't be having the annual Scholarship Craft Fair this year to raise money for the Phippsburg Scholarship Fund. If you'd like to help contribute directly to the Scholarship Fund, please make your check payable to **Phippsburg PTA**, specify on the memo line that it is for the **Scholarship Fund**, and mail it to Phippsburg Elementary School, 1047 Main Road, Phippsburg, ME 04562. Thank you for your help.



BATH REC NEWS: **VIRTUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST!**

Show us your creative side this Holiday Season!

Join Bath Parks and Recreation for our 1st ever Virtual Gingerbread House Contest!



Age groups:

Family (6 and under
with help)
7-12 years of age
13-18 years of age
Adult (19+)

1st place winners in each category will receive a prize via mail, so please provide an address when submitting photos for the contest.

All photos must be submitted by
Monday, December 21st at 12PM.

Photos will be published on our Facebook page, and winners announced that Wednesday! Please submit all photos to Dana at DDelahanty@cityofbath.com along with your name, address and age.

GR. 2-6 YOUTH BASKETBALL!

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