



The Hawk's Eye

Weekly News from Hope Elementary School



HES
SPIRIT
WEEK
MARCH 8-14
LET'S GO HOPE!

Friday 3/8:
Pajama Day

Monday 3/11:
Character/Celebrity Day

Tuesday 3/12:
Clash/Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday 3/13:
Decade Day (your choice)

Thursday 3/14:
Dress Like A Teacher/Student Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 7th - HES School Committee special meeting (6PM)
- March 8th - 14th - Spirit Week
- March 11th - HES School Committee meeting (6PM)
- March 14th - End of 2nd trimester
- March 14th - Grades 6-8 Dance (7-9PM)
- March 15th - No School (teacher workshop)
- March 21st - Spring pictures
- April 8th - HES School Committee meeting (6PM)
- April 12th - Early Release (11:30 AM)
- April 15th - 19th - No school (Spring Break)
- May 2nd - Early Release (11:30AM) for parent/teacher conferences
- May 27th - No school (Memorial Day)
- June 13th - Last day for Pre-K
- June 19th - No school (Juneteenth)
- June 20th - Last day of school (with 5 snow days used)

HES has used 4 snow days as of 3/1/24

DRAMA

We would like to extend a very big *Thank You* to our drama club leaders Ms. Gluck & Ms. Delano for a wonderful *Fairy Tale Medley* performance last night! Congratulations to all the student actors, crew members and adult helpers on a fantastic job!

Registration is now open for Pre-K and Kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year! Please follow the links below to register.

[PRE-K Registration](#)

[KINDERGARTEN Registration](#)

Hope Elementary School Menu



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1
				Cheese Pizza Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: Cereal
4	5	6	7	8
Cheeseburger w/Fries Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: WG Banana Bread	WG Chicken/Broccoli Stromboli Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: WG Mini Bagels	Macaroni & Cheese WG Rolls/Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: Muffins w/WG Goldfish	WG Pancakes w/Sausage Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: Fruit Salad/WG Goldfish	Pepperoni Pizza Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: Cereal
11	12	13	14	15
Hot Dogs w/WG Chips Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: WG Mini Bagels	Spaghetti w/WG Rolls Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: WG Banana Bread	WG Chicken Nuggets w/Fries Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: Fruit & Yogurt Parfait	Grilled Cheese w/WG Chips Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: Muffins w/WG Goldfish	NO SCHOOL Teacher Workshop Day
18	19	20	21	22
Chop Suey w/WG Noodles Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: Cereal	WG Pepp/Cheese Stromboli Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: WG Mini Bagels	Crispy Chicken Sandwich Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: WG Banana Bread	Meatloaf & Mashed Potato WG Rolls/Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: Fruit Salad/WG Goldfish	Pepperoni Pizza Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: Cereal
25	26	27	28	29
Chicken/Broccoli/Rice Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: Muffins w/WG Goldfish	Chicken Parmesan Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: WG Cinnamon Bread	Cheese Raviolis w/WG Rolls Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: Fruit & Yogurt Parfait	Walking Tacos Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: WG Banana Bread	Cheese Pizza Fruit/Veggies/Milk B: Cereal

Student meals are free.

Milk without a meal is \$.50

Adult meal: \$4

*WG = Whole Grain



Breakfast (B) includes protein, fruit, whole grain, and milk.

Lunch options include a choice of salad, bagel, or sandwich/entrée of the day.
Fruit, a whole grain item, veggie slices and milk are offered with all meals.

Menu is subject to change. We offer Gluten Free options.

HES is an equal opportunity provider.

Payments should be made payable to:
Hope Elementary School

To: Hope School Committee
 From: Kathryn Clark, Superintendent
 Re: Special School Committee Meeting, **Thursday, March 7, 2024** at 6:00 p.m. at Hope Elementary School, 34 Highfield Road and via Zoom:
<https://networkmaine.zoom.us/j/88669655623>

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Public Comment
3. Adjustments to the agenda
4. Budget Workshop
5. Adjournment

HAL Softball Coach Needed!

The Hope Elementary School is seeking a HAL Softball Coach. The successful candidate will have prior playing and/or coaching experience and will also demonstrate a coaching philosophy consistent with the philosophy of the Busline League and the Hope School Department. This is a stipend position.

If interested please contact Danielle Fagonde: danielle.fagonde@fivetowns.net



Can Hope Win the State Team Chess Championship?

Dear Chess Team Families,

You do not have to be in chess class to attend!!

The Maine State Team Championship is Saturday, March 9 In Hampden at the Hampden Academy. From HES google maps says it is 1:11. I think we can win K/1 and 2/3 and do well in 4/5 and 6/8 if we get enough players. If you want to help win we need you! I will enter you if you let me know you are going (deadline March 7) and give me your child's CURRENT USCF number (US Chess Federation). To attend, grades 2 and up, you need a current USCF membership. Search here to see if yours is up to date:

<https://new.uschess.org/civicrm/player-search>

or search uschess.org for the menu and select "join" (includes renew). To renew or buy a membership this is a great way to save money:

<https://www.chessmaine.org/uscf-student-memberships>

or search chessmaine.org student memberships. You will get a \$20 membership for \$9 if you buy a voucher and use it. Once you have used a voucher please find the box to check saying that the vouchered was used and check it. Here are the details on State:

<https://chessmaine.net/chessmaine/Teams%202024.pdf>

or search chessmaine.net events. After you have your current USCF number and have told me (BruceHaffner@gmail.com or 847-987-3091) you are coming all you really need to know is when to be there and when each game starts:

K/1 & 2/3: check in: latest 10:15, games start 10:45, 11:30, 12:30, 1:15: & trophies around 2:15

4/5: check in latest: 9:45, games at 10:15, 11:30, 12:45 and 2: trophies around 3:30

6/8: check in latest 9:15, games at 9:45, 11:45, 1:45 and 3:30: trophies around 5

High School: check in latest 9, games at 9:30, 11:30, 1:30 and 3:30: trophies around 6

I prefer you check in yourself but if you haven't checked in ten minutes prior to the deadline and are enroute please communicate that to me: send me a text and get a response or make a phone call that I answer.
What to Bring:

FOOD: Please have your student bring lunch, snacks, and a water bottle. There will be concessions. Bring a pencil (grades 4-12 must notate until they feel "time pressured").

Rules: Touch Move!! No King captures are allowed you must win with checkmate!

2024 MAINE SUMMER PROGRAMS



Explorer's Club

An outdoor, nature-based day camp integrating ecology, art and music

August 5th-8th: Rising 1st-3rd graders
August 19th-22nd: Rising 2nd-4th graders

Best of the Midcoast

An adventure day camp combining canoeing/sea kayaking, hiking & team-building

July 22nd-25th: Rising 5th-7th graders
July 29th-August 1st: Rising 6th-8th graders



Seas, Skies and Leadership

A 3-night sea kayak and astronomy expedition during the peak of the Perseid Meteor Shower!

August 10th-14th: Rising 8th-10th graders

For more info and to register for programs go to:

MOUNTAINSEAEXP.COM



SUNDOG OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

2024 Spring Programs

No Experience Necessary - Scholarships Available

Hiking the Hills & Camp Craft	<p>4th, 5th, and 6th Grades</p> <p>Led by: MountainSea Expeditions Guides Tuition: \$175, all gear included Dates/Times: Week of June 3rd, Mon-Thurs 3:45-6:15pm, Sat 10-4pm</p>
Outdoor Art Exploration	<p>5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades</p> <p>Led by: TBD, accompanied by additional artists each day Tuition: \$175, materials provided Dates/Times: Week of May 6th, Mon-Thurs 3:45-6:15pm, Sat 10-2pm</p>
Fishing: Spin & Fly	<p>5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades</p> <p>Led by: Maine Sport Outfitters Guides Tuition: \$175, all equipment provided Dates/Times: Week of May 13th, Mon-Thurs 3:45-6:15pm, Sun May 19th, 8-2pm</p>
Kayaking: Lake & Ocean	<p>6th, 7th, and 8th Grades</p> <p>Led by: Maine Sport Outfitters Guides Tuition: \$175, all equipment included Dates/Times: Week of May 30th, Tues-Fri 3:45-6:15, Sun 9-1pm</p>
Girls Adventure Group	<p>9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Grades Female identifying individuals</p> <p>Led by: Emily Morong, registered Maine guide Tuition: \$200, all equipment included Dates/Times: Sundays: April 21, 28th, May 5, 12th 1-5pm</p>

For more information visit sundogoe.com, email info@sundogoe.com, or scan QR code:



Pen-Bay pick-up lacrosse

At Lincolnville Central School

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3 & 17.

Boys grades 3, 4 & 5 / 6, 7 & 8

Sundays 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Girls grades 3, 4 & 5 / 6, 7 & 8

Sundays 2:45-3:45 p.m.

High School Girls

Sundays 3:45-5 p.m.

Gear: Sticks, Sneakers and Pinnie



come try lax
sticks will be available



Five Town Little League 2024 Registration is NOW OPEN!



Five Town Little League registration for the 2024 season is now open for all players ages 5 – 12!

Please visit the FTLL website today to sign up for the season, as well as the below indoor clinics and baseball/softball major evaluations at The Pitch in Warren.

Please note that signing up for the clinics or evaluations will NOT register your player for the season, that must be done separately.

REGISTER FOR INDOOR CLINICS, EVALUATIONS AND THE 2024 SEASON TODAY AT:

www.fivetownlittleleague.org

TUESDAY CLINICS (6-7pm for 7-9 year olds
and 7-8pm for 10-12 year olds):

2/27 - Baseball
3/5 - Softball
3/12 - Baseball
3/19 - Softball
3/26 - Baseball

SATURDAY CLINICS (12:30-1:30pm for 7-9
year olds and 1:30-2:30pm for 10-12 year olds):

3/2 - Softball
3/9 - Baseball
3/16 - Softball
3/23 - Baseball
3/30 - Softball

EVALUATIONS (returning Major players do NOT need to attend, this is for NEW players only)

4/6 - 12:30-2:00pm - Softball
4/6 - 2:00-3:30pm - Baseball

Please email mainefivetownlittleleague@gmail.com with any questions.
You can also follow us on Facebook at Five Town Little League. Let's play ball!



A SCHOLARSHIP TO SUMMER CAMP. A FREE WEEK OF ADVENTURE.

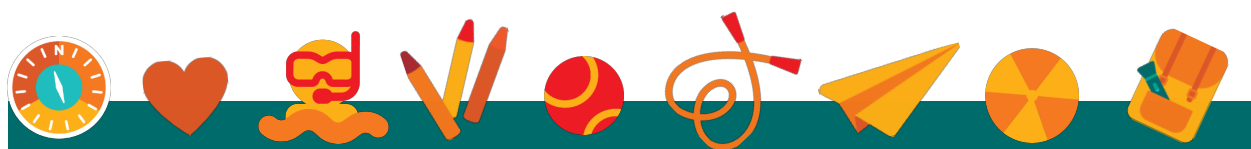
Sleepaway camp. It's so Maine and yet just a dream for many locals. It's why Oakhurst Dairy is partnering with The Holy Donut® and YMCA Camp of Maine to send a handful of kids to summer sleepaway camp, free* of charge.

It's just one way we can all celebrate Maineness.

To learn more or apply, scan the QR code or visit
OakhurstDairy.com/campscholarships.
This is for children ages 8–15.



*Scholarship is for one week tuition payment to YMCA camp in Winthrop, ME. Recipients are responsible for all other expenses tied to attending camp.



PENOBSCOT BAY YMCA SUMMER CAMP

ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 @ 8:00 AM
Penobscot Bay YMCA members – ALL CAMPS
Camden residents – SNOW BOWL CAMP ONLY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 @ 8:00 AM
General Public / Non-Members – ALL CAMPS

BEFORE REGISTRATION BEGINS:

- **CREATE AN ONLINE ACCOUNT** — even if you're not signing up to be a member. You'll need an account to use our online Summer Camp enrollment system.
https://operations.daxko.com/Online/2127/MembershipV2/MembershipTypes.mvc?_id=638399517807588344
- Please type in your email address and phone number to search for an existing account. Your email and phone number must match what we have in our system. Please call 207.236.3375 to update if these have changed.
 - If you have an existing online account, make sure you know your password, and that all of your information is correct.
 - If neither your email or phone number is found in our system, proceed to set up a new account.
- Be sure that all campers enrolling in Summer Camp are added to your online account. Call our front desk for assistance if needed.
- **ACTIVATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP**
If you want to register for Summer Camp as a member (discounted rates and early registration) you will need to visit our Rockland or Rockport location to activate your camper's membership by Thursday, February 1. If your child is not an active member when you register for summer camp, you will not receive the discounted rate, which cannot be applied later.
- Make sure your payment information (credit card number or bank account information) is saved to your online account.
- **APPLY FOR MAINE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) ASSISTANCE**
Scholarship applicants are encouraged to apply for DHHS assistance prior to applying for a Penobscot Bay YMCA scholarship, as DHHS usually awards more substantial amounts and often covers the entire summer.
 - Contact DHHS: www.mymaineconnection.gov or 1.855.797.4357
- **APPLY FOR YMCA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**
Please be sure to complete the form and provide financial statements to Meredith Gutheinz, mgutheinz@penbayymca.org, by Friday, January 19. Once approved, you will be notified of your awarded amount.
 - **Please note:** If you do not get pre-approved for financial assistance, you will need to pay the required deposits, per camper/per week, for camp as well as before & after care, in order to complete your registration.

Current Income Eligibility Guidelines

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$46,285.79
2	\$60,527.58
3	\$74,796.36
4	\$89,011.15
5	\$103,252.93
6	\$117,494.71
7	\$120,165.05
8	\$122,835.38
9	\$125,505.72
10	\$128,176.05

Add 3% for additional family members.

- Summer Camp Financial Aid Application: <https://forms.gle/5UbAVdB5FCJP3DQF8>

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WHEN REGISTERING:

○ Log into your account a few minutes early on your registration day.

○ Enroll in Camp!

- ⇒ Use the link at the top of the page to select the Summer Camp you'd like to register for - Discovery Camp, Camp Wonder, Snow Bowl Camp, or Adventure Camp.
- ⇒ Select the weeks of the chosen camp you'd like to register for.
- ⇒ Click Register.
- ⇒ Select the camper and add them to your cart.
- ⇒ Fill out the questionnaire (just three questions about contact information) and hit Next.
- ⇒ Review your selections and hit "add more programs" if you have other campers to enroll, need to add Before & After Care, or a spot on the Y Bus from Thomaston Municipal Building to the Penobscot Bay YMCA, and/or the Snow Bowl.
- ⇒ Once you've added everything you need, click Check Out at the bottom of the screen.
- ⇒ Pay your deposits owed to complete enrollment!
Please note: payment of the deposits is what secures your registration.

ONCE YOU HAVE REGISTERED :

- Once you've secured your spot(s), you will receive an email with a link to the registration forms. Please complete these forms within 14 days of registering for Summer Camp.
- Make sure to set up your payment plan or pay in full by Friday, June 14.
- Have your campers' immunization records sent to the Penobscot Bay YMCA. There will be a link in the enrollment forms you receive to make it extra simple!

Want to try it out ahead of time?

We've added a DEMO CAMP week for you to practice!

Registering for the DEMO CAMP prior to the start of Online Registration will NOT register your child for Summer Camp. The demo week is for practice purposes only!

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- There will be computers and Y staff available to help with camp registrations on February 5 & 12 at the Penobscot Bay YMCA, 116 Union Street, Rockport.
- Camden residents enrolling in Snow Bowl camp on February 5 should be prepared to provide proof of residency. Registrations submitted before the appropriate date will not be accepted. You will need to recomplete and resubmit when general registration opens on February 12.
- If you plan to activate your membership or apply for financial aid, we highly recommend doing so as soon as possible.

[APPLY FOR YMCA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE](#)



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