

Hawk's Eye

Weekly News from Hope Elementary School



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Upcoming Events for Your Calendar

March 2 - Read Across America Day / Pajama Day
March 9 - Partners for Enrichment event: Ingrid Ellison (grades 6-8)
March 9 - School Committee Meeting (6PM)
March 13 - 6th grade Honors music festival
March 16 - eMPowerME testing begins
March 20 - End of T2
March 28 - 4th & 5th grade music festival
March 31 - 8th grade to MCST
April 2 - Early release for P/T conferences (11:30AM)
April 3 & 4 - Honors music festival
April 10 - eMPowerME testing closes
April 17 - Early release for students/staff (11:30AM)
April 20-24 - April Break

HES has now used five snow days.

Quote of the week:

"I can't go back to yesterday because I was a different person then."

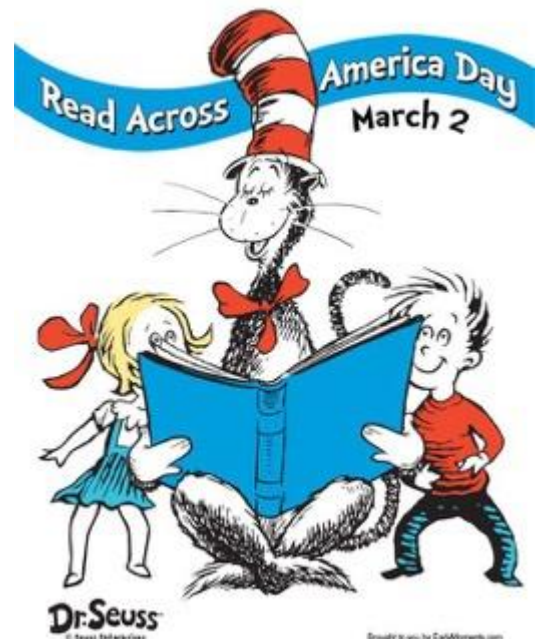
~ Lewis Carroll

Read Across America Day

Hope Elementary is celebrating National Read Across America Day on Monday, March 2nd! We are planning an all-day reading extravaganza with special activities throughout the morning, a Dr. Seuss-themed lunch, and special guest readers. The day will culminate in an assembly led by award winning author/illustrator, Hazel Mitchell! It's also Pajama Day! Dress in your coziest PJ's for the day!

Sign up for Pre-K & Kindergarten – Fall 2020

Pre-K students must be 4 years old on or before 10/15/20. Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before 10/15/20. Please call the school (785-4081) to place your child's name on our mailing list. Registration will take place in the spring. Please help spread the word throughout Hope.



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Pre-K Adventures

Hope Pre-K students visited Belfast Fiberarts as part of their clothing unit study. Here students learned how to weave.



Knox Soil & Water Poster Contest Winners!



For the first time in the history of the poster contest the judges requested that two classes be recognized in their entirety! One was Thomaston Grammar School's fifth grade; the other was Hope Elementary School's first grade! The judges felt the quality of work, attention to detail and depth of understanding of the subject matter was exemplary and as a result ALL students received recognition! Congratulations to Sarah Schrader and her students for their efforts.

On behalf of the Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District, I would like to thank all of the schools, teachers and especially the students who participated in this year's NACD annual poster contest: "Where Would We Bee Without Pollinators?". We had 36 classes participate with a total of 457 posters submitted.

All class winners as well as the overall winners' posters will be on display at our annual fundraiser at Flatbread Pizza in Rockport, located on Rt. 1 on Tuesday, March 10 from 5-9PM. A percentage from all pizza sales will be donated to support the district's education programs. We hope to see you there!

Class Winner, Honorable Mention

K-Shamus B., Otis K.

1-Zoey S., Violet W.

2-Tucker M., Ole D.

3-Elsa S., Madoline B.

4-Adelaide L., Helena L.

5-Mason M., Gage E.

Drama Club – NEW SESSION!



A new session of Drama Club (Winter II) is now open. This session is open to students in grades 5-8. Drama Club is on Tuesdays, March 2nd - April 7th from 3-4PM in the HES music room. Register [here](#).

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

This year, students in grades 1-8 will be participating in *Jump Rope for Heart*. This fundraiser is for the American Heart Association and takes place in numerous schools all around the country. The event at HES will take place during Physical Education classes in the second week of March. All students have received an official envelope for donations.

Parents/guardians do not need to fill out the consent form because this event will take place during the school day. I have told all students that regardless of fundraising, they will still attend their regular PE classes,

participate in numerous jump-rope activities, and listen to music while participating. Raising funds is not necessary but would be greatly appreciated! If appropriate, students can ask friends and family members for donations or nearby neighbors under the supervision of an adult. There is also an online option (heart.org/kidsheartchallenge) for students to raise funds and some may find this option easier. Students can bring back their donation envelopes during the second week of March, or when they are "done" with fundraising. Again, there is no obligation to raise money, but if you are able, any amount will be accepted by the American Heart Association. Thank you! Mr. Payson



Beginning Monday, February 24th, students in grades K-5 will have the opportunity to join Mrs. C & Mrs. Stanek after-school (2:45 pm - 3:30 pm) for Lego Club!

Students will be grouped based on grade level:

K & 1st - Monday, February 24th

2nd & 3rd - Monday, March 2nd

4th & 5th - Monday, March 9th

Space is limited!

Students wishing to participate should RSVP to Mrs. Cochran at patricia.cochran@fivetowns.net



Busline Softball & Baseball

Registration is now open for busline league softball. This is a combined team with Appleton and Lincolnville, hosted at Hope, coached by Ben Laukka. Register [here](#).

Busline baseball is also a combined team with Appleton and Lincolnville, hosted at Lincolnville. Register here: [Busline baseball registration](#)



2020 PEN-BAY LACROSSE

Pre-Season Training @ The Pitch

Mondays, April 6, 13, 20, & 27

Girls grades 3/4, 5/6 & 7/8: 5-6pm

Boys grades 3/4 & 5/6: 6-7pm

Boys grades 7/8: 7-8pm

Sign-up at the Pitch or online:

<http://www.maineitch.com/lacrosse/>





ChangeMakers is an after school program for kids who will change the world!



We learn about leadership, empathy, mindfulness, friendship, assertiveness, and so much more!

We use our skills to impact our school community in a positive way.

Last year's group decided to share what they had learned with the school community by making inspiring posters promoting kindness and encouraging students to be upstanders rather than bystanders.

I can't wait to see what this year's mighty ChangeMakers do!

10 Fridays, 1:45-2:45pm

February 28 - May 15

Space is limited.

For more information: Contact Katie Urey

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207-329-2993

www.eplkids.com

Message from Nurse Emily

Flu activity continues to be widespread in the community. The following steps can significantly reduce the risk of flu or any viral illness: getting your flu shot annually (it is never too late to get your flu shot), proper hand washing, staying home when you are sick, covering your cough/sneezes, and cleaning surfaces regularly. These practices are important in preventing the spread of transmittable illnesses.

By now you have heard about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Cases in the United States are growing but as of today, February 26, 2020, there are only 14 confirmed cases in the United States. None of those are in the state of Maine. There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus, however, there are preventive actions which help stop the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

I have attached two different links for more information on the COVID-19. Information on this virus is changing rapidly as scientist's work to understand it better.

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/documents/COVID-19-FAQ-1.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

Thanks!

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