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November 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message:

Last week marked the end of the first quarter. It is hard to believe that this means that over **45 days** of school have already passed this year! This is a really good time to reflect on how your child is progressing in school. There is plenty of time for changes if needed and also plenty of time to continue with positive momentum. Parent conferences would be a great chance to discuss your child's progress and any concerns that you may have moving forward. If you haven't had a chance to schedule a meeting yet, I would recommend you reach out to your child's teacher sooner than later.

I wanted to thank everyone for your support during the **Reunification Drill**. This was a great chance for staff to familiarize ourselves with the church space and the drill process. It has been about 4 years since we did a 'real' reunification drill so we learned a lot! The major purpose for all of our safety drills is to make sure that our emergency plan works in practice. These drills also allow us to train other staff members in various roles. This would prove super helpful in a real emergency when I (or other members of the safety leadership team) may not be available. Again, thank you for your patience on that day as we worked our way through this emergency plan.

With today's wintry mix, I also wanted to make sure to review the snow day and **Remote Day protocol** for this school year. First, I am hoping that you received a phone call from our Assistant Superintendent Michael Bessette this morning about buses. If you didn't, you should reach out to the main office to ensure that we have the right number on file. During the winter months, the SAU will typically use these phone numbers as a phone call 'blast' announcing the plan for the day. The SAU will also typically post closings/delayed openings on WMUR and Facebook. In general, the district usually calls a snow day for the first big snow event and then will call a Remote Day after that. Much like last year, the plan on Remote Days is for students to go home with their Chromebooks or iPads the day before. Teachers will share schedules for the day via Google Classroom or in their newsletters. In most cases, classes will meet online in the morning to set the stage for the day and then again for a social snack. Otherwise, teachers will post work to be done independently either in SeeSaw or Google Classroom and then be available throughout the day for support. The amount of time online will certainly vary by student age.

Please make sure to take note of the calendar to the right. Most importantly, for students in grades 2nd through 5th, report cards will go home next Friday. Students in K and 1 will most likely receive report cards during parent conferences. Also, Thanksgiving Break is coming quickly. As usual, we are closed the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as well as Thursday and Friday. If I don't see you before then, I hope you have a nice holiday and that you get a chance to reflect on all that you are thankful for. I know that personally I am thankful for such a supportive school community.

Important Dates:



Friday, November 10 - Square 1 Art orders due

Friday, November 10 - No School - Veterans Day

Friday, November 17 - Report Cards go home

Wednesday, November 22- No School - Teacher Conference Day

Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24 - No School - Thanksgiving Recess

Wednesday, November 29 - Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, December 6 - PTO Meeting - 7:00 pm - VIRTUAL

December Break - Monday, 12/22 - Monday, 1/1.

Back to school, Tuesday, 1/2/24

WYSA Ski/Snowboard Program - Thursdays (1/4, 11, 18, 25, & 2/1)

Monday - Friday - Boys & Girls Club

Check out the November PTO News [here!](#)



A few reminders from the Health Office as we approach cold and flu season. Please keep your child home if they show any symptoms of an illness. We realize that coughs and congestion can linger after an illness and some students do not need to be out for the entire duration. But if your child is not well enough to participate in class or has continuous coughing they should rest at home longer. If they have a fever or vomiting, they should be home for an additional 24 hours after symptoms have subsided. We appreciate COVID testing for any new or unexplained symptoms of illness especially if known exposures. Please reach out if you are in need of home tests. We continue to follow the DHHS and CDC guidance of 5 days of isolation for a positive COVID test.

The weather is changing quickly as we get closer to winter. It is helpful to send your student in with a hat and mittens for recess. Once snow is on the ground students will need hats, gloves, boots, and snow pants. Please reach out to the nurse if you are in need of these items for your child.

If you have a child who received free or reduced priced meals during the 2022-2023 school year, you are eligible for P-EBT benefits. You can find more information [here](#).



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEWS

No Club on Friday, November 10 - Veterans Day.

Don't forget Boys & Girls Club **will** be at Simonds School on Wednesday, November 22.

No Club on Thursday, November 23 or Friday, November 24. Enjoy your long weekend.



Message from Pillsbury Free Library

Pokemon Club - November 14th, 3-5:00, sign up with Miss Sue and let Mrs. Grimes know. Miss Sue will walk the students back to the library from Simonds School.

Craft Day - Wednesday, Nov. 15th, 3-4:00. You must register with Miss Sue and let Mrs. Grimes know.

The library will be closed Saturday, November 11th and Thursday, November 23rd.

Warner 4-H Club and the **Pillsbury Free Library** are teaming up again this year to provide two "**Sew and Take**" activities for all levels of ability (youths must be accompanied by an adult). Sign up required: **call 603-456-2289**. Space is limited.

Wed. November 15 at 6:30 pm: **Make fabric placemats** for your home or as a gift! (need 1 yd fabric per side for 4)

<https://signup.com/go/OdhDAqb>

Wed. December 6 at 6:30 pm: Make reusable fabric **napkins** (to go with your placemats!), or **gift wrap bags** to jazz up gifts! Volunteers Susan Jenna, Marcia Moyer and others will provide help with basic sewing skills on portable sewing machines.

Both FREE events will be at the library. Supply your own fabrics or take a chance on donated fabric and materials, to make useful items that also reduce plastic and other waste! We are seeking **donations of 100% cotton fabric, minimum of 1 yard of any pattern**. Volunteer helpers welcomed.

WYSA NEWS:

WYSA is planning to start a basketball program at Simonds School on Wednesday starting 11/15 through 12/20. More information coming soon.

Skiing and snowboarding sign-ups are coming out soon - Thursday nights under the lights! The program runs Thursdays, 1/4/24 - 2/1/24. Instruction is provided by Pats Peak followed by an hour of free skiing with WYSA Chaperones. No transportation will be provided from school this year to the mountain due to a shortage of bus drivers.

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