

CRMS Schooner News



Kindness Responsibility Self Control Grit

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, January 18th -
MLK, JR. Holiday - **NO**
SCHOOL

Monday, February 1st -
First day of Black History
month

Wednesday, February 3rd -
Quarter 2 ends

Thursday, February 4th -
Quarter 3 begins

THE NEW SCHEDULE

- **Homeroom starts at 9:45am**
- **Students are officially late at 9:46am**



PRINCIPALS CORNER

Dear Schooner Families,

Welcome to 2021! We are grateful for all of your support in 2020 as we navigated the parenting and education journey together, during a global pandemic. We are overjoyed we were able to begin some after school activities in December. As long as our county code stays in the green and we do not have school based COVID cases, these activities will continue. If we're able to broaden after school offerings in the coming months we'll spread the word!

As middle schoolers, we know that our students are craving social and peer connection. With our schedule change, we kept outdoor break times and lunch/ recess of similar length to allow students enough time to chat and play together. Recess on our new playground is much more dynamic and exciting, especially in the snow! It is wonderful to see all of our students, even our 8th graders, climbing, sliding, swinging and playing hard outside! Overall, our students are doing a great job learning and connecting during this school year.

Health experts have predicted that January and February will be challenging months with COVID cases so we ask that you are **extra** diligent in monitoring your child's health and completing their daily health screening. If your child isn't feeling well, have them remote into school that day. While it's not ideal to miss an in-person school day, it keeps us all safe and allows school to stay open! School plays a vital role in supporting students' social emotional connectedness and their overall growth and development each day.

Here is to a successful #2021; one day at a time!

Be Well,
Jaime Stone
Principal

I'm so grateful for all the pre-holiday support we received from our community. Please see the Wellness Team article on page 9.

ROCK ON!.....8TH GRADE ROCK BAND IS UNDERWAY WITH OUR AWESOME NEW BAND AND MUSIC TEACHER, MR. SPRANGERS! THIS IS A NEW PROGRAM WE ARE SO INCREDIBLY EXCITED TO OFFER. TODAY WE HAD A SPECIAL GUEST, NANCY ROWE! NANCY HAS BEEN AN OCCASIONAL SUBSTITUTE FOR US SINCE HER RETIREMENT AS THE BAND TEACHER AT CHRHS AND ANY FREE TIME SHE HAS DURING A DAY AT CRMS SHE COMES TO THE MUSIC ROOM TO HELP OUT!



VOYAGERS PROGRAM STUDENTS MAKING SOME BEAUTIFUL ART!

7TH AND 8TH GRADE ATHLETES ARE BACK ON THE COURT!



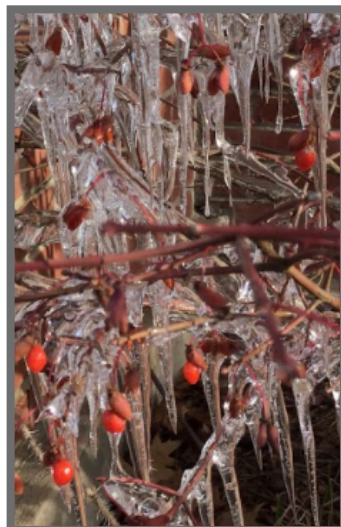
7TH GRADE NEWS

Completed Sgraffito tiles by our 7th graders highlight their skills in observation of the natural world as artists AND environmental documentarians. Each pair represents a relationship between two living things in nature.



5TH GRADE NEWS

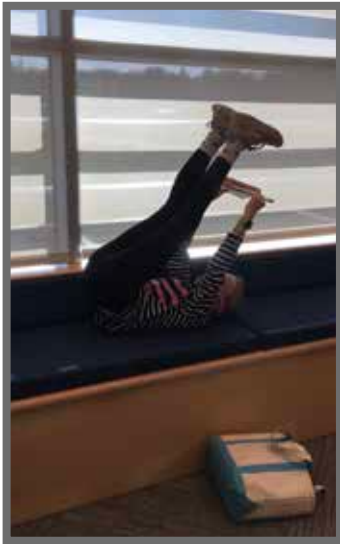
5th grade students created and donated over 100 greeting cards to Meals on Wheels to distribute over the holidays. After spending some time in technology class learning basic photography skills, they put that learning into action during a photo walk around Camden taking pictures of the festive decorations and winter scenes. These photos were printed and turned into cards with individualized messages in hopes of spreading some joy and comfort. We're really proud of their effort, thought, and care that they put into this project.



CRMS CORE VALUE - KINDNESS

Jack Thornell Presented Maggie Massengale, our head custodian, with a wreath he made with his father to recognize her service in the military. This unprompted act of kindness was a lovely and important moment for our community.





READING IS FUN!



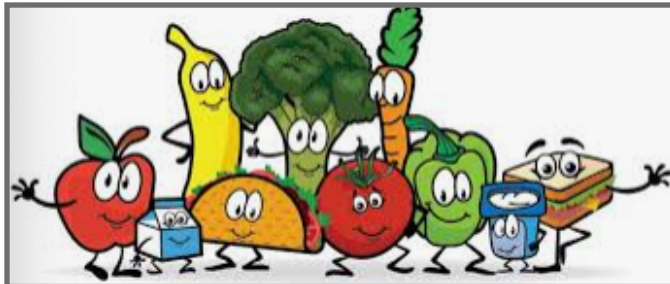
8TH GRADE WING HOLIDAY T-SHIRT FUN!



ROBOTICS CLUB CONCENTRATION!

**Hello from the
Café!**

Come join us for
breakfast! We
are serving from
7:45 to 9:45 am,



made fresh every morning for you to enjoy in the beautiful
café. New on Wednesday is Breakfast Pizza—scrambled
eggs, sausage and cheese on a traditional pizza dough.

Please sign up for breakfast and lunch online, you can
order right from our menus! We have put helpful videos
on how to set up an account, how to order and more,
right on the Food service page of the school website.

Check them out!

Remember, breakfast and lunch are FREE, so don't miss
out! See you soon!

**A REMINDER
FROM THE
NURSES
OFFICE!**

**IT IS NOT TOO
LATE TO GET
A FLU SHOT!**



CELIA JONES PLAYED HOLIDAY MUSIC FOR THE STUDENTS AS THEY ARRIVED BEFORE OUR WINTER BREAK!



8TH GRADE NEWS

Students knocked our socks off with their amazing work in 8th grade social studies around ancient civilizations!



6TH GRADE NEWS

OUR 6TH GRADERS CREATED A GNOMETASTIC CELEBRATION BEFORE THE





OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE



It is with joy in our hearts that we extend a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who supported our efforts this past holiday season. Collectively, we reached more than 22 families in our community providing a wide range of gifts for students and their parents/caregivers. Thank you to all those who anonymously donated to the Toys for Tots drive by bringing in those gifts as well.

We want to recognize the following local people, organizations & businesses for their generous, ***truly generous*** support:

Camden National Bank
 Camden Real Estate
 First National Bank
 MSAD School Board Members
 Fivetowns School District Central Office Staff
 Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockland
 Congregational Church of Camden
 Women's Group of Hiking Friends
 Camden Rockport Middle School Staff
 Spear Family
 Destry Oldham-Sibley & Julie Head Family
 Jeri Holm & Family
 Coburn Family
 Stoughton Family
 Domareki Family
 Harrell Family
 Wickenden Family
 Pio Family
 Keegan Family
 Taubinger Family
 Gomez Family
 Kydd Family
 Nicolet Family
 Beauchene Family
 Lieven Family
 Peterman Family
 Hutchinson Family
 Anonymous

Through this effort many local businesses were supported including (in no particular order):

Owl & Turtle Bookstore
 French & Brawn
 Megunticook Market
 Lincolnville General Store
 Maine Sport
 Rockport Blueprint
 Dot's Market
 Hannaford Supermarkets
 Reny's
 Walmart
 Maritime Farms
 Zoot Coffee

If we had to guess the total number of people contributing to this effort it would be upwards of 500! Please accept our apologies if we somehow missed your name on this list of donors - we appreciate you!

May our new year be filled with joy and good health!

With Gratitude,
 CRMS Wellness Team



Happy New Year from the Library!

So far this school year students have checked out 3,500 physical books and 4,300 eBooks and audiobooks. Well done readers!

7th graders just chose their Civil Rights related novels for language arts and are beginning Civil Rights research in the library during their social studies classes. Eighth graders wrapped up their Ancient Egypt research before break but look forward to coming back later this month to do research for their water projects. In between, students of all grade levels access the library during their reading classes.

The library catalog and website are available 24/7 from the CRMS website so students can always place a hold, check their due dates, and access grade level resources. Sora, our eBook and audiobook platform, is also available 24/7. If you have any eBook or audiobook requests please email me at christina.young@fivetowns.net.



COME LEARN TO CODE AND CHANGE THE WORLD... JOIN A GIRLS WHO CODE CLUB!

WHAT IS A GIRLS WHO CODE CLUB?
Girls Who Code Clubs are meant for girls to join our sisterhood of supportive peers and rolemodels, and use Computer Science to change the world. When you join a Club, you will be able to learn from fun and simple online coding tutorials, build community through interactive activities, and learn about inspiring role models. You then work in teams to design and build a Girls Who Code Project that solves real world problems you care about through code!

WHAT WILL I LEARN?
Our middle and high school Clubs encourage you to impact your community in a positive way through code. In order to build the skills you need to make an impact, you will learn how to code from our fun online tutorials and activities that will help you build animations, games, apps, and other things that you dream up! We have tutorials in Scratch, Python, Swift, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.





POINT OF CONTACT: Christina Young & Miss Ruth

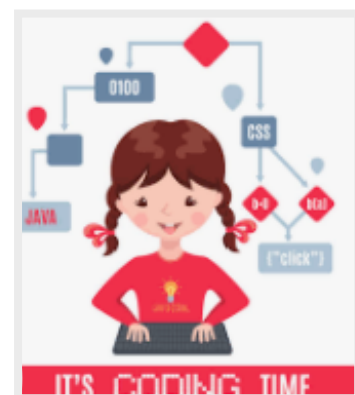
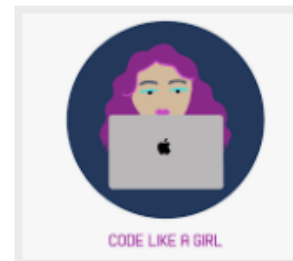
DATES: Thursdays starting January 7 - but it's not too late!

TIMES: 2:45-3:45

HOW TO SIGN UP: See or email Mrs Young: christina.young@fivetowns.net

CAN I JOIN?
Yes! Whether you're a beginner or a computer master, you're invited to join the movement!

@GIRLSWHOCODE    



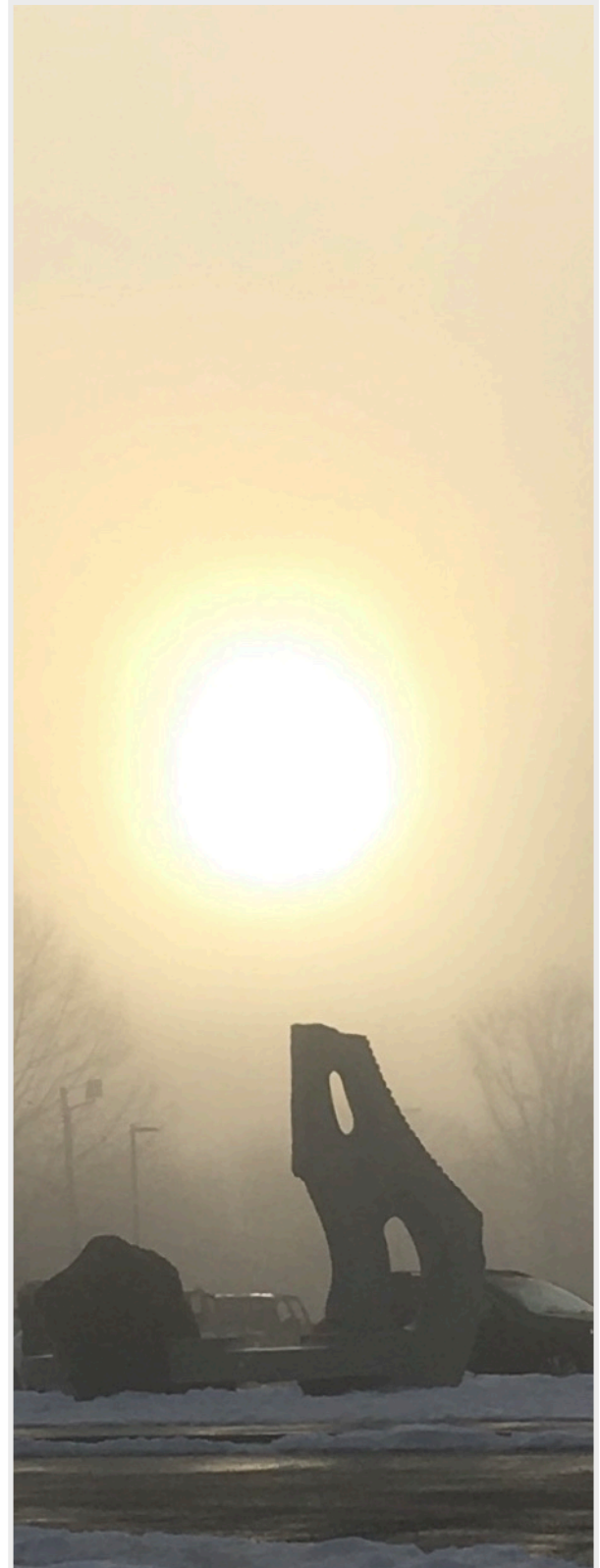
We will never forget Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s trailblazing activism and soaring vision for a just America. After being assassinated on April 4, 1968, we are left with the eloquence of his words that continue to guide us forward as we strive to become a more perfect union.

Here are just a few inspiring quotes from MLK's famous speeches and writings about education, justice, hope, perseverance and freedom:

“If you can’t fly then run, if you can’t run then walk, if you can’t walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.”

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

“The time is always right to do what is right”



Winter Solstice • Photo credit: Elphie Owen

Camden-Rockport Middle School 2020-2021 Revised School Calendar Grades 5-8

JULY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	W	W	29
30	W					

August 27,28,31 Teacher Workshop Days
(carried over from 19-20)

SEPTEMBER (13)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			W	W	TP	4
6	H	W	W	W	W	12
13	O	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER (20)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
4	5	6	7	8	W	10
11	H	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	ER	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 1,2* Wkshp Days (*Flex before 9/14)
September 3 Teacher Prep (Flex before 9/14)
September 7 Labor Day Holiday
September 8-11 Teacher Workshop Days
September 14 First Day of School
October 9 Teacher Workshop Day
October 12 Indigenous Peoples Day
October 21 Early Release (1:15)

Student Days	
Month	Days
Aug	0
Sept	13
Oct	20
Nov	16
Dec	17
Jan	19
Feb	15
Mar	23
Apr	17
May	19
June	14
Total	173

NOVEMBER (16)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	C	7
8	9	10	H	12	13	14
15	16	17	ER	19	20	21
22	23	24	W	H	X	28
29	30					

DECEMBER (17)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	ER	3	4
6	7	8	ER	10	11	12
13	14	15	ER	17	18	19
20	21	22	ER	X	H	26
27	X	X	X	X		

November 6 No School - Student-Led Conferences
November 11 Veterans Day Holiday
November 18 Early Release (12:15)
November 25 Teacher Workshop - Flex
November 26-27 Thanksgiving Break
December 4 T1 Ends
December 2,9,16,23 Early Release (12:15)
Dec 24 - Jan 1 Holiday Break

Teacher Days	
Month	Days
Aug	0
Sept	20
Oct	21
Nov	18
Dec	17
Jan	19
Feb	15
Mar	23
Apr	17
May	20
June	15
Total	185

JANUARY (19)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					H	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	H	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

FEBRUARY (15)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
7	8	9	10	11	ERH	13
14	H	X	X	X	X	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

January 1 New Year's Day
January 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 12 Early Release (11:30) 1/2 Teacher
February 15-19 Winter Break

MARCH (23)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

APRIL (17)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	ERH	17
18	H	X	X	X	X	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

March 19 T2 Ends
April 16 Early Release (11:30) 1/2 Teacher
April 19-23 Spring Break

Trimestr Days	
T1	Days
T1	53
T2	62
T3	58
Total	173

MAY (19)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	19	C	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	H					

JUNE (14)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	O	19
20	TP	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 21 No School - Student-Led Conferences
May 31 Memorial Day Holiday
June 18 *Last Day of School/T3 Ends
June 21 Teacher Prep

- O = First/Last Day of School
- W = Workshop Day (no school)
- H = Holiday (no school)
- X = Vacation (no school)
- TP= Teacher Prep (no school)
- ER= Early Release (12:15 dismissal)
- ERH Early Release Half Day (11:30 dismissal)
- C= Student-Led Conferences (no school)

173 Student Days
8 Teacher Workshop Days
2 Teacher Prep Days
2 Student-Led Conference Days
185 Teacher Days

***For every snow day, add a day to the last day of school**

Approved by CRS board on December 16, 2020