

CRMS Schooner News



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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, 12/3 - Term one ends

Friday, 12/3 - CRMS Vaccine Clinic

Monday, 12/6 - CRMS Basketball season begins. CRMS Spectators are allowed at CRMS home games only - NO spectators at away games and NO spectators from the away teams this year.

Wednesday, 12/8 - Early Release day - 2:00 dismissal

Friday, 12/10 - Toys for Tots donation box in CRMS lobby deadline

Thursday, 12/16, 6:30pm- Band and Chorus Showcase at CRMS - more info to come.

Monday, 12/20-Warming Hearts and Hands money drive deadline. Funds raised go to CRMS students

Wednesday, 12/22 - Report cards go home in backpacks

Thursday, 12/23 - 12/31 - Holiday break - **NO SCHOOL**



PRINCIPALS CORNER

Greetings Schooner Community!

Are we safe? Are we well? Are we growing? These are the questions I keep asking myself as we continue through the school year.

Are we safe? We've done a great job of keeping students and staff safe at school! So far, we've seen NO COVID-19 spread in our school! 100% of our staff are vaccinated. 93% of our 7th/8th grade are vaccinated and 55% of 5/6th grade students were vaccinated in our first clinic and many students chose to vaccinate outside of school. Those rates will be updated later this month. Let's keep up the good work!

Are we well? Sleep is Key! Students need a lot of sleep in this age group, 8-10 hours each night! Time spent in nature, with family and friends and in some daily physical activity, all lead to better sleep patterns and improved mental health! Less technology = better sleep! Consider moving technology out of the bedroom or putting hard shut down limits on wifi time at night, or implementing screen time limits for social media and gaming on students' devices.

Are we growing? We are wrapping up our first trimester at the end of the week! We'll be putting comments together for report cards and finalizing grades. It's important that students finalize any missing work. Report cards will come home via student backpack before winter break. Please remember that you have log-in access to JumpRope and we encourage you to look at these grades with your child. Please email any teachers with questions at any time! Students should strive to get a 3 (or higher) on each individual assignment and are welcome to revise work (most of the time) to achieve a 3 or higher. Students' work habits and effort are often the driver or student success or struggle. Read the report card comments closely about your child's areas of success and needs for improvement. The comments are often the story behind the grades!

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Together We're Better!

Thank you for all of your continued support this school year! It is tough going into a second full year of trying to operate schools (and life!) during a global pandemic. People are tired, including our children. I hope you're able to slow down a little bit this holiday season and enjoy your loved ones. These connections and moments of gratitude help us feel the joy that keeps us going!

Onward, with hope!

Jaime Stone,
Principal



PERFORMING ARTS NEWS



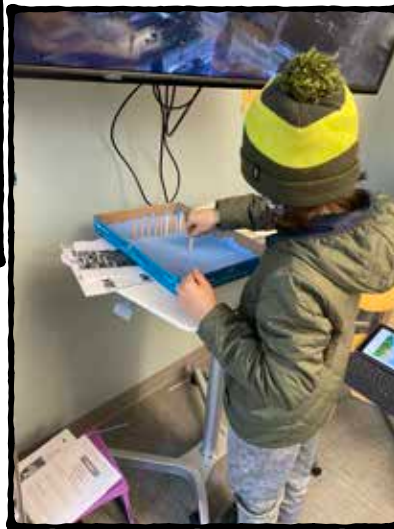
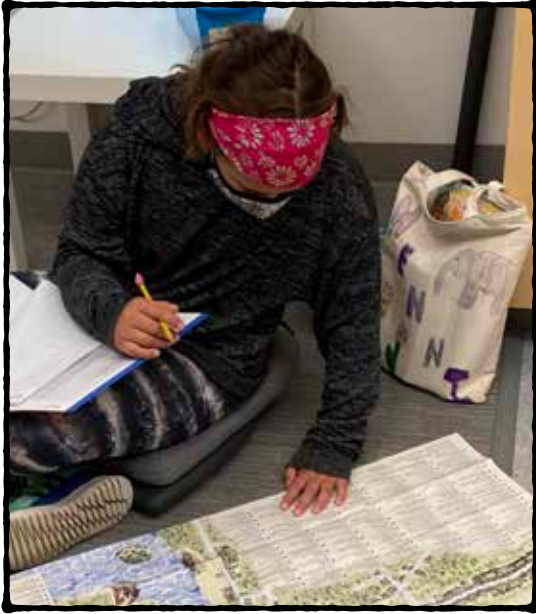
Fifth grade students during the last week of Performing Arts class (quarter one) performed "class plays" on the Bisbee Theater stage for the entire 5th grade student body. This was an exciting moment for us as a school because it was our first time holding a performance in our new theater.

Mrs. Butler & Mrs. Ally's class rehearsed and shared a one act musical called "The Best Little Theater in Town" by Sally Albrecht. Mrs. Keefe's & Mrs. Marsh's class rehearsed and shared a spooky play (with added dance and music) called "Dare to Remember" by Barbara Henderson. From props to light design, sound to costumes- the students ran the entire production and learned so much about collaboration, community, and grit.



5TH GRADE NEWS

5th grades have been studying the Indigenous tribes across the nation and the tribes of the Wabanaki in Maine. Students are creating museum displays to help educate others. They will photograph their exhibits for a virtual museum to share with a broader audience. As soon as the virtual museum goes live, we will be sure to share!



FUN 5TH GRADE SCIENCE!





Holiday workshop



A visit to Midcoast School of Technology

2021 - 2022 LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST



The Camden Lions have chosen **Madeline Bennett** as our first place winner of the 2021-22 Lions International Peace Poster Contest. The (2) runners-up are **Eva Vickerman** & **Anika Sivigny**. Congratulations to all 3 - exceptional work done by all 14 entrants!

6TH GRADE NEWS

6th grade mathematicians showcasing their geometry skills by designing a net for a takeout container and transforming it into 3D version.



NHS Students at CRMS

CHRHS National Honor Society students act as peer tutors to CRMS students during Schooner time. We are so excited for this to be happening!!

7th grade
LEARNING HOW TO SEE exhibition
 at Rockport Public Library
 until December 21



The work in the exhibit is the result of an educational approach called Project-Based Learning (PBL). In PBL, students engage with real-world problems and challenges, which can be approached from multiple perspectives, and where there are multiple right answers. The question we started this project with was: "How is life interconnected and interdependent?" Over the course of this study, students had a variety of experiences, including: instruction in observational and scientific drawing and documentation; guided ecological observations at Coastal Mountains Lands Trust preserves; field observations at Megunticook Stream and Chewonki Neck; and visit (via zoom) from naturalist/artist Tim Christensen. As well, students received more traditional instruction in science, art, and writing. The curricular goals of the study were driven by our art and science graduation standards. What differed was the integrated, project-based approach to meeting these standards.

The fact that we are ending the study with a public "exhibition" is by design. Having students present their work to a broader audience raises the stakes for them, and creates an environment that supports the development of high quality work. It is "high-stakes" in the best possible sense of that phrase: students presenting work that they have had a voice in shaping, choice in developing, and time to delve into deeply.



FROM THE HEALTH DESK

Information about COVID-19 Home Tests

A home-based test is designed for surveillance in the home, not the school setting. While the school does not discourage its use, home test information cannot be used by the school because the test is not verified by a laboratory, is not reported to the Maine CDC, and is not tracked or used to trace close contacts in our schools. Therefore, CRMS will not accept the results of a home test for a student to return to school. This is in line with our district plan, as well the Standard Operating Procedures of the Maine Department of Education. A negative test result or a physician’s note is required for return to school after an illness. If your child has a positive home test result, please contact the school nurse and your child’s physician for follow-up, confirmatory testing.



School Based Covid Vaccine Clinic

CRMS will host our 2nd Covid vaccine clinic for ALL students on Friday, December 3rd. Please complete the registration and consent form (one page, front to back) and return as soon as possible.

The approval of the Covid vaccine for children adds a layer of protection in the worldwide effort to fight this virus. That said, it is *really, really* important that all adults get vaccinated too! Vaccines and booster shots are widely available and the vaccine is free.

Please consider getting vaccinated if you have not already done so.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our super hero, Nurse Gretchen! Running school during covid is incredibly challenging and we would not have done it so successfully without her hard work and dedication day after day! Thank you to the Maine School Board Association for recognizing our stellar School Nurse, Gretchen Kuhn! We appreciate you!



“Warming Hearts and Homes” Money Drive-UPDATE!

The Student Council and Student Services team are still working together to help warm hearts and homes this winter by continuing our money drive. We are still receiving requests for assistance, so if you are able to donate money (cash, checks made out to CRMS, prepaid credit/debit cards, local gift cards for Hannaford or Walmart) we will then distribute these funds to local families needing a little extra help to heat their homes, buy food or gifts for the holidays, etc. Donations in any amount and/or form can still be dropped off in the CRMS Main office through Monday, 12/20. Students are also invited to contribute, even a donation of \$1 is appreciated! We have reached the halfway mark of our \$3000 goal, Please consider helping us provide a little extra security for some of our families this season! Thank you! Questions? tanya.young@fivetowns.net



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS!

Student Council is announcing a new school store! You’ll be able to purchase snacks and items during store hours. The store is not yet open but when it is, come on and stop by the lobby!



THE CRMS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY BREAK FROM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2021 UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 3TH, 2022.



WE WISH YOU A SAFE AND PEACEFUL HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!





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DECEMBER 3-5, 2021

**35TH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA
2021 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 3

- 11:00-1:00 p.m. **Lunchtime Holiday Variety Show**
Matt Mainster & Friends present a traditional holiday variety show. Donations accepted.
First Congregational Church, 55 Elm St., Camden
- 4-7 p.m. **Vintage Room Holiday Party**
Holiday crafted cocktails and complimentary hors d'oeuvres with entertaining tips and tricks.
16 Bay View Hotel, Camden
- 5:30-8 p.m. **Music on Chestnut Street**
Gather to hear Phil Clement and Camden Hills High School Chorus for Carols on the Corner.
Camden National Bank, Chestnut Street entrance
- 5:30-8:30 p.m. **Wreath Auction & Gift Wrapping**
Bid on one-of-a-kind handcrafted wreaths while Watershed students wrap your gifts.
Smiling Cow, 41 Main St., Camden



- 6 p.m. **Christmas by the Sea Parade**
To enter a float in the parade, send email to info@camdensnowbowl.com. Route 1 - Union Street north to Atlantic Avenue, Camden
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. **A Walk Through Bethlehem**
Experience Christmas history outdoors with dramatic readings, a live nativity, and more.
Chestnut Street Baptist Church, Camden
- 6:45 p.m. **Community Tree Lighting with Carols**
Join Santa Claus for carols and lighting of the annual holiday tree at the head of the harbor.
Harbor Park, Atlantic Avenue, Camden

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 4

- All day **Christmas Cookie Station**
Craft Delivery & Taxi Service offers holiday refreshments with drawings and prizes.
Craft Delivery Office, 4 Public Landing, Camden
- 9 a.m.-Noon **Belted Holiday**
Don a festive (or ugly) holiday sweater for a portrait with a Belted Galloway calf. Tasty treats courtesy Aldermere Achievers 4-H Club.
Aldermere Farm, 20 Russell Ave., Rockport
- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **Holiday Craft Fair**
Artisans from the Midcoast offer unique holiday items including quilts, jewelry, ornaments, wreaths and more.
First Congregational Church, 55 Elm Street, Camden
- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **Christmas Market**
Shop for holiday greenery, gifts and decorations.
Guini Ridge Farm, 310 Commercial St., Rockport
- 10 a.m. **Santa Arrives in Camden by Boat**
Gather at the waterfront to welcome Santa Claus and Ellen Elf for a stroll downtown.
Public Landing, Camden
- 10 a.m. **Gnome Making Workshop**
Supplies included, \$50 fee. Ages 10 and up.
Guini Ridge Farm, 310 Commercial St., Rockport
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Wreath Auction & Gift Wrapping**
Bid on handcrafted wreaths (bidding ends at 2 p.m.) while Watershed students wrap your gifts.
Smiling Cow, 41 Main St., Camden
- 10:30-Noon **Cookie Decorating**
Cookies, icing, sprinkles and decorations are provided - Curtis-Bok Conference Room.
16 Bay View Hotel, Camden
- 1 p.m. **Santa's Story Hour**
Making his entrance from high up on the mountain Santa will read "Twix the Night Before Christmas" in the lodge with hot chocolate and sweets, and time to ask important questions about his life in the North Pole.
Camden Snow Bowl, 20 Barnestown Road, Camden



- 2-3:30 p.m. **Photos with Santa Claus**
Sharpen your pencils and get those lists ready. Santa Claus will be visiting with children for photographs after Story Hour. Photos will be emailed for keepsakes.
Camden Snow Bowl, 20 Barnestown Road, Camden
- 3 p.m. **Nutcracker**
Camden Opera House, 29 Elm St.
- 3:30 p.m. **Bonfire on the Beach**
Gather around as the traditional bonfire is lit on the shore of Penobscot Bay.
Lincolnville Beach, Route 1, Lincolnville
- 4-5 p.m. **Ring in the Season - Handbell Concert**
Donations benefit Knox County Homeless Coalition. Pre-registration required by email to churchoffice@camdenucc.org.
First Congregational Church, 55 Elm St., Camden
- 5:30 p.m. **Caroling & Tree Lighting with Santa**
Lincolnville Fire Department will deliver Santa Claus to the beach to join the holiday fun.
Lincolnville Beach, Route 1, Lincolnville
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. **A Walk Through Bethlehem**
Experience Christmas history outdoors with dramatic readings, a live nativity, and more.
Chestnut Street Baptist Church, Camden
- 6-8 p.m. **Cookies and Cocktails (21+ only)**
It's grown-up time for a tasteful holiday cookie decorating party. Craft beers, wines and a special holiday cocktail available to purchase.
16 Bay View Hotel, Curtis-Bok Room, Camden
- SUNDAY - DECEMBER 5**
- 10:30-Noon **Cookie Decorating**
Cookies, icing, sprinkles and decorations are provided - Curtis-Bok Conference Room.
16 Bay View Hotel, Camden
- 11 a.m. **Knight Story Time**
Guini Ridge Farm, 310 Commercial St., Rockport
- 1 p.m. **Hummer Mask Making**
Guini Ridge Farm, 310 Commercial St., Rockport
- 3 p.m. **Nutcracker**
Camden Opera House, 29 Elm St.



ArtLab for All

Saturday, December 4

Free | 2:00 – 4:00pm

Capturing Action with Alexis lammarino!

Come explore materials and activities that will encourage us to play with movement and sound in our artmaking. Giving particular focus to Shoshanna White, featured artist in our Into Action exhibit we'll create trace monotypes, graphite rubbings and sand drawings.



Holiday Pop-Up

Saturday, December 11

Free | 10:00 – 5:00

Join us for a full day of holiday festivities, enjoy cardmaking and wrapping paper designs in our ArtLab along with discounts in our shop! Free admission all day with various educational, curatorial, and membership perks.

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A promotional graphic for Sundog Outdoor Expeditions. It features a dark blue background with a large orange circle in the center. Inside the circle, the text "sundogoe.com" is at the top, followed by "SUNDOG" in large white letters and "OUTDOOR EXPEDITIONS" in smaller white letters below it. The circle is surrounded by a sunburst pattern of thin white lines. At the top of the graphic, contact information for the Midcoast Outdoor Leadership Initiative is provided. At the bottom, there is a link to a newsletter and a button that says "ENROLL NOW".

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