

CRMS Schooner News

Kindness

Responsibility

Self Control

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, 12/6 - CRMS band/chorus concert @ Strom -students arrive at 5:30 in concert attire, concert begins at 6:30pm

Wednesday, 12/7 - **Early Release day, 2pm dismissal**

Thursday, 12/8 - Toys for Tots Box deadline 4pm - please drop a new, unwrapped toy at CRMS by this date! Thank you!

Friday, 12/9 - Warming Hearts,Warming Hands fundraiser deadline

Friday, 12/16 - 8th grade dance, 7-9pm, \$5. Admission, concessions available - Students must be picked up no later than 9pm!

Friday, 12/16 - Report cards will be sent home with students.

Wednesday, 12/21 - Camden Rockport Schools School Board meeting, Rose Hall, 7pm

Friday, 12/23 - Monday, 1/2 - **Holiday Break, NO SCHOOL.**

Monday, 1/9 - Camden Rockport Student Alliance (PTA) monthly Zoom meeting, 5:30pm - *Follow the CRSA on Facebook or email camdenrockportschoolalliance@gmail.com for the Zoom link.*

Wednesday, 1/11 - **Early Release day, 2pm dismissal**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

PRINCIPALS CORNER

Dear Schooner Families,

In the spirit of giving and supporting our community I want to pause and give thanks! When we put the call out for supporting our families you began to answer. This year has been particularly hard as people work to recover from COVID impact and face the challenge of inflation costs on food, fuel, heating oil and electricity. All of this has impacted the way many of us live and for some, it can impact how to survive. As the holidays approach, it's an excellent time to teach our children about giving and supporting others. Involving your child in a donation or purchase of a gift card offers a meaningful experience in developing empathy and care for our entire community!

Amount Raised so Far: \$1,020

Amount Left to Raise: \$1,980

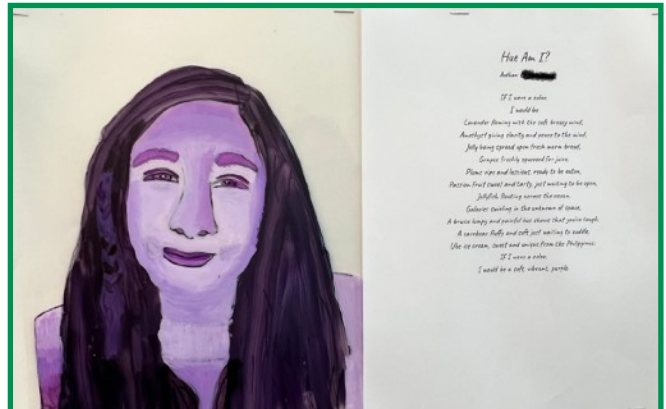
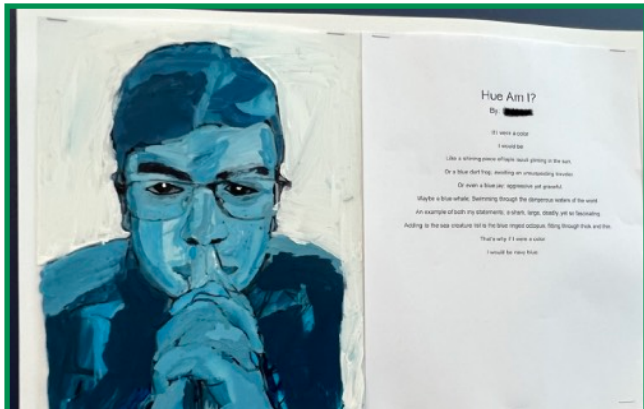
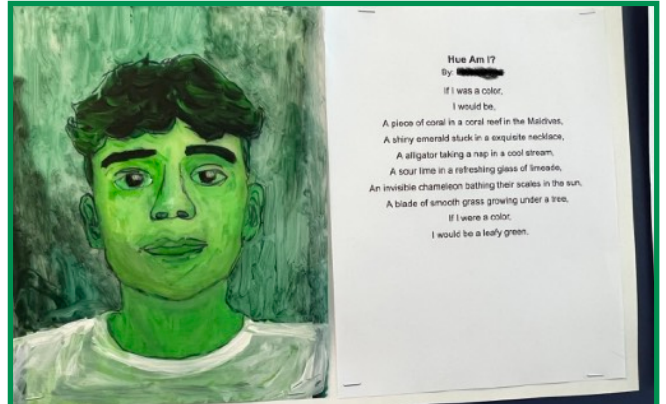
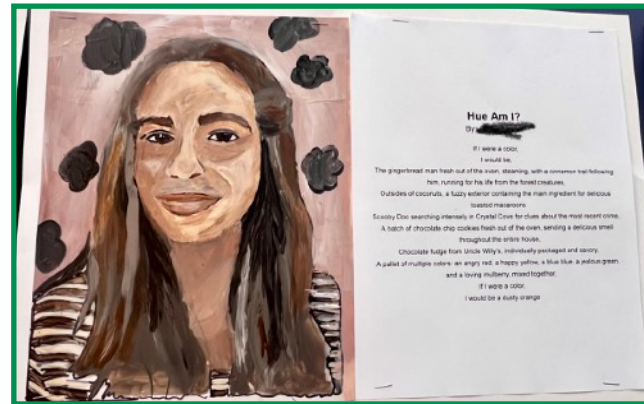
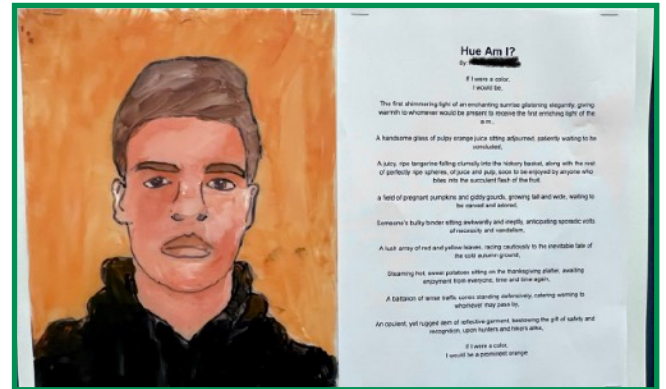
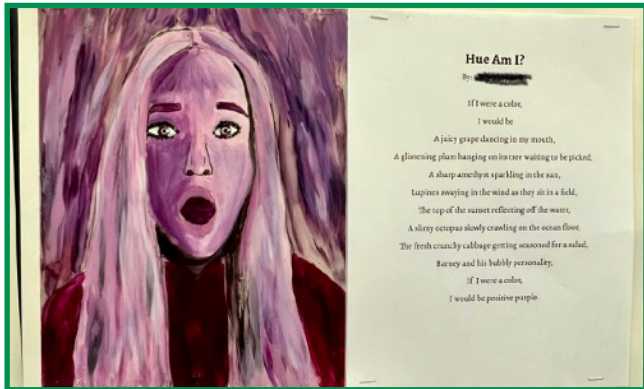
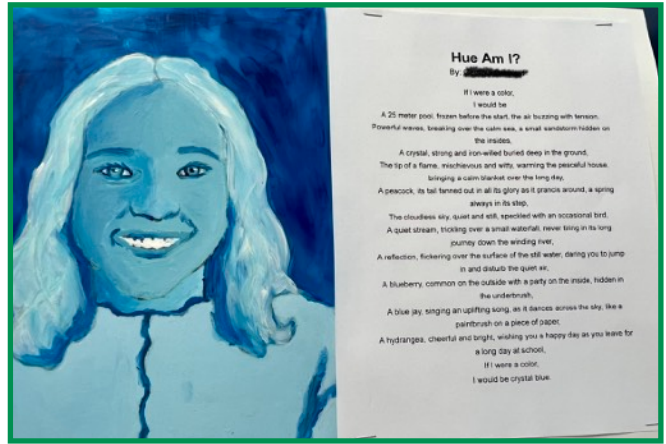
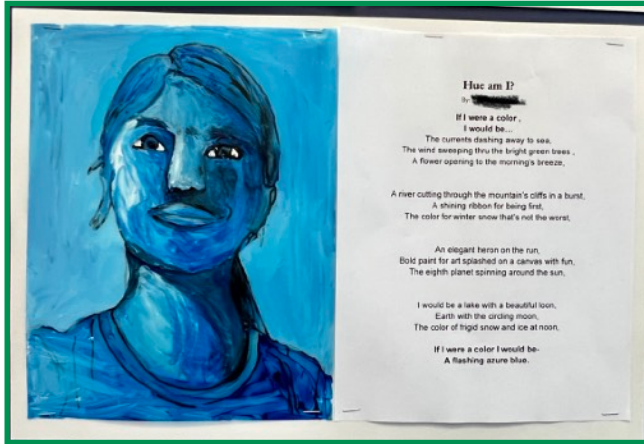
Gift cards to Hannaford, Renys, Wal-Mart, TJ Maxx, cash or checks made out to CRMS, will all be put to good use to wrap our arms around our families in need. Thank you for supporting our community with donations, big or small, to the main office or to a member of our student support team.

I'm grateful to live in a community where people who need support are willing and able to ask for help AND where we collectively strive to answer the call!

With Gratitude,

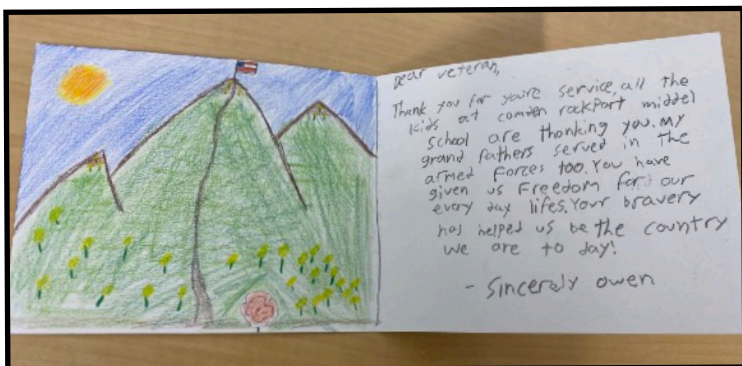
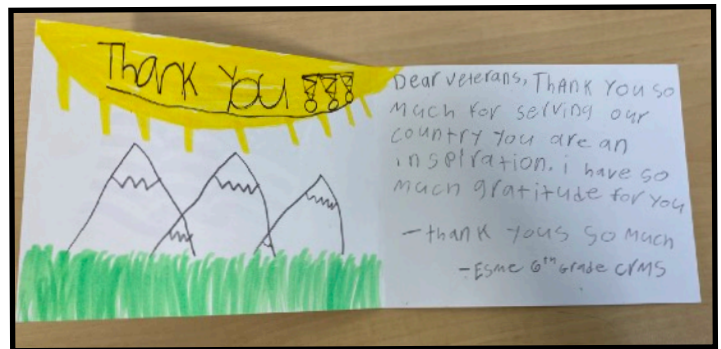
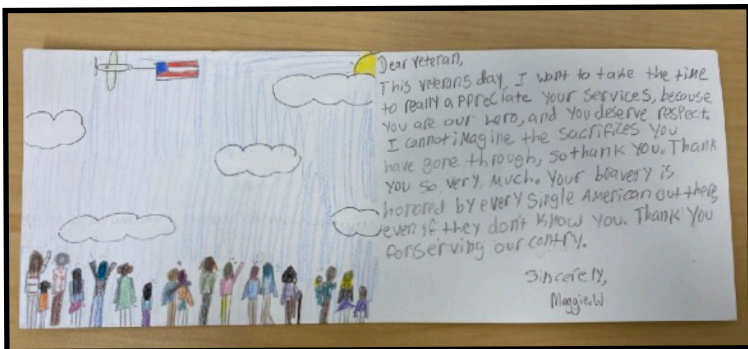
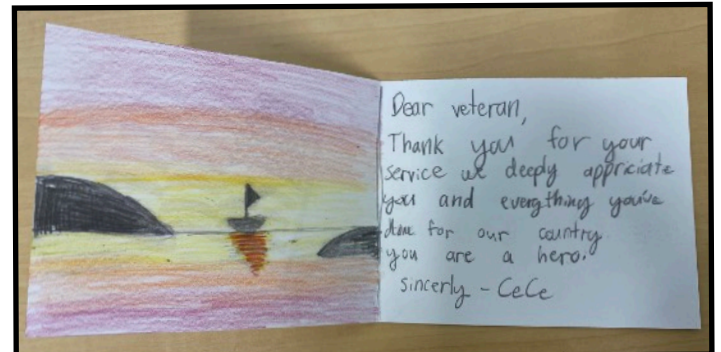
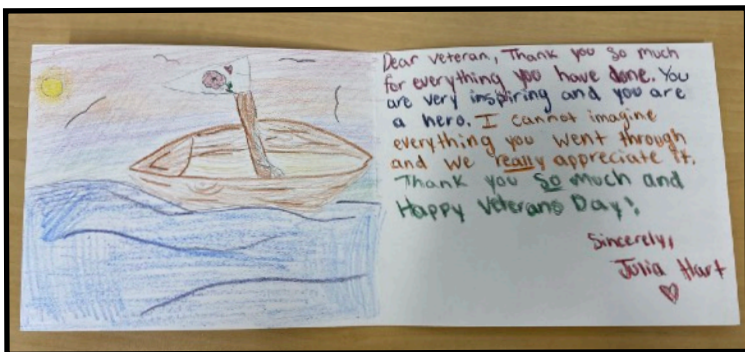
Jaime Stone
Principal

HUE AM I? Seventh graders studied figurative language and sensory details in language arts at the start of the school year and used their descriptive writing skills to craft "Hue Am I?" poems comparing themselves to a color. In art, these poems became the basis of a color study for students to create monochromatic self-portraits.



VETERAN'S DAY CARDS

CRMS students wrote thank you cards for Maine veterans again this year! During the week leading up to Veteran's Day, 6th grade students were hard at work creating these cards and after learning the significance and history of the holiday, they were eager to write their notes of thanks with accompanying artwork. The finished products were well done and were sent out after a formal ceremony here at CRMS.



As part of our CREW program at CRMS, Ms Alley's 5th grade CREW group and Mrs Hamlin's 8th grade CREW group have been getting to know each other. They've played games, conducted interviews and created secret handshakes. Here are some pictures of the partnerships they're forming.





During the last week of Quarter 1, Mrs. Anderson's 5th grade Performing Arts classes shared class productions in the Bisbee Theater for friends and family. The unit was called "Introduction to Production" and each class worked on either a musical or a play together as a class. Each student held a different role in the production and had to work together to pull it off. Thanks to all the parents who helped support their child in this important learning experience. Way to go 5th grade!
Butler & Keefe "Best Little Theater" -a one act musical.
Marsh & Alley "Dare to Remember" -a spooky play.





The 2022 Lions Club International Peace Poster contest had 6th grade students trying to visually represent peace. The theme this year was "Lead with Compassion, adding another layer to their challenge. 23 6th graders accepted the daunting task and submitted posters that visually represented the theme "Lead with Compassion" with their intricate artwork. The quality of the entries this year were outstanding and the judges wanted to thank all those that participated. Job well done!!

The two 2022 runners up were Sophia Wickenden and Ruby Sowder.

And the 2022 Lions Club International Peace Poster winner for the local competition was Lila Efir.

Good luck to Lila as her poster goes on to Regional competition.



7TH GRADE NEWS!

Seventh grade students recently hosted a culminating exhibition of their “Learning How to See” project, a collaboration between science, art and language arts. Students have been honing their observation skills and exploring the interactions between organisms in our ecosystem this fall. Each student selected one symbiotic relationship to research more deeply, and expressed their learning through scientific writing, multimedia artwork, and poetry. Select pieces from this project will be on display at the Bagel Cafe and on Beech Hill trail for several weeks.



7TH GRADE ART!



Congratulations to the following students for Qualifying for the MMEA District III Honor Festival

Band

Chorus

- Keagan Urey
- Kylli Gronros
- Ali Sylvester
- El Ames-Cruz
- Mason Contakos
- Rowan Currier
- Zachary Mason
- Carl Wilton
- Hector Clayton
- Natalie Clark
- Sam Pike
- Antonio Miller

- Larson Castle
- Nathan Gomez
- Baxter Thackeray
- Maddie Bennett
- Jack Stephenson
- Lydia Day
- Kara Croce
- Isabel Hamilton
- Ellen Kunkel
- Soleil Jacques

A big shout out to all of our students who qualified for the District III Honors Band and Chorus Festival! Thank you Mr. Gordon, our Band teacher and Mr. Maynard, our Chorus teacher for their leadership and support of our musicians!

Please join us at the CRMS Band and Chorus Winter Showcase on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30pm at the Camden Hills Regional High School Strom Auditorium and support our music education program!



FROM THE NURSES DESK.....

Here's a reminder for everyone.... share with your friends and relatives!

FREE Covid test kits are available MONTHLY by ordering through this site: accesscovidtests.org

Also, many private insurance companies will pay for covid test kits from a business - usually by showing your insurance card. Ask before checking out!

Sorry to say it's looking like a challenging winter for colds (including respiratory syncytial virus abbrev: RSV), flu and covid. Please be sure to test for Covid if you have cold or flu-like symptoms.

In Wellness,
Gretchen Kuhn, school nurse
236-7805, ext. 2108



2022 Annual Appeal

Make a difference in a young life today by giving the gift of connection to place, community, caring supportive adults, and most importantly to themselves.

CONNECTION = HEALTHY KIDS

Outdoor adventures big and small connect kids to that bit of inner fire, resilience, and strength that is in dire need to be nurtured at this critical age.

Your donation ensures SOLI programs remain affordable to all, by providing a no-questions-asked scholarship to every family.

DONATE NOW



Appleton Village School
The Wildcat Ambassadors present

HOLIDAY Craft Fair

12.10.22 9AM - 2PM

Vendors | Crafters | Concessions | Raffle

Where: Appleton Village School
737 Union Rd Appleton ME 04862

If you are interested in being a Vendor contact Holly Billings at 207-785-4504.

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MID-COAST SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Career & College Fair
December 8, 2022
5-7pm

Mid-Coast Programs

- visit shops
- find cool projects
- see professional equipment
- meet teachers
- see current students

Post-Secondary Opportunities

- UMaine System
- Maine Community Colleges
- Maine Maritime Academy
- Military

Over 20 Area Businesses

Contests and Raffles

Win PRIZES

Various raffles and activities from pre-high school through adults!

Join us!

Sponsored by **MEMAC** EDUCATION FOUNDATION



Youth Arts is 50! Help us celebrate and support 50 more years of amazing arts programming by donating \$50 (or more) to Youth Arts this holiday season. For a limited time, each \$50+ donation will receive a beautiful custom ornament. This commemorative anniversary ornament showcases our beloved Youth Arts sponsored mosaic at CRMS.



To purchase: Venmo to @youtharts or visit our website to pay with PayPal <http://www.youthartsmaine.org/donate>

Ornaments can be picked up at Jessie Tobias Designs or at our table at Christmas by the Sea in front of Laugh Loud, Smile Big.

Warming Hearts, Warming Homes

From Student Services



Want to Help?

Student Council and Student Services annually team up to reach out to our community to support families in need during the holidays and winter months. If you would like to help. Gift cards for groceries, clothing, basic needs, gas and holiday gifts are greatly appreciated. Financial donations can be made by check to Camden Rockport Middle School.



Community Gift Programs

Toys for Tots for kids up to age 13. Applications due November 20th. Application found here: <https://rockland-me.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/request-toys.aspx>

Bruce Roberts Toy fund for kids up to age 16. Applications due December 6th. Applications found here: <https://multifiles.pressherald.com/uploads/sites/4/2022/09/Toy-Fund-Indi-Non-group-app-2022-new-deadline.pdf>

Need Help?

Are you in need of help this winter for things such as:

- Food
- Holiday Food Baskets
- Fuel Assistance
- Holiday Gifts
- Warm Clothes

Contact your child's homeroom teacher, amy.libby@fivetowns.net, tanya.young@fivetowns.net, sophie.payson-rand@fivetowns.net, gretchen.kuhn@fivetowns.net or call the front office to be connected to a Student Services Member 207-236-7805



Official ELF SHELF details! Spread the word, clean out your closets and let the magic begin!

[Ms Katie's ChangeMakers](#) invite all children to experience the joy of giving this holiday season! Come to our ELF SHELF on Saturday, December 17 from 11 AM to 2 PM at [Seaside Village Preschool!](#)

Here's how it works: We are collecting gently used items (and crafting some cute items, too!) that we will display in our holiday store. Children are invited to shop for a sibling, cousin, parent, or other special someone. We will also have a wrapping station! All items will be priced between \$0.25 and \$5. To check out, children will be able to choose which charity bin they would like to drop their \$ into: [AIO Food and Energy Assistance](#), [PAWS Animal Adoption Center](#), or [Knox County Homeless Coalition](#)

If you have gently used items, you would like to donate to the Elf Shelf, we have three locations for convenient drop off: [Peopleplace Cooperative Preschool](#), Seaside Village Preschool, or my front porch. If you would like to donate but don't have gently used items, we are accepting donations of wrapping paper, ribbons, tape, and bows! Please reach out with any questions! It's going to be a magical time!

We are so grateful to [Jennessa Tyler](#) at Seaside Village Preschool for sharing her space with us!

This event is NOT just for preschool children! ALL ages are welcome!



CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA 2022!

2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 25

Virtual PAWS Online Auction and 50/50 Raffle
24/7 Pawsadoption.org. All proceeds support the mission of PAWS Animal Adoption Center.

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 1

5:30 p.m. **Tinsel & Tails Gala and Silent Auction**
Annual benefit for PAWS Animal Adoption Center. Tickets available at pawsadoption.org.

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 2

Noon **Lunchtime Holiday Variety Show**
Matt Mainster & Friends present a traditional holiday variety show. Donations accepted.
First Congregational Church, 55 Elm St., Camden

3-5 p.m. **"A Very Mercy Christmas"**
Book Signing with Chris Van Dusen
Owl & Turtle Bookshop, 33 Bay View St., Camden

5-6 p.m. **Caroling at the Village Green**
The Midcoast Community Chorus will sing holiday standards.
Corner of Elm and Chestnut streets, Camden

5-7 p.m. **"Cider Stop" with Cookies**
First National Bank, 44 Elm St., Camden

5:30-8:30 p.m. **Wreath Auction & Gift Wrapping**
Bid on 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 north - Union St. to Atlantic Ave., Camden

6-8 p.m. **Open House with Cookies & Hot Cocoa**
Camden National Bank, 2 Elm St., Camden

6:30 p.m. **Community Tree Lighting with Carols**
Join Santa Claus and Camden Hills Regional High School singers for carols and lighting of the holiday tree at the head of the harbor. Camden Lions Club offers free cookies, hot chocolate and warm cider outside the library.
Harbor Park, Atlantic Avenue, Camden

6:30-8 p.m. **Horse and Carriage Rides**
Enjoy a leisurely tour of downtown Camden by horse and carriage with Carlow Draft Horses of Hartland.
Corner of Chestnut and Elm streets.

6:30-8:30 p.m. **A Walk Through Bethlehem**
Experience a Christmas historical story with dramatic readings, a live nativity, and more.
Chestnut Street Baptist Church, Camden

7-8 p.m. **Caroling with Fortissima**
Camden Hills Regional High School acapella group will sing Christmas carols by starlight.
Corner of Elm and Chestnut streets, Camden

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 3

8 a.m.-Noon **Holly Berry Fair**
The Rockport Garden Club's signature holiday event returns to the village.
West Rockport Baptist Church, 545 Park St.

9 a.m.-Noon **Beltie 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.
First Congregational Church, 55 Elm Street, Camden

9 a.m.-2 p.m. **Christmas Market**
Shop for holiday greenery, gifts and decorations; wreath making class at 10 a.m.
Guini Ridge Farm, 310 Commercial St., Rockport

9 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. **Santa's Story Hour**
Making his entrance from high up on the mountain Santa will read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" in the lodge with hot chocolate and sweets, and time to ask important questions about the North Pole.
Camden Snow Bowl, 20 Barnestown Road, Camden

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 a.m.-Noon **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



1-2 p.m. **Family Cookie Decorating**
Music and the smell of cookies, frosting and candy will fill the room.
16 Bay View Hotel, Camden

2 p.m. **MOJO Holiday Show**
The 18-piece big band Monday Jazz Orchestra will play holiday favorites and more.
John St. Methodist Church, 98 John St., Camden

3 p.m. **Nutcracker - Atlantic Ballet Company**
Full-length version of this magical holiday production. buynutcrackertickets.com.
Camden Opera House, 29 Elm St.

3-5 p.m. **Cookies and Hot Cocoa**
Whale's Tooth Pub will be serving free treats to warm up during the beach bonfire.
2531 Atlantic Highway, Lincolnville

3:30 p.m. **Ornament Activity and ELF**
Movie starts at 4 p.m. Register to attend: rockportoperahouse.org.
Rockport Opera House, 6 Central St., Rockport

4-5 p.m. **Ring in the Season - Handbell Concert**
Holiday handbell concert with free-will offering to benefit St. Bernard Soup Kitchen.
First Congregational Church, 55 Elm St., Camden

4 p.m.-Close **Cookies and Cocktails (21+ event)**
The Vintage Room hosts a holiday themed cocktail menu, with cookies to decorate.
16 Bay View Hotel, Camden

5 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

5-7 p.m. **A Walk Through Bethlehem**
Experience Christmas history outdoors with dramatic readings, a live nativity, and more.
Chestnut Street Baptist Church, Camden

5-8 p.m. **Maine Artisans Open House**
Open house with refreshments, a Christmas village display, Maine-made art and crafts.
2518 Atlantic Highway, Lincolnville

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 4

1-2 p.m. **Storytime and Crafts with Miss Amy**
Fun for families to share time together.
Camden Public Library, 55 Main St., Camden

3 p.m. **Nutcracker - Atlantic Ballet Company**
Full-length version of this magical holiday production. buynutcrackertickets.com.
Camden Opera House, 29 Elm St.

7 p.m. **Anne & David Dodson & Friends Concert**
A holiday tradition. Tickets at Lily, Lupine & Fern or call 207-236-9576.
First Congregational Church, 55 Elm St., Camden

2022-23 Middle School Pre-Season MCWC Wrestling Program

- Who :** Any interested boys or girls grades 5-8 attending CRMS, LCS, AVS, HES or living in the Fivetown area and attending a private school or a home school.
- When :** Tuesday and Thursday 6:15 to 7:30 starting December 13th 2022 through January 12th 2023.
- Where :** Camden Hills Regional High School Wrestling Room
- Cost :** \$20 per participant for MANDATORY USA Wrestling Card (sign up and pay at practice).

The Mid-Coast Wrestling Club (MCWC) Middle School Pre-Season Program offers a fun, easy, and affordable opportunity for Fivetown area youth to try the sport of wrestling and get ready for the Pine Tree League Wrestling Season, which starts on Tuesday, January 17th.

Some participants may choose to attend our own MCWC Maine Youth Opener Youth Wrestling Tournament, which is on Sunday January 15th. The following week the Pine Tree Wrestling League season starts and CRMS practices will begin. Fivetown area children are usually able to join this team, numbers permitting.

Wrestling shoes and headgear will be required equipment after the first two weeks of practice. We have some shoes that wrestlers can borrow.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Wrestling is a safe sport (fewer serious injuries per participant than soccer or basketball) that kids of all shapes and sizes can be successful in. Please come and give it a try!

To keep up with team information flow join the CRMS Wrestling Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1724273864568515>

For more information, contact: **Aaron Henderson:** 522-5252
ajhendo66@gmail.com



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YOUTH LEARN-TO-CURL

Curling is a sport where size, gender, strength and speed are of no particular advantage.

It is a game of strategy, sportsmanship and teamwork. All players are naturally equally involved.

Each Learn-to-Curl session will be coached by SafeSport certified experienced club members. We will have fun introducing kids to the sport in a non-competitive environment.

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED
\$10 EA SESSION**



WHO

- Ages 9 through high school

WHEN

- 2 hr sessions, sign up for 1 or all
- Sundays 11/20, 12:30-2:30pm
- Sunday 12/4, 2-4pm
- Sunday 12/11, 12:30-2:30
- Sunday 12/18, TBD either 12:30 or 2 start

WHAT TO BRING

- All equipment is provided
- Under 12 must bring a helmet (bike/ski)
- CLEAN sneakers to change into are required
- Dress warmly in layers
- Your friends!

youth@belfastcurlingclub.org

belfastcurlingclub.org/youth

Ready to signup? [HERE is the signup form!](#)

8TH GRADE NEWS!

Middle School students get the word out about the Ajibu Community!

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO SEE THE FULL ARTICLE

<https://knox.villagesoup.com/?p=900414>



**THE CRMS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR A HOLIDAY BREAK FROM FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 23RD THROUGH MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND.**

WISHING YOU A SAFE AND JOYFUL HOLIDAY AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!