



# CRMS Schooner News

**Kindness**

**Responsibility**

**Self Control**

**Grit**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday-Thursday, May 3 & 4** - Maine State assessments for math/reading, 5-8 graders

**Monday -Friday, May 8-12** - Staff Appreciation Week!

**Wednesday, May 10, 2:20 pm** - Camden Rockport School Alliance Staff appreciation luncheon. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO!](#)

**Wednesday, May 10 - EARLY RELEASE DAY, 2:00pm dismissal**

**Friday, May 12, 10:00 am** - Special Olympics at CHRHS track and field (rain date May 15th)

**Friday, May 12, 4 pm** - YEARBOOK ORDER DEADLINE! [CLICK HERE TO ORDER ONLINE!](#)

**Tuesday, May 16, SAD-6 pm, CSD -7 pm** - Public Budget Hearing Input Mtg., CRMS Bisbee Theater

**Wednesday, May 17, 7 pm-** Camden Rockport Schools District, School Board meeting- Rose Hall

**Tuesday, May 16** - Bike and Walk to School Day - Save the date!

**Thursday, May 18, 3:30 pm-7pm & Friday, May 19, 7:30am -12:30pm** - Student Led Conferences - **Friday, May 19 - NO SCHOOL - Student led conferences**

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

### To teach is to touch a life forever!

As you think back on your own school days, most people can quickly recall teachers who had a positive impact on them. They inspired you to take risks, to follow your passion, to feel smart and powerful and to find joy in something you knew little about!

Next week is Teacher (staff) appreciation week. All staff in our building will be celebrated and we're proud to have the best Crew in MidCoast Maine! The positive energy, care, and support put into developing creative learning experiences is abundant every single day at CRMS!

Our teachers instruct upwards of 100 students EVERY SINGLE DAY! Our staff pour themselves into their work and ride the rollercoaster of growth with your children. As a parent of two young women who had the pleasure of attending our school, I can assure what happens here each day is downright impressive.

I encourage you this week to write an email or send a note to that staff member you've been thinking about. The one you know is having a positive impact at CRMS.

We must make space to practice gratitude to those in service of our children. Our profession needs your support and our teachers need to know they are valued by our parent community. You hold the key to that opportunity and I hope you join me in celebrating them May 8 - May 12th!

Together we are better!

In Service-

Jaime Stone

**IMPORTANT DATES (cont.)**

**Saturday, May 20-Wednesday, May 24** - CRMS Destination Imagination Team - Kansas City, MO Globals competition - GO CRMS DI !!!

**Monday, May 22, CHRHS Strom Theater, 6:30pm-** CRMS Band and Chorus concert - students report at **5:45** to the high school band/chorus room. Doors open for audience members at 6:15pm

**Tuesday-Thursday, May 23-25** - 5th & 8th grade MEA Science Assessments

**Monday, May 29 - NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day holiday**



**Wednesday, May 31 - 8th grade step up night, 6:30-8pm @ CHRHS**  
- more details to come

**Saturday, May 27** - Hannaford Helps program ends. Please sign up below and choose: Camden-Rockport Middle School. Thank you!

**SHOP**  
Look for the shelf tag on more than 800 participating products that will help earn money for your school.

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Get 3 School Dollars for every 4 participating products you purchase.

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[hannafordhelpsschools.com](https://hannafordhelpsschools.com)

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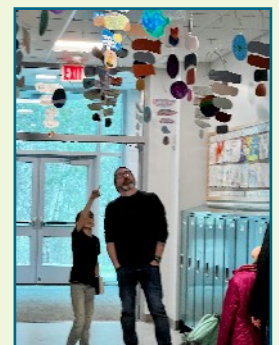
Now through May 27, 2023, choose from over 800 participating products to join in **RAISING \$1 MILLION** for our local schools.

Looking for more information about Hannaford Helps Schools?  
Go to [hannaford.com/helpsschools](https://hannaford.com/helpsschools).

**FIFTH GRADE** students in Art class created clay creatures visiting from outer space.

Students applied their knowledge from science class of our Earth's biospheres and biomes to design and create a world that their visiting friend lives on by hypothesizing environmental influences based on the creature's physical characteristics.

The culminating projects were mobiles, poetry and informational brochures of their fictional planet, thinking of all of the parts of the ecosystem that helps sustain life. Special thanks to YOUTH ARTS who funded 2 local artists (Antje Roitzsch and Kim Bernard) to make this new PBL a huge success!

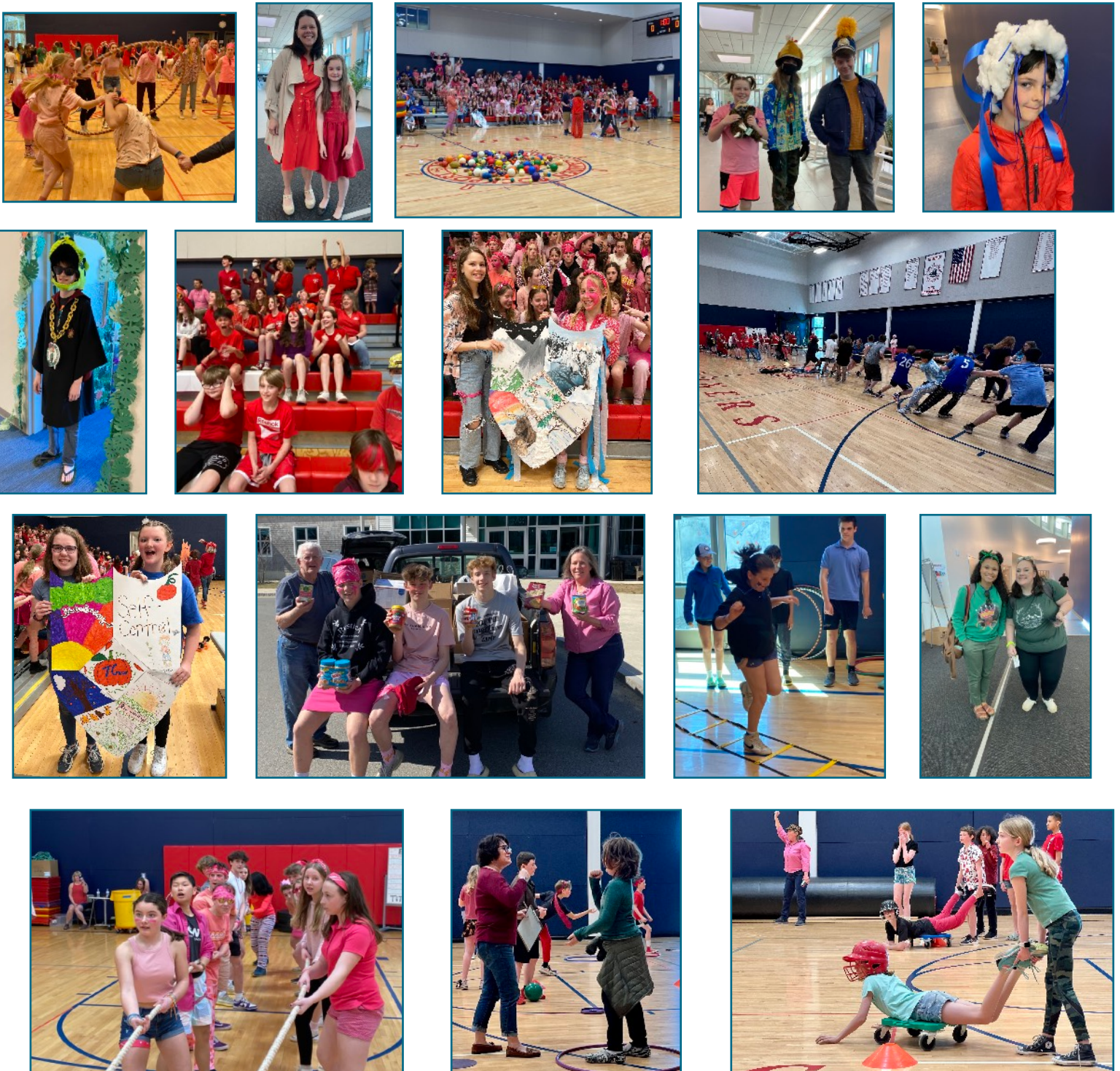




### Spirit Week Reflections

What an amazing week of spirited fun from jar guessing- "how many heart rocks are there in a jar?", to overflowing baskets of food donations, to crazy big assembly games! What a fabulous show of school spirit! The Penny War was a record setting year with over \$2500 in donations, including a billion pennies and paper currency/bills. Half of these proceeds will go to a non-profit organization and the other half will go into our student and staff wellness fund.

Congratulations to the 5th Grade Students who came home with the win for having the MOST pennies... 27,898!!! They will have the honor of deciding where the donations will be given.





**SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS** kicked-off their final Language Arts project of the year by attending the Camden Conference for Change. Students are investigating the essential questions "What's worth fighting for?", "Why and how do people effectively seek change?" and "How can I communicate and effect change in my community?" At the conference sixth graders got to work and learn from nine local organizations and individuals who are currently seeking positive change in our local and even global community. Organizations like OutMaine, Revision Energy, Knox County Homeless Coalition, and Partners for World Health were among some of the fabulous presenters that students both learned from and were inspired by!



### CRMS YEARBOOKS!

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT! THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING A 2022-23 CRMS YEARBOOK IS FRIDAY, MAY 12TH.**

**PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW TO ORDER ONLINE, OR BRING IN YOUR ORDER ENVELOPE WITH CASH/CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO CRMS. WE WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR ANY 8TH GRADER WHO IS NOT ABLE TO PURCHASE A YEARBOOK, SO PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A YEARBOOK TO THIS CAUSE IF YOU ARE ABLE! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

<https://strawbridge.fotomerchanthv.com/search/YB26936>

### The annual Knox Waldo Lincoln County Special Olympics Track & Field Events!

**When:** May 12th (rain date May 15th)

**Time:** 10:00 parade/opening ceremonies followed by track & field events until 1:00/1:30

**Where:** Camden Hills Regional High School  
Rockport, Maine



**Poetry on Windows** is coming to Camden from May 14th to June 8th!



Have you read *Ghost*? *Long Way Down*? *All American Boys*? *Miles Morales*? *Stuntboy*? Mrs. Young attended the Reading RoundUp in Augusta on April 27. She came back with lots of new ideas for the library and a selfie with a literary hero, author of those novels and more, Jason Reynolds.

I mean, we're practically bffs now. hahahaha



**CRMS CHESS CLUB!** We had a blast at Bonny Eagle on Saturday! Thank you to all the kids and families who made the long drive to represent Camden-Rockport at this annual statewide team chess championship.

Camden-Rockport brought one team in the K-8 division (which included two brave elementary school players - Christopher Ortiz and Will Kaplan), and it was a real horse race! We finished the day tied for second place and only a half point from first place. Since trophies cannot be split in half, the day ended with a blitz playoff between our top 5 players and the top 5 from Glenburn. We won the playoff 3-2 and claimed the second place trophy!

We had some incredible performances from our players...  
Victor Clayton won all 4 games for a perfect score for the day!  
Oliver Mitchell and Hector Clayton both scored 3 points!  
In addition, we had 4 players score 2 points, so our team showed wonderful depth.

Congratulations to all these fantastic players on a great day of chess. We are excited to bring the travelling Webber Cup trophy back to CRMS for another year. :). -Kate



# District III Band and Chorus

CRMS Band and Chorus students participated in the 2023 MMEA District III Honor Band and Chorus Festival on Friday, April 28th in Augusta. Students auditioned for their spot and participated in the festival among other musicians across Midcoast Maine. Guest conductors included Mr. Christopher White of University of Maine Orono for the band and Mrs. Renae Misner of Lawrence High School for the chorus. Participating students included El Ames-Cruz, Madeline Bennett, Lydia Day, Kylli Gronros, Isabel Hamilton, Soleil Jacques, Antonio Miller, and Carl Wilton for chorus; Larson Castle, Hector Clayton, Kara Croce, Zachary Mason, Samuel Pike, Ali Sylvester, and Keagan Urey for band.

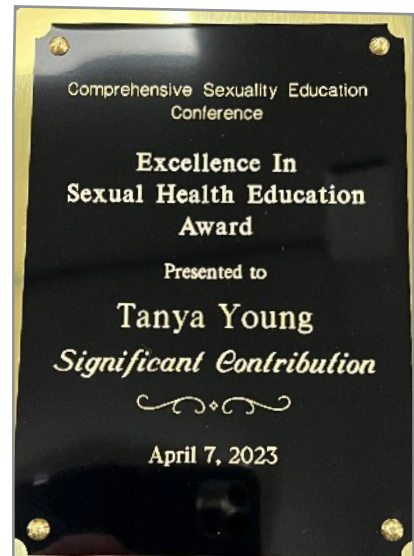


**AWARD WINNER**

**WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE STATE AND LOCAL WORK THAT MRS. YOUNG HAS DONE! SHE IS A RECOGNIZED LEADER IN HER FIELD BY OUR STATE.**

**MRS. YOUNG HELPS OUR STUDENTS NAVIGATE LEARNING ABOUT HEALTH IN MANY FACETS OF THEIR LIFE DURING A CHALLENGING DEVELOPMENTAL TIME!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP!**





# SIXTH GRADE HORIZONS ARTS RESIDENCY



Students made positive affirmation flags using a variety of surface design techniques: **Gel printing, Block printing and Stenciling.** *Positive affirmation flags* traditionally are used to promote peace, compassion, strength and wisdom. The hope is messages and wishes will be blown by the wind to spread goodwill and compassion into the air.



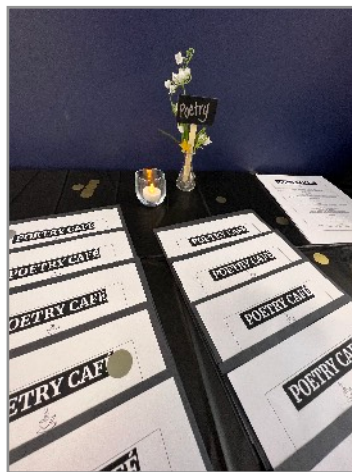


### FIFTH GRADE POETRY CAFÉ

For the past month, students in Mrs. Butler's and Ms. Keefe's class were immersed in a poetry study. As students read and memorized poems, studied lyrics, and searched for poems that spoke to them, they began to build their appreciation for this genre.

Students created their own personal anthology writing poetry across many styles and forms. Last week, students shared these poems on stage for family and friends in our second annual Poetry Café at CRMS.

Thank you Mrs. Butler for organizing this event!



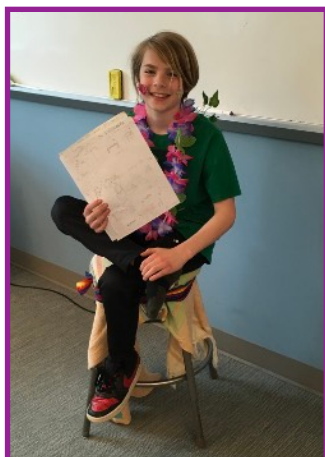
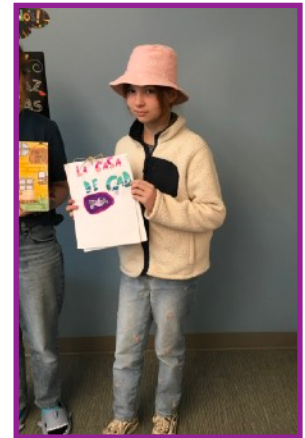


### DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Good luck to our grade 5 Destination Imagination team as they represent the state of Maine at the Destination Imagination Global competition in Kansas City, Missouri this month. The following students have been working on solving a challenge for the past 6 months and are ready to compete: Teddy Trumbauer, Simon Contakos, Elijah Buescher, Ruth Pendergast, Bridget Vickerman, Sully Coleman and Jonathan Fernald! Thank you Ms. Magri for your Leadership!



**FIFTH GRADE SPANISH** students completed their 'Casa de Gabi' (Gabi's house) projects before April vacation. Students had to create what they imagined our character, Gabi's (female kitten) house looked like. Then they had to use the learned house vocabulary and correctly label the rooms and objects in the house using the correct "the" word, write a description of their house with at least five complete sentences all in Spanish and then present their houses to the class. The creativity and effort was amazing! We are very proud of their work.

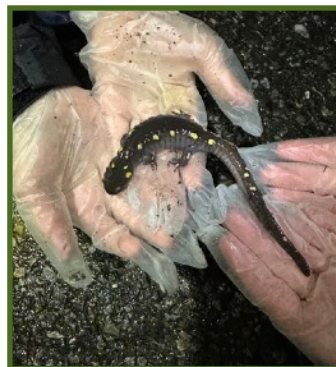




**THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB** at the middle school has been mostly looking this year at the variety of environmental "programs" already happening in our community at school and the larger community. It has been encouraging and inspiring to see what people are already doing to address the issues.

On April 17th, members of the Environmental Club participated in Maine Big Night and helped escort amphibians across the roads. It was a chilly raw night for us, but the amphibians didn't think so and were on the move to their mating grounds. We found 5 spotted salamanders, 2 American Toads, about 10 peepers and one green frog. We gathered data and will be sending it to the University of Maine organizers.

On April 10th, the Environmental Club went to the high school to see where the compost goes and how it is transformed into rich soil that is then purchased by local gardeners at the annual plant sale. It gave us the whole story on where the food scraps from our school cafeterias go. Moreover, we got a full tour of the Hatchery, which is the maker space at the highschool. The Hatchery is a whole world of discovery for any of you who do not know about it, but I will just tell you that we were particularly interested in seeing their "radical reuse" program. The students deconstruct all manner of constructed things-- wooden pallets, old gym floors, porches-- and reuse the materials to build new items for the school or for other entities. All of that material gets taken out of the waste stream! It is amazing and we were really impressed to see what the industrious high schoolers are up to.





## FROM THE HEALTH DESK

### Look after your skin - stay safe in the sun!

Source : <https://www.skcin.org/>

Remember it's not just sunbathing that puts you at risk, but being in the sun without adequate protection. If you regularly take part in outdoor hobbies or sports, or work outdoors you could be at greater risk. Make sure you use all of the Five S's of Sun Safety and NEVER BURN!

1. **SLIP** on a t-shirt
2. **SLOP** on SPF 30+ broad spectrum UVA sunscreen
3. **SLAP** on a broad brimmed hat
4. **SLIDE** on quality sunglasses
5. **SHADE** from the sun whenever possible



### 2023-2024 CRMS Volunteers

Parents/guardians will receive an email from the MSAD 28 Central Office in May when it is time to register as a volunteer for the coming school year. Volunteers need to fill out new volunteer forms every year, whether new at volunteering or a current volunteer. Complete your 23-24 volunteer application now and you'll be ready to go when September arrives!


*Return completed applications to the CRMS Office! Thank you for volunteering!*



We had to say goodbye to two of our favorite faces at CRMS recently. Maggie, our lead custodian for over 20 years (who moved just next door as the new Asst. Facilities/ Transportation Director) and Jose', a custodian who has been here for almost 10 years!

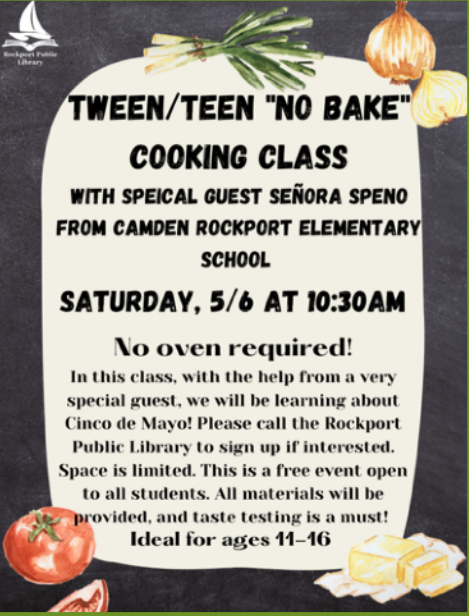
We wish them all the best!





**TWEEN/TEEN "NO BAKE" COOKING CLASS**  
 WITH SPECIAL GUEST SEÑORA SPENO  
 FROM CAMDEN ROCKPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
**SATURDAY, 5/6 AT 10:30AM**

**No oven required!**  
 In this class, with the help from a very special guest, we will be learning about Cinco de Mayo! Please call the Rockport Public Library to sign up if interested. Space is limited. This is a free event open to all students. All materials will be provided, and taste testing is a must!  
**Ideal for ages 11-16**




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**MAY 10, 2023**

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**TWEEN GAME NIGHT**

Drop in at the Rockport Public Library for an evening of video games and snacks. All games and controllers will be provided!

**WEDNESDAY, 5/17 AT 5:30PM**

Ideal for ages 11-14. This is a free event and open to all students.

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*The Rockport Public Library invites you to:*

**FROGTOWN MOUNTAIN PUPPETEERS: EVERYBODY LOVES PIRATES**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 19TH 5:30PM**

*performing at the Camden - Rockport Middle School*

**LIMITED SEATING. PLEASE CALL THE LIBRARY 207-236-3642 TO RESERVE SEATS**



Rockport Public Library  
 Tween Escape Room 3:  
 A Haunting at Bubblecroft Academy

**May 24th 5:30-6:30 pm**

Free event, open to all students. ideal for ages 11-15.

The Rockport Public Library would like to welcome students back to Bubblecroft Academy. It's time to uncover more secrets and piece together more of the school's mysterious past. Beware though, there are ghostly happenings that might just spell danger. Participants MUST register with the library beforehand by calling the library at 236-3642.



**CHESS CAMP !!**  
**GEORGE HILL FARM**  
**June 26-30**


Join us at the barn at George Hill Farm for an amazing camp experience! This is for children 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> in the fall! Beginners are welcome for one-on-one and small group learning sessions. Learn bughouse (team chess) & play in the camp championship for trophies (everyone wins one, some are bigger than others)! Learn thinking and problem solving skills that help in school and in sports! Chess wires your child's brain for math, science and creative thinking by teaching concentration, logic and calculation. Problem solving skills are the basis of all learning and are key to success in school and the workplace!







Eli Slaughter, one of the State's best high school players along with others in high school: Miles Gupta, James Kimmett, Judah Burgess and Kate Kaplan, a crack Tournament Director, will be helping me. 9 AM - 3 PM: Full camp: \$200, half days: \$100. I'm flexible: 3 hours \$20, all day \$40. Wear sneakers and a cap and bring a suntan lotion, lunch, drink and snack! Reserve your spot, no obligation to attend! Space is limited. Scholarships are available: Contact me! If you paid for another camp (6/26-30) tell me and come for free. Parents are welcome anytime! Be a helper and your kids are free. First come, first served. Register via email, pay when you get to camp at the barn, 1 George Hill Road, Hope. Full refunds at any time for any reason. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call or text me: 847-987-3091 BruceHaffner@gmail.com



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