

CRMS Schooner News

Kindness

Responsibility

Self Control

Grit

IMPORTANT DATES



**Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2PM - EARLY
RELEASE DAY**

**Tuesday, Dec 12, 6:30PM @ CHRHS
Strom Theater** - Band and Chorus
Concert. Band and Chorus students
should arrive at 6:00pm.

Wednesday, Dec 20 - Report cards
sent home in students backpacks.

Wednesday, Dec 20 - Gingerbread
house Decorating Contest. Bring your
gingerbread house to CRMS for a
chance to win a prize for the best,
voted by students during lunch! You
must take your house home with you
at the end of the day!

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 7PM - Camden
Rockport Schools School Board
meeting at Rose Hall.

**Friday, Dec. 22- Monday, Jan. 1 - NO
SCHOOL - HOLIDAY BREAK.**

***Please contact Alicia Martin in the
main office, 236-7805 or at
alicia.martin@fivetowns.net, if your
student will be out of school before
or after the holiday break!***

Thank you!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Schooner Families,

As we wrap up Trimester 1 I'd love to celebrate the **engaging and creative work** that happened at CRMS! The first three newsletters of our school year are filled with photographs and information that highlight these points of pride!

The focus on **active, fun and engaging learning experiences** is alive and well at CRMS! It takes more effort and time to teach and learn in this way so it's vital to take time to celebrate and appreciate all we have done. **Thank you to our staff and students** for being willing to work hard, take risks, try new things, and improve ALL the time!

Middle school is a developmentally challenging time for children. *Many* hard lessons and big milestones happen, **yet we still accomplish amazing things every single day!**

Parents, thank you for your ongoing support. Making sure your children arrive at CRMS each day, on time, with their materials, ready to go is half the battle. We had excellent attendance at student-led conferences and appreciate your support outside of the school day. We are better together!

Onward to trimester 2!

Best,
Jaime Stone, Principal

6TH GRADE NEWS



Sixth grade FCS students have just moved onto their next Cultural Arts Class and it's time to celebrate and share their good work from trimester one! In FCS is about life skills that require problem solving, creativity and GRIT - all qualities that were demonstrated through hand sewing projects and group food preparations. Well done, grade 6! So much great work!



6th graders concluded their Story of Food collaborative project between FCS & LA. Between these two classes, students were exploring their identities through storytelling. They all chose a recipe that shaped them into who they are today and wrote a personal narrative about a memory or experience with that recipe. Some students donated their time to help prepare **500 weekend meals** for local elementary schools.



5TH GRADE PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Congratulations to all fifth grade students for their spectacular work in recent class performances! Ms. Keefe's Class & Mrs. Katie crushed a one act musical called Best Little Theater in Town by Sally Albercht full of singing, choreography, and even included a kickline and a chase scene through the house. Meanwhile, Mrs. Butler's Class & Mrs. Alley's Class spooked their audiences with a scary 4 scene play moving through time called Dare to Remember by Barbara Henderson. Their plays were full of scenery, live music and even some popular choreography from Thriller and Barbie's Dance the Night Away. All four classes worked hard in performing arts to learn the initial performance skills and then it culminated in a collaboration of all grade 5 teachers and staff coming together to support student success running music in crew, lines, in LA, and scenery in the common area. Students worked hard to get the performance ready- Some even would say these kids are....Broadway Bound!





LIONS CLUB PEACE POSTER CONTEST

The 2023 International Lions Club Peace Poster contest was a huge success with the 6th grade students, as many submitted entries to the annual contest. The theme this year of "Dare to Dream" allowed students to explore their vision of world peace in various visual mediums. The contest, sponsored by our local Lions Club, asks students to visually represent their vision. The conversations that blossom around the topic are heartwarming.

The 2023 runner-ups were Bridget Vickerman and Casey Belcher and the 2023 overall winner was Madi Lusca. Madi's poster is still moving through the ladder rungs of the competition by not only winning the local competition but also then moving on and winning the entire state. Madi's poster is now at the Super Regional judging.

Good luck Madi and congratulations to all the 6th graders who took on this extra challenge!

7TH GRADE NEWS



Learning How to See

Scientific Observation, Research, and Illustration *(more photos on page 6)*

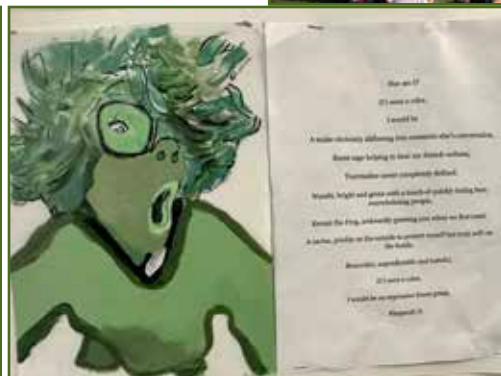
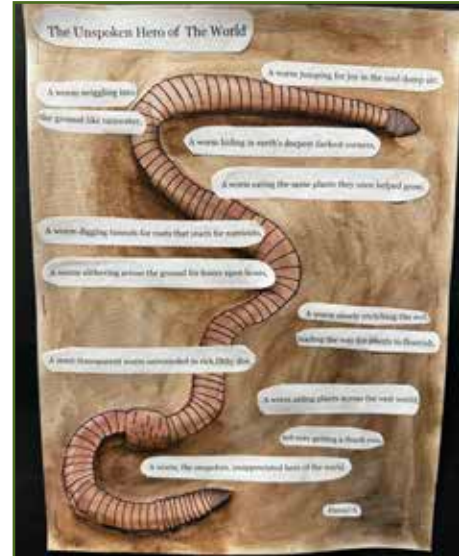
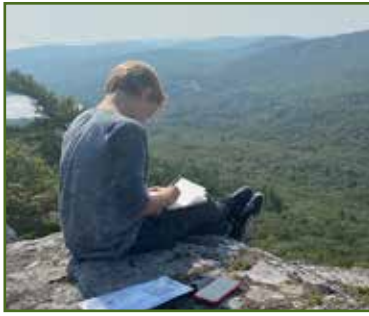
Camden - Rockport Middle School Grade 7
Art, Science, and Language Arts Project

This work 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 the course of this study, students had a variety of experiences, including: instruction in scientific drawing and documentation; guided ecological observations to Coastal Mountains Lands Trust reserves; field observations to Megunticook Stream; instruction in sgraffito technique on clay with Zoom guest artist Tim Christensen, and practice writing poetry with Maya Stein. As well, students received more traditional instruction in science, language arts, and art. The curricular goals of the study were driven by our art, language arts, and science standards. What differed was the integrated, project-based approach to meeting these standards.

The fact that we ended the study with a public "exhibition" was 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.

Thank you to the staffs of Coastal Mountains Land Trust and the Chewonki Foundation for their support of this project. Thank you to the members of the 7th Grade Team for the wide variety of ways that they contributed to making this project a reality. Thank you to Mark Senders at Bagel Cafe, and Leah Trommer and Ryan O'Neill at Coastal Mountains Land Trust for providing authentic community venues to exhibit this work. Thank you to Jaime Stone and Nikole Seeger for their leadership in prioritizing this kind of engaging, multi-disciplinary work. Thank you to visiting artists Tim Christensen and Maya Stein for their skill, artistry, and inspiration.

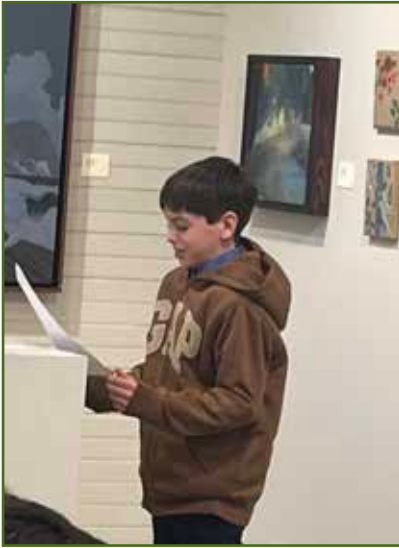
Art: Kristen Andersen
Language Arts: Jessie Odgren
Life Science: John Dietter





5TH GRADE NEWS

This past month, we completed writing ekphrastic poetry. Ekphrastic poetry has come to be defined as poems written about works of art; however, in ancient Greece, the term ekphrasis was applied to the skill of describing a thing with vivid detail. Students wrote poems about images in an exhibit for the third annual Art and Ekphrastic poetry collaboration between Page Gallery and the Poets Corner. This show makes connections between visual art and poetry to deepen our understanding of both. Artists chose a poem that they thought matched their art piece the best. Ian and Hayden were both chosen by the artist (selected from several poems that were submitted from all over - not just in Maine!). Once selected, the artists were very excited to learn that Flynn and Hayden were 5th graders!



Gibson's Room
Meghan Brady as a Young Grace Hartigan

The Mess By Flynn M

I get home, running to my mom,
Can I have a cookie? I think they make you strong.
No, my mom said, with a grumpy face.
How about you clean your room, as it's quite a disgrace.
I head upstairs to my room and see,
The big mess in front of me.
I say out loud, who did THAT?
Was it a hurricane or was it a bat?
No, I thought it was DEFINITELY my cat.
Then, all of sudden, my cat pees on my bed!
What's next? Is it going to shed?
My cat admits to me in a human voice
It was you Mr. Flynn, it was your choice!

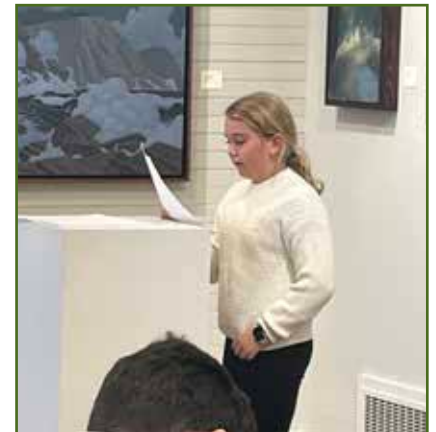


Textile fragment with Band of White and Blue Diagonal Flowers
By Antonio Munroe

Island Morning

By Hayden L.

I take a step forward.
The grass crumbles under my feet.
The dew of the morning is wet against me.
I pluck a strawberry from beside me.
The tartness fills my body.
When I look down I see the bright blue flowers.
When I look up I see the salty ocean waves and a small beach.
When I step on the beach the wet sand digs in.
I pick up a thin rock and skip it across the water.
One.
Two.
Three.
Four.
I see the rock sink into the deep blue ocean water.
And it's gone.



Save the date January 18th 7:00 PM Strom Theater

Parent/Community presentation: *Modeling Matters: What Parents Need to Know (and Do) to Decrease Stress, Worry, and Anxiety*

Description: The current news about young people and mental health has created warranted concern, but the information can be overwhelming and hard to sort through. Parents need strategies to help their children manage their anxiety, moods, and social pressures. Based on current research and over 30 years of clinical experience, Lynn Lyons will talk about the common traps adults fall into, and the key adjustments needed to prevent and help mental health challenges in our kids."



LIBRARY NEWS

Did you know that every student has three library shortcuts on their iPad?



Destiny Discover gives students 24/7 access to the library catalog. Students can log in with their school email and password and put books on hold, check due dates, and even review books.



Sora is our ebook and audiobook platform. Students can log in using their school email and password and have access to hundreds of ebooks and audiobooks.



Digital Maine Library gives students access to 106 databases and websites including National Geographic Kids, World Book Student, and even ancestry.com.

2023-24 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 5 th 2023 through January 11 th 2024.
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 16th.

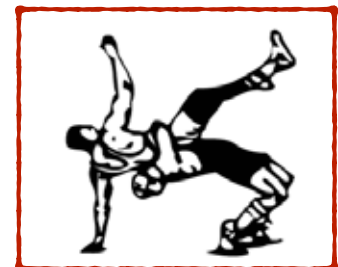
Some participants may choose to attend our own MCWC Maine Youth Opener Youth Wrestling Tournament, which is on Sunday, January 14th. The following week the Pine Tree Wrestling League season starts and CRMS practices will begin. Fivetowns area children are usually able to join this team, numbers permitting.

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



8th GRADE FUNDRAISER!

Dear CRMS students and parents,

In our 8th grade Social Studies class we were tasked with the project of raising money for an organization known as the Ajibu Community. You might be wondering, why should I donate to them, or what is their goal and what do they want to accomplish? To give some basic info, they are a group of devoted people based out of Eastern Uganda who strive to educate children and end the ongoing cycle of poverty in the country. The way they are going to break this horrible cycle is by the various projects the members of the Ajibu Community have made. One of the projects is that there are no labeled grades. This means sorting the students by their level of knowledge and former education instead of how old they are. This will help by making them progress faster and at the right level and help some of them to feel more comfortable and fit in better. To help raise money for them we have created flyers and posters to raise awareness. Any donation would help and if you have any questions you can contact us at emmett.milliken28@fivetowns.net.

Link to go fund me: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/supporting-ajibu-community>

Link to official Ajibu Community website: <https://ajibucommunity.org>



Ajibu Community

Who They Are

The Ajibu Community is an amazing community-based non-profit organization in Eastern Uganda whose goal is to mobilize, organize and lead rural communities to sustainable growth for many generations. They build and establish schools where they provide early year education to children 3-6.

What They Do

Early Childhood Learning

In Uganda 90% of children drop out of primary school because they don't think it is worth it or they don't have the money to pay for it. So the Ajibu Communities solution is to provide free education to young kids so that they are prepared for the next step and ready to advance in school.

CAPS

CAPS is about ending the cycle of poverty that is happening in their community and training youths for employment. The Ajibu Community provides computer courses and currently has 23 girls enrolled in them.

Zero Grades

Zero Grades is literally what it sounds like, there are no grades they just make sure that all the kids are put in the right level of education. This is important because a lot of kids feel embarrassed because they are behind other kids their age, which is one of the reasons they would drop out.

Go Fund Me Ajibu website



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MID-COAST SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

CAREER & COLLEGE NIGHT
Thursday, December 7th
5-7pm

MID-COAST PROGRAMS
• Welding
• Auto Body
• HVAC
• Visit with current students

POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES
• Military Service
• Medical Community College
• Maritime Academy
• 2-4 Year Universities

CONTESTS AND RAFFLES

Sponsored by **MELMAC**

Join us!

POLAR EXPRESS FAMILY EVENT

Featuring a special holiday concert by **Penobscot Bay Rangers**

Families are invited to a magical evening of music, film, of cookies, cocoa, and more! **FREE!**

DEC. 6
RINGERS AT 5 PM
FILM AT 5:30 PM
AT THE ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE

Knox-Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District

2024 NATIONAL CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU ALWAYS

Kindergarten - 6th Grade

ENTRIES DUE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Register by Thursday, December 21 for an interactive classroom visit by Knox-Lincoln staff

If forgoing classroom visit, register by Friday, January 26

Register your classroom(s) and learn more: knox-lincoln.org/k6-poster-contest

Questions? Contact louisa@knox-lincoln.org

MINECRAFTING MONDAYS!

Minecrafting Mondays will meet every other Monday in the Teen Room at the Rockport Public Library. Bring your device and come build with friends! Ideal for ages 10-12. Free. This month's date is 12/11 at 4pm

Space is limited. Call 236-3642 to sign up.

TWEEN/TEEN "NO BAKE" CULINARY CLASS

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

No oven required!

Saturday, 12/16 at 10:30am

Space is limited please call the Rockport Public Library to sign-up 236-3642



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, 12/20 AT 5:30PM

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

Sponsored by: **Rockport Library FOUNDATION**

MIDDLE SCHOOL 3 V 3 HALF ICE TOURNAMENT

Thursday, December 28th
2:30-5:30pm

Individual registration \$10 registration

6 Teams Maximum. Teams will be formed based on Region and Registration Numbers. All Skill Levels Welcome!

Questions? Contact Coach Cam Christie at cameronchristie@gmail.com

www.middleathletic.org (207) 236-9800 535 West St. Rockport

Have a safe and happy holiday break from all of us at CRMS! We will see you back in school on Tuesday, January 2nd!