DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Monday, March 25, 2019

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible with Liberty and Justice for All.

Fresh Air will be outside today!
Guided Working Lunch today in the Green Wing

There will be no Guided Working Lunch on MEA testing days!

Gifted/Talented Art: 7th Thursday 5th period, 8th Friday 5th period.

The Outdoor Adventure Program will take place on Wednesday after school this week, 2-3:30.

The 8th grade Red House College and Career Awareness class trip will take place on Friday, March 29th. Students will need to be dropped off at MMS by 6:45am and be picked up that afternoon at 4:30.

Wednesday March 27th  8th grade Red Wing field trip to Colby College.
Thursday March 28th 7th grade Red Wing field trip to Colby College.

Sign-ups for Baseball, Softball, and Track are posted in the gym and cafe. Please check to make sure your paperwork is up to date. Tryouts for Baseball and Softball are April 1 and 2. Track begins April 8. Before an athlete can participate, they must have a current sports physical on file. Sports participation and concussion forms can be found in the main office.

Attention Parents: Trimester 2 grades closed Friday (3/15). Report cards will be ready for parents to view on line via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal on Friday, March 22. Report cards will only be printed for those parents who call the school (832-5028) and specifically request that a report card be printed and sent home. Parents who do not have an Infinite Campus Parent Portal Account or parents who have forgotten their password can call the school to either get the information needed to create an account or to re-set Parent Portal password and/or Username.

Medomak Middle School will be MEA (Maine Educational Assessment) testing Tuesday and Wednesday this week. *These assessments provide a snapshot of the standards that guide instruction in the classroom and provide valuable information about student learning. Please ensure students are at school on time, well rested and have eaten breakfast. We will provide a snack prior to testing.

*M for more info please see parent letter posted to web or call.

Medomak Middle School Theater Troupe Presents “The Fairy Tale Network” by John Woodard. The Fairy Tale Network is a television network that needs to improve it’s viewership rating with exciting new programming. Join us as The Three Mice come up with a story idea to pitch to their new chief, the Cat. They retell the well-known tales of Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Pigs, and Goldilocks and the Three Bears, but now with new, unexpected twists! Performances will be at MMS, Thursday, April 4th 6PM and Friday, April 5th 6PM, tickets $5 at the door.

- The Medomak Valley High School Baseball team will be holding a clinic for grades 3-8 on Saturday March 23. Cost will be $10 per player. Contact Coach Greg Rice at gregory_rice@msad40.org if you have any questions.
- Don't forget the AmeriCorps Outdoor Adventure Program is taking place now until the end of the month. All the 7th and 8th graders will be going out cross country skiing once a week during their PE class. It is very important students have appropriate clothing to go outside with so please remember jackets, hats, gloves etc. There is also an after-school program for the next three weeks for students to have some extra time to ski. The after-school program will be from 2:00-3:30 on the following dates: 3/20 & 3/28. Students who wish to participate in the after-school program will need to hand in a permission slip which they can get during their PE class.

- MMS Baseball and Softball pitchers and catchers conditioning will begin March 18 and run through March 29. The two-week pitchers and catchers conditioning is by invitation only. Names of participants have been posted in the cafe and gym. General Baseball and Softball tryouts will begin April 1. Track practices will begin April 8. A reminder to all spring athletes that you must submit a current sports physical before or on the first tryout. Sports participation and concussion forms can be found in the main office or at www.msad40.org. Click on "Athletics" then "Forms"

- Attention 8th graders: it is time to begin thinking about yearbook! 8th graders who would like to submit baby pictures for the yearbook please make sure your first and last names are on the back and turn them in to the office. All photos will be returned to once the yearbook is done. The deadline to submit baby pictures is Friday, April 5

- 8th graders who would like to submit artwork, poems, etc. should turn those items in to the office or the art room in order for them to be considered for the yearbook! The deadline to submit artwork or poems, etc is Friday, April 5

- 8th graders who would like to submit a cover design for this year’s yearbook can pick up more information either in the art room or in the office. If your design is chosen for the cover of this year’s yearbook you will get a free copy of the yearbook and $25.00! The deadline to submit a yearbook cover design is Friday, April 5

- 8th Grade Transition to High School
The staff at Medomak Valley High School looks forward to welcoming a new group of students in the fall! We are happy to answer questions about course registration as well as any other aspect of attending our school. We look forward to hearing from you! (207) 832-5389

"Learning, Growing, Achieving, Together"

- Spring Sports sign-ups are in the office for students who are interested in 7th grade baseball or softball, 8th grade baseball or softball, and Track & Field

- Attention Students: The deadline to submit a design for the School Mascot Contest is Friday, March 29

- Let’s Celebrate Student Achievement! The PBIS team celebrates student achievement at the end of the year by having a BBQ at Damariscotta Beach in June. In order to do this, we need to raise funds to pay for the food and drinks. Every Friday will be “Hat Day.” Students and staff can pay a dollar to wear their hat for the day!

- Cell phone usage is prohibited during school hours unless permission is asked by the student and given by an adult in the building. If a cell phone is not stored in a locker, as expected, phones will be confiscated by the office and parents will need to come and pick them up.

- Reminder that the Community Market is normally open on Fridays during last period of the day.
- (The Outdoors Club usually meets on Mondays from 2:4:30).
- (Drama Club usually meets on Mondays from 2:3:30 in Ms. Watson’s room)
- (Science Olympiad usually meets on Mondays and Fridays from 2-5)
- (Mathcounts usually meets Tuesday mornings at 6:45)
- (After School Art normally meets every Monday from 2-4)
- The Late Bus runs only on Mondays and leaves MMS at 4:30 and drops off at each of the district’s elementary schools and at the mobile home park by Miller School in Waldoboro if there is already a bus going to Friendship Village School. The Late Bus does not drop off at individual student homes/addresses
- The next Academy session is scheduled for today 3-25 from 2-4:30. Academy is Medomak Middle School’s intervention program specifically designed for students that have been identified by their teachers as needing additional time to be proficient in content learning standards.

This year our after-school Academy will be managed by two staff, Lead teacher, Kelly Robbins and Ed Tech Myah Tabbutt. We are excited to see how we can further support our students as the school year progresses.

Academy sessions are 2.5 hours on Mondays and 1.5 hours on Thursdays. Although this makes for a long day, this length of time allows students to have ample opportunities to work side-by-side with master teachers to assist with any academic struggles they are having. We will begin right at 2 pm and finish at 4:30 pm on Mondays and finish at 3:30 on Wednesdays. If a classroom teacher has referred a student to attend Academy, they will send a permission slip home and they will provide the work that needs attention. If a student would like to stay and work without a referral they may get a permission slip from any teacher or bring in a note from home.

A late bus will be offered on Mondays for your convenience at the elementary schools in Warren, Union, Washington, and Friendship. If not using the late bus, rides need to be here no later than 4:30 on Mondays and no later than 3:30 on Thursdays.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call Kelly Robbins, 832-5028 ext. 205 or Myah Tabbutt ext 109.

The current dates for academy are:
March 25, 28
April 1, 4, 8, 11, 22, 25, 29
May 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 30; June 3, 6

- School Messenger is RSU 40's official notification system for school delays and closures, emergency information and other important information.

Set up an account and download the School Messenger App! Although you will always get emergency calls from the district using the contact information that you have provided the school, the app will give you more great features!

- Ability to change how you are contacted
- See and repeat any message sent to you at the tap of a finger!
- Participate in Teacher Initiated Messaging - a new feature that allows teachers to contact parents by text message and include attachments

Search for the app in the store and download the Blue one! The email address that you use for the School Messenger app will need to be the same email address that the school has for your contact information. Check the Technology page of the district website with more information.
- Drinks are not allowed in the gym during morning gym and break

- A registered therapy dog, through Alliance of Therapy dogs, will be here full time to work with any students that need social/emotional support. If you prefer your child not have contact with her, please send a statement in writing. Any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Race at 207-832-5028.

- Just a reminder to Parents/Students: students are not allowed in to the building until 7:15 a.m.

- For Sale - Riverhawk Socks! The MMS office is selling Riverhawk Socks available in blue with gold lettering or in white with blue lettering. Both styles have the Riverhawk logo. Socks are $20 a pair.
- Attention Parents: in the event that after school “drop off plans” change for your child, please notify the office as soon as you can - before 1:30 p.m. when possible. Dismissal can be a very busy and hectic time of the day. Ideally parents should notify the office in advance in writing. That being said, we do realize that occasionally things happen at the last minute. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter. Parents who have questions are encouraged to contact the office at 832-5028.

- Attention parents: just a reminder that student cellphones are to remain off and in student lockers during school hours. Parental support would be greatly appreciated!

- Just a reminder to students that “hoods” and “hats” should be removed upon entering the building

- Attention parents: each day (weather/temperature permitting) **all students expected to go outside for approximately 20 minutes of fresh air**. Students are reminded to plan accordingly with regard to wearing a jacket as the weather gets colder. Also, during Fresh Air Time students and staff are reminded to refrain from using lanes 1 & 2 and to stay off the grass inside the track. Students should not be using the soccer fields

- Attention Parents: Are you planning a vacation? Please be aware of the new “MMS Planned Family Vacation Notification Form” for students who will be missing school for a family vacation. The form should be completed and turned in to the office 5 days prior to the vacation date. The form can be found on our website and hard copies are available in the office.

- Box Tops for Education
  MMS is collecting Box Tops! Please turn in neatly trimmed box tops to the Main Office or to Mrs. Shelmerdine in the Health Office. Past purchases with money earned has gone to playground balls and equipment bags for Fresh Air Time. Thank you for your support!

- Infinite Campus Portal
  The Infinite Campus Portal creates an opportunity to enhance communication with students and parents while promoting educational excellence.

  Campus Portal is our tool for parents and students of the middle school and high school to access timely and secure student information such as class schedule, grades, assignments and attendance. Campus Portal is a means to further promote educational excellence by enhancing our program of communication with parents and students.

  *All parents/students accessing the MSAD 40 Parent Portal automatically authorize that they have read and agree to the RSU 40 Infinite Campus Portal Acceptable Use Policy.*

  The district ID for RSU 40 is NYXNBF.

  **To set up a new Parent Portal Account:**
  If you have more than one child/student in different schools within RSU 40, you need only visit one of those schools to set up a new account. One account allows you access to all of your children.
Please go to the school office of your student. The school administrative assistant will verify your parent/guardian status. You may be asked to present identification, so please bring a form of ID. You will be given an activation key that is needed. Once you have your activation key, you can go to the Infinite Campus Parent/Student Login to set up your account. You may need to expand the help menu by clicking on the arrow next to the word help. You will then find instructions for setting up your account with the activation key.

*If you already have an Infinite Campus user’s account you will be able to log into the Parent Portal using your current user name and password. If you can’t remember what your user account and/or password is please contact your school office.

- Attendance Policy
Absences are categorized as either “excused” or “unexcused.” All absences, with the exception of absences for school-sponsored activities, count towards total student absences. A student’s absence from school is excused when the absence is for one of the following reasons:

1. A personal illness
2. Doctor and/or dental appointments
3. Observance of a recognized religious holiday when the observance is required during a regular school day
4. Family emergency
5. A planned absence for a personal or educational purpose that has been approved by administration
6. Education disruption resulting in homelessness, hospitalization, foster care placement, out-of-district placement that is not otherwise authorized by an IEP (Individual Education Plan)

If a student is absent for any of the above reasons, the school administration must receive a phone call or a written note signed by a parent or guardian within 3 days of the absence in order for the absence to be considered excused. It is the students’ responsibility on or before their return to school to contact their teacher(s) regarding all work, tests, and class time missed and to arrange for all make-up work. Parents/students requesting homework for assignments missed due to an excused absence should allow 24 hours for collection of same.

For any questions or for clarification of the Attendance Policy, parents should please contact the school at 832-5028.

- Students who arrive at school after 7:30 a.m. are considered tardy and must sign in at the office before going to class. Parents are reminded to please call the school (832-5028) if their child is going to be late or if their child is going to be absent from school.