

MMS Shared Vision

MMS is a place where we are Responsible, Respectful, Fun, Fair, and we use Honesty, Humor, Teamwork, and Treat others the way we want to be treated.



Tuesday Newsletter

January 10, 2012

Educate Training for Parents

Grade 7-12 parents-There will be a training session for all parents of students in grades 7-12 at Monmouth Academy on Jan. 11th at 6:00 PM. This training will show parents how to access their son/daughters Educate account and be able to check on student progress at any time. Parents will be given their own account passwords and instruction on how to navigate through Educate. We are requesting that you come with your son/daughter and that they bring their school issued laptop with them for this hands-on training.

Grade K-6 parents-There will be a similar training session for you (see above) on Jan. 18th at 6:00 PM here at MMS. Parents will be given account passwords and instructions for accessing your child's academic progress from home. Some school laptops will be available to work with in small groups for this training.

NWEA Assessments

All students are receiving copies of their NWEA assessments to bring home. These assessments were given a few weeks ago. They are one tool that is being used to measure student growth in the areas of Math and Reading. Teachers have already received a copy and will use these assessments (along with other assessment tools such as NECAP's, MEA's, etc.) to review instruction and learning in their classrooms.

Families Helping Families

Families helping Families is a grassroots effort to help the Town of Monmouth's dwindling fuel assistance fund. There will be a quilt raffle (quilt donated by Nancy Ludewig), donation cans in stores, a Facebook page, basketball games, home-baked pies, and various other activities. Donations are being accepted at the Town Office. Money collected will go to the Town of Monmouth for, PO Box 270, Monmouth, ME 04259, and will be distributed by the town.

Student Pick-up in the Afternoon

Parents please stop into the office and sign out your child/children if you are picking them up before the dismissal of walkers. I know this may seem like an imposition at times but it is a safety issue for us. We need to know who is picking up students. We have a number of restrictions that parents have given us pertaining to who may and may not pick up their child. It is also a check for us when a bus driver asks about a student that has not gotten on the bus. Please note that we will not release a child to someone not listed on our information sheet without a signed note or verbal OK.

Spectator Game Etiquette

Student spectators attending basketball games need to remain in the gym or cafeteria area of Monmouth Academy. Students should remain in the gym unless they are buying concessions or using the restroom. Students are not allowed to be in the hallways. Student spectators may not leave the event unless they are leaving school grounds. Students may not leave the building and return to the event without special permission from the administrator or designee. Thank You and GO MUSTANGS!!!!

Storm Days

*Storm Days: It's that time of year when you need to listen to or watch the following radio and television stations: **WGME, WGAN, WCSH, WABK, and 92 Moose** for school delays and cancellations. If we have a delay, our staff will not be present until the delay time. It is important that students do not arrive before the delay. We do not have staff members or teachers to supervise students. Thank you for your cooperation.*

Absenteeism and Athletic Participation

Just a reminder to all parents and students participating in winter school sports activities: Students are not allowed to participate in sports activities if they are absent from school unless there is a valid excuse and they received permission from the Athletic Director or Principal to participate. This policy is clearly stated in the Parent/Student Co-curricular Handbook that student athletes received at the start of their seasons.

Appropriate Dress

Please try and make sure that your son/ daughter is appropriately dressed for school and outside recess. Students have a least one short recess each day. Inclement weather, wind, extreme temperatures or any combination of the two may determine if students go out each day. So please make sure that your son/daughter is dressed properly and prepared to go outside.

Standards Based Learning

There have been a number of questions asked about our direction in educating our students K-12 in RSU #2. We have tried to answer many of those questions through our weekly newsletters and web site. Our superintendent has made it a point to try and address these questions through parent forums, Q&A sessions, etc. There still seem to be some questions. I would be more than willing to take some time in the morning before school or after school to sit and discuss questions around SBL. Please give me a call and I will arrange a time.

Snowmobiles

While we may not have snow yet it is the season when students inquire about riding snowmobiles to school. Past practice has been to allow snowmobiles to be ridden directly to school and parked outside the building. Students must let the office know of their intent to bring their sled. All school guidelines must be adhered to and we request that students please do not ride on any athletic field. Failure to comply with safety and school guidelines will result in revoking the privilege to bring a sled to school.

Math Help

If you struggle helping your son/daughter with their math you may be interested in the following sites.

- <http://mah.quantiles.com/>
- <http://www.khanacademy.org/#browse>

This second site will take you to over 2100 short videos/100 self paced exercises and assessments from basic arithmetic to college calculus. If we really want to accelerate our student learning then this web site is a great place for students (and parents). It can be used by students as an intervention to help them understand concepts that they may be struggling with.

MMS Upcoming Events:

- Grade 7-12 Parents Educate training at MA at 6:00 PM, Jan 11
- PTO Meeting at HLC, Jan 11, at 6:00 PM
- Boys' B (3:30) and A (4:30) basketball game, Thurs, Jan 12 vs Gardiner
- Girls' B (3:30) and A (4:30) basketball game, Thurs, Jan 12 at Gardiner
- Nordic Ski Meet, Jan 14, 11:00 AM vs Black Mountain
- Grade K-6 Parents Educate training at MMS at 6:00 PM, Jan 18