

*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 31, 2012**

Parents: Just a reminder when your child is absent please call the main office, 933-9002, to let us know. Thanks!

**Educate Training for Parents**

**Grade K-12 parents**-In response to a need for more training sessions, there will be two additional Educate training sessions offered for all parents K-12. The first one will be held during the day on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at HLC starting at **9:00 AM** in the library. The second session will be February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 PM in the MA library. This training will show parents how to access their child/children's Educate account and be able to check on student progress at any time. Parents who have not received account passwords and login information will be getting them in the mail with progress reports later this week. Laptops will be set up at both sessions for you to use in small groups.

**NOTE:** If you are planning on attending please fill out an attendance slip that will be sent home with your son/daughter. This will help us plan for both sessions. Thanks

**AED (Automated External Defibrillator)**

Through much effort and leadership over the past few years by our school nurse, Mrs. Debra Cote, and the generous financial support of the Monmouth FRIENDS Team, the Monmouth Athletic Boosters, and the Monmouth PTO, all Monmouth Schools have received AEDs. The AED is located on the left-hand wall in the hallway between the gym and public restrooms.

According to the American Heart Association, an **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** is a computerized medical device that can check a person's heart rhythm, recognize a rhythm that requires a shock, and advise the rescuer when a shock is needed. The AED uses voice prompts, lights and text messages to tell the rescuer the steps to take ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)). Again, thank you Mrs. Cote for all your dedication to the health and well being of all members of our community!

**Ice Fishing Derby**

Once again Jack Traps is sponsoring the third annual Jack Traps Youth Ice Fishing Derby on Cochnewagon Lake in Monmouth on February 24th, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The derby is open for all students 12 and under. Entry forms may be picked up in the office. **All participants must pre-register by Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**MMS Scholastic Book Fair**

**Wednesday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> -Wednesday- Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at MMS Library**  
**Family Night Shopping: Tues. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.**

### **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.

### **Thank You Parents**

Our school's success rests, in large measure, on parental concern and involvement. Our middle school staff welcomes your concern and views education as a partnership between home and school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us.

### **Dance**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade is sponsoring a dance for Grades 6, 7, and 8 on Friday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 PM. The cost will be \$3.00 per person. There will be a DJ. Drinks and snacks will be available, so bring some extra money. The dance is to help raise money for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boston trip!

### **Attention Chorus Families**

Sunday afternoon, March 4<sup>th</sup>, chorus members and families may go to the Portland Pirates Game. The chorus will sing the National Anthem before the game. More information to follow soon! Be watching.

### **Cheerleaders**

On Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, the middle school cheerleaders are performing in the Cheers From the Heart Competition at Oxford Hills High School. Doors open at 1:30 PM and the cheerleaders would LOVE for a huge support of classmates to cheer them on. Cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per student –BUT if you bring a non-perishable food item, they will deduct \$1.00 off. All proceeds go to local food pantries.

### **Carnations for Sale**

Send your special friends a carnation this Valentine's Day and support the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Valentine carnations can be purchased for \$2.00 a piece or 3 for \$5.00. The flowers will be delivered on February 14<sup>th</sup>, along with your own valentine message. Orders with payment will be taken during common block, beginning this Monday.

### **ATV Raffle**

Monmouth Athletic Boosters is doing a fundraiser to benefit the Athletic Budget in Monmouth. They will be raffling off an ATV. It is a Scorpion 110cc; tickets are \$10.00 or 3 for \$25.00. For information and/or tickets see the Monmouth Athletic Boosters on Facebook or contact Jessica Coulombe at [jessica.coulombe@rsu4.org](mailto:jessica.coulombe@rsu4.org) or 212-7061. Please make checks out to "Monmouth Athletic Boosters" and mail to PO Box 327, Monmouth, ME 04259.

### **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). The site can be used by students as an intervention to help them understand concepts that they may be struggling with.

### **MMS Upcoming Events:**

- Boys' B (4:45) and A (3:30) basketball game, Tues, Jan 31 at St Michael **(Make up)**
- Parent Educate Training K-12 at HLC for parents Feb 2, 9:00 AM
- Parent Educate Training K-12 at MA for parents Feb 2, 6:00 PM
- Nordic Ski Meet, Thurs, Feb 2, 3:30 PM vs Turner
- Boys' B (3:30) and A (4:45) basketball game, Fri, Feb 3 vs Gardiner **(Make up)**
- Girls' B (3:30) and A (4:45) basketball game, Fri, Feb 3 at Gardiner **(Make up)**
- Nordic Ski Meet, Sat, Feb 4, 1:30 PM vs Maranacook
- Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Wed. Feb. 1 - Wed. Feb 8