

CRMS Schooner News

Kindness

Responsibility

Self Control

Grit

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, 4/1,6:30 pm,Google Meet 8th grade Kieve Info night

Monday, 4/1, 5:30pm, CRES atrium/
Zoom - Camden Rockport Schools
Alliance meeting, all are welcome!

Wednesday, 4/3 - EARLY RELEASE DAY, 2:00pm DISMISSAL

Friday, 4/5 - District III Honors Festival - Band and Chorus

Monday, 4/8 - EARLY RELEASE DAY, 12:15pm Total Eclipse!

Monday - Friday, 4/8-11 - Spirit Week! See page 4 for details!

Wednesday, 4/10, 7pm, Rose Hall - SAD Board meeting

Thursday, 4/11-6pm, Bisbee theater - Grace Chen Presentation

<u>Friday, 4/12</u> - <u>EARLY RELEASE DAY,</u> 12:15pm DISMISSAL

Monday - Friday, 4/15-19 - NO SCHOOL - SPRING VACATION WEEK

Monday, 4/22, 6:30pm, Bisbee Theater - Earth Day movie, "Kiss the ground".

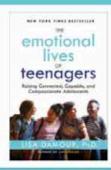
<u>Tuesday - Friday, 4/23-26</u> - 8th graders to Camp Kieve

<u>Tuesday & Wednesday, 4/30 & 5/1</u> - Maine Through the Years Assessments

PAGE 15 • CRMS 24-25 CALENDAR Dear Schooner Families,

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We welcome you to participate in our informative discussions about parenting through the tween/teen years! We know it's a wild journey full of ups and downs and all arounds. It's also better when you know you're not alone on that bumpy ride. Thank you to our student support team who organized this year's book read. If you didn't start with us but want to join, there is more information below and it's not too late to join us for the next discussion! Sincerely, Jaime Stone



Parent Book Club

Our first Parent Book Club meeting was held on March 14th. It was a heartfelt exploration of the first two chapters of <u>The Emotional Lives of Teenagers</u> by Lisa Damour. Both parents and staff engaged in candid discussions, sharing their personal experiences and insights into the challenges of raising teenagers. The atmosphere was one of openness and vulnerability, with participants discussing the complexities of adolescent emotions and parenting with thoughtfulness and empathy. It was truly a shared experience, highlighting the universal nature of the journey we're all on.

For those who couldn't make it, we warmly invite you to join us for our next session on April 11th. We offer two time slots for your convenience; session 1 from 3:30-4:30 or session 2 from 4:30-5:30.

For any inquiries or to RSVP, please don't hesitate to email Nikole Seeger at nikole.seeger@fivetowns.net.

Let's continue this journey together, learning and growing as a community.





Destination Imagination News!

The grade 6 Destination Imagination team competed at the Maine State Competition on March 16th. The team placed first in their challenge, middle level! The team has been working to solve a Science based challenge since October. They wrote a script involving a scientific method used in the discovery of the real reason the Titanic sank. Did you know it was actually a sea monster whose tooth pierced the hull of the **Titanic? The Time Munchers from Camden Rockport Middle School** shared their evidence and scientific findings in their humorous skit to solve the challenge, "Blast from the Past." The team members are: Sully Coleman, Teddy Trumbauer, Jonathan Fernald, Bridget Vickerman, Simon Contankos, Elijah Beuscher, and Ruth Prendergast. Congratulations on a fantastic DI season!











Congratulations to the 2024 CRMS Geography Bee Contestants!

5 students from each grade level qualified to compete in this year's school wide bee. Our winners showed a broad range of geographic skills and knowledge and questions covered a wide range of content including natural landmarks, state nicknames and stats and worldwide geography, culture and landmarks. It was a grueling competition with many participants staying in several rounds. Despite the stiff competition, Leo Jones (7th Grade) remains the reigning champion with Freddy Burnaska (7th Grade) and Robert Wickenden (8th Grader) finishing a close second and third. Congratulations to everyone who participated and especially our winners!

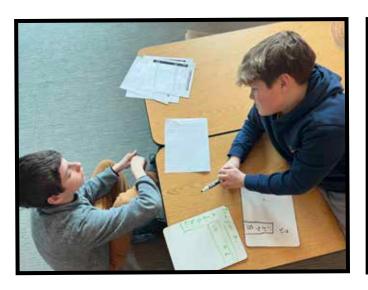
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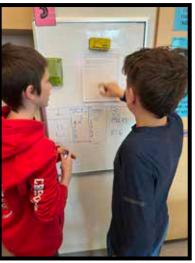
Congratulations on finishing the regular season with a record of 14-4! A very impressive mark considering that only eight of twenty participants had any previous wrestling experience and almost half of the team is comprised of 5th graders! The team will compete at the Pine Tree League Eastern Regional Championships this coming Saturday March 30th and qualifiers will then go on to the League Championship meet on Saturday, April 6th. Good luck Schooner Wrestlers!



From back left: Coach Dawson Allen, Chase McLaughliln, Dominick Turner, Ethan Dingle, Logan Barbour, Henry Main, Kiran Farley, Isaac Palmer, Liam Munroe, Wyatt Pierce, Head Coach Aaron Henderson.
From front left: Aiden Grace, Riley Foley, Logan Dodge, Mason Dyer, Frank Bernadino, Will Kaplan, Ben Twitchell, Malachi Drew, Nathaniel Aldrich, Zachary Clark Missing: Angus MacDermid

6TH GRADE MATH STUDENTS • HARD AT WORK!







Spirit Week rules of SPORTSMANSHIP

KINDNESS

Encourage teammates Respect your opponents Be a team player

GRIT

Learn from your mistakes Don't make excuses

SELF-CONTROL

Have a safe body Lose with dignity Win with class

RESPONSIBILITY

Play fair Play by the rules Follow staff directions

HAVE FUN



MONDAY - THURSDAY

Food Drive
Penny War
Jar Guessing
Golden Tray
Golden Dustpan
Baby Photo

Spirit Week

Moments in Time

Monday, April 8th Dress Like a Teacher

Tuesday, April 9th

Sports Day

Wednesday April 10th Historical Figures/Decades Day

Thursday, April 11th

Future Fashion

Friday April 12th



APRIL 8-12

The CRAZY BIG
SPIRIT WEEK
ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY

6TH GRADE NEWS







Hold onto your fedoras! This March, the CRMS Library was booming with activity as our sixth graders embarked on a thrilling "Boom or Bust" adventure straight into the heart of the Roaring Twenties! This innovative unit fused sixth-grade social studies content with the library's incredible physical and digital resources. Students honed their research skills, learning to take meticulous notes, highlight key information, and become experts at finding trustworthy library resources, both physical and digital. The library and maker space transformed into a bustling 1920s financial district. Imagine yourself nestled into the movie theater to watch Charlie Chaplin's *The Kid* or drawing vintage cartoon characters at our newsstand. Radio shows crackled in student ears and they became stock market high rollers, navigating a giant game board riddled with research challenges. Students even used their library know how to "smash a cask" and chase the notorious Al Capone!

By the end of the Boom or Bust some students emerged as savvy investors, while others learned valuable lessons about the financial roller coaster of the late 1920s. Everyone became a master of 1920s and 30s social studies content, all thanks to the library's incredible resources and a healthy dose of imagination! Some caught the elusive Capone and some were BUSTED in "Boom or Bust, An Adventure through the 20s and 30s".













5TH GRADE NEWS

World Down Syndrome Day's purpose is to educate the world about Down Syndrome and how individuals need to be valued in their communities. The date for WDSD symbolizes the 21st day of the 3rd month, which was selected to signify the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which is Down Syndrome. Students at CRMS *Rocked Their Socks* as part of this global awareness. Fifth graders worked with upper grade students on preparing announcements, informative posters, and a bulletin board display during this week. A huge thanks to Maeve Schick-McPherson and Ruby Sowder for their collaboration with 5th grade! A huge thank you to all those that *Rocked Their Socks* in support of WDSD!





a story written with no word repeated and fewer than 100 words. A challenge given and accepted by Ruby Sowder, grade 7:

Foggy soup blankets barren hills. Solitary sheep mill about, restless, in misty, silent dusk. A solitary being wanders with no apparent direction, occasionally pausing, leaning onto an ancient, bleached branch, relying on its undying support, this wanderer of worlds is weathered beyond words. Night settles slowly, descending, leaving many unaware until they are encased inside darkness's quiet hold. None know if our pathless traveler walks continuously until sun rays peek over drab mountains, revealing roiling, sun-kissed waves, reflecting brilliant streaks containing many delicate sunrise hues. Seagulls wheel overhead as Earth's nearest star shines above, telling tales foreshadowing day, mourning dawn.



ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB NEWS

By Elphie Owen



Ainsley Ford, an 8th grader and salt water tank expert, wrote a grant back in October to get a tank at the middle school. In February the tank was set to go and now graces the cafeteria offering diners a window into a small droplet of our harbor habitat.

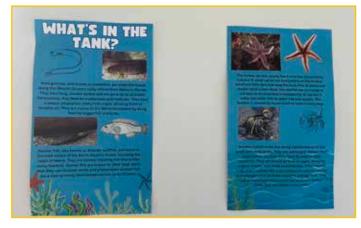
Ainsley grabbed the opportunity and took the initiative with the help of *Stewardship Education Alliance* (SEA) member, Brian Lightbody, after the two of them became acquainted this fall while tending to the larger harbor side Aquarium at the SEA Park in downtown Camden. Ainsley was part of a pilot program to bring a small group of 8th graders down to the harbor one morning a week. Little did the teachers and SEAboard members know that Ainsley was herself a solid expert on fish and salt water tanks! A collaboration was born and Brian and Ainsley have conjured the middle school tank into existence with background support from *SEA* board member and teacher, Elphie Owen.

The tank is well placed in that the cafeteria is a lively place attracting friendly inspection from CRMS students and teachers alike during breakfasts, lunches and other activities throughout the day. As time goes by, signage and announcements concerning creatures in the tank and other information will strengthen the understanding that students have of the harbor and our marine neighbors that live there.





















PERFORMING ARTS!

Our grade 7 Performing Arts classes stunned parents and an authentic audience (including mental health providers and performers within the healing arts) with a unique physical theatre performance! Inspired by the novel "The Giver", student's values and Civil Rights historical content, they used movement and student-composed music to tackle difficult human experiences such as conformity, empathy, and inclusion. They even broke the 4th wall for a postshow discussion, showcasing their learning in PA, SS, and LA in a powerful and thoughtprovoking way! We're incredibly proud of these talented storytellers!



























The Environmental Club and Friends went a'frogging on Thursday March 28 in the pouring rain. Our mission: to assist migrating amphibians crossing roads to get to their breeding areas. Maine Big Night is a statewide initiative organized out of the University of Maine. The idea is that amphibians are particularly vulnerable as they begin their migration from



where they winter over to the wetlands and vernal pools where they breed. Our small troup ventured out after dark and carefully canvassed up and down the section of road on our site for an hour. Our list of species was as follows: 2 wood frogs, 1 green frog, 2 peepers and 1 dead wood frog.

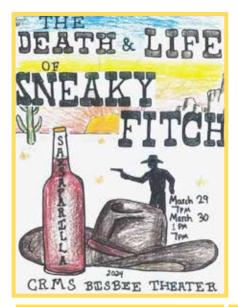


ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB EARTH DAY MOVIE NIGHT!



The MSAD #28 and Camden Hills Regional High School have a robust composting program. Yet, very few people in our district know about it or know the significance of such a program. On April 22nd, Earth Day, the Environmental Club at the middle school and *Stewardship Education Alliance* are hosting a movie night in the Bisbee Theater featuring *Kiss the Ground*, a movie that will help folks understand the important role that composting can play in supporting natural systems to mitigate climate change.

Following the movie, there will be a presentation by the high school composting management team and also Tessa Rosenberry and Davis Saltonstall from Scrap Dogs, a local composting service. The movie is 45 minutes long. The whole presentation should be no more than 1.5 hours long. Put it on your calendar: Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm.



Thank you to the individuals who supported this spring's school play - The Death and Life of Sneaky Fitch, it was a tremendous success! I am so proud of all my actors, actresses, stage crew, lighting and sound crew. The confidence, grit, volume, and tenacity in their individual performances - working together creating a cast and crew who supported each others successes, and covered each others tiny rough spots.

In addition to their amazing and supportive parents, I'd also like to thank the following adults whom I can always count on: Julia Olson, Leo Feldman, Erma Colvin, Jennifer Gomez, Jaime Stone, and Nikole Seeger, Chris McBride, Dana Southworth, and Colin Sutch. It really does take a village! Thank you sincerely, Ellen Curtis, Sneaky Director



















CRMS PI DAY ASSEMBLY!











The CRMS main office will be closed from Monday, April 15 through Friday, April 19 for our Spring vacation week. Have a fun and restful week - we will be back in the office on Monday, April 22nd at 7:30am



SCHOOL BASED ORAL HEALTH CARE!

ONCE AGAIN WE WILL HOST TOOTH PROTECTOR'S MONDAY, JUNE 3RD.

SIGN UP HERE: SCHOOL PERMISSION FORM

DID YOU KNOW...

- Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease that can be prevented!
- **Dental caries (cavities)** is the most common chronic disease of children- FIVE TIMES more than asthma.
- Approximately 51 million school hours per year are lost because of dental related issues.
- Dental related problems result in pain, failure to thrive, reduced self-esteem, decrease in concentration and missed time from school.
- Over ONE THIRD of Maine children have dental caries (cavities)
- Early childhood caries is the best predictor of lifelong caries



Save the Date April 11 7:00 PM Bisbee Theater, CRMS

Community Presentation on Technology Use and Children by Grace Chen (https://gracechenconsulting.com)

TITLE

Screens and Kids: defining the categories of device usage, understanding the impact on our kids, and ideas for managing your family's screen time.

DESCRIPTION

Parents and teachers in our community are seeing negative behaviors and outcomes that they attribute to kids' screen time. What are the impacts of screen time? Is all screen time the same? Grace will be providing an insider's perspective into the different types of device usage, how/why they are built in a certain way, and how that affects today's youth. While there is no single solution to the challenge, this presentation will cover frameworks for how to manage your family's decisions for device usage.

BRIEF BIO

Grace Chen has spent the last 20 years in the tech industry in Silicon Valley, building technology products and businesses. She has developed products for consumers, small businesses, and enterprise companies at some of the largest and most successful tech companies, including Google, Meta, and Square. In 2016 she co-founded a start-up that provided an affordable high-speed internet alternative to cable; she sold the company to Meta in 2020. She holds several patents for her technology product development work. Grace began her career as an engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. She holds a B.S. in Management Science and Engineering from Stanford University. Grace lives in Camden, Maine with her husband and two kids who both attend Camden-Rockport Elementary School.

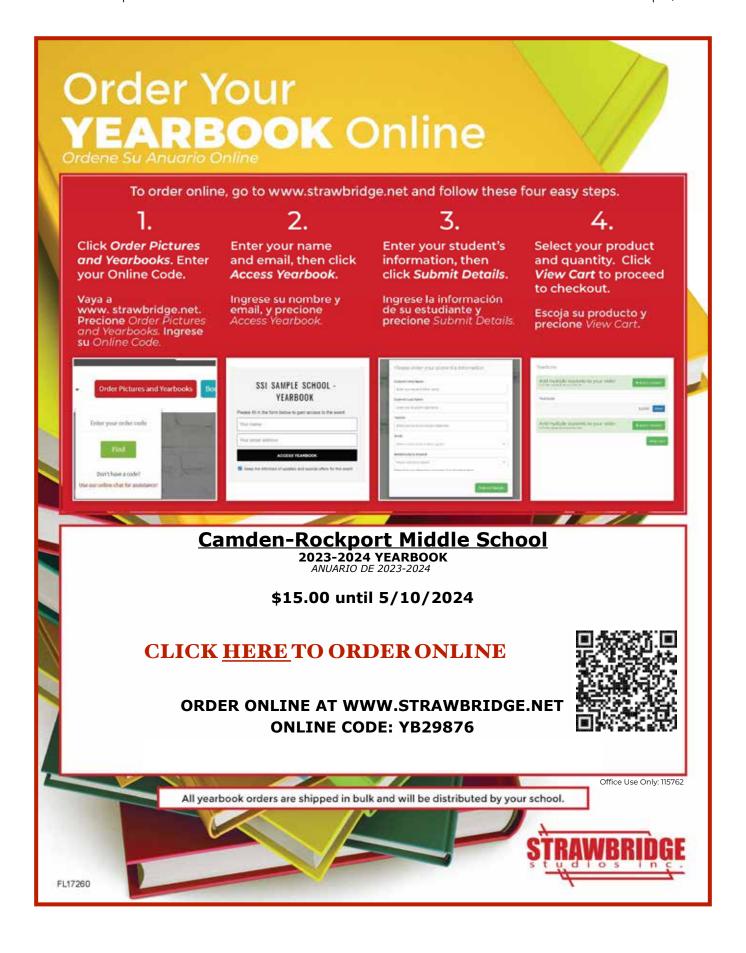






























Camden Rockport Middle School

2024-25 School Calendar **Grades 5-8**

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August 26	Teacher Prep Day
August 27	Opening Workshop Day
August 28	Workshop Day
August 29	Workshop Day - CD



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September 3	First Day of School
September 18	Early Release for Prof Dev (1:00)
October 11	Workshop Day
October 14	Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 23	Early Release for Prof Dev (1:00)
October 25	Student-Led Conferences - No School

Labor Day

Sept	20
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November 6	Early Release for Prof Dev (1:00)
November 11	Veterans Day
November 26	Trimester 1 Ends
November 28	Thanksgiving Day
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 11	Early Release for Prof Dev (1:00)
December 25	Christmas Day
Dec 23 - Jan 1	Holiday Break

Teacher Days	
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	January 1	New Years Day
	January 15	Early Release for Prof Dev (1:00)
	January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
	February 5	Early Release for Prof Dev (1:00)
	February 14	Early Release (12:15); 1/2 Teacher Day
	February 17	Presidents Day
	February 17-21	Winter Break

Trimester	Days
1st Trimester	57
2nd Trimester	61
3rd Trimester	58
Total	176

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March 5	Early Release for Prof Dev (1:00)
March 14	Trimester 2 Ends
April 2	Early Release for Prof Dev (1:00)
April 18	Early Release (12:15) 1/2 Teacher Day
April 21	Patriots Day
April 21-25	Spring Break

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May 7	Early Release for Prof Dev (1:00)
May 16	Student-Led Conferences - No School
May 26	Memorial Day
June 19	Juneteenth
June 23	Last Day of School (includes 5 snow days)
June 23	Early Release (12:15); 1/2 Teacher Worksho
June 24	Teacher Prep Day

Approved by SAD board on March 20, 2024

O = First/Last Day of School W = Workshop Day (No School)

H = Holiday (No School)

X = Vacation (No School)

ER= Early Release (1:00 Dismissal)

ERH= Early Release Half Day (12:15 Dismissal)

C = Conferences (No School)

TP = Teacher Prep Day (No School)

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^{*} If there is a delayed start on an Early Release day, the early release will not occur.