

MACHIAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOBCAT BULLETIN

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MACHIAS SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Machias elementary is to create an environment which promotes life-long learning and, with our community, share the responsibility of preparing children for life.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

August

- 29 Welcome back—class lists posted,
gym, 4:00-6:00 pm

September

- 3 First Day of School
- 5 Professional Growth Friday (PGF)—
early dismissal at 1:15 pm (AM Kinder-
garten attends; no PM Kindergarten)
- 10 PTG meeting, 6:30 pm, library
School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, RSC
- 11 Curriculum Night, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 12 PGF—early dismissal at 1:15 pm (PM
Kindergarten attends; no AM Kg)
- 19 PGF—early dismissal at 1:15 pm (AM
Kg attends; no PM Kg)
- 25 PTG Back-to-School Ice Cream Social,
5:00-8:30 pm
- 26 PGF—early dismissal at 1:15 pm (PM
Kg attends; no AM Kg)
- 30 Individual Student Picture Day



WELCOME BACK!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Machias families,

What an exciting year we have ahead of us! We are well into the Educational Specifications phase for the new Machias Elementary School. The members of our Ed Specs Team have met multiple times to discuss the values that will direct our architects in their design of our new school. The Team has also visited eight schools in our area to personally see how our educational specifications can be designed into a building.

We will be communicating with our Staff and Community members regularly through our newsletter, and community meetings to share information and to seek feedback. One of our methods of communication will be through a blog that our architectural team has set up as an ongoing public forum for the presentation and discussion of the replacement projects for Machias and Riverview Elementary Schools. As planning and design of the replacement schools progress, the project team will post information for public review. All comments are welcome. The blog site is: <http://machias-riverview.blogspot.com>

Kudos to our custodians, Val and Ruth, temporary helpers, Beth and Mark, and Greg from our Maintenance Department, who have done an outstanding job of cleaning and preparing our building. As an example of the work accomplished, Greg cleaned the entire ventilation tunnel and the connections to each room in the building. Many walls were vacuumed, new wax on the floors, carpets shampooed, windows washed, grounds weeded as well as blown clean and repairs made. Thank you to all of our Custodial and Maintenance Staff for their dedication to preparing Machias to be as "spiffy" as possible for our new year.

Please welcome three new staff members to Machias. Mrs. Becki Koehler will be teaching first grade, Mrs. Gale Brandstetter will be teaching third grade and Mrs. Sarah Day will be an Para Educator in our DD Classroom.

I look forward to visiting with you Friday, August 29th, 4:00-6:00 pm in the gym where our class lists will be posted.

Sincerely,
Ginny Schilaty

FROM THE NURSE

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL—If your doctor prescribes medication for your child to take at school, we **MUST** have a signed Authorization Form on file with both the physician's and the parent's signatures. Under some circumstances, students may be allowed to carry and self-administer non-prescription medications at school. Students are also permitted to carry and self-administer non-prescription OTC medication if the parent has filled out and signed the school Permission Form for doing so. All of these forms are available in our school office. Please call School Nurse Cathy Waldron, R.N., or Clinic Assistant Robin Sheeler at (360)563-4833 for further information.

REMINDER—6th GRADE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS—All entering sixth grade students will need to provide documentation from their doctor of either varicella (chicken pox) immunization or the approximate date that the student had the disease. Incoming sixth graders will also be required to have a Tdap vaccine if the student will be 11 years old and it has been at least 5 years since the last Dtap, DT or TD vaccine. This information must be received by the school no later than Sept. 3, 2008, in order for your child to attend school. If you have any questions, please call our Health Room at (360)563-4833.

IMPORTANT DISMISSAL INFORMATION

As we start the new school year, we would like to remind you of some of our procedures regarding dismissal of our students. First of all, our policy is to always put children on their bus home unless we have other instructions from the parent, either in writing or over the phone. If you or someone else will be picking up your child every day, please send a note to that effect to our office. Also, we must receive a note or phone call from you if you want your child to do something different from their daily routine, such as a pick up instead of riding the bus, riding a different bus, or getting off at a different stop than usual. We cannot take your child's word for it--we **MUST** get that information from an adult.

Secondly, for those who are picking up their child, you may either park your car and come inside to the office or you may drive through our pick up lane. Children will **NOT** be allowed to cross into the parking lot without an adult. If you drive through, please remember to move as far forward in the line as possible and, if your child is not yet out in front of the building, circle around and drive through again. **DO NOT PARK IN THE PICK UP LANE.** This will keep the line moving and enable us to take care of all of our families as quickly as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.



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