

# Birch Team

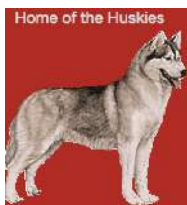
Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we only have 19 instructional days left! As we gear for the last sprint, here are some important dates to remember. Also, please review the strike system with your child. We have completed a very successful first field trip to Bowdoin Coastal and we want the rest to be the same. We have a fantastic group of kids and we are here to help each other. As always, please contact your child's advisor if you have any concerns.



- ☐ 5/30 Memorial Day - No school
- ☐ 6/1 Step Up day - meeting grade seven staff
- ☐ 6/6 Sixth grade visits with 5th graders
- ☐ 6/6 & 6/7 LA Writing Prompt
- ☐ 6/9 Reid State Park day
- ☐ 6/9 Celebrate Summer Concert 6:00pm school fields
- ☐ 6/10 Science Exhibit and Art Scoop 6:30-7:30
- ☐ 6/14 Math Trail (rain date 6/15)
- ☐ 6/17 9:30-1:30 Curtis Memorial Library - LAST DAY of SCHOOL

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## Science

We conclude our Science Exhibit projects this week and begin those presentations. We have started our Ecology Unit, which began with a trip to Bowdoin Coastal and will conclude in June with a trip to Reid State Park- this is always my favorite unit...



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## Social Studies

Our study of Ancient Mesopotamia continues this month. This week we focused our discussions, readings and activities on the Epic of Gilgamesh. We had lively discussions centered around heroes and elements of the hero cycle in literature. The kids had super connections with modern day heroes from their personal reading books, t.v., and movies.

Weekly Geography number 19 was completed in class this week. Later this month we'll be moving on to our study of Ancient Egypt. Enjoy the sunshine.



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## Math



Working on percents is always fun since it brings up great conversations about loans, taxes, and discounts. Once kids realize how much a loan actually costs a person, there are many light bulb moments. We are currently learning about rates, ratios and percents. During our extra period 8 math class, we are using that time to discuss the metric system. Making license plates is a project we tackle that involves accurate measuring using centimeters and millimeters. Who knew measuring could be so difficult!

Thank you to all who are available to come along on June 14th (rain date June 15th) on the math trail. We still have room for more! It's a great day to watch these kids use math in every day life. Let me know if you are able to tag along. I promise, the kids do all the work. No math skills needed from adults on that day.



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# Meet the Team: Robyn Belanger



Hi Everyone! I'm Mrs. Belanger and I am a Math Strategist here at BJHS. After teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade for 15 years I moved here to the Junior High last year and am thrilled to be a part of a great team of teachers. I am a member of the Birch Team but also work with students on Bailey and Great Diamond Island. I currently live in South Portland, ME but my family and I are moving to Yarmouth in the next few weeks. I truly enjoy spending time with my two boys, Aaiden and Nolan, and my husband Scott. As a family we love to travel, being outdoors, and spending time at the beach or near the water. In my free time I love to paint and be creative.

As a math strategist and math teacher it is my goal to educate our youth and bring math to life. I love when I can share how math is used in our everyday lives and see the spark of interest in the eyes of my students. Success in math and in school starts with good organization and being prepared.

I look forward to a great rest of the year!