

COFFIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL May Newsletter

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Hello Coffin School Families,

I hope that this finds you well.

If you haven't had a chance to already, I encourage you to take a few moments and savor the Coffin School Art Show that's currently gracing our hallways. Every child has a self-selected piece of artwork in the show and has included a brief explanation of why they've chosen the particular piece. Students are constantly pausing in the hallway to enjoy their own artwork and to point out what they like in others. One first-grader summed it up nicely the other day when he said, "I just love, love all the artwork in the halls!" There's talk of an evening art walk next year to accompany the show and in the meantime, if you're looking to enjoy even more Coffin School art, please visit Mrs. Crosby's webpage (<http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/acrosby/>).

We expect that school and town budgets will be finalized this week and anticipate that impacts to Coffin School will include the reduction of one literacy interventionist (a position that will not be filled after a retirement) and a shift from a proposed full-time psychologist to a half-time psychologist. While budget processes are always challenging (and occasionally a bit stressful), it's heartening to see all the internal planning that's been going on here at Coffin for months to set us up for next year's success.

May is also the month for incoming Kindergarten Information Night and Kindergarten screening. Both were well-attended and we're expecting to welcome approximately 175 new students and families into Coffin School this fall. Kudos to our Kindergarten teachers, our support staff, and to our families for making this such a positive and productive transition into the Brunswick School District.

It's hard to believe we're beginning to approach the end of another school year - still lots of learning ahead.



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Coffin Calendar

June

Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri., the 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th, K to Wolfe's Neck Farm.

Monday & Tuesday, the 1st & 2nd, Multiage to CREA

Tuesday, the 2nd, Grade 1 Step Up to HBS

Thursday & Friday, the 4th & 5th, Multiage Step Up to HBS

Tuesday, the 9th, CFC meeting, 7:00 PM. K to Farmer's Market

Wednesday, the 10th, Grade 1 & 2 to Pickard Theater

Friday, the 12th Walk/Bike to School

Tuesday, the 16th, K Fun Day.

Tuesday the 16th to Thursday, the 18th, Gr. 1 to Curtis Memorial Library.

Thursday, the 18th, CFC end of year potluck. 5:30-7:30.

Monday, the 22nd, Projected Last Day is a full day.

August

Monday, the 31st, First day of school for 1st and 2nd graders.

K screening for those who missed the May screening.



Students in Ms. Monahan's first grade class take a few minutes to view the art show.



Wishing a fond farewell to Mrs. Wilson who recently retired and a warm welcome to Mrs. Sybill Brewer who has joined us as our Coffin School secretary.





Portland Sea Dogs pitcher Robby Scott speaks with Coffin School students in advance of our recent Coffin/HBSS night @ Sea Dogs stadium. A fun (and a bit chilly) evening at the ballpark



Attendance Update - Year-to-Date

District - 94% Average Daily Attendance
Coffin School - 93.5% Average Daily Attendance



Author's Celebration



First graders share their writing during their Authors' Celebration of Non-Fiction Writing.

ACES Day



Coffin students participate in ACES Day (All Children Exercising Simultaneously). We had a special visit from Pat McCabe, former Coffin Physical Education teacher, who joined us for the assembly.



A big THANK YOU to the Brunswick Youth Soccer League and the Brunswick Recreation Department for the donation of two soccer goals for our playground!



Students working on a differentiated math challenge.



Thank you to the Coffin Community who continue to amaze us with their generosity. This year we raised a total of \$9073.50. Wow!

A community of learners founded on safety, gentleness, kindness and the pursuit of quality work.

