

The Husky Herald

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
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Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope you have seen our Second Step updates on Tuesdays on our website. Each Tuesday we will provide a brief summary of the social-emotional learning topic for the week. We know that when school discussions carry over at home, the greater the chance the topics will take root. The idea to put out the weekly Second Step blurb was suggested by a parent at our BJHS Parent Meeting. Thanks for the great idea!

Another way we strengthen the home-school connection is our parent-teacher conferences. You should be receiving an e-mail notice about conference signups through a program called PTC-Fast. PTC-Fast will provide all the information you need to schedule a time for your conference. Based on feedback from a parent survey last year about the conference experience, we will be offering different options for conferences on some teams this year. Our goal is to find the conference format that works best for home and school.

As always, if you have a school-related question or concern, please contact us at 319-1930.

Sincerely,
Walter Wallace
Principal



Brunswick Junior High is participating in the *Hannaford Dollars for Schools*. There is a collection box in our front lobby. We welcome your support in this collection. The Hannaford Dollars will be collected until 12/1. Every time you buy 4 participating products, you'll earn \$3 for OUR school; if you buy 8 participating products, our school will get \$6.

Thanks for your support!

www.brunswick.k12.me.us/bjh

Would you like to have our daily announcements emailed directly to you?

Please subscribe on our website at www.brunswick.k12.me.us/bjh, top right side, "Join Email List".

Once you have subscribed, the daily announcement posts will be emailed to you as soon as they are posted. It's a great way to stay on top of all the school information, including sports and club updates/cancellations, etc. *Please join now!*

SOLAR VIEWING

We are excited to share with you that Talent Development is sponsoring a Solar Viewing Day for all eighth grade science students. This opportunity is a collaborative effort with BJH Eighth Grade Science teachers and Talent Development and one example of how teachers differentiate their instruction.

Two local scientists, Ron Thompson and Jon Wallace, will share their expertise and solar viewing telescopes. Both of these science enthusiasts have presented at last year's *National Space Day* event at BJHS.

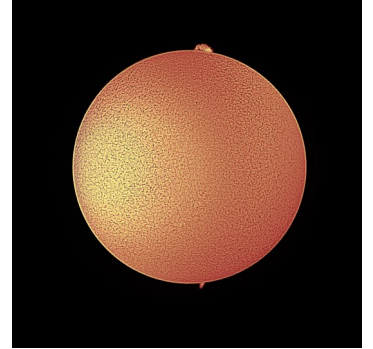
Ron Thompson is part of an effort to have telescopes a part of all Maine's public lending libraries. View information about the telescope available at the Curtis Memorial Library on the "Borrow a Gadget" page on the CML website.

Jon Wallace is a member of several Science organizations, a science writer and has generously supported the Science Brunswick Curriculum with school visits for years.

We are grateful that both of these scientists offer their time to support our students.

As part of this experience students will learn safe and unsafe ways to look at the sun. We will only use safe ways to look at the sun.

Keep your fingers crossed for a bright sky day and an active sun on Friday, November 9th.



girls who
code



Brunswick Junior High is starting a Girls Who Code Club. It will meet on Thursday afternoons from 2:40-3:40pm. The first meeting is Thursday, November 15 and it will last until April break. A schedule of meeting dates will be given out at the first meeting. The Club will meet in Mrs. Weddle's room #202 and is open to all girls at Brunswick Junior High. No computer experience is necessary. 7th and 8th grade girls will use their MLTI laptops and 6th grade girls will be able to use the laptops from the 6th grade carts.

The club will be facilitated by Bowdoin College student mentors, Mr. Lee Appelbaum (a retired educator and former Girls Who Code Club leader) and Mrs. Weddle.

Girls Who Code is a nonprofit organization which aims to support and increase the number of women in computer science. The club's focus is to develop a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models using computer science to change the world. These are their core values:

- ◆ **Sisterhood - Join a safe and supportive environment of peers and role models where girls learn to see themselves as computer scientists.**
- ◆ **Code - Learn the concepts of loops, variables, conditionals and functions that form the basis for all programming languages.**
- ◆ **Impact - Work in teams to design a computer science impact project that solves real world problems the girls care about.**

For any questions or more information, please contact Mrs. Weddle at sweddle@brunswick.k12.me.us

Notes from the Nurse:

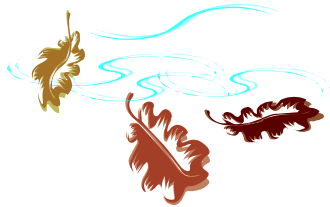
As stated in the Brunswick Junior High student handbook, perfumes are not to be worn and scented lotions and cosmetics are not to be used in school. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies, and other respiratory ailments.

Deodorants and antiperspirants are allowed (and encouraged!) for students use especially after physical education class. Please choose unscented when possible.

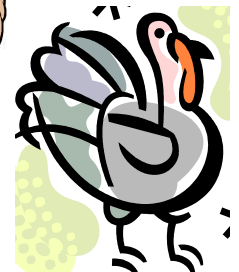
Thank you for your attention to this matter. Let's keep the air clear for everyone!

Stay well!

Helen Jetu, RN



HOMWORK CLUB



Homework Club meets every TUESDAY and THURSDAY for an hour after the Walker Bell in Room 211. Come for a few minutes or stay for the whole hour. Snacks, a quiet space, and teacher guidance will be provided. Arrange a ride, take the late bus or walk home. See you there!



Don't be Late! For a very important date on Friday, November 9 or Saturday, November 10 as BJH performs "Alice in Wonderland, Jr." at 7:00pm in the BJH gym. Come and see our 3 Alice's as they explore Wonderland and meet all of our favorite characters such as the Doorknob, The 3 parts of the Cheshire Cat, The White Rabbit, Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, All 5 parts of the Caterpillar, the Mad Hatter and the March Hare, The Queen of Hearts who wants to cut off everyone's head, the King who adds a voice of reason, the Flowers of the Golden Afternoon, and the Cardspeople who try so very hard to get the color right for the Queen! Oh, and the Dodo Bird and his merry band of Rock Lobsters join right in. Our play is supported by student assistant Elise Gillis, sound design by Chloe Marblestone, Light Design by Tyler Briggs, and Stage Manager Danielle Schroeder and the tech crew who help make our show run smoothly. Our choreography this year is created by Kate Andreu and you will see some amazing dance moves, lifts, flips, and spins galore! Tickets will only be sold at the door for \$10.00. We will auction off "dinner theatre" tables each night, so come early, bid or simply relax and enjoy the show! We can't wait to see you there! **Zip-a-dee-doo-dah-day!**

17 Ways to Keep Your Your Middle Schooler Turning the Pages

Amidst the flurry of friends, homework, and hormones, your pre-teen may not feel like reading. Try these tips for keeping their interest and skills on track.



1. **Let your child choose what to read.** While you may cringe at their preferences, they may never touch a title if it's force-fed.
2. **Talk about what they read.** Ask them what they think of a book and make connections with ideas or issues that are relevant to their life.
3. **If they're struggling or bored with a book, let them put it down.** Forcing them to stick with a difficult or dull book that's intended for pleasure will reinforce the idea that reading is a chore.
4. **Subscribe to magazines that will interest them.** Ask them to choose one or two titles and put the subscription in their name.
5. **Read the newspaper together.** Whether it's for 15 minutes over breakfast or on weekends, establish a routine and discuss what you each read.
6. **Be flexible with bedtime and chores when your child is reading.** Within reason, avoid asking your child to stop reading.
7. **Play games that utilize reading.** Word and vocabulary-building games like Scrabble or Boggle are great, but many board games provide reading opportunities (even if it's just the instructions). Crosswords provide opportunities for learning new words and spelling practice, too.
8. **Encourage your middle-schooler to read to a younger sibling.** Letting them take over ritual reading at bedtime once a week will ensure they read something, and they may find their sibling's enthusiasm for stories contagious.
9. **Visit the library together.** Try to make it an event where you share some quality one-on-one time and both choose a few books.
10. **Find an outlet for your child to "publish" a book review.** When they finish a book, encourage them to write it up for a family or school newspaper, magazine, or Web site. They could also try posting a review at a local bookseller or an online retailer.

11. **Ensure that they have a good reading space.** They should choose where it is, but you can make sure it's well lit and inviting so they stay a while.
12. **Keep up on what they're reading.** If you can, read a few pages of their books yourself so you can discuss it with them.
13. **Encourage writing.** Whether it's via snail or e-mail, suggest that they keep in touch with distant friends or relatives. Keeping a journal or chronicling a family vacation will also provide reading practice.
14. **Provide a good dictionary.** They may not want to ask for your help with words anymore, so make sure they have a good reference.
15. **Suggest books from movies they liked.** They may enjoy getting even more detail in the book.
16. **Listen to books on tape in the car.** If you're heading on vacation, or even back-and-forth to school, try listening to a novel that will appeal to everyone.
17. **Model reading.** Your pre-teen will still follow your reading habits (though they'll never let you know it!). Let them see you reading, make comments, and share interesting passages with them.



REMEMBER: THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY.

Picture Re-takes



Will be on Monday, November 19th!! Order envelopes can be picked up in the main office on picture day. If you have photos to return, please bring them to the photographer on re-take day.





Brunswick Junior High School

Music Booster's

Annual

Multicultural

Tree and Wreath

Sale



Saturday, December 1, 2018

8:00 am until 11:00 am
Brunswick Junior High

School

65 Columbia Avenue



Baked goods will also be sold.

Come and fill a plate from our cookie buffet or purchase

yummy cakes, breads and pies from our selection!

All proceeds benefit BJH Music programs and scholarships



LOST & FOUND

**LOOK AT THIS STUFF, ISN'T IT NEAT?
WOULDN'T YOU THINK OUR LOST 'N FOUND IS COMPLETE?
WOULDN'T YOU THINK WE'RE THE SCHOOL,
THE SCHOOL WHO HAS EVERYTHING?
LOOK AT THIS TROVE, TREASURES UNTOLD.
HOW MANY WONDERS CAN ONE LOBBY HOLD?
LOOKING AROUND HERE YOU'D THINK,
SURE, WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING!
WE'VE GOT SWEATSHIRTS AND GYM SHOES A-PLENTY
WE'VE GOT T-SHIRTS AND HOOD-IES GALORE
YOU WANT A PAIR OF PANTS?
WE'VE GOT TWENTY!**



PLEASE COME AND GET YOUR ITEMS BEFORE THEY ARE DONATED!!

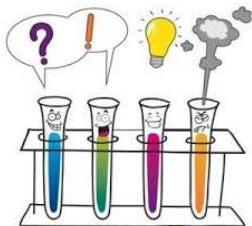


Science Club:

The next **Science Club** Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13 at 2:40 in Room 108.

Our Topic this month will be Chemical Reactions. What is a chemical reaction? What happens during a chemical reaction? How do you know if one has occurred? Some

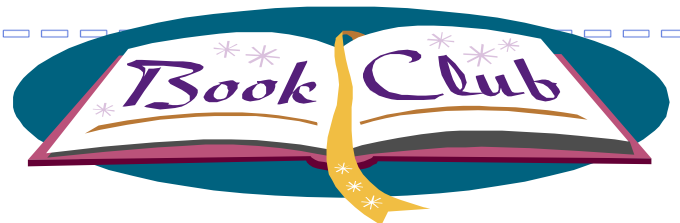
chemical reactions happen quickly, while others take more time. What causes this variation in rate? In this Science Club we'll carry out some simple chemistry experiments and learn how to collect data so that we can understand chemical reactions and their variabilities.



Please join the Go Green Team on two days for putting the Garden of Eatin' to bed for the winter. We will meet on Tuesday, November 13 and Thursday, November 15. We will do the flowers on Tuesday and the vegetables on Thursday. We will meet after school for as long as you are able to help. Please arrange a ride home, and ask your parents to join us in helping! There will be healthy snacks for all helpers! Please see Mrs. Lamdin for more information.



All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to join the Book Clubs led by Melissa Orth of the Curtis Memorial Library. The 7th/8th grade book club meets on Wednesdays from 2:45-3:30 in room 211. Students should arrange for a ride home.



Math Teams!

It's not too late to join the Brunswick Junior High Math Teams. We practice on Wednesday mornings at 7:10am. The competition season starts for the 7th and 8th grade teams with a Central Maine Math League meet on Saturday, November 17 at Brunswick Junior High School. Parents are encouraged to come watch this exciting head to head oral competition. We need parent volunteers to help distribute snacks during the meet. You will also be able to observe the students competing if you volunteer. Please let your child's coach know if you are interested in helping at the meet. All three grade levels will have their first written competition for the Southern Maine Math League on Thursday, December 13. The SMML meets are held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. The 6th grade math team competes during the school day, and the 7th and 8th grade math teams compete after school.

If you interested in math team, the coaches can be contacted at the email addresses below. The practices take place in their rooms on Wednesday mornings.

All are welcome to come and try it out!

6th grade – Mrs. Hebert, Room 304,
jhebert@brunswick.k12.me.us

7th grade – Mrs. Russo, Room 302,
mrusso@brunswick.k12.me.us

8th grade – Mrs. Weddle, Room 202,
sweddle@brunswick.k12.me.us



Parent/Teacher Conferences and Early Release Day

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, November 20th. Due to this, Tuesday, November 20th is an early release day with students dismissing at 12:15 p.m. There is no school on Wednesday, November 21st through Friday, November 23rd due our Thanksgiving break. **Enjoy the long weekend!**



BJHS Art Paint-Your-Own-Pottery Night!

(Last call for sign ups, you may find the link here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944afa82babfa7-paintyourownpot>)

Join us for an enjoyable evening of pottery painting! Choose your project (cookie plate or mug), decorate it however you like, and leave it with us to glaze and fire in time for the holidays! All pottery and glazes will be food safe, and perfect for gift-giving. All ages welcome! Suggested donations of \$25 per person (\$20 per person for parties of three or more) covers one pottery project (plate or mug) and all materials and firing. Additional pottery projects are \$10 each while supplies last. All proceeds support the BJHS Art Department. Tasty treats, door prizes, and good times GUARANTEED!

Date: 11/02/2018 (Fri.)

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm EDT

Location: BJHS Art Room



Attendance Matters

Being absent has an impact on student learning. Sporadic absences, not just consecutive days of school, matter. These four simple things could help:

- 1. Set school clothes out the night before to reduce the amount of time necessary in getting ready for school and eliminating the possibility of missing the bus and arriving late to school.*
- 2. Pack backpacks the night before. Before going to bed, make sure homework, shoes for PE class, library books, and snacks are placed in the backpack for the next day.*
- 3. Place coat, backpack and instruments by the front door the night before.*
- 4. Agree to NO television or video games until the morning routine is done. One of the most common reasons students are "a few minutes late" to school is because they would not turn off their video game or television in the morning.*



Before the television can be turned on, kids should be dressed, fed, teeth brushed and backpack loaded by the door. Set a TIMER to make sure the television is off at least 5 minutes before you need to leave for school.

GENERAL HOMEWORK TIPS FOR PARENTS:

Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework.

Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions such as people coming and going.

Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and a dictionary are available.

Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.

Help your child with time management.

Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.

Be positive about homework.

Tell your child that school is important. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

When your child does homework, you do homework.

Show your child that the skills they are learning are related to things you do as an adult. If your child is reading, you read too. If your child is doing math, balance your checkbook.

When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.

Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.

When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it.

Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions given by the teacher.

If homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away.

Too much parent involvement can prevent homework from having some positive effects. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.

Stay informed.

Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of homework and what your child's class rules are.

Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework.

Have your child do the hard work first. This will mean he will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go quickly when fatigue begins to set in.

Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration.

Let your child take a short break if she is having trouble keeping her mind on an assignment.

Reward progress in homework.

If your child has been successful in homework completion and is working hard, celebrate that success with a special event (e.g., pizza, a walk, a trip to the park) to reinforce the positive effort.





Brunswick Parks & Recreation Department

Registrations accepted at our office, by phone, or online as listed below!
22o Neptune Drive, Brunswick, ME (207)725-6656 www.brunswickme.org/parkrec

Check out our fall offerings!

5th & 6th Grade Coed Basketball League

Games and practices will be held at the Recreation Center* and the Harriet Beecher Stowe gyms. There will be one practice per week and a Saturday morning game. **Fee: Brunswick Residents: \$47; Non-Residents: \$63 Register soon!**

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, November 13th ~ **Scrimmage/Evaluation Night at Harriet Beecher Stowe School Gym**
5:30-6:15pm – 5th/6th Girls 6:30-7:15pm - 5th/6th Boys

Wednesday, November 21st - Coaches' meeting at Brunswick Recreation Center~ 6:00pm

Monday, November 26th - First night of practices
Saturday, December 1st - Practice with ability to scrimmage
Saturday, December 8th - First week of games (through Jan 26th)

***You will receive a call from your coach regarding team placement and schedule prior to your first practice.

7th & 8th Grade Coed Basketball League

Teams will be formed and volunteer coaches assigned. There will be one practice per week starting the week of November 26th. Games will be played on Saturdays at the Brunswick Recreation Center starting December 1st. *Please enroll prior to evaluation night for planning purposes!* Fee: Brunswick Residents \$60; Non-Residents: \$80

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday Nov. 15th - Scrimmage/Evaluation Night, 6:15-7:15p.m. at Harriet Beecher Stowe Gym
Scrimmage/Evaluation Night ~ Players will be placed in groups and scrimmage. Participation is important to create evenly balanced teams.

Monday, Nov. 26th - First week of practices
Saturday, Dec 1st - Saturday Practice with a chance to scrimmage
Saturday, December 8th - First week of games (through Jan 26th)



Pre-Season Wrestling - The format will emphasize takedowns with drills, live wrestling, videos, conditioning and strength training. Brunswick Residents: \$35; Non-Residents: \$46; Grades 1 - 8

Eight Sessions over two weeks. Monday thru Thursday nights beginning Monday, November 5th - Thursday, November 15. From 5pm-7pm at the Brunswick Parks & Recreation Department. Coaches: Dr. Richard Giustra & Jeff Dolley

**SAVE THE DATE! Annual Ski & Skate Sale Sunday, November 4, 2018,
1 – 4pm at the Recreation Center!**

Seventh graders and their families are invited to Join us for pizza/info night to learn more about **the Roots program**
Wednesday, November 14 **Or** Tuesday, November 27 from 5:30 to 7pm in the BJH cafeteria

ROOTS A mentoring program

A six-year, year-round, expeditionary learning model for 7th-12th grade

Providing educational experiences, outdoor adventures, and cross-cultural opportunities through which youth learn to build relationships within and beyond their communities

- 7th grade "Growing Roots" - Cultivating relationships, with first overnight in June.
- 8th grade "Explore Maine" - Exploring different parts of Maine from urban areas to countryside
- 9th grade "Know New England" - Traveling to different regions of New England
- 10th grade "Beyond USA" - 10 day trip to the Dominican Republic
- 11th grade "Next Steps" - College/Career Exploration and Tour, Peer Mentorship begins - providing leadership to 7th-9th grade cohorts
- 12th grade "Harvest" - A year of self exploration, reflecting on last 6 yrs., goals and future plans, Peer Mentorship continues, last expedition.

ROOTS is inspired by Trekkers, Inc. and their 10 Youth Programming Principles and is part of the Emanuel and Pauline A. Lerner Foundation's Aspirations Incubator Program, an initiative focused on the development of long term, mentoring based youth development programs in eight rural communities and small cities across Maine.

Contact Michaela Stone, Program Coordinator with any questions mstone@seedsofindependence.org

Math Counts practices are starting on Friday, November 9. We practice after school on Friday afternoons until 3:30pm in Mrs. Weddle's room #202. Math Counts is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in challenging math problem solving. The competition format involves written and oral problem solving. The regional Math Counts competition is on the last Saturday in January and if your child qualifies for the state final competition, it is on the first Saturday in March. Once we get closer to the competition dates, we will be practicing twice a week, on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. If your child is interested in competing but can't make the practice times, please let Mrs. Weddle know. She can provide practice problems for him/her to work on at home.



BJHS Library Book Fair 2018



- When?** Student visits during school hours
Tuesday Nov.13 to Tuesday, Nov.20
Parents, guardians and community members
Tuesday, Nov.20, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Where?** Students: BJHS Library
Parents, guardians...: BJHS Lobby
- Why?** To encourage reading of young adult fiction and nonfiction
- Payment?** Cash, credit cards or checks payable to BJHS

Thank you for your support!

Sponsored by BJHS Library
and
Scholastic Book Fairs

Laptops Over Vacations and Holidays

Unless there is a specific project or assignment to work on, laptops are normally kept at school over breaks and vacations. Taking student laptops on any long-distance travel must be carefully considered. Airports are the number one place for laptops to be misplaced, lost, or stolen. Before taking a laptop on a plane or road trip, students must request permission from their advisor and administration. When a laptop is at home and not in use it should be kept in its case in a safe place - away from pets and siblings.

Shut it Down!

Batteries in the laptops last a long time, but it's still important for them to be shut down, charged, and ready for school. Shutting down or restarting provides an opportunity for updates to take place when necessary.

Curtis Memorial Library News

For several years now, Curtis Memorial Library Teen Librarian Melissa Orth has been working with BJH School Media Specialist Betsy Mitchell to present suggestions of great books students can read during Period 8. Reading is key to academic success and the partnership between CML and BJH allows for a broader scope of books available to students for free choice leisure reading. Melissa brings a selection of titles weekly to BJH Library and presents book talks to a few classes from the same grade, visiting all students on a six week rotation. Students may borrow the books during that period directly from Melissa or from the BJH Library if the book belongs to the school library.

Here is some key information for parents and caregivers to know regarding these library visits:

Does my child need to have a Curtis Memorial Library card for these visits?

Yes, if he or she wants to borrow items from Curtis, the student must have a library card in good stead from CML but there is no need to have the physical card present. If your child brings home a Curtis Memorial Library card application sent home through school, please fill out it, sign it in pen, and return it to your child's advisor.

Do I have to go to Curtis Memorial Library to return the materials?

No, although that is the best option and we would love to see you at Curtis, any student can return library materials at BJH library or in the BJH library book drop in the school lobby and the item will make its way back to Curtis within the week.

My child brought home a book that says it came from Kennebunkport Library. Please explain?

In order to meet the demand for popular items, Melissa brings in multiple copies of popular titles gathered from 150+ Maine libraries in the Minerva system. These items can also be returned at school or at Curtis Memorial Library directly. Please note that some libraries do not honor Curtis Memorial Library's longer three week loan period so do check your email for notices to renew items online or call us at 725-5242 and select Lending Services.

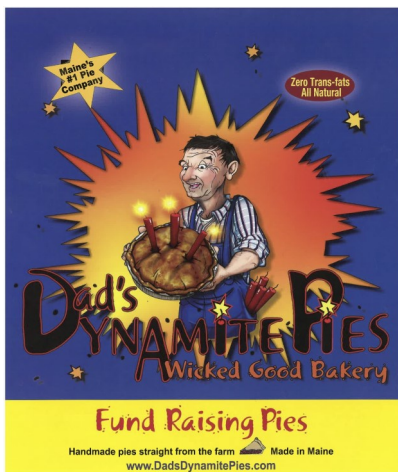
My child owes overdue fines on a book borrowed from Curtis through BJH but I know the book was

returned to school on time. What can be done? Sometimes the materials returned at BJH take a while to get back to CML. While it is better to return items directly to Curtis, getting to the public library may be a hindrance for some families. That is why we are providing these visits to bring more books to students. If you feel there was a delay in transit, or you have any questions at all about this partnership to promote free choice reading to the students of BJH, please give Melissa Orth a call at 725-5242 x227 or email morth@curtislibrary.



children's
weekend
food
program

There are openings for students to participate in the Weekend Food Program (through Pathways Vineyard Church)! This program provides non-perishable and easily consumed food options to use over the weekend and school vacations. Students would receive a grocery bag on Fridays to bring home for the weekend. Please contact Catherine or Alanna in the Guidance Office. Phone: 319-1932; email: cnein@brunswick.k12.me.us or aroy@brunswick.k12.me.us



Please don't forget that our Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser pie pick up day is

Tuesday, November 13 from 5-6:30 p.m.

ALL pies ordered will need to be picked up on this day during this time period. Everyone who sold pies must pick up their orders on this day at this time period

(or contact Becky Wilkoff to make other arrangements beckywilkoff@yahoo.com).

Keep pies frozen until ready to bake. Cooking instructions are included, and are also available at dadsdynamitepies.com.



2018
❄️ Winter Holiday Resources ❄️
Sagadahoc County, Brunswick, Harpswell, and Freeport



American Legion Post #21 Thanksgiving Dinner open to all. Meal-Thursdays, November 22, 2018 at noon. Call 443-9804.

Bath/Brunswick Santa Claus Fund for Bailey Island, Brunswick, Harpswell, Orr Island & Sagadahoc County Toys, socks, & mittens for children 6 months-13 years from Nov. 8 -Dec. 14, 2018. Mail Request written by parent or guardian, to Santa Claus Fund, Inc., PO Box 278, Brunswick ME 04011. Include child's name, sex, DOB, residential address, & phone number. Call Brunswick Elks 729-9572/Bath Elks 443-9852.

Bath Elks Christmas Baskets for Arrowsic, Bath, Georgetown, Phippsburg, West Bath, & Woolwich Christmas food baskets by application from Monday, November 5 through Thursday, December 6, 2018. Provide name, address, phone, & number of family members. Delivery Sunday, December 16, 2018. Call Bath Elks 443-9852.

Berean Baptist Church Thanksgiving Dinner for Brunswick and surrounding areas. Thanksgiving meal served Thursday, November 22, 2018 at noon. Reservations are helpful but not required. Call 725-2648.

Freeport Community Services Thanksgiving Meal – all welcome. Thanksgiving meal served Thursday, November 22, 2018 at noon, reservations preferred but not required. Call 865-3985 x205.

Freeport Community Services: Holiday Helpline, Thanksgiving Baskets for Freeport & Pownal; Thanksgiving food baskets sign up available October 2 through November 15, 2018. Food and gifts application available October 2 through December 8, 2018. Pickup December 21, 2018. Proof of residency required. Call 865-3985 x205.

Harpswell Santa Fund for Harpswell Children's clothing & toys. Limited food & heating assistance through December 15, 2018; Email hart_gail@comcast.net or call 833-6950.

Mid Coast Hospital Thanksgiving Dinner for Brunswick and surrounding areas. Thursday, November 22, 2018 11a-1p Call 373-6786.

Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Food Pantry Thanksgiving Bags for Brunswick, Harpswell, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Lisbon, Lisbon Falls, & Topsham Thanksgiving bags available November 2 through November 21, 2018 on a food pantry day. Call 725-2716.

Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Christmas meal all welcome; served Tuesday, December 25, 2018 from 11am-12:30pm.

Midcoast Pizza and More Restaurant for Bath and surrounding areas. Thanksgiving meal served Thursday, November 22, 2018 at noon. Transportation may be available; meal delivery available. Call 443-6631.

Portland Press Herald Toy Fund for Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc & York Public donations are used to purchase new safe toys. Children birth through 18 years old. Birthdates required. For application or donation information visit website www.bruceroberstoyfund.org or call 791-6672.

Salvation Army of Bath/Brunswick: Holiday Food Baskets and Toys for Brunswick, Harpswell & Sagadahoc County excluding Richmond Thanksgiving & Christmas food baskets & Christmas toys by application from October 1 through November 3, 2018. Late applications may be available by appointment. Call 443-3611.

The Neighborhood Café in Bath: Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners - all welcome. Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 4:30pm; Christmas dinner on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 4:30pm. Call 443-2187.

Toys for Tots for Brunswick, Harpswell, & Sagadahoc County excluding Richmond - Applications accepted from October 30 through December 7, 2018; Late applications may be available by appointment. Call 443-3611.

Toys for Tots (Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Kennebec, part of Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Somerset, and Washington) New toys are donated and distributed to children in need. Applications accepted from local nonprofit through December 14, 2018. Website www.toysfortots.org, Email: centralmainetoysfortots@gmail.com



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