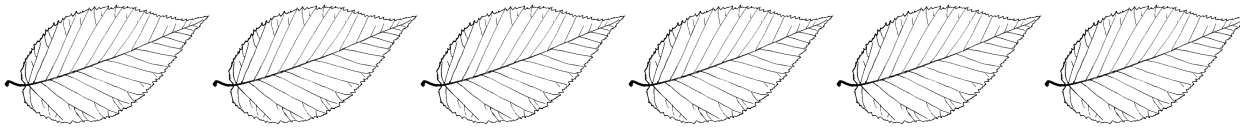


From the desk of Mr. Seheult



September 7, 2016

Dear Birch Island Team families,

Welcome to another school year and to the Birch Island Team! I am very excited to begin! I am Jayme Seheult, your child's science teacher. It is my fourth year at Brunswick Junior High School, and my eleventh year of teaching (nine of which have been science). I love Science and the hands-on learning and investigation it allows for. I hope your child has had a great start to the year, and has enjoyed these first two days. I have really enjoyed meeting my students this week. It is going to be a great year! *For your help and in answer to some questions, please check out my BJHS, Science Website at: <http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/jseheult/>*

As you well know, it takes a team effort to make sure your child succeeds in his or her academic efforts. I look forward to meeting you at Parent Night (September 20, 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.) so we can begin our work together making sure your child gets as much out of Science class this year as he or she can.

For your information, we will be studying the following concepts this year (in roughly this order):

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| The Metric System | Cells and the Human Body |
| Classifying Life Forms | Scientific Practices and Science Exhibit |
| Engineering Design | Ecology- Weather and Climate |
| Graph Analysis and Design | The Maine Ecosystem |
| Atoms and Elements | Research Skills |
| Aquaponics | |

Student supplies necessary for science include: sharpened pencils with erasers (these always seem to get lost as the year progresses), a pocket folder, and a spiral notebook. Students have already been given an Assignment Notebook. This is where students will make note of their daily work and record and plan for homework and long-term assignments, for it is designed to keep you posted on the work we are doing in our classes. It also contains information on school activities, procedures, and rules and can be used to communicate with me.

Lastly, there might be times during the year that we require activity judges, chaperones, etc. If you are able to help in any way, please take a moment out of your busy schedule to fill out the attached "Parent Survey," I would really appreciate it. It is my hope to have as many of you as possible involved with our classes this year and we have many different ways you can help us. This is totally OPTIONAL- please don't feel pressured to fill this sheet in!

Thanks for your time, and please, do not hesitate to contact me if you have a question or a concern or a celebration, and I will do the same. Let's work together for your child's success in 6th grade.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Please don't forget to check out my website <http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/jseheult/> it will be updated regularly.