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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Mar. 22 - Aviation Club, 3-5PM, Gr. 3-6 in PES library, Troop 1568 Jr. Girl Scouts meet in school lobby, ride to WBS, back by 5PM, & RSU1 ALL Choral Concert, Gr. 4-12 Choruses, 6:30PM at Bath Middle School
- Mar. 23 - Gr. 3-6 After School Swim; be sure to bring snacks, swimsuit, & towel, Mrs. Cummings' Girl Scouts Meeting at Sportsman's Club, 3-5PM, & RSU1 Board Meeting, 6PM, at Morse High School cafeteria
- Mar. 24 - Youth Tae Kwon Do in gym, 3-5PM, & Teamworks for Kids Dr. Seuss Night, 6-7PM
- Mar. 25 - Outing Club, Gr. 6, **3-4:00PM; Meeting every Thursday in March for Archery; please note earlier end time**
- Mar. 26 - Gr. 4-6 Dance, gym, 7-9PM, \$3 admission
- Mar. 29 - Basket Raffle Tickets go on sale
- Apr. 1 - RSU1 Student Art Show at Fisher-Mitchell school, 5-7PM
- Apr. 7 - Tiger Cub/Wolf Cub meeting in Art Rm, **3:00-4:15PM**
- April 8 & 9 - **1 day - Parent Conferences**; students dismissed at noon
- Apr. 9 - PTO Fundraiser Spaghetti Supper & Raffle Drawings, 6PM
- Apr. 13 - Gr. 4-6 Garden Club meeting, 3-4PM
- Apr. 14 - PTO meeting, 6:30PM, in PES library
- Apr. 16 - K-2 fieldtrip to MHS to hear PSO's "Strings of the Sea," 9:40AM
- May 3-7 - Aviation/Space Week
- May 7 - Space Day

REMINDERS:

1. The next RSU1 Board meeting is Tuesday, March 23, 6PM, at Morse High School Cafeteria, 800 High Street.
2. The next PTO meeting will be Wednesday, April 14, in the PES library, 6:30PM. Please join us!

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WANTED

We are looking for Phippsburg children who will be **5 years old on or before October 15, 2010**, to join next year's kindergarten class. If you know a child who fits the bill, please call Mrs. Doran at 389-1514 to ensure enrollment. **Screening will be done in May, and paperwork packets will be available in advance.** Spread the word!

PARKING

Please be sure to keep the side driveway to the school open for big trucks to make their deliveries. The milk truck has been blocked a few times. Thanks very much!

YEARBOOK

A yearbook committee is currently being formed. If you want to contribute ideas or help out, please call Kim Olsen, 389-2237.

SOUTHERN MAINE CAMP FAIR

Maine Youth Camping Foundation is presenting the Southern Maine Camp Fair on March 21, 2010 from 11 to 4 PM at the East End School Gym in Portland (195 North Street.) Admission is free. This will be the only Camp Fair where you can meet the camp staff in person in Southern Maine. Programs for ages tots to teens. FMI: 207-518-9557 or visit www.mainecamps.org

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the Merrymeeting Audobon Society supports half and full scholarships to several Maine camps. These scholarships provide a week-long positive experience for local students, especially those that might enjoy the outdoors. In the past few years, a number of Phippsburg students were able to attend camp through these scholarships and had amazing experiences! Last year, they had more applicants than they could send, so they will be focusing on first time scholarship applicants, as well as the students' essays that accompany their applications.

The camps are:

Tanglewood 4-H Camp – Lincolnville, ME grades 3-5
Maine Conservation Camp – Bryant Pond, ME ages 10-14

If you would like an application or have further questions, please contact Gretchen Brinkler at 389-1514. **The deadline to turn in scholarship applications is April 15th.**

RSU1 STUDENT ART SHOW!

The annual RSU#1 ART SHOW will be held at Fisher-Mitchell School this year on **April 1, 5:00-7:00PM**. There will be a piece of artwork on display from every child grade K-6. There will be special art exhibits by the middle school and high school. Complimentary refreshments will be provided, and star raffle tickets will be on sale. There will be a trolley shuttle going from the Morse High School parking lot to Fisher-Mitchell, all during the show. We hope you can join us for this celebration of our talented student artists!

IMPORTANT 4th - 6th GRADE CHORUS INFORMATION

All 4th - 6th grade chorus singers from Phippsburg Elementary School will be rehearsing for their all choral concert on Monday March 22nd. All singers **MUST** return a signed permission slip in order to be bussed to Bath Middle School (11:30AM to return 2:30ish). That evening, all singers should arrive at Bath Middle School by 6:00. Performance begins at 6:30.

MUSIC NEWS

Come support the Phippsburg Chorus members at the first ever RSU #1 All Choral Concert: Monday, March 22nd at 6:30pm in the Bath Middle School gym. The concert will feature chorus students in our district from grades 4 - 12.

HARLEM SUPERSTARS AT BMS

Thursday, March 25th is the Date – Bath Middle School is the place! White Shadow and the Harlem Superstars will be taking on the "Bath Dream Team" to benefit "Help a Kid", Odyssey of the Mind and the White Shadow Outreach Foundation. Join "Crusher" from the Maine Red Claws Basketball team at this fun event, and cheer on the RSU 1 staff members on the "Dream Team"! **6:30 PM** start - \$7.00 advance tickets, \$8.00 at the door.

ED SECSKAS MEMORIAL GARDEN

We are currently selling raffle tickets for the Ed Secskas Memorial Garden to be created here at the school in the spring. Cost: 50 cents each or 3 tickets for \$1. Tickets may be purchased at Phippsburg Elementary School. Raffle items are: 1/2 cord green firewood, donated by Dan Gurney, 6 lobsters, donated by fishing vessel Bad Penny, \$50 gift certificate to Skillins, & Scentsy Room Fragrance Kit (\$31 value), donated by Andrea Wallace. Tickets are on sale now through raffle drawing Friday, April 9.

TOTMAN LIBRARY IN PHIPPSBURG PRESENTS:

PAWS FOR READING

April 27 – May 25

Every Tuesday from 6-7PM

Students in grades 1-4 can read aloud to a therapy dog.

FMI: Call 389-2309

U.S. Census Bureau Jobs

The U.S. Census Bureau is offering good paying, part-time jobs to qualified applicants. To schedule an appointment, take an employment test and submit an application, call 207-203-1020.

Healthy Family Night at the Bath YMCA March 19th

Looking for something to do as a family on Friday nights? Come to the YMCA and enjoy some fun activities that will engage the whole family! With funding provided by a Pepsi Healthy Living Grant and program support from Mid Coast Hospital, the Bath Area Family YMCA hosts Healthy Family Nights the 3rd Friday of each month, from 6:00-8:00 pm, for all ages. On March 19th "old-fashioned games" and gym time will be featured along with a healthy snack. The focus of the evening is for parents and children to have fun together and to encourage healthy eating at home. The event is FREE to families taking part in the activities.

For a full schedule of events, visit www.bathymca.org, or call 443-4112.

FOLK/COUNTRY MUSIC CONCERT

Bob Webb and David Peloquin will perform a concert celebrating the roots of twentieth century folk and country music at **7:30 p.m. Friday, March 19** at the Phippsburg Congregational Church.

The historic Phippsburg Congregational Church is located at 10 Church Lane (at Parker Head Rd.) in Phippsburg. Tickets will be available at the door. Doors open at 7:00. Admission is \$10.00; students and children \$6.00. Children under eight are admitted free. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 389-1770. We hope to see you there!

TAX PREP ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Earn under \$50,000 last year? Find out if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit and get your taxes prepared for free. The Midcoast Creating Assets, Savings & Hope (CA\$H) Coalition is offering free tax preparation to anyone with a household income under \$50,000 as part of the IRS Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness campaign. Our coalition of 17 agencies and businesses have a crew of IRS-certified trained volunteers who will provide free tax preparation by appointment. Call 319-1390 to make an appointment or visit www.cashmaine.org/locations/midcoast.

YMCA BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE AT PES

Dear Families!

Do you need Before and After-school care (known as Y Care) for the 2009/10 school year? Did you know the Bath Area Family YMCA offers care in the RSU#1 Schools? We also offer care during half/full days, vacation weeks and snow days (at the Bath Area Family YMCA)! If you are interested or in need of care, please contact Beth Waters of the Bath Area Family YMCA at (207) 443-4112 ext. 17, or Sabrina Murphy, at (207) 443-4112 ext. 29. Information and registration forms are also available at www.bathymca.org.

Scholarships are available. Y'Care at PES meets in Room #1.

PARENTING SERIES AT GEORGETOWN SCHOOL

Georgetown Central School, at 52 Bay Point Rd, has a spring Parent Series scheduled. Mark your calendars for April 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m. with Chuck Saufier. He will talk about children, media, and the brain. April 28th they will host Lyn Braff from Maine Parent, who will talk about the school and family connection. They will wrap up the series on May 17th with Rebecca Miller from Maine Medical/NE Poison Control. She will talk about kids and substance use. Hope you can make it! If you need childcare during these sessions, be sure to drop Mrs. Thibodeau a note!

PHIPPSBURG REC NEWS

Roller-Skating

Saturday, March 20th from 1:30- 4 pm at Howard Sports, Rt 201 Topsham. FREE to Phippsburg residents. Rentals: Skates \$1.00, Blades \$2.00. Sign in at the door.

Project Graduation Breakfast

Sunday, March 21st at the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Club from 7 am to 10 am. Cost is by Donation. Come and help support the class of 2010's Project Graduation Fundraiser and enjoying a great breakfast with family and friends.

4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Dance

Friday, March 26th, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Phippsburg Elementary School. All 4th, 5th, & 6th graders who attend Phippsburg Elementary are welcome. There is a \$3.00 admission fee. We are looking for chaperones. If you are interested, please call Joanne Wells @ 389-1835.

Friends of Totman Library - Hoedown

Saturday, March 27th from 5 - 9 p.m. in the Phippsburg Elementary School Gym learn how to square dance, clog and contra dance. Listen to western music and enjoy hotdogs, beans, chili, and cornbread. Donations accepted at the door. FMI Kathy Perkins @ 389-1631

Free Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3rd, 10 a.m. - Noon at the Phippsburg School. Come and enjoy a special Easter Egg Hunt and Craft Day with the Rec. Department. Crafts will be from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., the hunt begins at 11 a.m., and prize drawings will follow the hunt. There will be three age groups; infant-3 years, 4-6 years, and 7-12 years. The children will be involved in an Easter egg hunt outdoors behind the school (weather permitting), have crafts to make, and snacks to eat inside the gym. There are special prizes to win also. Bring a basket to collect your eggs and enjoy a wonderful time with the family. **We NEED volunteers for this event.** FMI contact a Rec. member.

Learn to Swim Program - This is open to 3rd - 6th graders. We have 2 classes left, ending March 30th. The students stay after school for snack and play and then board the bus to the Bath YMCA, do their lessons from 4:15 - 5:00 PM and then return back to the school approximately 5:30. Contact Joanne FMI 389-1835.

Body Sculpt Classes - This session will run thru April 15th. Angela Clegg incorporates many forms of exercise for a full body experience for the beginner or advanced. Participants need to wear loose fitting clothes and should bring 2 - 8 lb weights (based on experience), also if you have leg weights bring those. Ages 16 and older welcome. Class size is limited to 18. The fee for this 8-week session is \$32.00. FMI call Tina Talbot @522-6884 or e-mail: threetalbots@suscom-maine.net. ***CLASS IS FULL**