

## **November 13th-16th**

Dear Maranacook Faculty and Families,

I hope everyone had a great week! We certainly had a busy week here at school. Teachers are working hard to complete their curriculum for the first semester. The semester won't end until mid January, but that's little more than a few weeks away with holidays and vacation.

We had a great staff meeting on Tuesday where the main topic of discussion was the possibility of adding a student resource officer. The staff voted and the results of the vote were 65% supported the idea of having a student resource officer while 35% did not. Because this is such an important topic we want to make sure staff, students, parents and community members have a chance to have input into the discussion. Within the next week, parents should receive a Google Form, which will be a survey regarding the topic. Your feedback is very important to us so please take the time to complete the survey when you receive it. Listed below are a few of the areas we would expect a student resource officer to provide support in.

- Working with students who may be having legal issues and need to report something to law enforcement (This could involve restorative practices)
- Supporting students who may need to report to court - this officer would be available to talk them through the process and help them feel prepared.
- Supporting students who report a sexual assault - guidance or the health center immediately has access to law enforcement to help with the mandated reporting and next steps. Hopefully this student will feel more comfortable making an official statement to someone they know.
- Provides education around illegal drugs
- Support with abuse issues that have to be reported to DHHS and law enforcement
- Provides education around anti bullying and support around cyberbullying
- Act as a liaison with local law enforcement
- Helps to ensure a safe school environment and helps monitor school safety
- Mentors students and helps to build a positive and safe climate in schools
- Develops strong, healthy, trusted, relationships with our students.

Congratulations to all our sports teams on a successful season. Our student athletes are incredible and make us proud both on and off the field. A big thank you to coaches, parents volunteers and Mr. MacGregor for a successful fall sports season.

**Math Team:** The Maranacook Math Team finished the second meet of the season in 2nd place once again with 148 points. The top scorer was Ryan Worster with 34 points, followed by Trenton Murray and Luke Bartol who each scored over 20 points. Maranacook had 17 students participate at this meet, which is the first time that has ever happened, and every single one of them scored! A great job by everyone.

**Guidance:** The High School Mentors brought their Middle School Mentees to the Alford YMCA in Waterville this week for a day of relationship building. Students swam, played kickball, climbed rock walls, and jumped around in bouncy houses. The middle schoolers were so excited to work with their mentors and the day was a huge success! The GEAR Up and MELMAC grants provided the funding for this trip.

Next week, freshmen parties will begin in guidance. Each advisee group will spend a lunch period and focus time in guidance to see how the transition to high school is going and to get to know the resources offered by guidance. Groups get to pick between a pizza, ice cream, or sandwich party (provided by the MELMAC grant)! All freshmen will also have individual meetings with their school counselor over the next few weeks.

**English:** Seniors in the college prep classes are working on memoir pieces based off of Donald Murray's "The Stranger in the Photo is Me." Students are selecting photos of themselves and using them as the basis for narrative and memoir writing.

**Science:** Mrs. Marvinney's 9th grade is wrapping up a unit on the periodic table. Students completed summative assessments this week.

In Mrs. O'Donoghue's chemistry classes students created and conducted their own experiment to determine the number of carbon dioxide molecules released by Alka Seltzer as it reacts with water. In other chemistry classes students created paper models of various compounds to see the patterns that exist- these same students will be making real ionic compounds early next week during their next laboratory experiment.

**Robotics:** In Robotics students have finally finished this year's competition field and have begun practicing for their upcoming competition next week. Quickly they have discovered the need to design, build, modify and repeat as the tasks that they are assigned to complete are not as easy as they had at first imagined!

**RTI:** Chris St. Clair will be working with Joe Schmidt at the Department of Education through the Social Studies Teacher Leader Cohort to support and enhance K-12 discipline literacy within the

District and throughout the state. The statewide group will meet at least three times a year as a collegial community to share in professional development opportunities and culminate with a presentation at a regional event.

**Art/IA/Music:**

In **BoatBuilding**, students developed methods of using hand tools set down to 3/32" tolerance to finish their work on half-size, lofted canoe paddles.

In Wood Design, students

**Athletics:**

Monday: Oct 29 No events

Tuesday: Oct 30 No events

Wednesday: Oct 31 Boys Soccer played Waynflete for regional Finals had a hard fought game but lost 0-1 Girls Soccer played Traip for regionals and came out on top with a win 4-3

Thursday: Nov 1 No events

Friday: Nov 2 Football played Dirigo for playoffs and lost 17-14

Saturday Nov 3 Girls Soccer played Fort Kent had a exciting hard fought game with a tuf los 1-0

**The week ahead**

11/12-Veterans Day

11/13-Robotics Field Trip to Cape Elizabeth, The fall musical Footloose opens, Intro Bear Meeting

11/14-RSU #38 Board Meeting at the middle school

11/15-CATC Business College Fair, Math Team has a Meet at Hall

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