

December 10th-14th

Dear Maranacook Faculty and Families

I was fortunate to attend an Awesome Bear meeting on Wednesday evening. It is truly amazing the amount of dedicated individuals we have that help make Maranacook a special place.

Thank you to everyone for making Maranacook a caring school community dedicated to excellence.

What an incredible holiday concert we had at the Hope Baptist Church this past Thursday! A big thank you to the chamber singers and concert choir for putting on such an amazing show for our community. Also a huge thank you to Mr. Albert for all his hard work and dedication. Our students are so fortunate to have you as a teacher. Everyone did such an amazing job.

A warm thank you and heartfelt goodbye to Mr. MacGregor who left as the student services director this week to go back into the classroom as a teacher. Mr. MacGregor worked as the student services director for 15 years and his presence will be greatly missed. We have posted for the position and will be interviewing in the coming week. In the meantime if you have any sports related questions please direct them to me.

Health Center: Please inform the school nurse of any injuries (sport-related or not) that are attained over the weekend and may require the school nurse's attention during the school day. We are here to help care for all the students during the day so any new diagnoses are important to let the school nurse know. Anya can be reached at 685-4923 ext. 1033 or via email:

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We have been hit hard with some viruses lately at school. Please remember to wash your hands often and drink plenty of water. Also feel free to take advantage of our express care at school. We have a PA available to meet with students who are signed up with expanded services on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Rapid Strep tests are available along with some other services.

Social Studies: The Social Studies Department has begun work on the National History Day Project in World and US History over the past several weeks. The NHD Project is an opportunity for students to research a significant historical topic of their choice that is connected to the 2019 theme, "Triumph and Tragedy." Topics can range from King Tut, to Harriet Tubman, to America's First Serial Killer. This project encourages students to find their passion in history and hone their research and analytical skills. NHD truly lives up to, the Greek philosopher, Plato's quote: "Do not train a child to learn by force or harshness; but direct them to it by what amuses

their minds, so that you may be better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each.”

Advisory: Kids Who Care Day is Friday December 14th. Advisory’s are doing all sorts of thing to give back to the community in which are a part of. Some are baking cookies and pies for the food pantries, others are filling stocking, and some are making cards. It is sure to be a fun time for all involved.

Math Meet: The Maranacook Math Team finished the third meet of the season in 2nd place, for the third meet in a row, with 181 points. The top scorer was Trenton Murray with 40 points, followed by Luke Bartol, Delaney Crocker, and Ryan Worster who each scored over 20 points. A great job by everyone.

English Department: Hannah Moran’s contemporary teen issue book groups were fully funded through Donors Choose. Relevant books like this let students better understand the world they live in as well as their place in it. These timely titles tackle issues such as race, sexual identity, immigration, and generally coming of age experiences. The titles include *A Land of Permanent Goodbyes*, *The Hate U Give*, *Dear Martin*, *Between Shade of Gray*, *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*.

Robotics: The Maranacook Robotics Team returned from Cape Elizabeth having both had a lot of fun and winning a variety of awards. Team members claimed highest scoring game by an individual robot, highest average score by a team and the Judges Award. We are proud that our students were the only participants who arrived to the tournament with robots that had been properly coded to run autonomously earning many bonus points. Now we get ready for our last competition on January 8th.

Guidance: Kim and Sara attended a University of Maine at Farmington update this week where they learned about new majors, student travel opportunities and increased early college credit offerings.

College Acceptances continue to be reported: UMass Lowell, Endicott, Unity, Thomas, UMFK, Husson, UMPI, UMaine, USM, University of New Haven, Eastern University, CMCC, and Colby-Sawyer. This list will continue to grow!

Student Senate/Council:

School Spirit: Going to meet with Kate Taylor, who has to meet with Jay first about interview committee. Same as last week - winter carnival. Pep rally proposal in the works, brought to lead team.

Student Voice: Lunch Bunch, chaperones for Eurosphere. Brackley - Dress Code opinions/policy, kindness tree somewhat late

Sustainability Committee: Applied for the MEF grant, working with Jeremy Smith to create a mural.

Health Center: Did the soap give away, starting a new project and the adult health advisory committee is considering doing a poster campaign about juuling.

Outreach: Clothing drive next week, before winter break. Currently advertising

Athletics: Andie, can you add to the newsletter by Friday at 2:00? Thank you

Monday DEC 10: Hawks Hockey Lost to Poland Regional High 5-1

Tuesday DEC 11: Boys Basketball played Oceanside lost 66-60

Girls Basketball were home vs. Oceanside and Varsity won 48-45

Wednesday DEC 12: no sporting events held

Thursday DEC 13: Hawks Hockey away at Gardner lost 3-0

Friday DEC 14: Boys Basketball will be at Poland Regional High JV at 5pm and Varsity at 6:30pm

Girls Basketball will be Home vs. Poland Regional High JV at 5pm and Varsity at 6:30pm

Saturday DEC 15: Coed Alpine will be at Sugarloaf

The week ahead

12/18-Staff Holiday Party

12/19-Teen Issues

12/20-High School Tour and RSU #38 Board of Directors Meeting

12/21-Leadership Team Meeting/Strategic Plan Stakeholder Meeting

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