

January 28th - February 1st

Dear Maranacook Faculty and Families

The year is flying by. In the next week Thomas College Summer Intensive Applications should be coming home. Remember we only have 50 slots for students who wish to earn free college credit at the start of summer through our summer intensive program. We are offering two classes and they are Experiencing Diversity and Exploring Diversity in the Middle East. They will run from June 17th to 21st. We will provide transportation to and from Thomas College each day and students will be in a cohort with their friends. Applications for are due by March 6th.

Maranacook Math Team: We finished the fourth meet of the season in a tentative 2nd place, for the fourth meet in a row, with 164 points. The top scorer was a tie between Trenton Murray and Luke Bartol, each scoring 25 points. Ryan Worster, Delaney Crocker, and Nathan Couture all scored at least 20 points as well. A great job by everyone.

English: Freshmen are currently reading independent choice novels from around the world as part of their unit on culture and conflict. Students will not only respond to the literary aspects of their reading but also the topics and issues that are raised in the novels.

Senior CP students are starting their argument unit, exploring various topics and analyzing the ways different authors argue claims for specific audiences.

The Creative Writing class got started in the second semester and is focusing first on fiction and short story writing. Sports and Literature is also underway and has started by analyzing sports journalism.

Liz Guillemette and Hannah Moran will be attending professional development workshops at the Telling Room in Portland in fiction writing and making essays fun. The Telling Room is a nonprofit writing organization geared toward getting kids excited about writing and creating opportunities to share their work.

Hannah Moran has started coursework as a mentor for the Maine Writing Project, Liz Guillemette is continuing coursework focused on nonfiction writing, and Hailey Chadbourne is continue her coursework in Event Planning and Programming. We're excited to continue with this work and look for ways to bring ideas back to our classrooms.

Social Studies: Global classes in Social Studies have successfully navigated first semester and have gone through numerous geography and economic standards. We are now starting second semester and will pursue some government standards in global. Students will understand how changes happen at the municipal, state, and federal levels of government. Right now students are exploring municipal governments like Portland, and Manchester. Next Wednesday our local representative Bruce Burgoine will visit the school and speak to freshman about the typical duties of a selectmen in a small town such as Readfield. In the coming weeks global students will also get to hear representative Justin Fecteau talk about state government and committees and how they work.

World Language: Our new part time German teacher is settling in. Sabine Labuhn is from Switzerland, and although she and her husband live in Massachusetts, she spends time each week at her home in Portland. She will be co-teaching German classes with Katie Cooper three days each week.

All language teachers are working with students to help them get ready to take the AAPPL in April/May. This is a test in all four language areas--listening comprehension, speaking, reading and writing--and will assess proficiency levels. This will help teachers determine whether students are meeting the proficiency level of Novice 3 needed to graduate.

Health Center: Our Physician Assistant provides convenient, quality care right here at school and can work closely with your child's own doctor. She is at the high school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and an appointment can be made through the School Nurse, Anya. This service is provided by Maine General Medical Center and is billed accordingly. No student will be denied any of our services based on his/her ability to pay. If you do have health insurance, your insurance company will be billed and you will be responsible only for your copay. If you have any questions about a bill you received please feel free to contact the health center director, Rebecca Reynolds at 685-4923 ext. 1019.

Science: Students in Earth Systems Science are winding up a chapter on past climate (paleoclimate). They've looked at 4 different climate proxies used by scientists and have modeled the scientific process of studying sediment in ponds. Maine colleges and universities currently conduct this kind of study. UMO has the Climate Change Institute - a world renown institute - in the study of climate, it's history and future.

Chemistry students applied mathematical relationships of a chemical reaction this week to predict how much silver they would collect in an experiment. They then measured the actual silver formed and calculated their % yield. Another lab was conducted as well using alka seltzer and water to

investigate how temperature and surface area affect reaction rates. Discussions regarding surface area relating to carburetors, intestines, gun powder, finely chopped food, and radiators followed the lab.

Math: Ms. Trefethan's Alternative team is starting a research project on how to create and maintain a community garden.

Mr. Morin's Algebra 1 class is starting the linear functions unit beginning with slope.

Mr. Levasseur's class is working on word problems from 'Crossing Rivers with Dogs'.

Mrs. Graziano's AP Calculus is starting the Integrals unit--how to find area between a curve and the x-axis.

Technology/Business: Semester 2 Tech and Career classes have started. Students are learning about computer use and internet protocol. They have been reviewing the district tech policy and working on a project involving the AUP, (Acceptable Use Policy). Yearbook students have been very busy gathering, editing, organizing images for the 2019 book. Cal Dorman and Lori Twiss are reviewing the tech standards to map out how they align with the school curriculum.

Guidance: Course registration for the 2019-2020 school year started this week! Students worked on course requests with their advisors and should be bringing their forms home to share with their parents. Kim and Sara will be starting the build for the master schedule soon and we hope to have schedules out in early June!

The Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey (MIYHS) will be given on Monday, February 4th. The answers that our students provide help our school better support our students, so we encourage students to participate!

The last day to add/drop a class is February 5th.

Student Senate/Council:

School Spirit: Winter Carnival T-shirts are on sale during lunches. Pricing as follows: Short Sleeve \$11 Long Sleeve \$16

Student Voice: We had a successful Eurosphere Dance. Thank you all for your support

Sustainability Committee: Waiting on the grant information to be determined and then planning the artwork for the Media. Working on a recycling solution.

Health Center: Helped to present an educational presentation re: vaping to the middle school for their healthy decision day.

Outreach: Sold carnations for Valentines.

Athletics:

Monday Jan 28: Hawks Hockey WON over Messalonskee 2-0

Tuesday Jan 29: Boys Basketball WON over Morse Freshman:70-65 JV: 65-38 Varsity: 76-55

Girls Basketball WON over Morse JV: 56-20 Varsity: 60-38

Wednesday Jan 30: Hawks JV Hockey at Cony

Math Team at Gardiner

Thursday Jan 31: Unified Basketball vs. Oak Hill

Friday Feb 1: Boys Basketball vs. Belfast JV:5pm Varsity:6:30pm

Girls at Belfast JV: 5pm Varsity: 6:30pm

Saturday Feb 2: Speech/Debate at Poland Regional High

Alpine at Camden Sno Bowl at 10am and Nordic at Florenz Farm at 10am for Oxford

Hills Sprints

Hawks Hockey at Home vs York at 1:30pm

Monday Feb 4: Unified Basketball home vs. Oak Hill

Tuesday Feb 5: Boys Basketball at Winslow Girls Basketball home vs. Winslow

Wednesday Feb 6: Alpine at Black Mountain 9am; Nordic at Black Mountain 2pm; Hawks Hockey at Poland Regional High 4:20pm

Thursday Feb 7: Boys Basketball home vs. Waterville; Girls at Waterville

Friday Feb 8: No Events Scheduled

Saturday Feb 9: Speech/Debate at Brunswick Alpine at Titcomb and Nordic at Titcomb

The week ahead

Tuesday 2/05 Staff Meeting to focus on learning commons and remote learning days

Wednesday 2/06 Music Field Trip to Carnegie Hall-Good luck Ashley Cray!

Thursday 2/07 Leadership Team Meeting

Friday 2/08 Field Trip to Barnes and Noble for Alternative English

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