



Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

June 10, 2026



Thank you for sharing your children with us here at Day Mountain Regional Middle School. We care about them deeply and spend a great deal of time seeking opportunities and financial resources to fund those experiences that make education here so special. We encourage pride in our school and offer a great deal of spirit and culture-building fun throughout the year.

This year, students have experienced incredibly engaging trips across the state of Maine such as a trip to Waterville Opera House, visits to museum exhibitions at Colby College, a space mission at Challenger Learning Center in Bangor, learning at Norlands, four trips to Sugarloaf for ski/skate and most recently the Langlais Art

Preserve and Owls Head State Park to name a few. Opportunities have also come to us such as a poetry workshop with The Telling Room, Underground Railroad expert Pam Cummings thanks to Maine Humanities Council, Holocaust author and photographer Jack Montgomery, felting artist and author Hillary Dow, and we have ended our year with a Circus Smirkus residency. Many of these experiences were brought to your students through outside funding sources such as the Carrabassett Innovative Education grants, school-based fundraisers, and generous donations from Stratton Lumber and the Kingfield Pops.



Extracurriculars abound here at DMRMS. This year our drama program, run by Wendy Morrill, put on an incredible showing of “Alice in Wonderland, Jr.” with a dress rehearsal for all district elementary students. Our music program culminated in a beautiful concert in April. We participated in the Department of Education’s Pine Tree Programming by offering a Micro:Bits club. Our first yearbook was published by two motivated students, Clairra Wood and Dorothy Kane, and their very organized advisor, Victoria Glidden. Our top two spellers went on to regionals with Emerson Plog moving on to the state bee where he finished in fifth place. Students participated in many staff-run clubs such as basket weaving, Spanish, Environmental Club which produced their own [Wild and Wonderful podcast](#) which was a [featured story](#) by MDOE, dance with a culminating performance at Spring Spectacular, mountain biking, service, and games clubs. Athletics were also offered all year with soccer in the fall, basketball, alpine and nordic skiing in the winter, and baseball and



track in the spring. Our own Elliot Plog swept the state meets in Nordic skiing and our boys soccer team went on to the playoffs this year.

Additionally, there are many amazing things happening daily within our classrooms. Students learn about budgeting in math and explore career options as well as financial literacy in social studies. This project culminated in \$100 scholarships and a chance to meet someone in their chosen field. Students are understanding their own bodies and the world around them in science. English teachers are teaching crucial Notice and Note strategies for greater reading comprehension as well as firming up their writing with the RACES strategy. Our kids have entered civic essay and poetry contests as well as competed in state National History Day events. This year Brooke Wilkins, Natalie McCarty and Gracie Thibodeau earned 2nd place at states and will move on to nationals in Washington, DC. Each day teachers are working hard to solidify basic content area fundamentals as well as extend learning for anyone up for the challenge. For us at DMRMS, we try to make sure that learning is experiential, tied to the real world, and personally meaningful.



Though the year is drawing to a close, we are also still looking ahead to next year. We have put together a list of many events and key dates to help you plan. When in doubt, check the website: <https://strong.msad58.org/>

Tentative Dates for the 2026-2027 School Year	
August 25, 2026: 5th/New Student Orientation September 14, 2026: Picture Day September 2026: Drama Auditions September 14- October 23, 2026: NWEAs October 13-15: Tooth Protectors October 22, 2026: Lumberjack Festival 5-6:30 Late Oct.- Nov. 12, 2026: Parent Conferences November 12, 2026: Open House 4:30-6:30 December 11, 2026: Drama Production December 2026: Class Spelling Bee January 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 2, 2027: Ski/Skate January 8, 2027: School Spelling Bee (TBD) February 2026: Regional Spelling Bee	(TBD)March 2027: DMRMS Public Speaking (TBD)April 2027: Regional Public Speaking April 8, 2027: Grades 4-12 Spring Music Concert 5-6 pm April 12-May 28, 2027: Maine Through the Year state testing May 10-21, 2027: Maine Science Assessment May 22, 2027 8th Grade Semi-Formal May 27, 2027: Spring Spectacular 5-6:30 pm June 7, 2027: Step up day and final SAWS Assembly/ 8th grade Farewell 12:30 pm June 12-13, 2027: (Possibly) 8th grade trip Last Day of School: Field Day

Sincerely,

Maggie Adams, Principal



Back-to-School Shopping List 2026 - 2027

Grades 5 and 6 Must Haves:

- **PENCILS (with erasers)**
- Backpack
- Homework folder
- (1) 5-Subject notebook with pockets for ELA
- One-subject notebook for SS
- One-subject notebook for Math
- (1) 1-inch 3-ring binders with paper (science)
- (1) 1-inch 3-ring binder for Math
- Coloring utensils of choice
- Several Sticky Note pads (3 x 3)
- Highlighters
- WIRED Earbuds or headphones (Must be wired- no bluetooth)
- Reusable water bottle
- Sneakers for PE (cros and winter boots aren't safe inside)
- Pencils and a black sharpie marker for art class
- PENCILS, PENCILS, and more PENCILS!!

Grades 7 and 8 Must Haves:

- **PENCILS (with erasers)**
- Pens - black, blue, red
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks
- Several Sticky Note pads (3 x 3)
- Pencil bag/box
- (2) One subject notebooks (math and social studies)
- (1) three subject notebook with pockets for ELA
- 7th will need a binder to leave in the classroom for math standards checklist
- Reusable Water bottle
- WIRED Earbuds or headphones (Must be wired- no bluetooth)
- Pencils and a black Sharpie marker for Art class
- Sneakers for PE (cros and winter boots aren't safe inside)