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Important Dates

April 13 - May 22

NWEA/MTYA Assessment Window

Wednesday, May 13

Gr. 1 Guest Speaker: Chewonki,
8:00-10:15am

Wednesday, May 13

Early Release, 12:15 dismissal

Wednesday, May 13

Atlantic Ballet Co. Dance Class, Gr. 4
Common Area, 12:30-1:30pm

Thursday, May 14, 21, & 28

Gr. 1-2 Changemakers, Library,
2:30-3:45pm

Thursday, May 14 & 21

Talent Show Practice, CRES Gym,
2:30-3:30pm

Friday, May 15

K Field Trip: Coastal Maine
Botanical Gardens, 8:15am-1pm

Friday, May 15

Gr. 4 Mrs. Brown Presentation:
Philosophy, 1:15pm

Monday, May 18

Gr. 1 & 2 Field Trip: Tanglewood
Learning Center, 9:00am-12:30pm

Monday, May 18

K Field Trip: Merryspring Nature
Center, 12:30-1:45pm

Monday, May 18

Beginner CRES Chess Club, Gr. 4
Common Area, 2:30-3:30pm

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Guardians,



I felt my first black fly bite today and immediately found myself envious of the PreK Trailblazers and their very colorful bug hats. May has not delivered quite the warmth I was hoping for as we try to get gardens started, but signs of spring growth are beginning to appear all around CRES. Over the coming weeks, you'll see planting projects popping up across campus - some led by students, some by me, and some by our wonderful groundskeeping crew.

Speaking of gardens, you may notice new signage marking growing areas both in the woods and around the playground. We are trying to give new shoots and fragile plants a fighting chance against enthusiastic small feet. We are still assessing how much of the playground planting made it through the winter, but we are hopeful to see more green returning as the season unfolds.



A couple of quick reminders:

- ★ Be sure to check the CRES website for the most up to date schedule of upcoming events. [Events Calendar link](#). The annual step up event is coming in June and will be an opportunity for students in 4th grade to visit the middle school and for students in lower grades to meet teachers in the next grade and see the spaces.
- ★ We are seeing more children arrive at school in the front seat of cars lately. Please be sure that you are following the law on appropriate child seating that can be found at maine.gov:
 - ➔ **4 - 7 YEARS** Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

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Monday, May 18

After School Enrichment, Gr. 4
Nano Tech, Art Room, 2:30-3:30pm
rescheduled from 2/23

Tuesday, May 19 & 26

Gr. 3-4 Changemakers, Library,
2:30-3:45pm

Tuesday, May 19

Talent Show Practice, CRES Gym,
2:30-3:30pm

Tuesdays, May 19 & 26

Intermediate CRES Chess Club, Gr. 4
Common Area, 2:30-3:30pm

Wednesday, May 20

MAG Field Trip: Plants Unlimited,
8:30-10:20am

Wednesday, May 20

CRES Makers Field Trip: Lincolnville
Grange Hall, 9:30am-1:00pm

Wednesday, May 20

K Guest Speaker: Aldermere Farm,
12:30-2:00pm

Wednesday, May 20 & 27

Atlantic Ballet Co. Dance Class, Gr.
4 Common Area, 2:30-3:45pm

Wednesday, May 20

Camden Rockport Schools District,
School Board Meeting, Rose Hall,
7:00pm


Thursday, May 21

Gr. 3 Student Council Meeting, Mrs.
Wickenden's Room, 2:40-3:15pm

Friday, May 22

Gr. 4 Talent Show, Gym, 1:15pm

Monday, May 25

NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day 
Holiday

May 26 to May 29

Gr. 3 Art Residency: Horizon Arts
with Helene Farrar

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Principal's Corner, continued

- ➔ **8 - 12 YEARS** Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face.
- ➔ **Remember:** your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.



What an amazing group of parents we have at CRES! I want to give a huge shout out to CRSA and to all of our families for the many ways you support our school throughout the year. That support takes many forms - volunteering in classrooms, chaperoning the many spring field trips, organizing grade-level events, or quietly stepping in to help teachers and students however needed.

I work closely with CRSA and attend the monthly meetings, and I continue to be impressed by this group's enthusiasm, efficiency, and genuine care for our schools. They make partnering easy and joyful. Most importantly, they consistently extend kindness and support to the CRES staff, and it is deeply appreciated.

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week, and thanks to all of you, we are celebrating the entire CRES team in numerous ways. Students have been writing notes of gratitude at our appreciation station, staff enjoyed a bagel breakfast earlier this week, and the highlight will be the CRSA-sponsored luncheon on May 13th. This is a favorite annual tradition complete with delicious food and a gift card raffle. We even have a Friday Cake & Cookies treat on Friday to send everyone into the weekend happily sugared up.

Thank you for your generous contributions to this week of appreciation and for your ongoing support throughout the year. As a staff, we truly feel supported, valued, and cared for.



Warmly, Katie

2026-2027 School Calendar

You can find next year's school calendar on our website, <https://cres.fivetowns.net> under the About tab. We included it last month's newsletter and emailed CRES families recently. Call the Main Office at 236-7809 if you would like a paper copy sent home with your student.

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Wednesday, May 28

K Field Trip: Aldermere Farm,
8:10-10:00am

Friday, May 29

Gr. 1 Field Trip: Maine Coastal Islands
National Refuge Visitor Center,
8:30-11:00am

Friday, May 29

Gr. 4 Mrs. Brown Presentation:
Philosophy, 1:15pm

News from the CRSA

Greetings from the CRSA! Our group has been planning and organizing for the busy slate of upcoming year-end events. During this time, we also had the opportunity to host incoming superintendent, Dr. Leigh Anne Neal, while she visited our community.

Thank you in advance to all the families who are donating their time, cooking & baking skills and funds to support our largest events of the year, held during Staff Appreciation Week. We will treat our CRES educators and staff to a bagel breakfast, taco luncheon, gift card giveaway and cake & cookie bar.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:
JUNE 17
Wednesday, June 17 is the
last day of school!

Mark your calendars for a family-friendly Roller Skate night at Midcoast Rec! CRSA is excited to host a Friday night skate on May 15th from 6-8pm; rentals are included with admission and children 5 & under get in free. Tacos will be available for purchase.

ER HALF DAY:
CRES will dismiss at
11:25 for pick ups and
11:30 for bus riders.

Finally, be on the lookout for details about our spring spiritwear sale, end-of-year events for 4th graders (including yearbooks!), FREE summer reading books for all CRES students and more. It's a busy time of year, and we can't do it all without your help. Thank you for supporting our group and our schools!

Stay in the loop by following us on Facebook at Camden-Rockport School Alliance or on Instagram @camdenrockport_school_alliance. You can also reach us via email at camdenrockportschoolalliance@gmail.com.

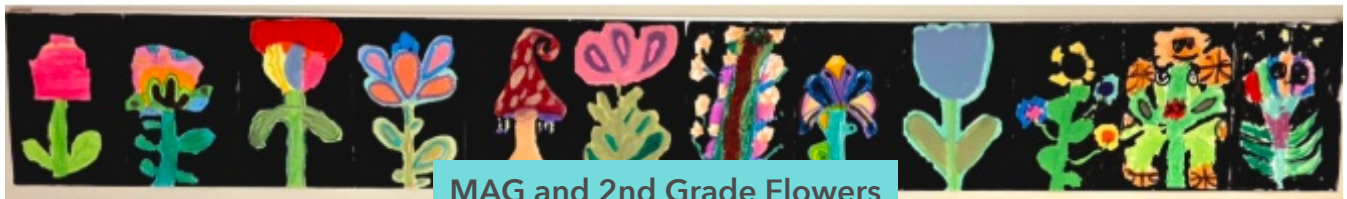
Lego Club Announcement

We are so excited to announce that next year CRES will offer a Lego Club!

As we prepare and plan, we would welcome any donations of Legos. Legos do not need to be new and we will take any amount large or small! There will be a large bin in the main lobby at CRES with our Lego Club Logo on the side for drop off.



You can also contact Kim Wickenden at kimberly.wickenden@fivetowns.net if you have any questions! More information for sign up will coming in the Fall of 2026.



Kindergarten Registration

2026-2027

CAMDEN ROCKPORT ELEMENTARY

We are eager to welcome your child to our school community for the 2026-2027 school year. Enroll your child today - we can't wait to meet you!




SIGN UP NOW

- Must be 5 years old on or by Oct.15
- Download forms at cres.fivetowns.net
- Contact the office with any questions
- Return forms by the end of May if possible



207-236-7809
cres.fivetowns.net

JOIN THE TANNERY PARK

COMMUNITY PLANNING WORKSHOP

May 17 1PM


@ Tannery Park,
Washington St. Camden, ME

Everyone is invited to come together for a community planning workshop focused on identifying potential park improvements for Tannery Park in Camden.

There are terrific things happening at Tannery Park already, such as Camden Farmer's Market and the Megunticook River Trail, but this park has potential for more - especially now that the site has been cleared and cleaned up. The Town of Camden is committed to Tannery Park as a community park. The Friends of Tannery Park's leadership and advocacy helped get us to where we are today. Community engagement is now needed to evolve the space from a post-industrial era vacant lot to a community-serving park.

The workshop will be facilitated at Tannery Park by Blake Sanborn of Richardson & Associates, in partnership with the Town of Camden. The program will kick off at 1pm and will include a brief overview of the site and process to date, a group site walk to review existing conditions, and a facilitated charrette to explore community perspectives on phased improvements. Come get involved!

*In the event of rain, the event will be held at the Snow Bowl Lodge at the same date/time


USED BOOK SALE

Support the CHRHS Intercultural Program's Exchange Trip to France!

DONATE YOUR BOOKS that are still in good condition to our Used Book Sale!

We would love any book ranging from baby books to adult books!

Drop off your books in the lobby at Camden Rockport Elementary School From May 4th-May 29th.



Stay tuned for the Event date!

Thank you for supporting CHRHS!

Camp Bishopswood Day Camp Opportunity (Aug 24-28)

Camp Bishopswood will be hosting a day camp the week of August 24-28. We know this is a tricky window when teachers are back at school, and there are very limited childcare or camp options in the Midcoast area..

Learn more at this link !

**PEN BAY YMCA
CHILD CARE
SEEDLING SALE**

**SATURDAY
MAY 16TH
9AM - 12:30PM**

Supporting childcare, that's music to our ears! Funds raised go directly toward bringing music classes to the PB YMCA Childcare Center. Starter plants, garden gifts and more!!

THE ROCKPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

THE LITTLE PRINCE

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM & THEATRE OF MAINE

BLAST OFF ON A MAGICAL JOURNEY WITH THE LITTLE PRINCE!

AFTER A PILOT CRASHES IN THE DESERT, HE MEETS A YOUNG TRAVELER FROM A DISTANT PLANET WHO SHARES FANTASTICAL TALES OF HIS INTERSTELLAR ADVENTURES.

WITH A CLEVER FOX, A MYSTERIOUS ROSE, AND CURIOUS CHARACTERS, THE LITTLE PRINCE REMINDS US THAT WHAT MATTERS MOST IS INVISIBLE TO THE EYE.

**May 16
2PM**

at the Rockport Opera House

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Rockport Library FOUNDATION
children's MUSEUM + THEATRE of maine

Nature-Based PreK Program

2026 - 27 School Year Enrollment

Camden Rockport Elementary school is now accepting registration for our nature-based PreK Program.

Program Highlights

- Extensive outdoor time for learning in nature
- Curriculum driven by child's interest/seasonal themes
- Purposeful play that encourages discovery
- 5 days a week and follows the CRES School Calendar

Eligibility:

Children 4 years of age on or before October 15, 2026 who reside in Camden or Rockport.

Registration Process:

Forms and instructions may be found on the Camden Rockport Elementary School PreK website or by contacting the school at 236-7809.

Welcome to Roots n Shoots
YOGA & NATURE TIME for KIDS
2026-27

After School Yoga and Nature-Based Activities

Fun in the woods, by the shore, and in the gardens with the bunnies, Willa & Maisie!

Sept – June on Tuesdays & Wednesdays 2:30-5:00 (& 12:30-5:00)
CRES School Bus Drop Off
Ages 5-9
Monthly Membership @ \$15 per hour
Snacks and Materials included

An investment in your child's future

Yoga promotes better self-care
Yoga improves strength, balance and flexibility
Yoga stimulates energy and brighter moods
Yoga helps manage stress
Yoga increases relaxation and internal focus
Yoga builds confidence and helps with relationships
Yoga improves the nervous system function
Yoga connects you with a supportive community
Yoga fosters a healthy habit that will last a lifetime

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