



CRES Dory News



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Important Dates

Mondays, April 6 & 13

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

Monday, April 6

After School Enrichment Gr. 2-3, What
Would You Bring? Art Room,
2:30-3:30pm

Monday, April 6

CRSA Meeting, CRES Atrium &
Zoom, 5:30pm

Tuesdays, April 7 & 14

Jump Rope Club, CRES Gym,
2:30-3:30pm

Tuesdays, April 7 & 14

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

Tuesdays, April 7, 14 & 28

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

Wednesday, April 8 & 15

P2P Atlantic Ballet Dance Class, Gr.
4 Common Area, 2:30-3:45pm

Thursdays, April 9 & 16

Jump Rope Club, CRES Gym,
2:30-3:30pm

Thursdays, April 9, 16 & 30

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

Thursday, April 9

Gr. 3 Student Council, Mrs.
Wickenden's Room, 2:30-3:15pm

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Families,

Everyone at CRES is soaking up the longer daylight and celebrating the slow but steady disappearance of snow. As beautiful as it's been for outdoor fun, we're ready to retire the snow gear and welcome back flowers, green grass, and a playground that doesn't require boots. Fingers crossed the field dries out soon so we can expand the recess area again. We see you mud season!

Spring is also registration season in the office. We are currently enrolling Kindergarten and PreK students, so if you know any families in town with children that age, please send them our way. Information and materials are available on the CRES website or in the office. We've also been excited to welcome several new families to our community over the past few weeks across multiple grade levels. I'm in the midst of interviewing candidates for our second PreK classroom and looking forward to doubling our population of four-year-olds next year.



A gentle reminder that parents are not to go directly to classrooms with their child. We need you to always stop in the office and sign in. If it is a drop off situation or pick up we will handle it in the office.

Also, a quick calendar reminder: April Break is just two weeks away. Remember that **Friday, April 17 will be an 11:30 dismissal**. If you are planning to travel before the break begins or extend your vacation beyond that week, be sure to let Adam Bullard and Jenn Gomez know so the office is aware.

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Friday, April 10Gr1/2 Field Strip: Strand Theater,
10:15-11:45amApril 13-May 22Maine Through Year & NWEA
assessment windowFamily Jump Rope Night, April 15

CRES Gym, 5:30-6:30pm

Wednesday, April 15Camden Rockport Schools District
Meeting, School Board Meeting, Rose
Hall, 7:00pmThursday, April 16K Guest Speaker: Chewonki, Owls of
Maine**Friday, April 17****EARLY RELEASE HALF DAY****11:25am/11:30pm Dismissal**Thursday, April 17Afterschool Workshop: America 250
w/ Rory, Art Room, 11:30am-2:30pm**April 20-24****NO SCHOOL, Spring Break**Monday, April 27After School Enrichment Gr. 4, What
Would You Bring? Art Room,
2:30-3:30pmMonday, April 27Beginner CRES Chess Club, **Gr. 3
Common Area**, 2:30-3:30pmTuesday, April 28Intermediate CRES Chess Club, **Gr.
3** Common Area, 2:30-3:30pm

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When we return in late April, we officially hop on what I like to call the "end-of-year roller coaster." This stretch is full of field trips, outdoor learning, spring sports, and a noticeable uptick in energy - from both kids and adults. Do your best to keep your child well-rested and hang on tight!



This month's newsletter is packed with information. A big thank you to Heather Mackey, who does an incredible job pulling it all together each month. We're also striving to include more student work for you to enjoy. Don't forget to take a look at the parent bulletin board in the hallway by the office - it's full of helpful summer opportunities and information from our community.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Warmly, Katie

K Registration Now Open!

Kindergarten Registration is underway for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year! Parents/guardians are encouraged to enroll their eligible children to begin their exciting K-12 academic journey.

How to Register: Parents and guardians can obtain registration forms from the school office or download them from the school website at [under Parent Resources / School Registration](#).. Completed forms, along with the necessary documentation, should be submitted to the school office as soon as possible.

For questions or more information, please contact the school office at 207-236-7809 or jennifer.gomez@fivetowns.net.

Leave a Message

Thanks for your patience with our busy CRES office! At times, we're assisting students, families, and staff all at once, so we may not be able to answer every call right away. If that happens, please leave a message—we receive and review them promptly (they also come through via email). Rest assured, your message will reach us, and there's no need to call again. We prioritize those in front of us and will return your call as soon as possible.

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Tuesdays, April 28, May 5, 12, 19
Talent Show Rehearsal, CRES Gym,
2:30-3:30pm

Wednesday, April 29
P2P Atlantic Ballet Dance Class,
Gr. 3 Common Area,
2:30-3:45pm

Thursdays, April 30, May 7, 14, 21
Talent Show Rehearsal, CRES Gym,
2:30-3:30pm

Friday, May 1
K Field Trip: The Strand Theater,
9:00-11:00am

Friday, May 1
K Field Trip: Beech Hill Preserve,
12:30-1:45pm

Friday, May 1
Gr 4 Mrs. Brown Philosophy
Presentation, 1:10-2:10pm

Dental Clinical at CRES - May 7

CRES will host at Dental Clinic on Thursday, May 7th in the nursing office. Students who were seen in the fall will automatically be seen again at this clinic. Families can sign up online: <https://www.toothprotectors.org/permission-form/> or request a paper permission form from Nurse Meghan.

News from the CRSA!

Greetings from the CRSA! March kept our members busy with Pies for Pi Day, our spring Book Fair, the Flatbread Fundraiser and school board budget meetings.

We'd like to thank our PreK families for treating CRES teachers and staff to a Pie Bar during conference week. The wide selection of tasty treats was enjoyed by all.

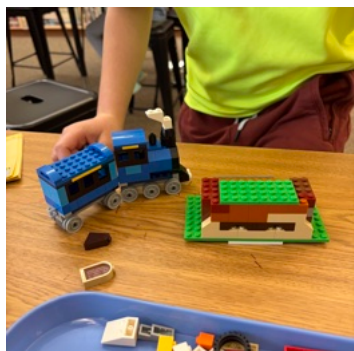
Our spring Book Fair featured in-person shopping, a community-supported Share the Fair Fund, and an option to shop online to extend the fun. Our mission is to put a book into the hands of any child that would like one, and with your support, we were able to do just that. A huge shout out to all the parent volunteers who worked the registers, stocked the shelves and helped our students shop for their new favorite books.

The second annual Flatbread Fundraiser took place that same week and we were overwhelmed with the support from families who came out to eat, ordered takeout and purchased raffle tickets. Our 50/50 winner even donated a portion of the proceeds back to our group!

Please join us on **Monday, April 6th at 5:30pm in the CRES Atrium** for our next meeting. We'll continue to discuss the school budget, hear from administrators and plan for our upcoming Staff Appreciation Events.

Legos in the Makerspace!

Our 3rd graders recently took part in a hands-on makerspace workshop with LEGO artist Colby Adolphsen. He guided students through the creative process, sharing tips and techniques as they designed and built their own LEGO creations. It was an inspiring experience that sparked creativity and confidence in our young makers. See all the photos [here!](#)



Kindergarten Blossoms



Gr 3 Toothbrush Paintings



CRES Student Council
Community Service Project

SNACK DRIVE

Accepting Snack Donations through Friday, April 17th

We are excited to announce a snack drive for our friends at CRES who are in need of extra snacks at school. We are asking for donations of **INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED** snacks for the CRES Snack Box between now and April 17th.

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
CRES MAIN OFFICE

Thank You for Donating!

ITEMS NEEDED:

- ▶ Pretzels (Regular & GF)
- ▶ Granola Bars
- ▶ PB Crackers
- ▶ Goldfish
- ▶ Meat Sticks

SAVE THE DATE FOR
PoeTREE!

Tree City USA
Arbor Day Foundation

An Arbor Day Celebration

Join us for a **tree planting ceremony** & tree-inspired **poetry readings!**

SATURDAY MAY 30
Camden Amphitheater

Parents: Have your kid write and read a tree poem!

We have limited spots for readings!
Email samanthaleec@gmail.com to sign up
Otherwise join to listen!



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Did you know Adult Education is not just high school diplomas or basket-making - but we're that, too!

- We are a school within the district, just like CHRHS
- We were the first adult ed in the state, begun in 1969
- We are the (very close!) second largest adult ed program in the state
- We use about 20 different rooms in the high school, often 6-10 a night
- Our fall and spring semesters each offer over 220 enrichment classes
- We currently have 22 students working on their high school equivalency diploma
- We have English Language Learners who are originally from Ecuador, Taiwan, Russia, Hungary, and Puerto Rico
- We average 1800 students a year who register for at least one class
- We offer hundreds of workforce classes and provide workforce and college support and tutoring



Did you know we have indoor walking? Just come by our office when classes are in session Monday-Thursday 4-8:30, leave your things - and off you go!

Don't forget - we also offer driver's ed monthly! For more information, contact Roy's at 784-6245, info@roysdriving.com, or visit their website. Registration is through Roy's, roysdriving.com

Watch for our spring-summer catalog in late February!



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fivetowns.net/adulteducation
we are in Camden Hills Regional High School



Do you have a passion or hobby you'd like to share? Come teach for us! It's LOTS of fun - and not only do you get paid, you may get the opportunity to take one of our classes for free!

Did you know high school students can take adult ed classes - some for FREE, and some can possibly be for credit!

FREE! **2026 MUDDY BOOT SERIES**

Come explore with us! This FREE, interactive series offers children the freedom to move and dance at concerts created just for them. Some of Bay Chamber's favorite musical artists play pieces from around the globe. Join us for a morning of fun and wonder!

NORA, CELLO & MARLENE, PIANO
Saturday, January 24 at 11AM | Hammer Hall
 Expect laughter, curiosity, and a lively introduction to the cello, the piano, and the joy of making music together.

TRIO OKO
Saturday, March 21 at 11AM | Hammer Hall
 You probably haven't heard anything quite like Trio Oko. The eclectic harp trio is a rare bird in the chamber music world and its three musicians use the unique instrumentation to dazzle.

DANNY HOLT, PIANO
Saturday, April 3 at 11AM | Hammer Hall
 Danny Holt is a virtuoso performer and a gifted educator with a flair for making music come alive. He shares the piano's amazing range – from whispering melodies to thunderous rhythms.

HALCYON STRING QUARTET
Saturday, May 2 at 11AM | Hammer Hall
 Let the wild rumpus begin! Halcyon String Quartet's Muddy Boots concert is based on the much-loved book, *Where the Wild Things Are*, using music, narration and audience participation.

ARKAI DUO
Saturday, May 16 at 11AM | Hammer Hall
 With acoustic and electric instruments (and a playful spirit,) violin/cello duo ARKAI immerses listeners in a kaleidoscope of sound, from melodies to pulsing rhythms.

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Penobscot Bay YMCA
KIDS NIGHT OUT!
Grades K-5

Friday, April 3 5:00-8:00pm
Cost: \$30 Members / \$45 Participants

Drop off your kids at the Y for an evening of fun – and some time off for parents! We'll have pizza, crafts, and lots of fun and games in our gym, including a bouncy house!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FIVE TOWN LITTLE LEAGUE

PLAY BALL REGISTER NOW

Tee-Ball, Coach Pitch, and Player Pitch register now to qualify for a spring team! See website for your league age.

PARENTS NEEDED TO VOLUNTEER
 coaching · score board · snack shack · and more

Register now @ www.fivetownlittleleague.org

SUNDOG OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

SPRING PROGRAMS 2026

WHITE WATER CANOEING	MOUNTAIN BIKING	WEEKEND ROCK CLIMBING
4 th , 5 th , 6 th GRADES	6 th , 6 th , 7 th GRADES	SAT GROUP: 4 th , 5 th , 6 th GRADES
MON & WED WEEKLY: 3:45PM-6:15PM MAY 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, JUNE 1, 3, 8, 10 OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE: JUNE 13-14	TUES & THURS WEEKLY: 3:45PM-6:15PM MAY 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, JUNE 2, 4, 9, 11 OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE: JUNE 13-14	JUNE 6 & 13 10AM-2PM SUN GROUP: 6 th , 6 th , 7 th GRADES JUNE 7 & 14 10AM-2PM
GUIDED BY MAINE SPORT OUTFITTERS	GUIDED BY MOUNTAINSEA EXPEDITIONS	GUIDED BY ATLANTIC CLIMBING SCHOOL

GET OUTSIDE AND JOIN SUNDOG THIS SPRING FOR FUN AND INVIGORATING AFTER-SCHOOL AND WEEKEND OUTDOOR ADVENTURES!

SCAN QR CODE ABOVE OR VISIT WWW.SUNDOGOE.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**



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Camden Rockport Elementary School 2026-27 School Calendar

Grades PreK-4

JULY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	W	W	W	TP	29
30	31					

August 25 Workshop Day - CD
 August 26 Opening Day Workshop
 August 27 Workshop Day
 August 28 Teacher Prep Day

Student Days		
Month	Days	
Sept	20	
Oct	19	
Nov	17	
Dec	16	
Jan	19	
Feb	15	
Mar	22	
Apr	17	
May	20	
June	10	
Total	175	

SEPTEMBER (20)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		SO	O	3	4	5
6	H	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	ER	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER (19)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	W	10
11	H	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	C	24
25	26	27	ER	29	30	31

September 1-2 **PreK & K Screening**
 September 1 **G1-G4 Student Orientation**
 September 2 **G1-G4 First Day of School**
 September 7 Labor Day
 September 23 Early Release for Prof Dev (12:15)
 October 9 Workshop Day
 October 12 Indigenous Peoples' Day
 October 23 **Parent Conferences - No School**
 October 28 Early Release for Prof Dev (12:15)

NOVEMBER (17)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	H	12	13	14
15	16	17	ER	19	20	21
22	23	24	X	H	X	28
29	30					

DECEMBER (16)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	ER	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	X	X	H	26
27	X	X	X	X		

November 11 Veterans Day
 November 18 Early Release for Prof Dev (12:15)
 November 24 Trimester 1 Ends
 November 25-27 Thanksgiving Break
 December 9 Early Release for Prof Dev (12:15)
 December 25 Christmas Day
 Dec 23 - Jan 1 Holiday Break

Teacher Days		
Month	Days	
Aug	4	
Sept	21	
Oct	21	
Nov	17	
Dec	16	
Jan	19	
Feb	15	
Mar	23	
Apr	17	
May	20	
June	11	
Total	184	

JANUARY (19)						
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10	11	12	ER	14	15	16
17	H	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

FEBRUARY (15)						
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7	8	9	10	11	ERH	13
14	H	X	X	X	X	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

January 1 New Years Day
 January 13 Early Release for Prof Dev (12:15)
 January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 February 3 Early Release for Prof Dev (12:15)
 February 12 Early Release (11:30); 1/2 Teacher Day
 February 15 Presidents' Day
 February 15-19 Winter Break

Trimester	Days	
1st Trimester	55	
2nd Trimester	59	
3rd Trimester	61	
Total	175	

MARCH (22)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	C	13
14	15	16	ER	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

APRIL (17)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	ER	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	ERH	17
18	H	X	X	X	X	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

March 11 Trimester 2 Ends
 March 12 **Parent Conferences - No School**
 March 17 Early Release for Prof Dev (12:15)
 April 7 Early Release for Prof Dev (12:15)
 April 16 Early Release (11:30); 1/2 Teacher Day
 April 19 Patriots Day
 April 19-23 Spring Break

MAY (20)						
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9	10	11	ER	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	H					

JUNE (10)						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	O	TP	16	17	H	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 12 Early Release for Prof Dev (12:15)
 May 31 Memorial Day
 June 14 ***Last Day, Early Release (11:30); 1/2 Teacher Workshop**
 June 15 Teacher Prep
 June 18 Juneteenth Observed
 June 19 Juneteenth

***For every snow day, add a day to the last day of school**

***If there is a delayed start on an Early Release day, the early release will not occur.**

- SO= Student Orientation
- O = First/Last Day of School
- W = Workshop Day (No School)
- H = Holiday (No School)
- X = Vacation (No School)
- ERH= Early Release Half Day (11:30 Dismissal)
- ER= Early Release (12:15 Dismissal)
- C = Parent Conferences (No School)
- TP = Teacher Prep Day (No School)

Approved by SAD board on 2/25/26