

COYOTE Caller

March 9, 2026

MUSIC IS IN THE AIR: SPRING CONCERTS ARE COMING!



Spring grade level concert prep is in full swing at MCS! Each grade level has begun rehearsing their first selections to share with you at the end of the school year. To save the dates ahead of time, our concerts at MCS will be on:

Kindergarten: May 21st 5pm
1st Grade: May 21st 6pm
2nd Grade: May 26th 5pm
3rd Grade: May 26th 6pm
4th Grade (including a promotional ceremony): May 27th 5pm



In addition to all of our work during general music time, our musical clubs have also been rehearsing and performing. Our second winter session of Ukulele Club will be performing at next Friday's school assembly. This past week, our MCS Chorus (pictured on our bus ride Wednesday) performed in the annual Sanford School Department Spring Sing, a celebration of all the student singers district-wide. The elementary students combined together to sing one selection, and then all singers 4-12 performed a song in Swahili together as a grand finale. In total, we had about 280 singers in the PAC and filled both the stage and audience!

Music Classroom Rubric

I earn one score for my effort, and I earn a separate score for my skill level.

1 Does Not Meet	2 Approaching
Skill: I usually need help. This is a brand new skill for me. **Effort:** I need to work on making good choices or getting my work done. I have earned the number: 1	**Skill:** Sometimes I need help. I am starting to understand. **Effort:** I need some help knowing what to do. I have earned the number: 2
3 Meets	**4 Exceeds**
Skill: I can do it by myself. I make little mistakes. **Effort:** On my own I did what was asked of me. I have earned the number: 3	**Skill:** I can do it without mistakes. I can help others. **Effort:** I did what was asked of me and so much more. I have earned the number: 4

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/12- First Responders vs. Staff Basketball Game 6-7:30 pm @SPE
- 3/17- Trimester 2 report cards go home
- 3/19- Parent Night in Makerspace 6 pm
- 3/20- 4th grade showcase
- 3/25- Chasing Knowledge Night 5:30-6:30 pm



STUDENT Engagement

PREK LEARNING SHOWCASE







Last week, our PreK classrooms were buzzing with excitement during our PreK Showcase! Families were invited in to see firsthand all the incredible learning happening each day. Our youngest Coyotes proudly guided their grown-ups through classroom learning centers, confidently sharing their skills and favorite activities. Students demonstrated their growing literacy skills by identifying and creating rhyming words, writing their names with pride, and reading favorite classroom texts. They also showed off their math fluency through hands-on counting activities and number games. It was wonderful to see their independence, confidence, and joy in learning on full display!

BOOMER'S BOOKWORM READING CHALLENGE

Last Friday, our students had a special visit from Boomer of the Sanford Mainers for the exciting Boomer's Bookworm Spring Reading Challenge! Boomer brought great energy as he encouraged all of our Coyotes to build strong reading habits by reading 15–20 minutes each night.

Students who complete their reading passport will earn two tickets to a Mainers game in July, what a fun way to celebrate reading! Even better, students can return their completed passport for a second chance to earn two additional tickets for their family or to attend a second game.

All reading passports must be returned by March 30th. Students who meet the challenge will receive their tickets at an upcoming school assembly. We can't wait to celebrate our readers and cheer them on both in the classroom and at the ballpark!





SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

MONTHLY THEME: PERSEVERANCE

Perseverance is pushing yourself to work through challenges & obstacles

P - PRACTICE
E - EFFORT
R - REPEAT
S - STAY POSITIVE
E - ENCOURAGEMENT
V - VOICE NEEDS
E - ERRORS ARE OKAY
R - RETRY
E - ENDURANCE

In our assembly next week we will talk about the different ways Perserverance can show up in our lives. Sometimes it looks like patience (can you wait for what you want). Sometimes it looks like asking for help. Sometimes it looks like trying again and again! We look forward to hearing from Marvin and Mrs.Holland's class as they showcase various scenarios.

TITLE 1

newsletter

MARCH
MATH AND LITERACY TIPS!

FAMILY FUN ACTIVITY

GROCERY STORE MATH (REAL OR PRETEND)

All Grades: Use grocery flyer or pantry items.

K-1:

- Letter scavenger hunt. Look for foods that start with specific letters. ex. A: apple or avocado
- Count items by category

Grade 2:

- Create lists of groceries by categories
- Add prices, estimate total costs, compare prices

Grades 3-4:

- Create a menu for a meal that includes a protein (meat/beans), vegetable, carb (potato/rice)
- Budget for your menu items.



HANNAFORD WEEKLY AD

MARKET BASKET WEEKLY AD

SHAWS WEEKLY AD

Your Title 1 Teachers
-Ms. Hally, Ms. Sclafani, Ms. Beattie, Ms. Flagg

PRIDE, CJL, AND MCS PTAS PRESENT

FIRST RESPONDERS VS. SPE, CJL, & MCS STAFF

BASKETBALL



MARCH 12TH

6-7:30 pm

AT THE SPE GYM

NO ADMISSION FEE

WEAR BLUE TO CHEER ON POLICE AND FIRE



WEAR YOUR RED OR SPARTAN GEAR TO CHEER ON TEACHERS

CONCESSION SALES SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

MCS PTA

MCS STAFF SUPPLY DRIVE



MCS Staff members need to replenish supplies! Help them out by signing up to bring in their requested items. The deadline to sign up and purchase items is 3/31/26. Please drop off at the MCS front office. Thank you for you support!

Link:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA9AA2EAAFECE9-62569673-mcsstaff

QR Code - use the camera on your phone to scan!

SANFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

MARCH PARENT SERIES

JOINUS FOR ANENGAGING 4-PARTSERIES WITHOUR FANTASTIC COMMUNITYPARTNERS,COVERINGAVARIETY OF TOPICS FOR PARENTSAND CAREGIVERS.WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND ONE OR MORE SESSIONS!

March into Spring

MARCH10 TH 2026 4PM-5PM
SANFORD PRIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A fun, **family-friendly** session all about moving, laughing, and playing together. Families will try simple movement games that work in small spaces and cold weather, then take the fun home with Family Movement Bingo card, and an April Spring Movement Calendar full of easy ideas. No pressure, just playful ways to keep everyone moving in joyful ways.

All children will receive a free book!

MaineHealth

Defusing Challenging Behaviors

MARCH 19TH 2026 6PM-7PM
MARGARET CHASE SMITH SCHOOL

What is the best way to quickly defuse your child's challenging behavior in the heat of the moment? **Parents/Caregivers** will join G.E.A.R Parent Network to learn ways to defuse behaviors.

G.E.A.R.is run by parents for parents providing services for parents of children with emotional and behavioral health concerns.

G.E.A.R PARENT NETWORK

Parent Cafe

MARCH24 TH 2026 10AM-11AM
SANFORD COMMUNITY ADULT EDUCATION

Parent/Caregivers can enjoy a cup of coffee and join an engaging, informal, and fun session where you can learn from each other and gain expert insights. Kids Free to Grow will introduce topics and prompts to spark enriching parenting conversations.

Kids Free to Grow



Mental Health Conversation

VIRTUAL MEETING

MARCH31ST 2026 7PM-8PM
ZOOM

Join us for a Mental Health Conversation **designed for parents and youth**. Together, we'll explore how to recognize early signs of mental health challenges, support someone who may be struggling, and care for your own well-being. The session highlights the intersection between mental health, substance use, screen time, and social media. Together, we can strengthen mental wellness for youth, families, and our communities.

MaineHealth

NAMI Maine

These sessions are designed for parents and caregivers, childcare is not available. Children are welcome at the March 10th and 31st events, while the other 2 events are for parents only. Please register to ensure materials are ready for in-person sessions, and to receive the Zoom link for virtual session.

SCAN ME!

Sanford Elementary School

SNEAKER DRIVE

COLLECTING THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MARCH

Doyou have gently worn or new shoes you no longer need?

Give them a second life by donating to our elementary school students for gym and recess!

Welcoming child size 10 to youth size 7

please no boots or sandals

PLEASE USE THE DROP BOXES IN EACH SANFORD ELEMENTARY MAIN OFFICE

