

COYOTE Caller

March 16, 2026



LEARNING TO KEEP OUR BODIES HEALTHY



Fourth grade students have been learning about the immune system, airborne viruses, and communicable diseases. Third graders have been exploring the human heart and learning how exercise is one of the best gifts they can give their hearts. They were also challenged to complete some exercises at home. In addition, they have been learning about the importance of good dental hygiene practices. Second grade classes have discussed the dangers of experimenting with tobacco products, while also learning about how the heart works and the importance of dental hygiene. First grade and kindergarten students have been learning about the heart, practicing good dental hygiene habits, and making healthy choices. They were also given fun at-home challenges to complete for a prize.



Mrs. Werner's 2nd grade class wrote Mrs. Hallissey persuasive pieces with reasons on why they deserved a popsicle party. They celebrated their hard work with a treat Friday afternoon.



MIGHTY COOL STUDENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/17- Trimester 2 report cards go home
- 3/19- Parent Night in Makerspace 6 pm
- 3/20- 4th grade showcase 2-00-2:30 pm
- 3/25- Chasing Knowledge Night 5:30-6:30 pm
- 3/30- GOTR begins



STUDENT Engagement



A NIGHT OF HOOPS AND SCHOOL SPIRIT

On Thursday evening, SPE gym was full of excitement as staff took on local first responders in a friendly basketball showdown. While the first responders ultimately took home the first-place trophy, the real win was the incredible school spirit in the stands. Students and families packed the gym, cheering loudly for their favorite teachers and community heroes. The staff had a great time on the court, showing teamwork and plenty of hustle. Be sure to check out the action shots of Ms. McGuckin and Mrs. Lovejoy as they hit the court and represented MCS with pride!

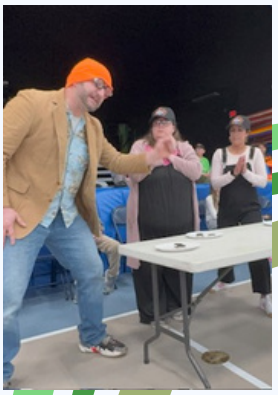






MARVIN RETURNS WITH FRIENDS TO SPOTLIGHT PERSEVERANCE

Marvin is back! This week, he brought along his friends Suzie and Penny to help students explore our school theme of perseverance. Through fun songs and activities, Marvin and his friends reminded students that challenges are easier to face when we stay determined, keep trying, and support one another. Their visit inspired everyone to keep going, even when things get tricky, and to celebrate small successes along the way.













STUDENT Engagement

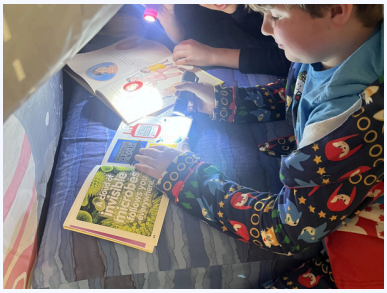


READING REWARDS AT THE COZY CAFE

This week Ms. Combs' students celebrated their hard work in achieving an incentive with a "Cozy Cafe Day"! Students who chose to participate read a minimum of 400 minutes at home , within a 6 week timeframe. Many students even chose to read further than the required 400 minutes! This incentive allowed students to attend the "Cafe" in their comfy pajamas. They earned "money" by spending time reading to themselves, reading to a peer, and making creative crafts throughout the day. They were given autonomy to spend their "money" at the CAfe on snacks and drinks of their choice.



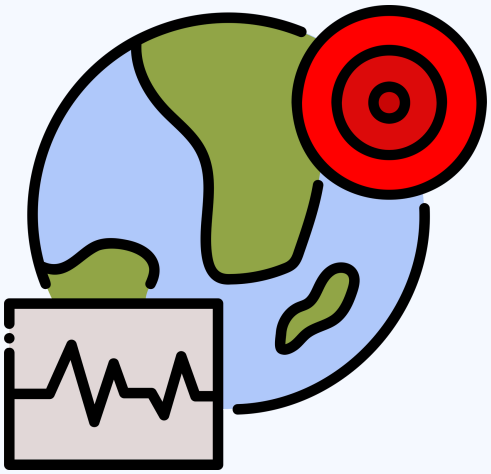


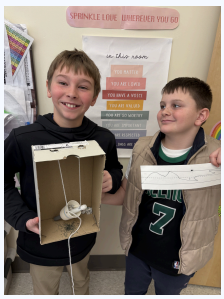


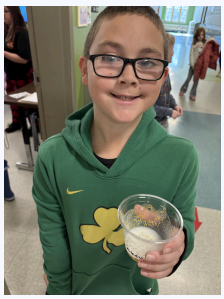


FOURTH GRADERS DIG INTO GEOLOGY!

In preparation for their Geology Showcase this Friday, MCS Fourth Graders did science stations this week! They created their own sedimentary rocks, seismographs, and did hands on experiments to further their understansing of land forms and erosion! We look forward to sharing our new knowledge with families.

















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

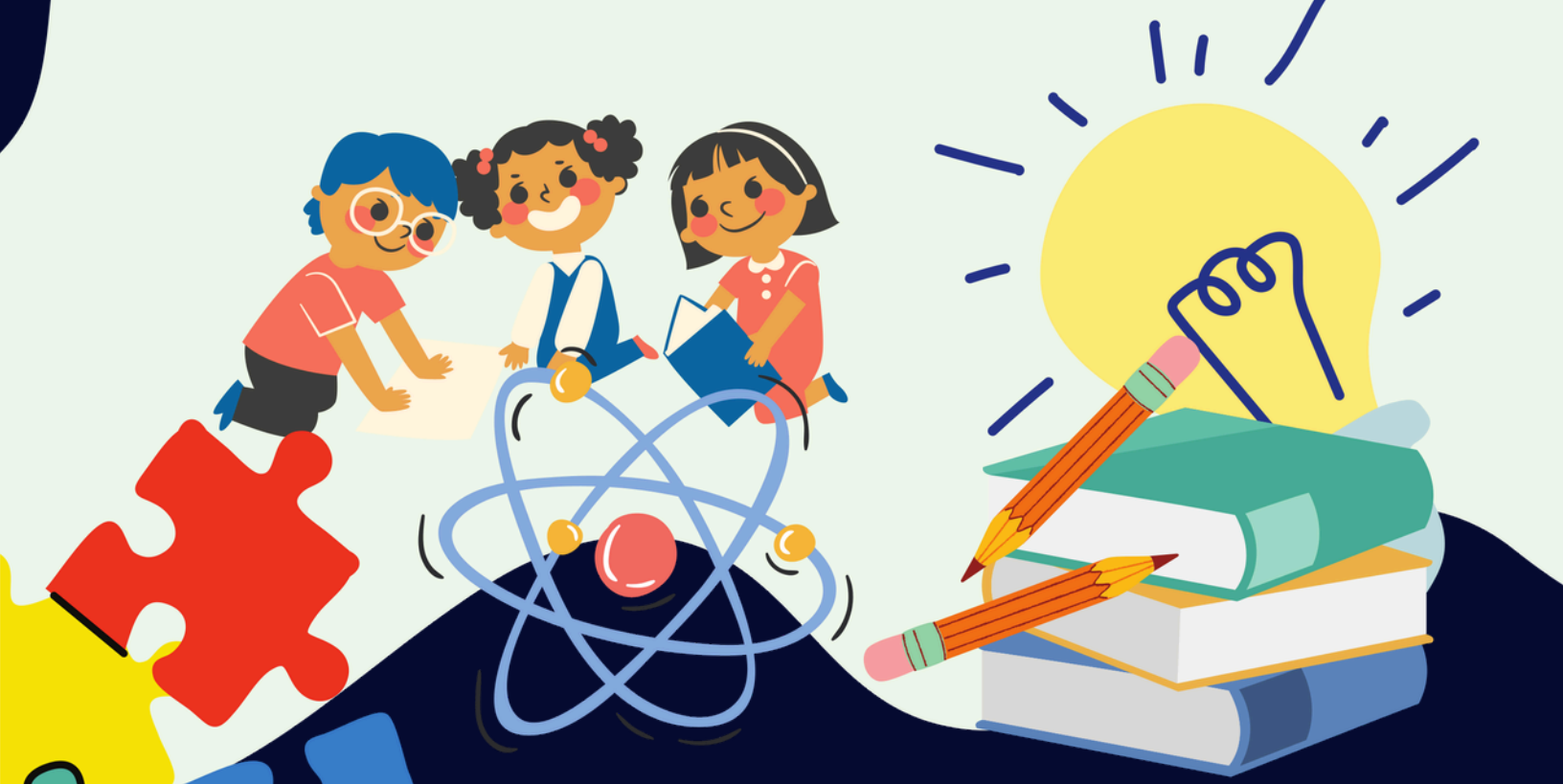
Join us for a Mental Health Conversation **designed for parents and youth**. Together, we'll explore how to recognize early signs of mental health challenges, support someone who may be struggling, and care for your own well-being. The session highlights the intersection between mental health, substance 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!



CHASING KNOWLEDGE NIGHT

MARCH 25TH 5:30-6:30 @ MCS

Join us for an evening of special read alouds, games and fun activities with your favorite MCS teachers! Get your picture taken in our photo booth and enjoy a special snack!



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

