COYOTE Caller

May 11, 2026

NWEA TESTING:

As we head into spring, our students will be participating in the upcoming NWEA assessments for the next two weeks. These assessments are an important tool that help us understand each child's growth over time and identify areas of strength as well as opportunities for support. Unlike traditional tests, NWEA measures individual progress, allowing us to tailor instruction to better meet each student's needs. We encourage families to support their children by ensuring they get a **good night's sleep**, **eat a healthy breakfast**, and **arrive at school on time** feeling confident and ready to do their best. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's learning and growth!





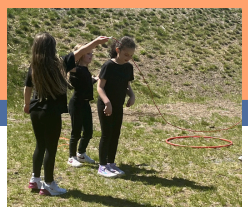
GOTR 5K:



We had a fantastic time at our GOTR practice 5K on Thursday afternoon! The girls showed incredible determination, positivity, and teamwork as they completed the course around the Fire Road. It was wonderful to see them encouraging one another, setting goals, and celebrating their accomplishments along the way. Their energy and perseverance truly reflected all the skills they've been building throughout the season. We are so proud of their effort and can't wait for the final celebration run!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 5/11-5/22: NWEA Testing grades 1-4
- 5/11: Grades 1 & 3 attend SPACE performance
- 5/11: Holland/Perkins Field Trip
- 5/12: Nygren/Talbot Field Trip
- 5/12: Goad/StClair Field Trip
- 5/12: Sheila Dube Library Presentations
- 5/14: Parnham/Grant Field trip
- 5/14: 2026-2027 Kindergarten Playground Exploration & PreK Meet and Greet 5-6 pm
- 5/15: 4th Grade Field Trip to Airport
- 5/18-5/22: Scholastic Book Fair
- 5/20: MCS Spring Family Picnic during lunches
- 5/20: 4th grade Safety City Presentation
- 5/21: Kindergarten Music Concert 5 pm
- 5/21: First Grade Music Concert 6 pm





PE UPDATE:

First, I want to extend a massive thank you to our families and the PTA for making Teacher Appreciation Week so special. Myself, and the staff felt incredibly spoiled by the love, treats, and support provided throughout the week. We also want to share the amazing results of our recent Kids Heart Challenge. Together, our school community raised $1,004.02 to support the American Heart Association. These funds help children who are born with critical heart defects, and we are so proud of our students' dedication to this cause.

It is such a joy to finally head outdoors and embrace this beautiful spring season. Our students have been staying active with an array of equipment, including frisbees, scoops, jump ropes, and hula hoops, alongside spirited games of soccer and touch football. While our older grades have been mastering the strategy of "Capture the Flag," our younger learners celebrated "May the 4th" with some themed tag games. We are also continuing our focus on fitness through warm-ups and dedicated stations designed to enhance upper body strength and cardiovascular endurance. We truly look forward to more outdoor play and learning together.

In the upcoming weeks, we will be conducting our final pacer test of the year! I am also eagerly anticipating our Field Day on Jun 12, 2026. Lastly, I want to wish a wonderful Mother'S Day weekend to all of our incredible MCS mothers and caregivers!---Mrs. Tibbetts



























VARIETY SHOW:

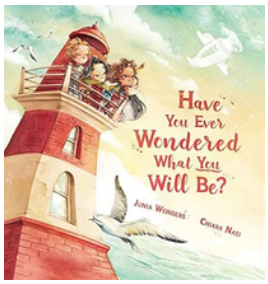
Last Thursday evening, our MCS Variety Show was an incredible celebration of student talent, courage, and creativity! Over 40 third and fourth grade students took to the stage and wowed the audience with an amazing mix of dancing, singing, gymnastics, comedy sketches, and even clogging performances. Students spent weeks preparing, practicing, and encouraging one another, and their hard work truly shined throughout the night. We are so proud of every performer for stepping outside their comfort zone and sharing their unique talents with our school community. A huge thank you to our staff, families, and volunteers who helped make this memorable evening such a success!





SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

HELPING STUDENTS THINK AHEAD:



Students in second and first grade were encouraged to think about their future, including what jobs/professions they might like to explore. We talked about how many careers we saw during our wellness day and which programs students might be interested in when they get to Sanford High School. We read a book to help explore setting goals and different jobs. Then each student picked 1 (or two!) ideas they had for what job they would want in the future. Thinking ahead even in elementary school can help students become invested in their education at an early age.
Fourth and Third Grade both had a presentation from FAME this month, The Financial Authority of Maine, to think about saving money and career planning. Fourth grade will make their annual trip to the Sanford Airport to explore aviation career options later this week.

THEMES OF THE MONTH:

Creativity:

One way to think about Creativity is "using your imagination to create something new or solve a problem." Opportunities to be Creative are all around us!

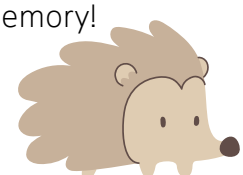
Try at home: This challenge is about creating something new together! Find a large cardboard box and unleash your Creativity as you work together to create something totally new. What can the box become? Perhaps it will be a spaceship, an ice cream shop, a fairy castle, or a race car. Use any craft supplies or scraps on hand and your imagination to turn an ordinary box into a new creation!

Courage:

Choosing what is helpful, right, and kind even when it is hard or scary.

Try at home: Reflect, think, and discuss with your student things you both would like to do, but find intimidating or scary. Maybe it's a new hobby, trying a new game, sharing your art or invention with others, or going on an adventure somewhere. Give 1 of these things a try together and take a selfie to capture the memory!





HAVE A 4TH GRADER?

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE 4TH TO 5TH GRADE TRANSITION NIGHT ON MAY 19TH 5:30-6:30 PM. TO HELP WITH THE TRANSITION, THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR PRESENTS AT EACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. WE HAVE ALSO PLANNED A STEP UP DAY TO VISIT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH A TOUR FROM CURRENT STUDENTS ON JUNE 4TH.



TITLE 1 newsletter



MAY



FAMILY FUN ACTIVITY

TAKE A LEARNING WALK

Supplies: Notebook/paper and pencil or chalk

All Grades: Go outside and observe nature. Notice the different plants, animals, and or bugs in your yard or community. Take notes about what you see. You can create drawings, graphs, charts, and stories about what you observe.

Here are some ideas to guide your exploration:

- **How many flowers do you see? Draw and label them.**
- **Measure: flowers, length of a garden etc.(use your feet/hand)**
- **Write a poem or story about what you see.**
- **Create math story problems about nature. (ex. There were 10 birds in the tree, 6 flew away. How many are left in the tree?)**
- **Bring your journal or notes to school at the end of the month to share with other students and teachers.**



Buzzing insects
Under rocks, hiding
Good for flowers
Signs of spring



Your Title 1 Teachers

-Ms. Hally, Ms. Sclafani, Ms. Beattie, Ms. Flagg

MCS Spring Picnic



MAY 20, 2026 OUTSIDE THE GYM/CAFE

4TH GRADE: 11:00 AM

3RD GRADE: 11:30 AM

2ND GRADE: 12:00 PM

KINDERGARTEN: 12:30 PM

1ST GRADE: 1:00 PM

Gather your loved ones for a delightful picnic filled with the beauty of the great outdoors. Bring a bagged lunch (please no fast food), blanket or chair and sunglasses.







INSECT CELEBRATION

COME CHECK OUT OUR INSECT STORIES AND INSECT MODELS

FRIDAY, MAY 29TH AT 11:00 A.M.
2ND GRADE CLASSROOMS







MCS Creativity & Courage Bingo

PRACTICE USING YOUR CREATIVITY AND COURAGE!

WHEN DONE BRING TO MRS. OWEN'S OFFICE TO COLLECT A PRIZE!

Ask a thoughtful question on a field trip	Tell your parents something you love about them	Do your best and have fun at field day	Try a new outdoor activity	Do a craft and share with a friend
Draw a picture to give to someone	Give a genuine apology	Show off your artwork to family member	Participate in your grade level concert at night	Invite a friend to play a game at recess
Work hard on an end of year test	Sing proudly at your concert rehearsal	Try something new not listed here	Create a new game to play at recess	Raise your hand to answer a question
Tell your friend something you like about them	Start the quiet coyote signal for your class	Come to the Ice Cream Social	Ask someone for help	Make up a not-so-secret handshake with a friend
Sit by a different friend at lunch	Practice a calm down skill	Dance to music	Raise your hand to answer a difficult question in class	Walk away from a peer conflict

MCS Presents:

SPRING CONCERTS & ART SHOW

K - May 21 - 5:00 pm

1 - May 21 - 6:00 pm

2 - May 26 - 5:00 pm

3 - May 26 - 6:00 pm

4 - May 27 - 5:00 pm

ART SHOW - open at 4:30

See you there!