

COYOTE Caller

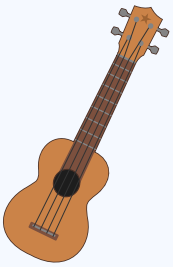
January 26, 2026

COLD OUTSIDE, FULL OF MUSIC INSIDE:



It may be cold and quiet outside, but the halls at MCS are alive with the sound of music. PreK students have been learning new songs and movements. One of our favorite activities is singing secret shapes! Kindergarten students have been learning new notes and rests as they begin to explore the beginnings of music literacy. 1st grade students have been remembering their notes and rests and have been exploring circle dances. 2nd grade has dived into pitch exploration. Using solfege syllables (like do-re-mi), students have been doing some aural training thorough fun, pitch-centered games. Our third graders have started their ukulele unit and are working on learning their first chord--C Major; meanwhile, our 4th grade students are composing their own 4-beat songs using rhythms, pitch, and some optional extras (like lyrics, tempo, and dynamics). Our songs will be on display in the hallways of MCS starting in February.









UPCOMING EVENTS:

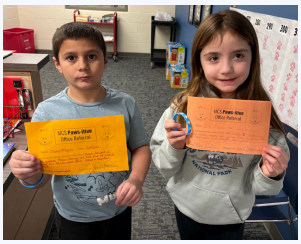
- 1/30-Color the School with Kindness
- 2/3- PTA meeting 6pm (Zoom)
- 2/3- School Counseling Week
- 2/6- Valentine's Dance 6 pm & 7pm
- 2/10- Weather at Your School
- 2/11- 4th grade NAEP testing
- 2/12- Author Frank Cole Visits 4th grade
- 2/16-2/20- February Break (No School)

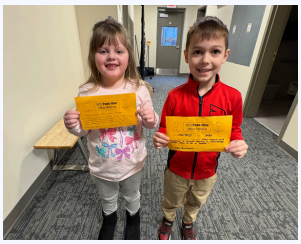




STUDENT Engagement

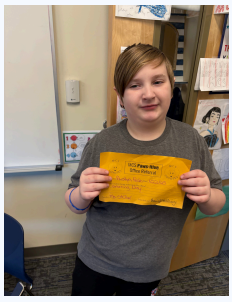




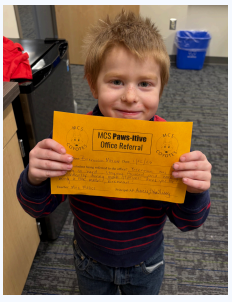


PAWSITIVE OFFICE REFERRALS

Our students have been working hard to earn Pawsitive Office Referrals and we are excited to share that they have already collected over 500 pawprints! Each time students earn 100 pawprints, Chase “grows” with a new outfit added to our school wall, making their positive choices visible and fun to celebrate. In addition, students have been focused on filling Chase’s bucket with drip stickers whenever they demonstrate kindness in the hallways, cafeteria, or while traveling to and from their buses. Each moment is paired with feedback about the importance of being bucket fillers, not bucket dippers, helping to build our school culture with respect, kindness, and positivity.







KINDERGARTEN SHOWCASE HIGHLIGHTS LEARNING AND GROWTH

On Friday, our kindergarten students proudly participated in their first classroom showcase, sharing samples of their work and celebrating all they have learned in their Animals and Habitats unit. Families and staff had the opportunity to see students explain new vocabulary, discuss animal needs, and highlight the different center choices they have been exploring. Students confidently shared their thinking, demonstrating both academic growth and excitement for learning. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their hard work and the curiosity they bring to the classroom each day.













COLOR THE SCHOOL WITH KINDNESS

January 30th, 2026

Each grade level wears a different color to represent how kindness comes in many forms!

PREK=PURPLE

K=YELLOW/ORANGE

1=BLACK

2=GREEN

3=BLUE

4=RED

MCS ELEMENTARY

SANFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

FREE FREE

APPLY TODAY!

PRE-K PROGRAMS

Offering a Full-Day Program

Childrenparticipate inageappropriate learning experiencesthatpromote school readiness and support holistic development.
Our programs focus on reading and math skills, creativity, health and nutrition, and social-emotional development.

Sanford School Department

No IncomeEligibilityRequirements



Monday – Friday
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
◊
Carl J. Lamb
Margaret Chase Smith
Sanford Pride Elementary
SHS/SRTC

Sanford/Springvale YMCA
Kids Kove Childcare



There are NO COSTS for any of these programs!
FREE BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND TRANSPORTATION
Sanford/Springvale YMCA and Kids Kove offer before & after school care for an additional coast
Accepting applications for the Pre-K lottery now and must be completed and submitted by Friday, February 13, 2026

Here is the Pre-K lottery registration form: https://tinyurl.com/5f665u28

You can also scan the QR code below to access the link

If you need assistance completing this form or need more information, call (207) 324-2810.

HIKE THE KINDERGARTEN TRAIL

SANFORDSCHOOL DEPARTMENTINVITESYOUANDYOURLITTLE EXPLORERTOCHECK OUT ALLTHE“STOPS”ALONGTHEKINDERGARTEN TRAIL!

1.

FIRST STOP

Community Wide K Registration Night

March 4, 2026, 3:30PM-6:00PM

Sanford Pride Elementary 708 Main Street Sanford ME



2.

SECOND STOP

Kindergarten Exploration

at your child’s elementary school

April 9, 2026, 5PM-6PM

3.

THIRD STOP

Playground Exploration

at your child’s elementary school

May 14, 2026, 5PM-6PM

LEARN MORE

Scan Me!

4.



FOURTH STOP

Kindergarten Screening

BY APPOINTMENT

at your child’s elementary school

5.

FIFTH STOP

Summer Play & Learn Series

A 3-session series August 4th, 11th, and 18th

8:00AM-9:30AM

at your child’s elementary school

6.

SIXTH STOP

School Open House

at your child’s elementary school

August 27, 2026 5PM-6PM

FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN!

First10 Sanford

Sanford Spartans