

COYOTE Caller

March 2, 2026

AUTHOR VISIT INSPIRES FUTURE WRITERS

The school library has been a hub of excitement and learning over the past few weeks! We recently had the pleasure of hosting Frank Cole, author of The Legend of the Last Library, one of this year's Maine Student Book Award nominees. Frank met with our 4th graders to discuss his book and the writing process, sparking a lot of curiosity and inspiration.

Our 4th graders are also continuing to participate in the Maine Student Book Award challenge, eagerly reading through the nominated books. Meanwhile, students in all grades have enjoyed listening to the ten nominees for the Chickadee Award, and everyone will have the chance to vote for their favorite in the coming weeks.

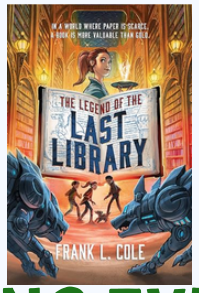
In celebration of Black History Month, 2nd through 4th graders learned about influential figures such as motorcycle queen Bessie Stringfield, 1936 National Spelling Bee competitor MacNolia Cox, and painter Alma Thomas. These stories led to engaging conversations and new discoveries.

Kindergarten and first-grade students participated in author studies of Drew Daywalt and Ben Clanton. They loved getting to know the authors' books and are excited to check them out and read more. Our youngest library users, the PreK students, will be heading to the library soon so they can learn the routines of checking out books. They will choose books to enjoy in their classrooms, beginning a journey of lifelong reading.











MIGHTY COOL STUDENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/2- Social Worker Appreciation Week
- 3/4- Kindergarten Registration Night 3-6 pm
- 3/4- 4th Grade Chorus Spring Sing 6pm
- 3/6- Wear Pink/Purple for Perseverance
- 3/6- FAME presentations (3rd/4th grade)
- 3/6- Perseverance Assembly 2:05 pm

STUDENT Engagement

DANCE CLUB DAZZLES ON STAGE



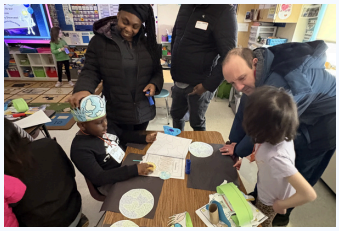
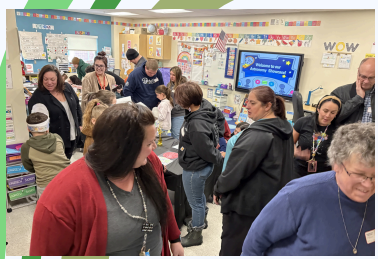


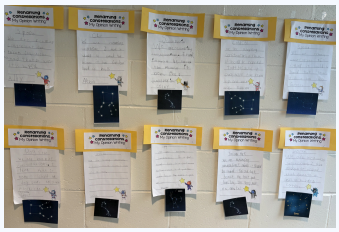
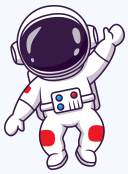
Our 1st and 2nd Grade Dance Club is hard at work practicing their new moves as they prepare for their performance in early April! Each week, students are building confidence, learning choreography, and showing incredible teamwork as they support one another. We can't wait for families to see their energy, rhythm, and Coyote spirit shine on stage!

OUT OF THIS WORLD: FIRST GRADE SPACE SHOWCASE

Our first grade students proudly welcomed families for a special Learning Showcase to celebrate their knowledge from the CKLA Space unit on Wednesday. Students confidently explained key vocabulary, facts, and concepts they've been studying showing impressive growth in both reading comprehension and content knowledge. From detailed writing pieces to creative projects, families were able to see just how much their young astronomers have learned. We are so proud of our first graders for shining bright and sharing their learning with such excitement and confidence. It was truly an out-of-this-world afternoon!




PAINT MCS PINK & PURPLE FOR PERSEVERANCE



FRIDAY, MARCH 6 2026

Sponsored by Den Ambassadors

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!

School Social Work Association of America

Unite to Ignite

Happy

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK

MARCH 1-7, 2026



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

