



ST. GEORGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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March 26, 2009

Dates to Remember

- March 26: 6:00PM meeting for players and parents, St. George School baseball and softball teams.
- March 27: Dance for 6,7,8 graders at Watts Hall, 7-9PM sponsored by 9th grade Trekkers
- April 3: Kindergarten Registration for the 2009-2010 school year. Call for an appointment. **There will be no regular kindergarten class on April 3rd due to registration.**
- April 3: Spaghetti Supper, St. George Town Office, 5-7PM. \$5/person, \$20/family cap. Benefits 10th grade Trekkers.
- April 4: Guitar Hero 3 Tournament, St. George School 10:00-2:00.
- April 4: Spaghetti Supper, 5-7PM, Thomaston Masonic Hall, to benefit GVHS Project Graduation

GVHS Presents *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

Shows will take place at 7:00PM on March 26th, 27th and 28th, and a 2:00 matinee performance will take place on Saturday, March 21st and March 28th. Tickets are now on sale and may be reserved by calling 354-6351 or purchased at the door.

MLTI Computer Crackdown!

Social networking on school computers is not allowed. If your child is allowed to have a FaceBook or MySpace or to communicate with friends via Instant Messenger or Meebo or other site, he or she should use a home computer and definitely not sign up using their school First-Class email accounts. Their Internet histories and their emails are not private on those computers and are now being checked regularly to make sure that students are using their machines for the educational purposes intended.

We understand the allure of the mass communication available online these days, but we encourage you to check the policies before you allow your child to sign up for a FaceBook or MySpace. There are age requirements that are generally older than your middle-schoolers are. They must lie about their birthdates to set one up.

Also, please know that we are using some of the new "cool" technologies in our classrooms for educational reasons. We have set up blogs and private chats to use in class, and are providing plenty of opportunity for students to experiment with the technologies in a safe and educational setting. The other factor to be aware of is that students must sign out their laptops for an intended reason (i.e. homework), not simply to take home for entertainment reasons. Parents can support us by asking about those intended reasons and making sure that students are doing that work.

Bike Safety for 4th and 5th Graders

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine will be presenting their bicycle Safety Education Program to 4th and 5th grade students at the St. George School on April 2, 2009. The program encourages bicycling and walking as modes of healthy transportation. Students will learn about how to make bicycling a fun and safe activity. Highlights of the presentation will include:

- Helmet use and proper fit
- Dressing for safety
- How to check your bike
- Rules of the road

Funding for this program was made possible through the Maine Department of Transportation.

2009-2010 Kindergarten Registration

Registration for next year's St. George School kindergarten class will take place on Friday, April 3rd. If you have a child who will turn 5 years old on or before October 15, 2009, you may call the school to make an appointment for registration.

GVHS Project Graduation Spaghetti Dinner

The GVHS senior class will dish up a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 4, from 5 to 7 PM, with the help of the Thomaston Masons at the Masonic Hall on Rte. 1. Tickets are being sold by GVHS seniors and will be available at the door for \$7, with a \$25 family cap.

8th Grade Class Trip

In case you haven't heard, our 8th graders will be traveling to New York City, from May 15th through May 17th.

Camp Kieve Information

Our 8th graders are scheduled to be at Camp Kieve, in Nobleboro, from May 18th through May 22nd. Several 8th grade students have indicated that they will not be attending Camp Kieve this year. Parents need to know that scholarships are available for anyone who needs one, and that our school strongly supports the curriculum at the camp. We cannot duplicate the confidence and leadership-building exercises at Kieve here in the classrooms. In addition to those skills, students get a chance to make new friends and bond with the Thomaston Grammar School students with whom they will be freshmen in a few weeks. Students who do not attend Camp Kieve are expected to come to school that week and to complete alternative work.

First Grade Science!

Ms. Thompson's class is learning that *all things* are made up of matter in the form of solids, liquids or gasses. We have been testing various solids for two weeks. Some of the properties of solids that we have been testing are: shape, color, rolling, stacking, floating, sinking, hardness, magnetic and non-magnetic. Soon we will be moving on to liquids (we are very excited about that)!

Integrated Unit

The 6-8th graders are completing projects for an integrated unit called Exploration and Discovery. In sixth grade we are currently studying the Grand Canyon and its early explorer John Wesley Powell. Students are creating graphic novels to explain how the Grand Canyon formed and the processes that continue to shape it today. The seventh graders are investigating Antarctica and the adventures of Sir Ernest Shackleton. Their comments will be available on an interactive web-site called Voicethread.

The eighth graders are studying Albert Einstein and the Nuclear Age. They are showing off what they know by writing essays and public speaking. The second phase of this unit will allow students some free choice of important discoveries to research. Look forward to an invitation to view their projects sometime in April. For a closer look at our unit to date, visit our web pages (scroll down to "Exploration and Discovery")

<http://fc.msad50.org/%7Eaengland/integrationhome.html>

Jump Rope for Heart

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this years Jump Rope for Heart last Friday. Thirty-four St. George School students raised \$1019! This amount will be added to this Friday's Hoops for Heart event for a total donation to the American Heart Association. We hope to raise \$1750 all together.

The Jump for Heart top fundraiser this year was [*] with \$110.00! We had many prizes donated from local merchants. Each participant who raised \$30 or more received a coupon for a personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut, Hoggys' donated a coupon for a large pizza-won by [*], the PTG donated many logo items too. Those winners were [*]. Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's event.

[*see printed edition for names]

St. George Recreation Department News

Little League baseball and softball sign-ups will be held on Thursday, March 26th from 5:00-5:30pm at the St. George School. All returning players from the 2008 teams as well as new players must sign-up for the 2009 season. Eligible candidates for baseball must have been born on, or between May 1, 1996 and April 30, 2000. Eligible candidates for softball must have been born on, or between January 1, 1996 and December 31, 1999. Ages can be checked at www.littleleague.org.

Try-outs will be held on Saturday, March 28th at the St. George School. Softball try-outs will be held from 9:00-10:30am, baseball try-outs from 10:30-12:00 noon. Please come prepared to participate indoors, or outside (loose clothing, sneakers, plastic cleats, glove, hat, etc.). If you cannot make it to the sign-ups or the try-outs, you'll need to contact Wayne Judkins (St. George Parks & Recreation Director) immediately at 372-6363 x 203 or email prksrec@stgeorgemaine.com

Congratulations to all who participated in our Mussel Ridge Hoops Tournament last weekend. Both our boys and girl's teams were one game away from the championship games! Great job kids! Many thanks to those who helped out.

Studying African Dwarf Frogs in Fourth Grade

By [student name available in print edition]

In science, we are studying African Dwarf Frogs in our classroom. There are five groups of frogs. We feed them, observe them, and study them. All of our frogs have their own names!

We can't release African Dwarf Frogs in Maine because they aren't a species that can live in Maine. We will have to take them home and take care of them as pets.

Do you know that African Dwarf Frogs are very small? They are brown with small spots on them. They are really fast hoppers! They live in the water but they can also bob up to the top and breathe air.

We are all having a lot of fun studying frogs! But the best part of all will be to bring them home as a pet of our own!

6th and 8th Grade Spinal Screening

Maine state law requires schools to perform Spinal Screening on girls in 6th grade and boys and girls in 8th grade to find children with possible spinal curvatures. In compliance with this law our school nurse, Ms. Miller, will be performing this screening on Tuesday April 7th in Phys. Ed. classes. Informational letters have been given to the students this week. If your child's doctor performs this screening or if you would prefer your child is not screened please return the bottom portion of this letter before April 7th. **If you would like your child screened do not return the signed letter.** Any questions may be directed to Ms. Miller or Ms. Worthing.



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Guitar Hero 3 Tournament

Come to the St. George School on Saturday, April 4 from 10:00-2:00 for this first ever event! Choose to play Easy, Medium, Hard or Expert level. The \$10.00 registration fee includes 1 slice of pizza and a soda for lunch. Win a cash prize at any level! Other food and drink will be sold. The event is sponsored by the 10th grade Trekkers group.

Pre-register by buying tickets at Pen Bay Glass on the Rockland/Thomaston Line, the Trekkers office, from Chris Mudgett at St. George School or at Thomaston Grammar School. Tickets MAY be available at the door if not sold out. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Connections Presents Girls' Night Out

Knox County and Lincolnville girls in grades 3, 4, and 5 and their moms, step-moms, aunts or other significant women in the girls' lives are invited to attend the upcoming Girls' Night Out program.

The sessions will be held at the Pen Bay YMCA on the following dates:

Wednesdays: April 1, @ 6:00 pm
April 8 @ 6:00 pm
April 15 @ 6:00 pm

The focus of the popular program, led by Hank Lunn and Nancy Laite, is to have fun while enhancing the bonds between girls and moms and provide information about issues such as not using tobacco or other substances, anti-bullying, increase physical activity, and good nutrition. Each evening starts with a "Getting to Know You" activity, followed by a light healthy meal and a short discussion on making healthy choices. The remainder of the evening will be spent playing games and activities that girls and women can participate in equally.

Funding for the program is in collaboration with the Knox County Community Health Coalition (A Healthy Maine Partnership) and the Pen Bay YMCA. The series is FREE! But you must register to participate. *It is strongly encouraged that participants attend ALL three sessions.*

Enrollment is limited. Sign-up today! To register, contact

**Connie Putnam at 594-5440, ext. 1 or c-
putnam@myfairpoint.net**

Messy Art for Kids!

Splatter Kids, a messy art studio for kids in the Lincoln Street Center, will be celebrating our One Year Anniversary on Saturday, March 28, 12-2 pm. The event is free to all who come as a thanks to those families who have been doing art with Splatter Kids since we opened in March of 2008, and as an introduction for families new to kid-friendly messy-art. There will be painting, clay work, beading, papermache building, goops, collage, spray wall and more. Splatter Kids will be offering discounts on their punchcard passes and giving away door prizes. Splatter Kids Art Studio is located in the Lincoln Street Center for the Arts in Education, on Lincoln Street in Rockland. FMI call Sarah 975-3052 or Chloe 542-9162.