



ST. GEORGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

- May 1: Public Supper and Silent Auction, 5:00PM, Thomaston Masonic Lodge, see below
- May 1: Dance for 6th, 7th, 8th graders, 7-9PM, Watts Hall, sponsored by 10th grade Trekkers, \$5
- May 2: Pancake Breakfast, 7-9AM, St. George Town Building, to raise funds for St. George Days events.
- May 2: St. George roadside clean-up, see below.
- May 2: Broadway Blast dinner theater at GVHS, buffet dinner served 5:30, show follows. FMI and tickets, call 354-6351.
- May 6: 8th grade parent meeting, 7:00PM, to review class trip plans.
- May 9: 8th grade Trekkers Supper and Auction, Rockland American Legion, 5:30 supper, 7:00 auction
- May 14: Early dismissal

Last Day of School

Friday, June 19th has been designated as the last day of school. St. George School will dismiss at 11:50, 3 hours earlier than our regular dismissal time. Bag lunches will be available.

Reminder to Parents of Juniors at GVHS

There will be a very important parent/student college planning session next Wednesday evening, May 6th, from 6:30 to 8:30, at GVHS. No matter where the student or the parent is in this process, this evening event will help organize and move things along. Juniors and their parents are strongly urged to attend, if further education is on the radar screen.

Yankee Candle Orders

The candles are in! Parents may pick up the Yankee Candle orders this Friday, May 1st, from 2:45 until 4:00 in room 8, across the hall from the office. There will be another opportunity to pick up orders on Monday, May 4th, same time and same place.

Public Supper and Silent Auction

The Thomaston Masonic Lodge will be the site of a public supper and silent auction this Friday, May 1st. The event will begin at 5:00, and the cost will be \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children up to 12 years of age. Spaghetti, chili, lasagna, shepard's pie and more will be on the menu. Contributors to the auction include Athen's Pizza, Brass Compass Café, Corson's Auto Supply, Mr. Tire, Moody's Diner, Personal Book Shop, Thomaston Grocery and more. This event is a fund raiser for GVHS student Katlyn Malo's People to People trip to Eastern Europe.

ACES and PACES

The students and staff at the St. George School will again be participating in ACES Day. ACES stands for **All Children Exercise Simultaneously and is an international celebration of fitness and unity, showing the world the importance of an active lifestyle. This year's celebration will be on Wednesday May 6th from 10-10:45 and will include a variety of fun activities. To join the fun or lead an exercise contact Ms. Worthing at the school.**

In addition this year I would like to encourage families to join PACES, **Parents And Children Exercise Simultaneously. This program promotes family time through exercise. As you may know the obesity epidemic facing the youth of today is staggering. Type 2 diabetes is on the rise, along with high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and physical inactivity...all related to this health concern. When you participate in PACES Day, your family promises to exercise together for a short while every weekend. The PACES Day website has many suggestions on what your family can do to participate in the program, like a family walk, a day hike, bike rides and walking to school together. Visit the website, www.pacesday.com and register your family today.**

St. George Roadside Clean-up

St. George roadside clean-up will take place on Saturday, May 2nd. Meet at the St. George Town building between 7:30 and 8:30AM to get your trash bags and road assignment. For St. George residents, dumping fees will be waived on May 2nd.

Mid-Level Museum Exploration and Discovery Event!

The projects created by 6th-8th graders for the integrated unit on ***Exploration and Discovery*** will be on display in the middle-level wing of the St. George School on **Thursday, May 7th from 1:30-2:45 P.M. and on Friday, May 8th from 8:30-10:00 A.M.** Please feel free to come in and browse anytime during those hours. We look forward to seeing you then!

K-2 Fieldtrip

The K-2 students had a delightful fieldtrip to Portland on the day before April vacation. We attended a musical performance based on the adventures of Junie B. Jones. The event was held at the historic and beautiful Merrill Auditorium. In preparation for the trip, we read the 4 books that the play highlighted. It was quite an experience to see the characters we've been reading about come to life. On our return trip, we had lunch at McDonald's in Brunswick. It was a great way to kick off April Break and we were very proud of the St. George students. Once again, they demonstrated respectful behavior at the musical and at the restaurant. Kudos to all the students.

Third and Fourth Graders Perform

On May 21st the 3rd and 4th grade will each be putting on a play tied to their studies of the United States. The 4th grade play is based on the regions of the U.S. and the 3rd grade play is based on famous Americans of the 20th Century. These plays will be performed for the entire school, families, and community members in the afternoon. The fifth grade band will also be performing during intermission!

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with costumes, set designs and/or props. If you are interested, please let Mrs. Miller or Miss Sally know. We hope to see you at our performances! It's going to be a really good show!

Band Notes

The St. George Middle Level Band and the 5th grade Beginning Band will be VERY busy from now until the end of school. Please note the dates of the up-coming concerts for both groups.

Monday, May 25th ~ Middle Level Band ~ Tenants Harbor Memorial Day ~ 8:30AM

Monday, June 1st ~ Middle Level Band ~ Fine Arts Festival ~ 6:30PM

Monday, June 8th ~ 5th Grade Beginning Band ~ Outdoor Concert ~ 6:00PM ...(in the event of rain, the concert will be moved to the gym).

May is Physical Fitness and Sport Month

“Healthy, physically active kids learn and feel better!”

That is the key message the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) wants to express in honor of May: National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. NASPE also states that School Physical Education is the cornerstone to developing an active lifestyle. Physical Education can help students to be more active, more fit, and achieve better academically.

At school students in grades 4-8 will be participating in our yearly Physical Fitness test. Students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be involved in fitness games and some practice testing activities. The students and staff began the month long activities by participated in ACES on Wednesday May 6th. There will also be several opportunities for some students to stay after school and participate in more activities.

Join in the celebration all month by being active with your child. Take a family walk, bike ride or hike. Work in the yard together gardening or raking leaves, any activity your family enjoys. Check out the attached calendar of daily “do at home” activities.

Puppet Play in Camden

On Sunday, May 3rd, the Crabgrass Puppet Theater will perform “The Last Dragon on Earth”, a timeless tale of tolerance and compassion. The show will be held in the Camden Opera House and will begin at 1:00PM. Tickets are on sale now at Planet Toys and Rock City Books and Coffee, in Rockland. In Camden, tickets are available at Sherman’s Bookstore and Wild Rufus. Advance ticket purchase prices are \$7.00/adult and \$6.00/child. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door, \$8.00/adult and \$7.00/child. This event is presented by the Coastal Children’s Museum.

RSU 13 2009-2010 BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are at 6:00 p.m.

May 12, Tuesday: Board approves proposed budget, Signs District Budget Meeting and Budget Validation Referendum warrants: McLain

May 21, Thursday: Budget Informational Meeting: GVHS

May 26, Tuesday: Budget Informational Meeting: Rockland City Hall

Last day to post District Budget Meeting warrants in 6 municipalities

May 27, Wednesday: Budget Informational Meeting: St. George School

June 2, Tuesday: District Budget Meeting vote on proposed budget: RDHS Auditorium

St. George Recreation Department News Wayne Judkins

Tee-ball (ages 5-8) will meet at the big ball field on Monday, May 4th at 5:30pm for registration and team selections. Depending on the number of kids playing, coaches may still be needed for all to participate. Any adults interested in possibly coaching a Tee-Ball team should contact the Parks & Rec. Director at 372-6363 ext. 203 or email a letter of interest to prksrec@stgeorgemaine.com