WE MIGHT BE AT HOME ~ A POEM
WRITTEN BY JULIA ANDERSON

We might be at home,
But we will come back together,
We might be at home,
But we can still find ways to communicate,
We might be at home,
But we are still a community,
We might be at home,
But we are in each other’s hearts,
We may be at home,
But we can still think of each other,
We might be at home,
But that’s okay.

YOU ARE ALL MISSED! THE BUILDING IS QUIET AND EMPTY WITHOUT YOU!
Hello from Ms. Donna! I miss you!
Here are some pictures of the building!
Do any of you remember where the dolphin image is located at school?

THANK YOU BROWNIE TROOP 598

Last Fall, Brownie Troop 598 (3rd graders at OAES) planted these daffodils around the flag pole as a tribute to 200 years of Women's Suffrage. Lots of staff helped the girls (Ms. Girsch, Ms. Donna, Ms. Crowley), and, unfortunately, we cannot all enjoy them in person or take a troop picture with them, so third grade OAES student Gigi wanted to pass along what they look like for everyone to enjoy.

Thank You Brownie Troop 598 for planting these seeds of beauty at Ocean Avenue School!
HELPFUL VIDEOS AND NEWS FROM SOME OF OUR VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS

HARD AT WORK IN FIRST GRADE!

One of our BEACH students, and first grader in Mrs. O'Shea's class, Ethan Jamir, is looking very studious working on his Geometry skills!!

Way to go Ethan! Keep up the great work!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is OPEN! Even though school is closed, we encourage you to register your child online to start the process. CLICK HERE to register online.

For questions regarding online registration, please contact Janice Caminiti at caminj@portlandschools.org or Melissa West at westme@portlandschools.org.
Another first grader in Mrs. O'Shea's class, Cam Nguyen, is working hard on his science and technology skills. [CLICK HERE](#) to view Cam's video!

Amazing work, Cam! What an impressive LEGO Robotics project!

And, finally, below is another first grade student's work from Mrs. O'Shea's class, on how to make a toothbrush. Great ideas!

*Keep up the great work, first graders!*

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**THIRD GRADE POETRY**

Third grade is about to embark on a special poetry project. The end result will be a video anthology of sorts with works of favorite poems, written by third graders or other published authors. Each video segment will be connected in some fashion.
FOURTH GRADE SCIENCE

As fourth grade starts its final science experiments of the year, we encourage you to get outside and ask:

"Why is this plant/animal like that?"

We are observing biomes. We are exploring the physical and behavioral adaptations that are found in biomes in order to experiment with blending two animals together. This creative science unit is full of life, and we hope you can get outside and start wondering why plants and animals do what they do.

ART ROOM NEWS

It's origami week! Origami is the art of folding paper, and students across Portland are exploring the ways they can create animals and objects using paper.

Check out the different things we can make on Ms. O'Connor's Google site:

- [https://sites.google.com/portlandschools.org/oconnor/home](https://sites.google.com/portalschools.org/oconnor/home);
- or click directly [here](https://sites.google.com/portalschools.org/oconnor/home);

FIFTH GRADE PROMOTION VIDEO ~ IN THE WORKS!

The fifth grade teaching team is hard at work with the help of Mrs. Sumner, Mrs. Platt, and Ms. Donna to create a memorable promotion video for our amazing fifth graders. We hope to have our video ready for viewing in mid-June.

LIBRARY NEWS
Before we left school and went to remote learning in mid-March, we were in mid-production of a library *Works Cited* video example.

Ocean Avenue fifth grade students, Mae and Hana, persevered and took the initiative to collaborate virtually and complete our video from home using Flipgrid, Google Docs and their research skills.

Way to be resilient and finish a product that can be used to teach students about citing sources in the future!

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**Math Online Resources ~**

**Thank You Mrs. Nogar!**

- **Youcubed at Home:**
  
  [https://www.youcubed.org/resource/youcubed-at-home/](https://www.youcubed.org/resource/youcubed-at-home/)

- **IM Talking Math- Discussion prompts to enjoy with the family. Links for enrichment activities:**
  
  [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1R0ob2DEuh2QRYAGKECMzbTnoswr3bbM_B6Dp_AHkoNg/edit#slide=id.g71c4df7dde_0_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1R0ob2DEuh2QRYAGKECMzbTnoswr3bbM_B6Dp_AHkoNg/edit#slide=id.g71c4df7dde_0_0)

- **Nrich - rich mathematical tasks from the UK:**
  
  [https://nrich.maths.org/primary](https://nrich.maths.org/primary)

- **Tumble Books Math Picture Books- free trial:**
  
  [https://www.tumblemath.com/home.aspx](https://www.tumblemath.com/home.aspx)

- **Open Middle - Challenging Math Problems Worth Solving:**
  
  [https://www.openmiddle.com/](https://www.openmiddle.com/)

- **Counting Collections at home - UCLA Math Project - Twitter:**
  
  [https://twitter.com/UCLAMathProject/status/1241053469735190528](https://twitter.com/UCLAMathProject/status/1241053469735190528)
Math Learning Center activities of the day:
https://sites.google.com/mathlearningcenter.org/math-at-home/activities-of-the-day?authuser=0

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ONLINE GAMES AND/OR FACT PRACTICE

- Dreambox 14-day free parent trial - engaging skill practice:
  https://www.dreambox.com/at-home?
  fbclid=IwAR2QusS1I0VOQABJ7xRO207Sexp6hWaJeV7avib186fvEX2q7WKA1t1eSs7e4
- Greg Tang Math: https://www.gregtangmath.com/index
- IXL-online skill-based learning in math and language arts, free for 30 days:
  https://www.ixl.com/
- PBS Kids Math Games: https://pbskids.org/games/math/
- Brainpop Jr. videos and games - free trial: https://jr.brainpop.com/math/
- Non-Tech short list of math games from Math for Love:

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STEM

- 11 engaging STEM activities for kids:
  https://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/education/blog/simple-stem-activities-for-kids/
- Nasa Kids Club: STEM activities: https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html
- STEAM activities: https://www.kiwico.com/kids-at-home?
  utm_medium=email&utm_source=blast&utm_content=update&utm_campaign=nl-180-031520
- International space station: https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/iss_ustream.html

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MUSIC NOTES

Over at Mrs. Sumner's house, we've been seeing many signs of spring. We've seen flowers blooming and trees getting buds, and lots of worms in the dirt in our garden. Here are a few songs you can enjoy to welcome Spring.

"Spring" by Vivaldi
Like drawing while listening to music? Then this video is for you! Learn more about "Spring" from the Four Seasons by Vivaldi and draw some spring birds with our Art teacher Ms. O'Connor!
https://youtu.be/1k8LO3FIRFE
PHS HEALTH CLINIC TO REOPEN ON LIMITED BASIS

The school-based Greater Portland Health (GPH) clinic at Portland High School is scheduled to reopen starting May 13 – on Wednesdays only. The clinic will operate for four hours each Wednesday for well-care and behavioral health appointments and three hours each Wednesday for emergency dental services.

The clinic has been closed since March, when all Portland Public Schools’ facilities closed due to the COVID-19 crisis. The reopened PHS clinic will serve eligible students (students who are enrolled in the School Based Health Centers) from any of Portland’s public schools.

Appointments must be made in advance at 874-2141, or students can contact their school nurse to request an appointment. The clinic hours will be 9 AM to 12 NOON for dental services, and 1 PM to 5 PM for well care and behavioral health appointments. There will be no walk-in appointments available. The clinic will be staffed by a physician, a dentist and a physician assistant (who will handle reception duties).

Strict safety protocols will be followed. In-person medical visits will be spaced one hour apart and telehealth visits also will be available. In-person social work visits will be spaced one hour apart as well. The spacing will limit students to one scheduled visit at a time.

Patients will be screened outside the clinic prior to allowing them to enter the vestibule.

“The Portland Public Schools is thankful for this opportunity to collaborate with Greater Portland Health,” said Portland Superintendent Xavier Botana. “We are very grateful to GPH for its support in connecting students to care during this difficult time.”

LEARNINGWORKS AFTERSCHOOL REMOTE PROGRAMMING UPDATE

Dear Students and Families,

We have been working hard to bring you interesting and fun activities, and we hope you’re enjoying them as much as we did
HOW PARENTS CAN TAKE TIME FOR THEMSELVES DURING QUARANTINE

The Maine Department of Education provides weekly Wellness Wednesday articles and tips. As parents juggle many different roles right now, it is important to find time and space for yourself.

As they note, "Many of us are challenged to find personal time to regroup and breath. It might be balancing work and home life and/or balancing work, parenting, and home."

CLICK HERE for a great article on how you can take time for yourself during quarantine. Make sure to take time for YOU!
LET'S GO! 5210 ~~ KID FRIENDLY QUICK AND HEALTHY MEALS

The MaineHealth Let's Go! 5210 Team has been sharing out helpful wellness resources on various topics from physical fitness ideas, to nature-based educational tools and activities, to kid friendly quick and healthy meals and much more. In this weekly note, I am sharing out an article on Kid Friendly Quick and Healthy Meals.

This one-pager of recipes has kid friendly, budget friendly meals with ingredients you may have at home.

Remember to stay healthy both in both mind and body!

REQUEST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT

SUPER QUICK & EASY: Maine citizens who are registered to vote may use the free service to request an absentee ballot for the July 14, 2020 State Primary & School Budget Referendum Election. In light of COVID-19, we are encouraging people to use this service in order to vote during this election. Ballots must be received no later than 8:00 PM on Election Day.

Request ballot here: https://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl

You can also call 207-874-8610 to request a ballot be mailed to you.

FMI on Elections in Portland, visit: http://portlandmaine.gov/325/Elections-Voting
JULY 14, 2020 ELECTION

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REMINDER ~ NO REMOTE LEARNING MONDAY, MAY 25 ~ MEMORIAL DAY

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