REMINDER ~ "SUN SCHOOL" AND "OPTIONAL LEARNING" BEGINS JUNE 1! SEE ADDITIONAL DETAILS BELOW...

What window is Ms. Donna looking out? This is trickier than it looks! Take a guess and find out the answer next week!

TRANSLATIONS AVAILABLE!

Good News ~ translations to the Weekly Note are now available! To the top right of the newsletter, you will see a black box titled Accessibility, and below this a link titled Translate Newsletter. There are over 100 languages to choose from, and this is powered by Google Translate.

Our goal with this newsletter is to be able to communicate with all of our families, and we hope this enhancement will assist in meeting this goal. Happy Reading!
Student belongings distribution dates are scheduled for June 4 and 5. During these two days, you will be able to pick up any items your student(s) may have left behind at school. You will also have the ability to bring back any books (both classroom and school library books) and school borrowed instruments. Lost and Found items will also be placed outside on a table.

Teachers came into school recently and bagged up your student’s items, which we will bring out to you, once you drive up in your car and tell us your student’s name(s). We will greet you from afar, retrieve your student’s items and place the bag(s) on a table for you to then retrieve.

For any books that you are returning, we will have blue recycling bins labeled for Book Returns next to the student retrieval item table outside. For school borrowed instruments being returned, these can be placed on a big cart titled Instrument Returns, which will also be located next to the student item retrieval table.

PICK-UP DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Kindergarten - Thursday, June 4, 8-9:30 AM
- First Grade - Thursday, June 4, 10-11:30 AM
"SUN SCHOOL" AND "OPTIONAL LEARNING" UPDATE

As a reminder, "regular" remote learning instruction will end this Friday, May 29. Both Sun School and Optional Learning will begin on Monday, June 1. This differentiated instruction will continue through the last student day on Friday, June 12.

Students who have met the standards taught this third trimester, are done with school Friday, May 29.

- Families liking the structure can continue with optional academic activities. These activities will be posted on the district and school websites on June 1 and June 8, and are theme-based (olympics and nature).
- Teachers are letting families know this week, if students have met the standards.

Students who have not yet met the standards taught, are able to work with the teachers for an additional two weeks.

- This time is being called Sun School and is June 1 through June 12.
- Teachers will be communicating the individual plans for each student, which could include small groups, individual zooms, or other developmental supports.

We look forward to partnering with you as we approach this last stretch of the school year together. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need any additional support, or have any questions or concerns.

For a more detailed description of "Sun School" and "Optional Learning", read the superintendent's May 19 letter to families [HERE](#).

FIFTH GRADE VIRTUAL STEP UP DAY TO MIDDLE SCHOOL!

- Second Grade - Thursday, June 4, 12-12:30 PM
- Third Grade - Friday, June 5, 8-9:30 AM
- Fourth Grade - Friday, June 5, 10-11:30 AM
- Fifth Grade - Friday, June 5, 12-12:30 PM

PLEASE NOTE: For siblings, you can pick up items for all siblings at one pick-up date/time. You do NOT need to come back a second time.

Please make every effort to make the appointed date/time above. If you are unable to do so, please contact Melissa West. Thank You!
The Principals of King, Lincoln and Lyman Moore Middle Schools have created a short video to introduce themselves to our fifth grade students and their families.

They are working right now on a Step Up Day video that will introduce students to middle school. Each school will host a virtual parent meeting in late June and the video will be shared with families. When the dates are finalized, these will be shared out to our fifth grade families.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ~ STUDENT DEVICE RETURN**

Please Note: All elementary school student devices and hotspots, handed out from Portland Public Schools, will be collected when students come back to school for the 2020-21 school year.

Your child(ren) can use their devices over the summer to continue with any learning platforms their teachers assigned, if they would like to do so. If they are not using their device over the summer for learning though, please store them in a safe, secure spot, so they can be returned when school resumes.

**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](mailto:caminj@portlandschools.org) or Melissa West at [westme@portlandschools.org](mailto:westme@portlandschools.org).

**HELPFUL VIDEOS AND NEWS FROM SOME OF OUR VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS**

**HEALTHY HABITS WITH ROBY!**

In BEACH staff member Roby’s latest video, he invites all of us to be aware of the sounds around us, and how we are personally affected by different sounds. He also introduces us to various types of music and how different types of music can affect how we feel. Roby and other BEACH Staff share some of their favorite music with you.
Thank you Roby for creating this informative video! View video by clicking on the picture below.

HARD AT WORK IN FIRST GRADE!

Maeve, a first grade student in Mrs. O'Shea's class, shared her poem titled "Snuggling with Pete". She even included a picture to show the readers.

Thanks for sharing Maeve! We love your poem! Pete looks very cozy!

Piper, a first grade student in Mrs. O'Shea's class, wrote a letter to Mrs. O'Shea on how she is doing during remote learning. She also shared a heart chart on which she shares many of the things she loves.

Keep up the great work, Piper!
POETRY READING WITH OUR THIRD GRADE TEAM ~ MRS. RILEY, MRS. TAYLOR, MS. VAZNIS

Check out the poetry reading with our amazing third grade teaching team ~ featuring Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Taylor and Ms. Vaznis.

The big reveal of the poetry project of student submissions will be on May 29!

For a sneak peek at one of our third grader's poems, please see the poem written by Mrs. Riley's student, Emmanuela Sifa. Emmanuela asked us to share this out with our families. Thank you for your submission Emmanuela!
FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS CONQUER FRACTIONS

This week, the fifth graders will be wrapping up adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. This tricky math skill has had students working out their number brains for three whole weeks. Ask a fifth grader how to find the Greatest Common Factor or the Lowest Common Denominator today!

ART ROOM NEWS

Even though we can't be at City Hall for the county Art Show this year, that doesn't mean we can't celebrate the beautiful artwork and artists of Ocean Avenue Elementary! Check out the amazing work that would have been displayed at City Hall by students K-5 on the Virtual Art Show of 2019-2020 from Ms. O'Connor's Google site.

~ Emmanuela Sifa, 3rd grade student

covid19
In the time of covid19
Everyone stays home
We have lots of mask and sanitizer
And in covid19
Lots of store are closed
And in the U.S.A.
Lots of people die
And their family are sad

~ Mrs. Vaznis Poem Recording.mp4
This week is also self-portrait week! Make sure to look at your grade's lessons this week that will guide you to make an awesome self-portrait. You can learn how to make yourself as a puppet, as a Lego character, in the style of Frida Kahlo, realistically showing inherited traits, and through your emotions.

With summer around the corner, I want to remind you don't need many materials to be creative. Now is a great time to get outside, and use the nature around us. Exercise your mind and body by using your imagination!

I miss you all!

~ Ms. O'Connor

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

The Portland Public Library will be revealing its summer reading program shortly. It's called [Happy Birthday Maine!](#) and it begins on June 15. Book logs will be available digitally and in person, with more details to come. Keep your eye on the [Portland Public Library](#) website for information on this and other summer reading information.

If you have library books to return, please refer to the [Belongings Distribution Days - June 4 and 5](#) article at the top of the Weekly Note for more details. Also, if you'd like to hang onto them for a bit longer, they can be returned next year as well (even at the Portland Middle Schools). For more information on what books you have out, please feel free to contact Ms. Platt.
Our library flipgrid has had 4410 views and 52.8 hours of shared learning.

If you're looking for a good book, check out the awesome recommendations from fellow students. Check out this one from Ephraim. Great reading, everyone!

And finally, keep checking out the library Read Aloud page for more books from Ms. Platt. There are a ton of other wonderful links there too.

All the very best,
Mrs. Platt

MUSIC NOTES

Enjoy another classic folksong "My Aunt Came." Can you do all 5 movements AND sing at the same time?
https://youtu.be/SZJpZEwuO9c

Need more owls in your life? Here's a sweet echo song for the owl lovers in the world. Sing along and if you don't get all the words right, it's OWL RIGHT! Just have fun and be as musical as you can!
https://youtu.be/HTl9pe4Owmk
SCHOOL & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

LET'S GO! 5210 ~~ NATURE-BASED EDUCATIONAL TOOLS AND ACTIVITIES

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 Portland Maine SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Videos.

The SNAP-Ed program have been putting together videos around quick and healthy recipes and some nutrition education lessons. Feel free to share widely!

- Sugar Shocker - how much sugar is in your drink?
- Putting Whole Grains to the Test
- Homemade Hummus
- Dry Roasted Chickpeas
- Tabbouleh Salad Recipe

Remember to stay healthy both in both mind and body!

JOIN OCEAN AVENUE SCHOOL'S ANNUAL FUN RUN ~ VIRTUALLY!

Since we can't be at school together right now, we hope you and your family are able to participate in our annual Ocean Avenue Fun Run ~ VIRTUALLY! This event is posted in your teacher's Google Classroom under your Physical Education topic! You can also view it HERE. Please feel free to complete the Annual FUN RUN at any time that works for you and your family!

Stay safe and well as you continue to do school at home and remember the Let's go 5210 message:

- 5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables a day.
- 2 hours or less of recreational screen time a day.
- 1 hour or more of physical activity a day.
- 0 Sugary drinks. Drink water or low fat milk!
How to Help Your Child Adapt to Wearing a Mask ~ 7 Quick Tips

**Explain WHY**
Use easy-to-understand language and positive phrasing.
For example, "Many people are sick right now. Wearing a mask will protect you from germs."

**Practice Makes Perfect**
Shape the behavior by breaking it down into smaller steps. Then practice & reinforce each step:
1. Holding the mask.
2. Putting it against his or her face.
3. Securing the elastic.

**Let's Pretend**
Integrate masks into your favorite pretend play schemes.
Encourage your child to dress up as a doctor, nurse, or veterinarian.

**Take a Picture**
Ask family members or friends to take pictures of themselves wearing masks.
You can even arrange a virtual get together so everyone can show off their masks.

**Get Creative**
Allow your child to decorate their mask using crayons or markers.
If you are planning to make a DIY cloth mask, allow him/her to pick the fabric color or pattern.

**Stuffed Animals & Dolls Need Masks Too**
Put a mask on your child's favorite stuffed animal or doll as a reminder that we are all in this together!

**Start with Familiar Clothing**
Choose clothing that your child already wears and turn it into a mask.
Some ideas include a scarf, balaclava or bandana.

For more information visit beasbehavioral.com or follow @beasbehavioral on social media.

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KIDS WEARING MASKS CLIPART BY BANAN ON A CLOUD

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