"once we believe in ourselves, we can risk curiosity, wonder, spontaneous delight, or any experience that reveals the human spirit"

- e.e. cummings

## EDGECOMB EDDY SCHOOL

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## March 8, 2019



Thank you to everyone who came out for our sledding event last Thursday night, February 28th. The conditions were perfect and a fun time was had by all. We hope to see even more folks out for it next year.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 11 @ 5:30: School Board Meeting March 14: 2nd Trimester Report Cards go home

March 15: In-Service Day - No School March 18 - April 12: Maine Educational

Assessments for grades 3-6

**March 19 @ 5:30:** Parent Teacher Club Meeting

**March 28:** PTC Family Fun Night **March 29:** Box Tops Turned In

**April 10 @ 5:30:** PTC Meeting @ 5:30

April 15-19: Vacation

**April 25:** Spaghetti supper & raffle playground fundraiser night

May 8 @ 5:30: PTC Meeting @ 5:30

May 30 @ 6: Spring Concert







Do you recognize this school? Who are these eager students? This year we're learning some interesting Edgecomb history along with U.S. History (March 3 was Edgecomb's 250th anniversary since it was incorporated as a town). On May 30th, join us at 6PM for the school concert. We'll celebrate our town's schools with stories, songs and heritage. More details to come!

- Mrs. MacCready & Ms. McIvor



#### **Classroom Communications**

#### Pre-K

PreK classroom has been very busy since returning from vacation. We celebrated Dr. Suess's birthday with a different dress up theme each day. Students created Thing 1 and Thing 2's using their handprints, watched and read "The Lorax", and tasted green eggs. On Friday Jean Vose came to read to our classroom, she has been a volunteer reader for many years in the PreK and K classroom. She read a few stories and talked with the students about bees. She is an avid bee keeper and loves to educate people on bees. Mrs. Vose will return on March 26 to read a story about Maple Syrup and promised to bring some of her equipment she uses for bees. We are also hoping to visit a local maple syrup farm to see the process of making maple syrup.

Megan Taft (who is Adley's mom) visited our classroom on Friday to teach us about farming and growing vegetables. This was a perfect way to begin our topic on nutrition. She brought pictures of how vegetables and fruits are grown on the farm and where the vegetables go after being harvested. Students had to sequence the pictures from seed to harvesting and then their journey to the food pantry. Megan also brought us a tasty root vegetable snack. After Megans visit we began our journey into learning about nutrition. Talking about healthy eating and what foods are good for our bodies to grow healthy and strong. This week we read a story about "The Vegetables We Eat". In this story students learned about the eight different vegetable groups. After that we made parsnip chips for students to taste test. Our next story will help us learn all about fruits. We are going to make "Apple Smiles", which also go along with our Dental health theme. Look for pictures to come!

- Mrs. Casey









### **Enrichment Group**

Mrs. Alley's enrichment group has been busy this winter. We have made gingerbread cookies, mittens for our school community, prosthetic hands, we had a guest speaker come in and teach us some basics about electricity, and currently, we are exploring board games in preparation for making our own. I am looking forward to seeing what they each design!

- Mrs. Alley







#### Ms. Crocker's Class

Students have had a great month in Miss Crocker's 3rd and 4th grade. The kids have been working on a writing piece about an event in their life in literacy. In math, they have been learning about area and perimeter! Some of our favorite activities happen in science and social studies. In social studies, we have been learning about the Native Americans that lived in the Great Plains, Eastern Woodlands, and Southeast regions of North America. To learn more about their beliefs, customs, and traditions, students have been making crafts and reading stories. In science, we just started our unit on climate change. We learned all about greenhouse gases and how they are both good and bad! We will continue to talk about ways we can conserve energy to help prevent global warming. Harbor even made a quick visit to the classroom! I think everyone in the class is looking forward to warmer days so we can get outside for some of our classes.

- Ms. Crocker

# Morris Farm Spring Vacation Farm Camp

WHERE: Morris Farm ~ Wiscasset 156 Gardiner Rd, Route 27

WHEN: April 16-19, Tuesday-Friday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

WHO: Children ages 4-12 (preK-grade 6)



WHAT: Learn about and care for the animals on the farm

Explore and PLAY in the fields and forests of our 50-acre campus

Gain skills in planting, sprouting, baking, fiber arts



COST: \$165/child for members, \$190/child for non-members

Register at <u>www.morrisfarm.org</u> or call 882-4080

The mission of the Morris Farm Trust is to promote the values of sustainable agriculture & stewardship of the earth through education, demonstration & community involvement, while enhancing food security in the greater mid-coast area.





## Guidance

Sixth graders enjoyed their field trip to Kieve on Monday. They explored the campus on snowshoes, climbed the rock wall, and got to know other students who they'll be attending seventh grade with next year.

- Mrs. Bezon



## News from the Rose Garden - March

On February 25th, grades 3 - 6 joined guest speaker, Lee Emmons, for a presentation about prehistoric Native Americans. Following the presentation, students in Ms. Rose's class created diverse projects to show what they learned. There were posters, thank you letters, reports, a newscast, an informational brochure, a diorama, and even a texted conversation and a song! Some of the posters will soon be seen alongside our growing timeline of American history. Here is an example from one of our students:

Prehistoric Maine: The First People By Bella Morton

I recorded 21 facts that were mentioned in the presentation. Out of all my facts that I wrote, I chose the 5 that I thought were the best. Like one was that the first people used a land bridge, called Beringia, to get from Russia to what we now call Alaska. Even though this was also mentioned in class i still thought it was cool and wanted to incorporate it into my essay. Unfortunately, this bridge eventually melted and created the Bering sea.

My second fact was that depending on what season it was, some plants could've be used for medical purposes and medicine but not every one knew about some of these plants so some plants people ate could've been deadly and when the plant was safe the person or people who figured it out had to tell others by going up to them and telling them it was safe. I think it was cool how some people were lucky enough to eat or use the right plants and so they lived and that is why I picked this fact to go into my essay.

Number 3 is the AMAZING fact that wooly mammoths weighed up to 12,000 & 18,000 lbs.! Back then mammoths were actually found throughout North America. Sadly, these animals were hunted to extinction by Paleo Indians and climates also changed. Now, the 4th fact still talks about mammoths and about how they lend to extinction. People hunted mammoths for their tusks to maybe make weapons, their fur to make clothing or blankets and of coarse they would use them for food, lots of it. I picked this fact because it also ties to the sad fact about how mammoths died.

My final fact is that caribous existed in Maine until 1908, they were hunted and eventually weren't found in Maine anymore but do still exist. That is my whole essay about facts on the presentation about prehistoric Maine.

March is the last month students in grades 4 - 8 can read enough books to earn the right to vote for their favorite book for the 2019 Maine Student Book Award. Students will be voting at the end of the month! So far three 4th graders, seven 5th graders, and five 6th graders are eligible voters. There's still time for them to get more books under their belts before the March 28th voting day!



## **Prehistory**

A man named Lee Emmons came and taught us all about a place from days beyond recall

He told us about the Paleo and how they hunted in stereo

All this was in.... Prehistory Prehistory-y-y

He told us how there were mammoths and mastodons
They hunted them until all were gone

They'd put the dead on top of a tree To let them rest for eternity

They moved around to catch their prey Who ran around all astray

All this was in... Prehistory Prehistory-y-y

All I have left to say is Thank you, Mr. Emmons For teaching us about

Prehistory Prehistory-y-y

Lyrics by Imij Armstead Vocals and music performed by Imij Armstead Tune sampled from Cheap Thrills by Sia





Imij Armstead's Project after Mr. Emmon's presentation



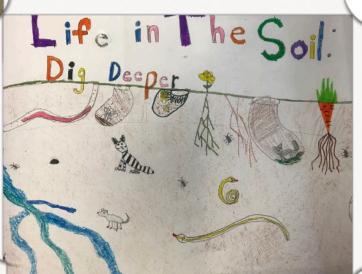
Mrs. Currier's grade 1 & 2 class win this months bottom competition!

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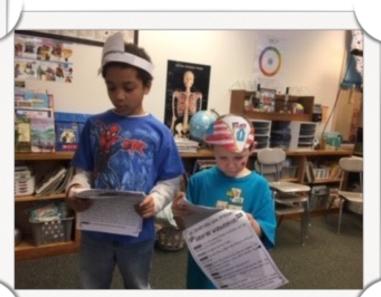
Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper poster contest. Jimia Stetson 1st place for grade 1, Olive Tomko runner up for grade 2.



Grade 1 & 2 students reading a readers' theater play honoring George Washington.



Grade I students are each given their own books in honor of Read Across America, compliments of the MEA (Maine Educators Association).



Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders have all been having fun learning and growing in both math and science. In math both groups have been preparing for the upcoming MEA tests. These tests will be starting on March 19th! Fourth and Fifth graders are currently learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions and soon will be moving on to decimals. Sixth graders recently reviewed how to add and subtract decimals and learned how to multiply and divide decimals. Soon we will be moving on to learning all about percentages!

In science class, fourth and fifth grade have been exploring how magnetism and electricity work and how they are related to each other. We have experimented with how magnets work, built many different types of electrical circuits and even made our own electromagnets! Check out the pictures below of us building circuits!

Sixth graders have been doing lots of different things in science. We recently reviewed what we know about energy and learned all about thermal or heat energy! We also have been observing the salmon eggs that we have across the hall! Soon we will be learning more about the salmon and we will also will be starting to learn more about programming and robotics.

We all had so much fun celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America last week! Check out some of the 6th graders on Silly Hair Day!

- Mrs. Browne



### **CLOSING THOUGHTS...**

Don't forget to keep collecting and sending in your Box Tops for Education. Please send them in by Friday, 3/29. Help your child's class win a popcorn party!









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## MSO's Magical Sunday

Sunday, March 17, 2019 \*\* Orion Performing Arts Center, Topsham

1:15-1:45 p.m. ~ More with Midcoast presents

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Hands-on Learning Experience with MSO Musicians. FREE for All Ages!







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