

Wildcat Weekly December 21, 2018



Next week schools will be closed for the winter break. The faculty and staff of Tremont Consolidated School wish you and your loved ones a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season. Your students had a wonderful day at school today, enjoying community building activities focused on learning and having fun together. Middle school students attended a show at the M.F. Jordan Planetarium on the UMO campus, followed by lunch and bowling on their way home. 2-4 students learned about various holiday traditions around the world, specifically traditions in Canada, Australia, and the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. Student learned a Australian holiday song, learned to play Dreidel, made traditional snacks, and various crafts. K-1 students took part in combined activities and kindergarten students prepared for their learning celebration.

Our Annual Ice Fishing Derby is coming up in early **February on Saturday, 2/2/19**. 8th graders will be out and about looking to sell tickets. The ticket sales will go toward their 8th grade class trip. If you know a local 8th grader, please let them know if you would like to purchase tickets. Additionally, you can stop by the school or contact a PTO member for entry tickets or tickets for the PTO raffle prizes. This year's raffle prizes are: 1st Prize - 4 wheeler and trailer, and 2nd Prize - \$500 gift certificate for Sally Mountain Cabins in Jackman, Maine. We appreciate your support and hope to see you on the ice for the derby.

Many of you are aware that our annual winter concert took place on Wednesday evening. Walking out of the building after the performance, my heart was so full. Our students performed their very best and were able to feel proud of their accomplishments as young musicians. Mrs. Putnam put it perfectly when she stated, "The students may not remember every song they sang/played, but they will remember looking out over an audience full of people who love them." Thank you parents, guardians, family members, friends, and teachers for supporting our students and ensuring they know they are valued and so is their educational experience. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Putnam for instilling a love of music and creativity in our students. For many, performing becomes a passion that will enrich their lives long into adulthood.

Outstanding Students

We often remind our students that they are models for their younger peers. During the winter concert, many students really stood out, including: Rosie Ellis, Bronwyn Charrette, Harmoni Bielak, Noah Stanley, Ella Watson, Coe Thurston, Maddie Yeo, Tristan Dermedy, Perley Ellis, Cameron Lunt, Hannah Lawson, Penelope Shepard. They were conscious to take the event seriously and model performance etiquette.

Upcoming CALENDAR

Monday Dec 24-Friday Dec 28

NO SCHOOL

Monday Dec 31

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday Jan 1

NO SCHOOL

**Wednesday Jan 2
Basketball**

A Teams vs. Emerson @ Pemetic,
Boys 1st
B Jake @ Tremont 3-4:30

Robotics- 3:00-4:30pm

Thursday Jan 3

Basketball

B Keith & B Girls vs. MDES @
Pemetic, Girls 1st
A Boys @ Tremont 3-4:30
B Jake @ Tremont 4:30-6:00

Options- School Service Work
3:00-5:00pm

Friday Jan 4

Basketball

A Boys @ Pemetic 3-4:15
B Boys (both Keith & Jake) @ Pemetic
4:15-5:30

Math Team Practice- 3:15-4:30pm



“When playing music, it is possible to achieve a unique sense of peace.”
- Daniel Barenboim



Dear Musicians,

I commend you all for demonstrating such focus and poise at the winter concert, along with being so well prepared. I'm so proud of you! If you haven't done so already, thank someone who was there to support you that evening. Perhaps a parent, grandparent, friend or teacher was in the audience to see you perform? They would love to know that you cared that they were there!

With our winter concert behind us, it is now time to breath, reflect and prepare for what lies ahead. We have a busy few months ahead of us with multiple island-wide performances and various competitions. I encourage you all to relax this break and reflect on how you can improve yourself as a musician and what you can add to your ensemble.

I am incredibly thankful that I spend my day with high quality musicians who are eager to learn and do their best. This is the best job in the world and it's because of you all; thank you!

Rehearsal schedule:

- **Jazz Band:** Rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:15. We will resume in the new year, Thursday, January 4th at 7:15.
- **Show Choir:** Rehearsal every Friday after school from 3:00-4:15.
- **3rd Grade Violin Class:** Every Wednesday
- **2nd Grade Violin Class:** Every Thursday
- **4th Grade Band:** Lessons rotate between Mon, Tues and Wed. Band is every Wednesday. Please remember your instruments and books!

Event schedule:

- **Tues, 1/15:** Middle School Pep Band Night at MDIHS, 6pm
- **Tues, 2/26:** Island Jazz Night at MDIHS, 6pm
- **Wed, 3/6:** District Jazz Festival, Bucksport
- **Sat, 3/23:** State Jazz Festival, Westbrook
- **Wed, 3/27:** Show Choir Run Outs at Pemetic, time TBA
- **Thurs, 3/28:** Show Choir Extravaganza at MDIHS, 6pm

Happy Holidays!
Mrs. Putnam



From the Nurse

Maine CDC has seen an increase in pertussis cases in Hancock county over the last two months, and this month has received multiple reports of pertussis cases in school aged children.

Pertussis is a respiratory disease also known as “whooping cough”. The disease is a highly contagious bacterial disease that is spread through the air by the cough of an infected individual. Children and adults may still develop pertussis even if they are up to date on vaccines as immunity to pertussis can wane over time. However, vaccination against pertussis remains the best defense against pertussis.

Signs & Symptoms

The first symptoms of whooping cough are similar to those of a common cold:

- runny nose
- sneezing
- mild cough
- low-grade fever

After about 1 to 2 weeks, the dry, irritating cough evolves into coughing spells. During a coughing spell, which can last for more than a minute, a child may turn red or purple. At the end of a spell, the child may make the characteristic whooping sound when breathing in or may vomit. Between spells, the child usually feels well.

Contagiousness

Pertussis is highly contagious. The bacteria spread from person to person through tiny drops of fluid from an infected person's nose or mouth. These may become airborne when the person sneezes, coughs, or laughs. Others then can become infected by inhaling the drops or getting the drops on their hands and then touching their mouths or noses. Infected people are most contagious during the earliest stages of the illness for up to about 2 weeks after the cough begins. Antibiotics shorten the period of contagiousness to 5 days following the start of antibiotic treatment.

When to Call the Doctor

Call the doctor if you think that your child has whooping cough or has been exposed to someone with whooping cough, even if your child has already had all scheduled pertussis immunizations.

This is especially important if your child has long coughing spells and:

- the coughing make your child's skin or lips turn red, purple, or blue
- your child vomits after coughing
- there's a whooping sound after the cough
- your child has trouble breathing or seems to have brief periods of not breathing (apnea)
- your child seems very sluggish

If your child has been diagnosed with whooping cough you must notify the school nurse.