



# CRES Dory News



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## Important Dates

### Monday, April 1

Big Brothers Big Sisters, CRES Gym,  
2:45-4:00pm

### Mondays, April 1, 22, & 29

K-Kids Meeting, Mrs. Burke's room,  
2:45-3:30pm

### Monday, April 1

CRSA Meeting, CRES Atrium &  
Zoom, 5:30pm

### Tuesday, April 2

Student Dental Clinic, Nursing  
Office

### Tuesday, April 2 & 9

Jump Rope Club, CRES Gym,  
2:30-3:30pm

### Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 23, & 30

CRES Chess Club, Gr. 4 Common Area,  
2:30-3:30pm

### **Wednesday, April 3**

**EARLY RELEASE, 1:10/1:15pm  
dismissal**

### Wednesday, April 5

Family Jump Rope Night, CRES Gym,  
5:15-6:30pm

### Thursday, April 4 & 11


Jump Rope Club, CRES Gym,  
2:30-3:30pm

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear CRES families,

The upcoming solar eclipse is a fascinating scientific phenomenon and an important opportunity to educate everyone about viewing the eclipse safely. Here is key information about the eclipse and what we're doing in preparation:

- **WHEN:** Monday, April 8th, will be a **HALF DAY** for the solar eclipse - CRES will dismiss at **11:30.** 
- **WHY?** Primarily for student safety - looking at the sun during the partial eclipse can significantly damage people's eyes.
- **HOW TO PROMOTE STUDENT SAFETY:** In the week leading up to the 8th, please take time to help educate your child(ren) about safely viewing the full or partial eclipse.
  - ◆ Here is a helpful video to learn about safe viewing - we'll show this at school too: [How to Safely Watch a Total Solar Eclipse.](#)
  - ◆ Since our towns are not in the path of totality, it will NOT be safe for anyone to remove glasses while looking at the sun during this time.
  - ◆ We've secured eclipse viewing glass from the Knox County Emergency Management Agency and these glasses will be sent home with students on **Wednesday, April 3rd.**
- **TIMING:** In our area, the eclipse starts at 2:19, peaks at 97.1% of totality at 3:32 pm, and ends at 4:40pm.

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Thursdays, April 4, 22, & 25

Gr. 4 After School Math, Mr. Kady's Room, 2:40-3:10pm

Friday, April 5

Gr. 1 Guest Speaker: Chewonki Tide Pools, Atrium, 9am-2pm

April 8-12

Gr. 2 Residency: African Dance

**Monday, April 8****EARLY RELEASE HALF DAY,  
11:25/11:30am dismissal**Wednesday, April 10

Kindergarten Screening Day. NO SCHOOL for K Students in Curtis, Wickenden, and Malavè homerooms

Wednesday, April 10 & 24

Girl Scout Troop #1535 Meeting, Gr 2 &amp; 3 Common Areas, 2:40-3:45pm

Wednesday, April 10

Camden Rockport Schools District Meeting, School Board Meeting, 7:00pm

Thursday, April 11

K Guest Speaker: Chewonki Presentation, Atrium, 8-11:30am

Thursday, April 11

Pre-K Guest Speaker: Chewonki Presentation, 9-11:30am

Thursday, April 11

ASE Gr. 3 &amp; 4: Robot Challenge w/ OHTM, Art Room, 2:30-3:30pm

Thursday, April 11

Community Presentation on Technology Use &amp; Children by Grace Chen, Bisbee Theater, 7pm

**Friday, April 12****EARLY RELEASE HALF DAY  
11:25am/11:30pm Dismissal**

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**• CRES AFTERSCHOOL EVENTS:**

- ◆ After school activities of K-Kids, Big Brothers Big Sisters are canceled on April 8th.
- ◆ Y Aftercare is canceled on this day, which is their protocol.

Thank you for your support and partnership!

Best, Chris

***Kids Heart Challenge***

The Kids Heart Challenge (aka Jump Rope for Heart) will kick off in early May. The jump rope event for Grades 2-4 will be held on Tuesday, May 14, from 2:30-3:45pm. More information will be coming home with your student soon! Contact Eric Martin, PE & Health Teacher with questions.

***K Registration Now Open!***

Kindergarten Registration is underway for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year! Parents/guardians are encouraged to enroll their eligible children to begin their exciting K-12 academic journey.

**How to Register:** Parents and guardians can obtain registration forms from the school office or download them from the school website at [https://cres.fivetowns.net/parent\\_resources/school\\_registration](https://cres.fivetowns.net/parent_resources/school_registration). Completed forms, along with the necessary documentation, should be submitted to the school office as soon as possible.

**Spring Kindergarten Screening Day is April 10th - no school for current K students.** There is no school for single grade Kindergarten students in Mrs. Curtis', Mrs. Malavè's, and Mrs. Wickenden's homerooms on Wednesday, April 10th, so that we can welcome in our new kindergarten students for next year!

For questions or more information, please contact the school office at 207-236-7809 or [jennifer.gomez@fivetowns.net](mailto:jennifer.gomez@fivetowns.net).

***News from the CRSA!***

The CRSA kept busy in March by hosting wellness events and the book fair. Second grade families organized a fun event in honor of "Pi Day" by treating teachers and staff to an assortment of pies. Thank you to all the families that baked homemade pies or contributed a pie from their favorite local bakery. In April, our first

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**April 15-19**

**NO SCHOOL, Spring Break**



April 22-26

Gr. 2 Residency: African Dance

April 22-May 31

Maine Through Year Assessments

Tuesday, April 23 & 30

Talent Show Practice, CRES Gym,  
2:30-3:30pm

Thursday, April 11

ASE Gr. 1 & 2: Engineering Challenge  
w/ OHTM, Art Room, 2:30-3:30pm

Thursday, April 25

Talent Show Practice, CRES Gym,  
2:30-3:30pm

Thursday, April 27

Gr. 1 Guest Speaker: Chewonki,  
8am-1:30pm

Friday, April 26

Gr. 2 Performance: African Dance,  
CRES Gym, time TBD

grade families will host a breakfast complete with bagels, muffins, fruit and yogurt.

Our spring book fair offered an extra bit of fun with the second annual grandparent book brunch. Students invited their grandparents or other special family members to enjoy coffee and donuts while shopping at the fair and reading their new books.

Looking forward, our efforts will be focused on Staff Appreciation events scheduled in May. Our committees have begun meeting and planning these very special events that celebrate the individuals that support our children each and every day. Stay tuned for communication from your grade leaders about how you can help!

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 6th at 5:30pm at CRMS and via zoom. New members are always welcome to attend. Follow our Facebook page (Camden-Rockport School Alliance) or contact your grade leader for more details.

**APRIL BOXTOPS**

**\$188.80**

SO FAR WE HAVE REACHED \$188.80 OF OUR \$500 BOX TOPS GOAL. EVERY SCAN GETS US CLOSER!

Earning money for CRES is a Breeze! Start scanning today!

New referrals earn \$5 for CRES by using promo code ZNK571RW and scanning ANY receipt!

*Spring Into Scanning!*

<p><b>Earn 3 Bonus Box Tops on Bisquick when you buy 2!</b></p>	<p><b>Earn 5 Bonus Box Tops on Larabar when you buy any 2!</b></p>	<p><b>Earn 6 Bonus Box Tops on Progresso when you buy any 3!</b></p>	<p><b>Earn 4 Bonus Box Tops on Chex when you buy 3!</b></p>
<p><b>Earn 3 Bonus Box Tops on Cinnamon Toast Crunch when you buy 2!</b></p>			



← — *CRES Fish are swimming all over the lobby walls at school!*

Save the Date!  
April 11  
7:00 PM Bisbee Theater, CRMS

*Community Presentation on Technology Use and Children by Grace Chen*

**TITLE**

Screens and Kids: defining the categories of device usage, understanding the impact on our kids, and ideas for managing your family’s screen time.

**DESCRIPTION**

Parents and teachers in our community are seeing negative behaviors and outcomes that they attribute to kids’ screen time. What are the impacts of screen time? Is all screen time the same? Grace will be providing an insider’s perspective into the different types of device usage, how/ why they are built in a certain way, and how that affects today’s youth. While there is no single solution to the challenge, this presentation will cover frameworks for how to manage your family’s decisions for device usage.

**BRIEF BIO**

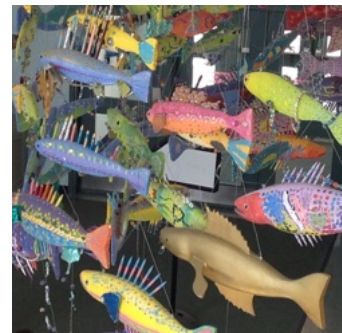
Grace Chen has spent the last 20 years in the tech industry in Silicon Valley, building technology products and businesses. She has developed products for consumers, small businesses, and enterprise companies at some of the largest and most successful tech companies, including Google, Meta, and Square. In 2016 she co-founded a start-up that provided an affordable high-speed internet alternative to cable; she sold the company to Meta in 2020. She holds several patents for her technology product development work. Grace began her career as an engineer at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory. She holds a B.S. in Management Science and Engineering from Stanford University. Grace lives in Camden, Maine with her husband and two kids who both attend Camden-Rockport Elementary School. <https://gracechenconsulting.com>



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236-7809

# Kindergarten Registration

## 2024-2025

**CAMDEN-ROCKPORT ELEMENTARY**

We are eager to welcome your child to our school community for the 2024-2025 school year. Enroll your child today - we can't wait to see you!

### NOW OPEN

- Must be 5 yrs old on or by Oct.15
- Spring Screening April 10
- Forms may be found online
- Contact the office with any questions



207-236-7809  
cres.fivetowns.net

# Creative Nature Camp



## April 15-18 | 9am-3pm

Grades K-5

Join us for four days of immersive art and nature fun at the Langlais Art Preserve during April break.



**\$240 registration fee**  
Needs-based scholarships available.  
Please reach out for more information!

shannon@GRLT.org // 207-888-2435



**Pollinator & Friends**  
A New Member Sign-up Event

girl scouts of maine

Girls in grades Pre-K to 3 and a caregiver are invited to discover Girl Scouts. Together we will explore the Girl Scout program pillars (STEM, Entrepreneurship, Life Skills, and Outdoors) with hands-on activities, make new friends, and learn about local volunteer and troop opportunities.

Join anytime at [www.girlscoutsofmaine.org](http://www.girlscoutsofmaine.org)

*This event is for families seeking information about joining Girl Scouts, not current members.*  
[girlscoutsofmaine.org](http://girlscoutsofmaine.org) | 888-922-4763 | [customer care@gsmaine.org](mailto:customer care@gsmaine.org)

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**Complete and bring to the event (please print clearly)**

**Girl Information:**  
First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Caregiver Contact Information:**  
First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**I'm interested in learning more about volunteering as a:**  
 Troop leader  Parent Helper  Driver/Chaperone  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Can't make the event but still want to learn more? Contact us or scan the QR code and complete the form and we will contact you!

# Library After Hours Family Art Night

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH 6PM-7PM



Join Stephanie for a brand-new nighttime art class for the whole family! Families will learn and create in the style of famous artists past and present, and create their very own original works of art!

Space is limited. Call the library to register. 236-3642

