



# CRES Dory News



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## Important Dates

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25

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

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25

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

Tuesday, March 5

Gr. 4 Guest Speaker: Community  
Member, 9-9:40am

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26

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

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26

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

Wednesday, March 6

Gr. 3 (Pierce & Massengale) Guest  
Speaker: Tanglewood, 8:15-10am

**Wednesday, March 6**

**Early Release 1:10/1:15pm dismissal**

Wednesday, March 6

Ballet/Junior Jazzin' Dance Class, Gr.  
4 Common Area, 1:15-2:30pm

Thursday, March 7

Gr. 3 (Chernow & Spindler) Guest  
Speaker: Tanglewood, 8:15-10am

Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30

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

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear CRES families,

Spring Parent/Teacher conferences are right around the corner. These conferences are in lieu of our 2nd Trimester Report Cards and I would like to remind you of some important tips and expectations that make these run smoothly.

- Conferences are held over two days:
  - The evening of **March 14th (3:00 - 7:00 pm)**
  - The morning of **March 15th (7:30 - 11:00 am)**
- We hold **in-person conferences** - families who need a **remote option (Zoom or phone)** should contact the homeroom teacher directly at least **two days** prior to the conference.
- **We strive for 100% participation over these two days. We'd love to meet with you!**
  - While families can request a conference at any time, asking for time slots beyond what is offered is a real challenge for our staff.
  - Our teachers and interventionists are all available during these times so please take advantage of this opportunity.
  - Two-household families should **schedule a single conference** - we have limited slots available. However, if there is a safety concern, we are able to accommodate separate conferences.
- You will receive an email to schedule your conference time(s) digitally through PTCfast.

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Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30

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

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Savings Time Begin

March 11-15

CRSA Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, March 12

K Guest Speaker: STEAM Senses w/ Owls Head Transportation Museum

Wednesday, March 13

NAEP Testing for Gr. 4 students

Wednesday, March 13, 20, 27

Ballet/Junior Jazzin' Dance Class, Gr. 4 Common Area, 2:30-3:45pm

Wednesday, March 13 & 27

Girl Scout Troop #1535 Meeting, CRES Atrium, 2:40-4:00pm

Thursday, March 14

K Guest Speaker: Chewonki, 8-11am

Thursday, March 14

Gr. 1 Field Trip: Strand Theater, 9-11am

Thursday, March 14

ASE Gr. 3 &amp; 4: Lego Derby Track w/ OHTM, Art Room, 2:30-3:30pm

Thursday, March 14

Trimester 2 ends

Thursday, March 14

Parent-Teacher Conferences, after school and evening. Sign up online or call the Main Office

Friday, March 15**NO SCHOOL, Parent/****Teacher Conferences.** Sign up online or call the Main OfficeFriday, March 15

Deadline for Pre-K Applications

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- Please be mindful of the conference times - **we strive to start and end on time.** If you need more time, please schedule a follow-up conference with your child's teacher.
- Our Specials teachers are holding an open-house style drop-in event during these times. Please drop by at your convenience, with or without your child.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership with us as we help our students grow and learn.

Best, Chris

### *Last Call for Pre-K Applications! Due March 15!*

Lottery applications for CRES Pre-K will close on March 15th. Children 4 years of age on or before October 15, 2024 who reside in Camden or Rockport are eligible. Limited space is available. Forms and instructions may be found on our [website](#). All applications received by March 15, 2024 will be added to the selection process.

### *Did You Know? K Registration Now Open!*

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

**Spring Registration Deadline:** The deadline to register before Spring Screening is April 8th, 2024. It is important that all registration forms and required documents are submitted by this date to secure a spot in our Spring Screening for your child.

**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.

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

### *Dental Clinic at CRES, April 2nd*

CRES will host a Dental Clinic on Tuesday, April 2nd in the nursing office. Families can now sign up online: <https://toothprotectors.org/permission-form/>.

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Monday, March 18

Public Input Budget Meeting,  
Camden Rockport Schools  
2024-2025 School Budget, 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 19

Horizons Presentations, Gr. 3  
Common Area, 8am & 1:05pm

Tuesday, March 19

K Guest Speaker: Nature Puppet  
Show, 9:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday, March 20

Gr. 3 (Pierce & Massengale) Guest  
Speaker: Tanglewood 4H,  
8:15-10am

Wednesday, March 20

Camden Rockport Schools Board  
Meeting, 7:00pm

Thursday, March 21

Gr. 3 (Chernow & Spindler) Guest  
Speaker: Tanglewood 4H,  
8:15-10am

Friday, March 22

Gr. 2, 3, & MAG Guest Speaker:  
Read ME Ag.

March 25-29

Gr. 4 Art Residency with Helene  
Farrar

Thursday, March 28

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

Friday, March 29

K & Gr. 3 Guest Speaker: Dr. Doug



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## Parent/Guardian - Teacher Conferences, March 14 - 15

Conferences will be held on Thursday afternoon and evening, March 14, and Friday morning, March 15. We will hold Conferences in-person. If you need a remote option, contact your child's teacher at least 2 days prior to the conference.

Conference scheduling is now online! You will receive an email on March 7th with a link to sign up for Conferences. Please call the office if you need assistance - 236-7809.

Art, Music, P.E., Library and Spanish teachers will have a drop in open house during the conferences. Please stop by !

Please note:

There is **no school on Friday, March 15**  
to allow time for Conferences.

The CRES Office will be closed  
on Friday, March 15.

## CHECK THE LOST & FOUND!

Please check the lost & found  
on your way in or out from Conferences!

**Unclaimed items remaining in the lost & found  
after March 15th will be donated away.**

Thanks for stopping by and taking a look!

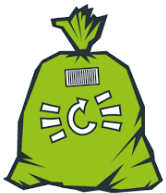
## *News from the CRSA!*

The CRSA has been busy hosting wellness events for teachers and staff at CRES. Thank you to all of the 3rd grade families for organizing our most recent event - a Valentine's Day breakfast and sweet treat spread. The staff room was stocked full of bagels, yogurt, brownies, cookies and more. In March, our 2nd grade families will plan a creative surprise to celebrate Pi Day - stay tuned!

In addition to the wellness events, the CRSA is excited to be hosting our second book fair in March. On top of the usual fun of the fair, we will be having our second annual grandparent book brunch! Students will be encouraged to invite their grandparents or other special family members to come enjoy coffee and donuts and read some books. Details will be sent home shortly.



Our next CRSA meeting will be held on April 1st. We'll start planning for one of our most important events of the year - Staff Appreciation! We can always use extra hands to help with this event. Please consider attending if you haven't this year, or reach out to your grade leader or our Facebook page ([Camden-Rockport School Alliance](#)) for more details and ways to contribute.



**NEW CLYNK BAGS!** The CRSA now has a CLYNK account for bottle redemption with Hannaford! Get a special CLYNK bag with the CRSA barcode during Parent Teacher Conferences, fill it, and drop it off at the CLYNK kiosk in Rockland or Camden! During Conferences the CLYNK bags will be available outside of each grade area as well as in the atrium and lobby. Moving forward they can be picked up in the lobby! If you have any questions contact Heather Burns: 207-852-2232.

## *Girl Scouts Backpack Drive for Comfort Cases of ME*

Camden Rockport Girl Scout Troop 1535 is excited to share an impactful project aimed at making a significant difference in the lives of children entering the foster care system. We have partnered with Comfort Cases Maine, an incredible organization that provides backpacks to these children, offering them comfort and dignity during a challenging time.

The unfortunate reality is that many children entering foster care have to resort to using trash bags to pack their belongings. We kindly request donations of new backpacks and/or pajamas to ensure these children receive a warm and welcoming start.

Your generosity has the power to make a world of difference to a child in need. Starting February 29th, drop-off boxes will be placed at the school entrance and will remain available throughout the month of March. All donations will directly benefit children in the Midcoast area. Thank you for your kindness and support.

**Want to help the Girl Scouts?**

We are partnering with ComfortCases, an organization that provides backpacks full of supplies to those children entering foster care.

We are collecting donations of:

- **New backpacks** (sizes 15-17inches)
- **New pajamas** (for boys or girls, ages 5-9) The pajamas should be two piece and could even be gym clothes type shirt and shorts. Please, no nightgowns

The drop box is located in the CRES office and we will be collecting until April break.

Thanks so much for all your help!

Camden-Rockport Troop #1535



# 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 meet you!

## SIGN UP NOW

- **Must be 5 years old on or by Oct.15**
- **Spring Screening held April 10**
- **Download forms at [cres.fivetowns.net](https://cres.fivetowns.net)**
- **Contact the office with any questions**



SCAN ME

207-236-7809   
[cres.fivetowns.net](https://cres.fivetowns.net) 

# Pen-Bay pick-up lacrosse

At Lincolnville Central School

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3 & 17.

Boys grades 3, 4 & 5 / 6, 7 & 8

Sundays 1:30-2:30 p.m.

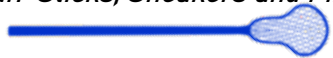
Girls grades 3, 4 & 5 / 6, 7 & 8

Sundays 2:45-3:45 p.m.

High School Girls

Sundays 3:45-5 p.m.

*Gear: Sticks, Sneakers and Pinnie*



**come try lax**  
sticks will be available

## SPRING EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY MARCH 23**

**AT 10:30AM**

Join Stephanie outside the  
library for a fabulous egg hunt!

We will end our morning in  
Memorial Park for some treats  
and a springtime story.



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## CAMDEN ROCKPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER BEHAVIOR PROGRAM

**FALL 2024 OPENING**

**FULL-TIME WITH BENEFITS**

We are accepting applications for a full-time Special Education Teacher to provide services and support to students with academic, behavioral, and/or social/emotional challenges. A successful candidate should have training and experience in providing positive behavior interventions and support for students in both special and regular education settings.

State of Maine certification 282 required.



For more information and to apply on-line visit  
[www.fivetowns.net/jobs](http://www.fivetowns.net/jobs)

**Application deadline is March 15, 2024**



## Nature-Based Pre-k Program

### 2024 - 25 School Year Enrollment

The Camden Rockport Elementary School will be accepting applications for the nature-based PreK Program beginning Oct. 15, 2023. Limited space is available.

### Program Highlights

- Extensive outdoor time for learning in nature.
- Curriculum driven by child's interest/seasonal themes.
- Emphasizes learning with nature.
- Four full days for students: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.



### Eligibility:

Children 4 years of age on or before October 15, 2024 who reside in Camden or Rockport.

### Application Process:

Lottery applications accepted until **March 15**

Forms and instructions may be found on the Camden Rockport Elementary School PreK website or by contacting the school at 236-7809. All applications received by March 15, 2024 will be added to the selection process. <https://cres.fivetowns.net>



Scan for application





**MARCH  
MONTHLY TIPS**

- New referrals earn \$5 for CRES by using promo code ZNK571RW and scanning **ANY** receipt!
- Look for Box Tops brands while shopping for that pesky Leprechaun (17th) or for your Easter meal (31st)
- Remember to scan your receipts within 14 days of purchase.
- Even if you didn't buy a Box Top item, you can still earn for our school. Scanning a receipt will enter our school into a giveaway!
- If you shop online you can forward your electronic receipts to: [boxtopsforeducation@email.bboxtopsf4education.com](mailto:boxtopsforeducation@email.bboxtopsf4education.com) Be sure to include our referral code!

**UPDATE**  
**\$145.40**

So far we have reached \$145.40 of our \$500 Box Tops goal. Every scan gets us closer!

**LEPRECHAUN  
SNACKS**

**EASTER BRUNCH**










### Can CRES & CRMS Win State Team Chess Championships?

Dear Chess Team Families,

You do not have to be in chess class to attend!!

The Maine State Team Championship is Saturday, March 9 In Hampden at the Hampden Academy. From CRES google maps says it is 1:12. I think we can win K/1, 2/3, 4/5 and 6/8 and that Camden Hills High can win High School! We have won all but 6/8 (best finish was 2<sup>nd</sup>) and High School in the past. If you want to help win we need you! I will enter you if you let me know you are going (deadline March 7) and give me your child's CURRENT USCF number (US Chess Federation). To attend, grades 2 and up, you need a current USCF membership. Search here to see if yours is up to date:

<https://new.uschess.org/civicrm/player-search>

or search uschess.org for the menu and select "join" (includes renew). To renew or buy a membership this is a great way to save money:

<https://www.chessmaine.org/uscf-student-memberships>

or search chessmaine.org student memberships. You will get a \$20 membership for \$9 if you buy a voucher and use it. Once you have used a voucher for your USCF number please check the box that indicates it was used. Here are the details on State:

<https://chessmaine.net/chessmaine/Teams%202024.pdf>

or search chessmaine.net events. After you have your current USCF number and have told me (BruceHaffner@gmail.com or 847-987-3091) you are coming all you really need to know is when to be there and when each game starts:

K/1 & 2/3: check in: latest 10:15, games start 10:45, 11:30, 12:30, 1:15 & trophies around 2:30  
 4/5: check in latest: 9:45, games at 10:15, 11:30, 12:45 and 2: trophies around 3:30  
 6/8: check in latest 9:15, games at 9:45, 11:45, 1:45 and 3:30: trophies around 5  
 High School: check in latest 9, games at 9:30, 11:30, 1:30 and 3:30: trophies around 6

I prefer you check in yourself but if you haven't checked in ten minutes prior to the deadline and are enroute please communicate that to me: send me a text and get a response or make a phone call that I answer. Kate Kaplan is a Tournament Director and has her own kids so she will be very busy.

What to Bring: There will be concessions. Bring a pencil (grades 4-12 must rotate until they feel "time pressured").

Rules: Touch Move!! No King captures: you must win with checkmate!



## Fourth Grade Woods Walk Fun!

