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Important Dates

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Early Release, 12:30/1:00pm

- 12:30-12:40: K & Multiage Pick Up
- 12:40-12:50: 1st & 2nd Gr Pick up
- 12:50-1:00: 3rd & 4th Gr Pick up
- 1:00pm: Bus Dismissal Begins

Friday, February 5

Grade 1 Chewonki Guest Speaker,
Zoom Presentation.

Wednesday, February 10

Note: Full day of school. *There is no early release on the Wednesday before a break week.*

Friday, February 12

EARLY RELEASE HALF DAY

11:45am/12:15pm Dismissal

- 11:45-11:55: K & Multiage Pick Up
- 11:55-12:05: 1st & 2nd Gr Pick up
- 12:05-12:15: 3rd & 4th Gr Pick up
- 12:15pm: Bus Dismissal Begins

February 15-19

NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear CRES families,

Things sure have changed over the past year. Last February none of us knew what drastic changes lay ahead of us as we hurtled toward a global pandemic. Much of our attention has since shifted to health and safety and we've all done a fantastic job following our COVID safety protocols. Of course we've also become increasingly reliant on digital devices as a learning tool. While we're mindful of student screen time and intentional about the apps and sites we use with them at CRES, I believe it's important to share some reminders and resources to ensure we also attend to student safety and wellness from a digital standpoint.

Reminders: With the increase in wearable technology we have seen an uptick in students bringing personal digital devices to school. Please remember that cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and other personal digital devices are not allowed at school or on the bus. We have an iPad assigned to each student and they do not need other devices. Please contact me if you have an extenuating circumstance. For example, I have allowed digital devices to stay in backpacks when students need to bring a device between households (e.g. a two-household divorced family).



Even though students have school email accounts, please refrain from emailing your children during school. We are always available in the main office to send or receive messages between students and their family members and we want students focused on learning while at school. Thanks for your help reinforcing these expectations.

Resources: A constant challenge for parents/guardians is to stay on top of a quickly evolving technology landscape. As younger and younger children gain access to powerful technology like smartphones, iPads, or watches that can text or make calls, it's more important than ever for parents to understand both the benefits and drawbacks. Here are some of my favorite resources:

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Wednesday, February 24

Early Release, 12:30/1:00pm

- 12:30-12:40: K & Multiage Pick Up
- 12:40-12:50: 1st & 2nd Gr Pick up
- 12:50-1:00: 3rd & 4th Gr Pick up
- 1:00pm: Bus Dismissal Begins

Wednesday, February 24

Camden Rockport Schools District Meetings: Finance Committee Mtg, 6:00pm; School Board Meeting, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 3

Early Release, 12:30/1:00pm

- 12:30-12:40: K & Multiage Pick Up
- 12:40-12:50: 1st & 2nd Gr Pick up
- 12:50-1:00: 3rd & 4th Gr Pick up
- 1:00pm: Bus Dismissal Begins

PLEASE NOTE

There is no early release on **Wednesday, February 10** and **Wednesday, April 14**.

The Wednesdays before February and April Break Week are full school days.

The Fridays before February and April Break Week are extra Early Release Half Days.

CRES will dismiss at

- 3:00pm for Pick Up
 - 3:30pm for Buses
- on Wed., February 10 and Wed., April 14.

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National Online Safety guides: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

These guides address issues ranging from internet safety tips to recommended apps to social pressures linked to 'likes'. The resource is free, however an account is required.



Common Sense Media: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

Provides Age-based reviews for movies, books, games, TV shows and apps. Also features useful parenting articles and tips around media.

Parental Controls

Apple Devices: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>

Android Devices: <https://www.guidingtech.com/parental-controls-android/>

View and/or restrict your child's usage or app access on your devices

Our children become their best selves when schools and families work together in partnership. Thank you for all you do and for your ongoing support.

Best, Chris

Kindergarten Registration - Now Open

Camden-Rockport Elementary School is pleased to welcome students, who reside in Camden or Rockport, to register for Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. Your child must be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2021.

Parents are asked to contact Brenda Fournier, Registrar, in the Main Office to start the registration process by calling 236-7809 or emailing brenda.fournier@fivetowns.net


Please note: There will be **No School** for single grade Kindergarteners on **May 4th** (Wickenden, Webber, & Taylor classrooms), to allow for Kindergarten Screening. Multiage Kindergarten students in Mrs. Sady's and Mrs. Hardy-Gilson's classes **WILL** have school on that day.




Another day, another adaptation . . . Mrs. Bauer enjoys lunch with a student - moved outside! Fresh air, plenty of space - just have to bundle up a lot more than usual!

*Camden Public Library***CRES Students Qualify for a FREE CPL Library Card!**

All CRES Student are eligible for a free Camden Public Library, regardless of the town the live in, thanks to a generous agreement between the library and the school district. Miss Amy Hand is the Youth Services Librarian at the Camden Public Library and a copy of her newsletter featuring her in-person and online events for February is below.






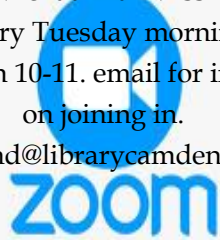
February 2021 Children's Programming
Stay safe! Happy Reading!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MissAmyHand>

Follow or subscribe to Miss Amy online
or watch on our Facebook page, daily.

 Storytime every weekday morning
Crafttime every weekday afternoon
Booktime for Babies every Wednesday morning
S.T.E.A.M. programs
Booktalks for middle grade readers– Thursdays afternoons


ZOOM chat with Miss Amy every Tuesday morning from 10-11. email for info on joining in.
alhand@librarycamden.org



Maine Student Book Award club for students 4th-8th grade, as well as incoming 4th graders are welcome to join in our weekly ZOOM book group where we chat books on and off the list. 1st Mondays at 5:00. Email alhand@librarycamden.org to join in the chat.

<https://msba.umeedu.maine.edu/>


-YA book lovers group meets the last Tuesday of the month at 4:00 via ZOOM.
-Art & Journaling Group for teens and adults meets every Wednesday at 4:00 via ZOOM.
Email: alhand@librarycamden.org

Follow Miss Amy on
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Look for special activities and storytime on Friday, February 12th for Chinese New Year fun. This is the year of the ox.

Sign up to here Miss Amy Reading aloud February 3rd for World Read Aloud Day! 3-4 pm via Zoom. Stay tuned for special booktalks and what to read next.

Outdoor, masked, socially distanced live storytime in the amphitheater! Wednesdays at 10:00 with Miss Amy
If there is precipitation, snow, sleet, or rain, it will be canceled.
Bundle up! Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy several stories together.



I am excited to announce that one of our local patrons, Melanie Ellsworth has her first picture book coming out this month! Sign up to join Melanie and the illustrator Morena Forza, from Italy for a special reading and a question and answer time for both of them. Sign-up alhand@librarycamden.org Feb 23rd at 4:00. We are so thrilled to be a part of their book birthday celebration! Melanie will be personalizing signed copies of her book for pre-orders that are placed through the Owl & Turtle bookshop in Camden. <https://www.owlandturtle.com>

Reach out for book suggestions! Place books on hold for curbside pickup! Available 11-6 M-Sat

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ADULT and COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Founded September 15, 1969

We continue to offer a selection of both important classes to help people get and improve their education and workforce skills, and those that are just a fun way to learn

something new.

Among our upcoming classes are:

- Integrated education and training program for [CNA certificate](#) - this program is free to qualified adults, and we have a new cohort beginning almost every month.
- [Behavioral Health Certification Training](#) – this course is a great way for parents, grandparents and community members to help make a difference in a child's life – and the need is great in our area.

These classes are offered remotely with ongoing enrollment available for the BHC Training class.

Drivers education continues with new classes beginning every month, classes are held remotely and driving sessions follow Covid-19 guidelines. For more info visit

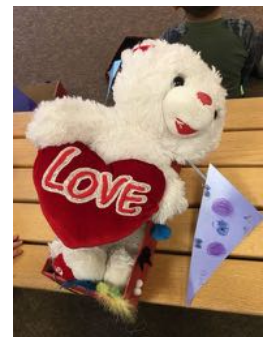
<https://www.roysdriving.com/>

We are very excited to announce the return of Captain License OUPV/Six-pack and Master classes this coming spring! Two free information nights will be held in February, both the info nights and the full classes will be held over Zoom. Sign up for either [February 16](#) or [February 18](#) info night.

We are able to continue holding a few in-person classes safely at the American Legion Hall in Camden. With small numbers and Covid-19 protocols in place, we've been able to offer sewing, craft, nature, art, lecture and language classes with great success – and a wonderful reception. Classes continue through February, then a new semester will begin in March. We also offer a large selection of online classes.

If you'd like a digital copy of the brochure, or to register for a class, visit our website – which also now includes a calendar of classes, both live and remote: fivetowns.maineadulted.org

These Teddy Bears were ready to go for their parade in Kindergarten on Friday, January 29!



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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

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