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Important Dates

Friday, January 15

Grade 1 Planetarium Guest Speaker,
Zoom Presentation.

Monday, January 18

**NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King,
Jr. Holiday**

Wednesday, January 20

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, January 20

Camden Rockport Schools Board
Meeting, 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 27

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 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

Friday, February 5

Grade 1 Chewonki Guest Speaker,
Zoom Presentation.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Greetings CRES families,

I hope everyone is well. We've all worked together so hard to make this year a success at CRES. This has been a year like no other and we want to hear how things are going.

In past years I've held *Coffee with the Principal* meetings in January to hear feedback and connect with families. I also traditionally send our annual survey to families in January. This year, since I can't share a cup of coffee with you, I'm incorporating the questions I typically ask in-person into the online survey. I'll miss our face-to-face gatherings and I look forward to connecting when our restrictions are lifted.

Look for the online survey in your email by the end of January. I'd appreciate you filling it out and I'm targeting more than 200 responses. Your feedback is so important and I'd love a broad representation from CRES families this year. I'm also including questions for the families of our remote learners so we can see how our remote offerings have shifted since the spring.

I'm also mindful of the recent events that occurred in Washington D.C. It's hard to not have strong feelings about all that is swirling around our country - from the violent attack on the U.S. Capitol and election politics to the pursuit for racial justice amidst symbols of white supremacy.

At CRES we value and respect all families and individuals. We honor core democratic principles when we teach our students to respond to problems with words rather than violence.

As educators, parents and guardians, when we process and respond to the issues facing our country, remember that our children are watching and learning. As you consider whether to address any of these issues with your child, consider [this article](#) that offers some age-appropriate suggestions for talking about difficult topics with children.

With so much out of our control, I don't know the path our country will take next, but I do believe that much of our influence lies in how we teach our children to respond to conflict.

Kindly, Chris

Checklist for Winter Recess

Here at CRES we go outside as much as we can in the winter cold! Fresh air and daylight provide a good healthy break in our day and a chance for free play with friends. Students are expected to go outside for recess, weather permitting. The 5 items of winter clothing required are pictured here. Please make sure your child arrives to school each day with these 5 items. Note: On wet-snow days, 2 pairs of mittens or gloves are needed - one for each recess.

If you need help providing winter outerwear to your student, let us know. Talk to your teacher, the Main Office, or the Nurse.

Want to Thank an Amazing Teacher This Year? Nominate!

The Maine Department of Education has announced that nominations are now open for the 2021 County Teachers of the Year and 2022 Teacher of the Year. Members of the public are encouraged to nominate educators who demonstrate a commitment to excellence and who inspire the achievement of all students.

Nominations can be made through the [Maine Teacher of the Year Website](#) and will be open through 5:00 pm on Feb. 5, 2021.

The 2021 County Teachers of the Year serve as advocates for teachers, students, and the efforts underway in Maine's public schools to prepare students for success in college, career and civic life. They serve as advisors to the Department of Education and state-level education stakeholders across Maine. Additionally, the County Teachers of the Year join a cohort of teacher leaders that actively work together for the betterment of education in Maine. County Teachers of the Year receive on-going professional learning and participate in many state and county leadership opportunities. The 2021 County Teacher of the Year cohort will be recognized in a special announcement in May and the Teacher of the Year Gala in the fall.

The 2022 Maine Teacher of the Year will be selected from the 16 county honorees. The field will be narrowed to eight semi-finalists, and then three state finalists before the Maine Teacher of the Year is announced by Maine's Education Commissioner at a school assembly in the fall.

The Maine Teacher of the Year program is committed to a nomination and selection process that ensures people of all backgrounds are represented. [Educate Maine](#) and the Maine Department of Education champion that commitment by encouraging the nomination of educators from all culturally diverse experiences and backgrounds.

For more information about the Maine Teacher of the Year program, visit the [Maine Teacher of the Year website](#).

