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Important Dates

Thursday, Sept. 12

Open House

5:00-6:00pm, Grades K-2, & MAG

6:00-7:00pm, Grades 3 & 4

Monday, Sept. 16

School Picture Day, all day

Tuesday, Sept. 17 - Oct. 22

Kindergarten After School

Enrichment: Learn to Play Chess,

CRES Atrium, 3:45-4:45pm

Wednesday, Sept. 18

EARLY RELEASE

2:00pm Dismissal

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Camden Rockport Schools Board

Meeting. CRES Atrium, 7:00pm

Tuesday, Sept. 24

2nd Gr. Guest Speaker:

Tanglewood 4-H, 8:30-11:30am

Thursday, Sept. 26

2nd Gr. After School PE: Hula

Hoop Making, CRES Gym,

3:30-4:45pm

Tuesday & Wednesday, Oct. 1-2

Dental Clinic at CRES



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear CRES families,

We've had a great start to our school year! The energy in the building feels positive and our staff is thoughtfully teaching routines and expectations as our new classes grow into productive teams. Thank you for your engagement and participation in your child's education. A strong home/school partnership is our best path to a successful year of learning for your child.

Beyond newsletters and weekly Friday Flash updates from the office, here's what you can expect from us. Many families express an interest in knowing what their child is learning at school. You can expect communication from the homeroom teacher at least every two weeks, summarizing what your child will be learning. You can also expect to hear from us with news of successes and any challenges that your child is facing. We want an open line of communication, and here are some ways you can help support a strong home/school partnership.

Make sure your child gets to school on time.

The simplest way to do this is to put your child on the school bus. The bus operates on a regular schedule and is also an energy efficient way to get lots of students safely to school.

We've also shortened the window for drop-off in the morning from 8:30 - 8:45. We want students to get to class by 8:50 for morning meeting where we set the tone for the day.

Communicate openly with the school.

At some point you may need to share a concern or respond to a troubling report from your child about school. I ask that you bring issues to us right away and communicate with the teacher first. Families sometimes reach out to me for advice about how to handle difficult conversations. This [linked article](#) is a great resource with helpful tips for productive conversations.

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Picture Day! Monday, September 16

Information about School Picture Day was sent home with your student recently.

Lifetouch will be at CRES on Monday, September 16th to photograph all students and staff. Families may place an order for pictures of their student. Visit myLifeTouch.com for info and online ordering details.

The CRES Picture Day ID is: LG229010QO.

Please call the office at 236-7809 with questions.

Bus Timing

Bus arrival times will vary from day to day for the first few weeks of school. As drivers and families get into a routine, a more consistent pick up and drop off time will develop. Your patience is appreciated as the kinks are worked out!

Write down the time the bus arrives each day. By the end of September, you will see more consistent times that you can plan on. Check in with the bus driver at that point to confirm this will be your regular timing. Then remember to allow a 10 minute window for your student's bus time every day.

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Understand and support our homework policy.

Many students will tell you that we have a "No Homework" policy. That's not actually the case. Please read and play math games with your child and work to develop healthy routines at home. Research shows that those actions lead to increased student learning. You can review the home work policy on pg. 17 of the Student & Parent Handbook. You can always request homework if that's what your child needs.

Let's make this a great year together!

Thanks for your support,
Chris

Join Us for Open House

Please join us for our annual CRES Open House on Thursday, September 12.

Visit your student's classroom first, then enjoy walking around the school to visit with Specialists & Interventionists. Please be sure to stop by the Cafeteria for refreshments from our Food Service team and information from community groups.

5-6pm = K-2, & MAG families
6-7pm = 3rd & 4th Grade families

Parking is available at the Elementary School and High School. A shuttle bus will run between the schools from 4:30-7:30pm. Kindly leave the spaces closest to CRES open and available for those with strollers, and other special needs. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!



Did You Know ?

ALL of our students at CRES should be **riding in the backseat** of a vehicle. Maine Child Passenger Safety (CPS) law is one of the strongest in the country.

*Food Free Celebrations*

Thank you to all our families for a successful transition last year to food-free celebrations at school. Our goal in going food-free was to create a safer and more inclusive environment for all our students. We will continue with the practice this year.

Food allergies and food intolerances are an issue for an increasing number of students at CRES. In the past we had students who were not able to participate in classroom celebrations that contained food, for a variety of reasons. In an effort to minimize accidental exposures and be more inclusive, we will work together as a community to have consistent messages and practices around food that is brought into our school.

Your child's birthday will still be celebrated in a special way at school. We will continue to have a birthday sticker for your child to wear for the day. Classroom teachers have a variety of ways to make the day special and have also been given resources full of fun ideas that can be used to add to the celebration of your child's birthday.

These changes will **not** impact school breakfast, lunch, or snack time. We will continue to implement our "no sharing food with others" rule throughout the building. These changes will **not** impact after-school special events or activities. Families will be responsible for monitoring and making decisions about the food their child consumes at after-school programming and events such as open house.

An exception to no-food-in-classrooms is when it is curriculum related, like the Kindergarten Polar Express experience. Another exception is school sponsored enrichment activities, such as field trips or Tower Gardens. Teachers will submit a request to the school nurse prior to the event who will then coordinate with school staff and families to make sure the food served is safe.

We truly appreciate your understanding and support as we transitioned. We recognize this is a significant change from past practice and we thank you for your help in ensuring that all of our students here at CRES are safe and feel included in classroom events.

Please Welcome our New CRES Crew Members!



Katie Bauer, Assistant Principal

I am is delighted to be serving as the Assistant Principal this year at CRES. Last year, I returned to Maine to teach the Horizons program after three years abroad as a school principal on the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas. I arrived in Maine in 1982 to work at the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School and later transitioned into public school education. I have worked in the Camden Rockport school system for 23 years and started my career at the Cushing School. I am the recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics and the Milken Family Foundation National Educators Award

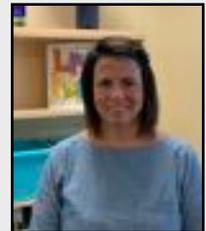


Barb Williams, Math Intervention

Barb is new to CRES, but not new to the Fivetowns District. She has been teaching math and science at various grade levels at Hope School for almost 30 years. Most recently, Barb has been teaching middle school math at Hope, and will now serve as the Math Interventionist at CRES. She has served as a teacher leader for the state's MLTI project, and has a strong background in integrating technology into the curriculum.

Kelly Webber, Kindergarten

I studied Child Development at the University of Maine, Orono and I recently completed the teaching preparation program at the University of Maine at Augusta, earning my K-8 teaching certificate. I worked in the early childhood education field for 12 years and I am excited to have finally graduated to kindergarten! My husband and I (and our crazy dog) split our time between the town of St. George and Matinicus Island. I enjoy running, boating, and exploring the great state of Maine!



Sarah Byrnes, Ed Tech

After being a long term sub at CRES last year year I am very happy to begin this school year as an ed tech in the Explorers program. Working in this school district (the same one I attended as a youth) has been a goal of mine since I received a degree in art education nearly 20 years ago. When I'm not here I love spending my time with my two kids making things, baking things, and climbing around on rocks by the ocean.

Jessie Rottersman, Occupational Therapist

I earned my Bachelor's degree in Biology from Colby College and my Master's degree in Occupational Therapy from University of Southern Maine. I grew up in Machias, Maine and have lived in Midcoast for the past three years. In my free time I love kayaking, swimming, hiking, and spending time with friends and family. I am excited to be joining the CRES team!



Amber DiLalla, First Grade

I come to CRES from Madison, Wisconsin where I was an Elementary special education teacher. Over the past year I have enjoyed settling in to my new life in Maine, playing with my 8 month old son, and enjoying time spent on the water with family and friends. I am very excited to be teaching first grade at CRES!



Nikole Seeger, Special Education, Explorers

I was born and raised in Lancaster, Pennsylvania where I received undergraduate degrees in Elementary Education K-8 and Special Education K-12. While teaching high school emotional support I earned my master's degree in Curriculum, Instruction and Educational Leadership. Throughout my career I have taught every grade level, both general education and special education and was the Director of Education at a boarding school for troubled teens. I enjoy reading, crafting and spending time with family.



Madison Clement, Ed Tech

I was born and raised in Lake Arrowhead, CA before moving to Camden for High School. I am currently going to University of Maine Augusta for my teaching degree. This is my first year at CRES. I am so happy to be here!



Amanda Pingree, Literacy Coach

I have always loved books and reading. I've been in education for over a decade and am a lifelong learner. I am very excited to be a part of the CRES community as a Literacy Coach. In my free time I enjoy gardening, cooking, knitting, and reading. .



Brianna Alley, Fourth Grade

After spending last year teaching fifth grade at CRMS, Brianna re-joins the fourth grade team this year.



David Turner, Ed Tech

David has been at Ed Tech in the Special Education programs at CRMS for many years. He lives in Rockport with his family.



Bonnie Box, Kitchen Manager

I like to cook, I like to walk and I love K - 4 students!



Patty Novak, Custodian

Patty joins us from the CRMS custodial crew, where she has worked for several years.



Sarah Scordino, Horizons

Sarah lives in Rockport with her husband and four children. Sarah loves outdoor adventures, gardening, books, and children. Sarah previously taught second grade at CRES.



WE'RE SOCIAL!
The Central Office is pleased to announce we are now also on LinkedIn & Twitter to share important district news.
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CHESS at CRES !!
Build Brain Power In:
School, Sports, Work, & Life



Join me for these Fall classes: Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:45 AM & Tuesdays after school starting Sept 16.
Tuesdays after school: Sept 17, 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19, & Dec 3. Note: Sept 17 – Oct 22: 3:45 – 4:45 at CRES's Atrium, then Oct 29 – Dec 3, 3:30 – 4:30 in 2nd Grade Common Area. Fee \$77.
Mondays: 7:45, 2nd Grade Common Area Sept 16, 23, 30, Oct 7, 21, 28, Nov 4, 18, Dec 2. Fee: \$45.
Wednesdays: 7:45, 2nd Grade Common Area: Sept 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, Dec 4. Fee: \$55.
Fridays: 7:45, 2nd Grade Common Area: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 18, Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, Dec 6. Fee: \$45.
Classes are open to all CRES & CRMS students. Questions? Email BruceHaffner@gmail.com, text or call me, Bruce Haffner, at 847-987-3091 or home 763-4797. Space is limited to 20 per class. Parents are welcome to all classes! Say yes to chess! Register by emailing me and delivering this form to your school's office. Checks payable to me.

CAMDEN-ROCKPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Money raised will pay for:
 Playground Equipment
 Athletic Fields
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for more information on purchasing a seat visit:
<https://sad.fivetowns.net/>
 or call: 207-236-3358
 or see attached order form




Just for Kids Yoga

Traditionally, children are introduced to yoga through stories, songs and games. We will continue this practice in an eight-week class, where your children will move in and out of yoga poses while exploring stories that teach us about happiness, anger, love and much more. This class is appropriate for children ages 6 - 11.

DATES:
 Thursdays, September 26 - November 14

TIME:
 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

LOCATION:
 Camden Rockport Elementary School,
 11 Children's Way, Rockport

COST:
 \$40 for 8 sessions
 (Family discounts and scholarships available upon request)

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 24:
journeytohealth.coursesform.com
 or call 301-3950

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FRIENDS TODAY. CHANGEMAKERS TOMORROW.

Become a Girl Scout.
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New Member Sign Up & Information Meeting. Join us to learn more.

September 24 | 6:00 pm
Camden Rockport Elementary School
 11 Children's Way, Rockport

TOGETHER WITH YOUR GIRL, YOU WILL:

- Sample a fun activity from one of our newest Girl Scout badges
- Receive a FREE patch for participating
- Team up with other members of your community to form new or join existing troops
- Complete your registration and become a Girl Scout!

Discover the Girl Scout Difference:
 Girl Scouts offers the best leadership development experience for girls in the world—one that is designed with, by, and for girls.

Girl Scouts unleashes the Skills, 100-grades, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader™ in every girl preparing her for a lifetime of leadership.

Our Girl Scout leadership experience is a mix of a tried leadership development program for girls, with proven results. It is based on time-tested methods and research-backed programming that help girls take the lead—in their own lives and in the world.

The inclusive, all-girl environment of a Girl Scout troop creates a safe space where girls can try new things, develop a range of skills, take on leadership roles, and just be themselves.

Our Program
 Everything a Girl Scout does centers around STEM, the outdoors, development of life skills, and entrepreneurship, and is designed to meet her where she is now and to grow along with her.

STEM: Computer science, engineering, robotics, and more.

Life Skills: Civic engagement, healthy living, global citizenship, and communication skills.

Outdoors: Adventure and skill building, including camping experiences for all ages, from the backyard to the backcountry.

Entrepreneurship: The Girl Scout Cookie Program - the largest girl-led business in the world - teaches goal setting, decision-making, money management, business ethics, and people skills.

Life Skills • **Entrepreneurship** • **STEM** • **Outdoors**

Are you ready to take the lead like a Girl Scout right now? Register today at girlscoutsofmaine.org

This is not a school sponsored event.



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Penobscot Bay YMCA

SWIM TEAM OPEN HOUSE

Friday, September 27
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Penobscot Bay YMCA



- Join us for pizza and pool games!
- Learn about the Sailfish Swim Team
- Meet our Fantastic Swim Coaches
- Bring bathing suits & goggles for a swim assessment

Registration is free! Stop by or call 236.3375.
www.penbayymca.org