

HOLBROOK SCHOOL NEWS

HOLBROOK'S WEB SITE: rsu63.org

January 5, 2024

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY

Monday, January 15th there is no school due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Please mark your calendars.

FIRST TRIMESTER STATS

The first trimester ended December 8th. The following students achieved perfect attendance for the first trimester:

Grade 5: Steven, Aubrey Junkins, Konner Kennedy, Madison Malm, Kyle Phinney, Keagan Russell, Jacquelyn West and Tegan Wier.

Grade 6: Madilyn Berube, Nathan Berube, Brady Bowers, Landon Ledford, Kaley Murphy, Lily Schaub, and Austin Wright.

Grade 7: Charles Churchard, Savannah Faulkner, Ryan Fox, Kaden Kennedy, Abby, Sydney Kinkade, Althea Nash, Kaleb Nutter, Audrianna Rivera, and Katherine Stroba.

Grade 8: Anastasia Edwards, Ethan Evenson, Khloe Grass, Jacob Leavitt, Savannah Madore, and Levi Schaub.

~~~~~  
Students who were able to maintain an "A" and/or "B" average the first trimester are:

Grade 5: Hazel Armell, David Brooks, Eliezra Bruton, Steven, Addison Chase, Connor Downs, Gavin Dunn, Nicholas Fitch, Andrew Garcia, Maddox Jandreau, Timothy Jordan, Azreal Josiah, Ruby Kerswell, Lucas Laplante, Kyle Phinney, Keagan Russell, Rylan Russell, Zoe Wallace, and Jacquelyn West.

Grade 6: Owen Arisimeek, Myles Brideau, Brady Bowers, Megan, Acatia Clark, Rowan Dupuis, Wyatt Getchell, Jaxson Grass, Aliyah Hintz, Ella McAdam, Amir McDaniel, Bretton McLeod, Alexander Morin, Henry Osborne, Chelsea Ouellette, Sophie, Rachel Willett, Nora Williams, and Austin Wright.

Grade 7: Kael Andrews-Bush, Henry Armell, Exannder Chambers, Kaydin Davis, Savannah Faulkner, Lynne, Brody Dowling, Lili Hahnenberger, Emma Herald, Ivan Hulbert, Bristol Kelley, Cooper Malm, Althea Nash, Kaleb Nutter, Daniel Orndorff, Mackenzie Reardon, Audrianna Rivera, and Eve Walker.

Grade 8: Leah Bartlett, Caitlin Bouchard, Cambria Duperry, Riley Farrar, Lily Fish, Khloe Grass, Jacob Leavitt, Kendahl McCafferty, Aiden McLaughlin, Alton Potter, Amelia Rodgerson, Gavin Seavey, Quinton, Connor Wade Ella Williams, and Ty Williams.

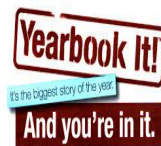
~~~~~  
Congratulations to the following students who achieved all "A's" for the first trimester:

Grade 5: Ashton Congdon, Eleanor Farrar, Jacob Glidden, Parker Kennedy, Landon Lagrange, Madison Malm, Aiden Sirois, Tegan Wier, and Silas Wood.

Grade 6: Kiernan Allen, Madilyn Berube, Nathan Berube, Elizabeth Downs, Brendan Greer, Ellie Legasse, Kaley Murphy, Kooper Nyer, Lily Schaub, and Sienna Williams.

Grade 7: Micaiah Bruton, Ashley Carr, Autumn Chase, Charles Churchard, Chase Cyr, Kaelyn Dunn, Olivia Jameson, Kaden Kennedy, Sydney Kinkade, Emmett Lemieux, Anna Paradis, Ellie Runnells, and Annelise.

Grade 8: Christian Greer, Cecelia Higgins, Savannah Madore, Katalynna Rivera, and Charleigh York.



~~~~~  
It's that time of year again! Starting January 8, 2024 yearbook order forms will be available for pick up in the wall pockets outside the office. Yearbooks may be ordered through Friday, April 5, 2024. Yearbooks cost \$30. **Yearbook orders will be accepted after April 5<sup>th</sup> on a first come, first served basis, if a surplus is available.**

Please make sure to completely fill out the form and attach your payment or enclose the form and payment in an envelope. Payment is due at the time you place your

yearbook order. Checks should be made out to Holbrook School. *Staff will not be responsible for orders lost or misplaced because they were not submitted in accordance with above instructions.*

---

## ONLINE YEARBOOK ORDERING

This year we are again offering online ordering for your yearbook.

Yearbooks cost \$30 and are available online at:  
<https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A03234650>

Yearbooks are also available to order via the attached form. Please make checks out to Holbrook School and put "yearbook" in the notation spot on the check. This will assure the money goes to the proper place.

---

## YEARBOOK HAPPY ADS

Happy Ads are being accepted for the yearbook beginning January 8, 2024. The deadline for placing happy ads in the yearbook is March 15, 2024. Happy Ads cost \$5.00 per line of 60 characters. **No happy ads will be accepted after March 15, 2024.** Forms may be picked up from the wall pockets outside the office beginning January 8, 2024.

---

## WE WANT YOU... TO SEND US PICTURES FOR THE YEARBOOK!

It's that time of year again! We'd love to get pictures of cross country and soccer, football players, hockey players, candid shots of students, etc. Right now, we don't have a yearbook photographer so we're relying on you to get us off to a great start.

We're asking parents, students and staff to send pictures to include in the yearbook. Candid shots of students, classroom and recess pictures, pictures of you and your friends are all needed. If your pictures are individual candid shots, would you please identify the student and the grade level. That will help expedite placement of pictures.

Send your pictures to [gpeirce@rsu63.org](mailto:gpeirce@rsu63.org). Pictures will be screened for appropriateness, so make sure your pictures will make the cut!



**CHEFS** could use non-perishable items. Staple items we like to keep on hand are: peanut butter, canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.), canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti-o's, etc.), canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup, boxed pasta, cans or jars of spaghetti sauce, and toilet tissue. Donations may

be dropped off at the school in the entryway near the Superintendent's Office whenever the school is open – just look for the CHEFS box!

Don't want to shop but want to donate to CHEFS – you are always able to send a check made out to Holbrook School/CHEFS. Your donations help purchase supplies for the food pantry.

Hours of operation are:

Every Thursday – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month – 9:00-10:00 a.m.

---

## UPCOMING EVENTS

|            |                                                      |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Jan. 15    | Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – No School           |
| Jan. 18    | Winter Concert – 6:30 PM                             |
| Jan. 22    | Board Meets @ Eddington School – 6:30 PM             |
| Jan. 31    | Progress Reports Sent Home                           |
| Feb. 5     | Progress Reports Returned to School                  |
| Feb. 19-23 | February Break                                       |
| March 14   | Early Release Day – Noon Dismissal<br>Trimester Ends |
| March 15   | Teacher Professional Day – No School                 |

---

## DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT JANUARY?

The name for January comes from the Roman god, Janus, who is always depicted with two heads. He uses one head to look back on the year before, and the other head to look forward into the New Year!

Originally, the Roman calendar had only 10 months, and it excluded January and February.

King Numa Pompilius, the second king of Rome, is responsible for adding both January and February to the Roman calendar. He did this so calendars would be equivalent to a lunar year. Even so, it only had 30 days.

Finally, Julius Caesar added a 31<sup>st</sup> day to the month and completed it to the full month of January we practice now!

Some historical names for January include "Wulfmonath," which came from the Anglo-Saxons because it was the month hungry wolves would come scavenging. King Charlemagne would call it "Wintermanoth" meaning "winter/cold month."

January has two zodiac signs – Capricorn, which is until January 19, and Aquarius, which is for the rest of the month.

If you were born in January, your birthstone is a garnet!

The dianthus caryophyllus is the birth flower of January – more commonly known as the carnation!

One of the most influential events in U.S. happened in January – on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1892, Ellis Island opened, allowing for the immigration of over 20 million people.



# Holbrook School

# Office of the Principal

202 Kidder Hill Road

Holden, ME 04429

Tel: (207) 843-7769 Fax: (207) 843-4328

Robert Meyer, Principal [rmeyer@rsu63.org](mailto:rmeyer@rsu63.org)

Sarah Estes, School Counselor [sestes@rsu63.org](mailto:sestes@rsu63.org)

Michele Archambault, AD [marchambault@rsu63.org](mailto:marchambault@rsu63.org)

Kristina Dummond, Curriculum Coordinator [kdummond@rsu63.org](mailto:kdummond@rsu63.org)

Dawna Bickford, District Nurse [dbickford@rsu63.org](mailto:dbickford@rsu63.org)

Karen Everhart, Administrative Assistant [keverhart@rsu63.org](mailto:keverhart@rsu63.org)

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Holbrook School will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents/guardians, policymakers, and the public.

Your child (will/may) take a mathematics or reading assessment. In addition to subject-area questions, students voluntarily complete NAEP survey questions. These questions provide valuable information about participating students' educational experiences and opportunities to learn both in and outside of the classroom. Additionally, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) students will be included in the National Indian Education Study (NIES). NIES describes the condition of education for AI/AN students in the United States. More information about NAEP survey questions is available at <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents> under the section "What Questions Are on the Test?"

The assessment takes about 120 minutes for most students, which includes transition time, directions, and completion of survey questions.

The information collected is used for statistical purposes only.

- Your child's grades will not be affected.
- Students may be excused for any reason, are not required to complete the assessment, and may skip any question.
- While the assessment is voluntary, NAEP depends on student participation to help policymakers improve education. However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify Sarah Estes in writing by Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do their best. Contact Sarah Estes at 207-843-7769 or at [sestes@rsu63.org](mailto:sestes@rsu63.org) if you have any questions.

We are excited that our school is participating in NAEP. We know that Holbrook School's students will show what our nation's students know and can do.

Sincerely,  
Robert Meyer

*National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) conducts the National Assessment of Educational Progress to evaluate federally supported education programs. All of the information you provide may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). By law, every NCES employee as well as every NCES agent, such as contractors and NAEP coordinators, has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you. Electronic submission of your information will be monitored for viruses, malware, and other threats by Federal employees and contractors in accordance with the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015.*



# Holbrook School

## *Winter Concert*

**MAKEUP  
DATE**



**When:** Thursday, January 18, 2024

**Where:** Holbrook Gym

**When:** 6:30pm (will last ~45 minutes)

**Who:** 5th Grade Volunteer Singers, Beginner Band,  
6th Grade Band, 7th/8th Grade Band

*Please: students arrive no earlier than 6*

**Students wear:** dress up neatly - festive is ok!  
(but non-distracting...)

Email  
[mford@rsu63.org](mailto:mford@rsu63.org)

Ski/Snowboard Club Friends,

I'm so excited to see all the kids on the mountain in the very near future! The forecast is a bit gloomy for our first session Wednesday, but I'm going to stay hopeful and hold off on making any official changes to the start date until Tuesday. Please check your email on Tuesday afternoon for an update. In the meantime, please carefully review the details below and reach out if you have any questions.

### **What to bring**

- If you are bringing gear, it all has to be dropped off at the Holbrook shed across from the school on Wednesday morning between 6:30-9am. Please label all of your child's gear as they sometimes have the same gear and it can easily get mixed up.
- Dress warmly!! Learning a new activity is always more fun when you are warm. Smartwool socks as well as hand/foot warmers are real game-changers. Younger kids are encouraged to wear their ski socks to school so it's one less thing they need to put on before getting on the slopes.
- Pack snacks or money. I believe the snack bar still only accepts cash.
- Bring a ski helmet (bike helmets are not sufficient). Helmets are mandatory for all participating in this program and will be available from the mountain for anyone doing rentals. If you're not renting, please let me know if you need to borrow one for the session. If you have a helmet that your child has outgrown, we gladly accept gently used helmets to keep in our loaner stash.

### **Please talk with your kids about the rules (credit to Jaime Pangburn for these timeless guidelines):**

- I expect all the kids to follow the rules, especially on the bus. We value our bus drivers and are not going to give 2nd chances when it comes to poor bus behavior. If your child doesn't behave they WILL NOT be allowed to ride the following week. I don't accept excuses. This is the warning.
- On the mountain every child must have a helmet and a buddy. If you don't have a helmet or a buddy please let me know. Myself or one of the adults helping me will help match you up with a similar skilled friend. We have on-mountain volunteers eager to support buddy teams of all levels.
- Absolutely don't make fun of anyone. We were all novices at some point. If you see someone struggling, encourage them. If they need help please help them. This program is successful because we are a team.
- Encourage your older children to consider helping younger ones as they navigate these first few weeks (ex: stop to help buckle a boot, tuck in a mitten, or simply ask if they need a hand, etc.). These gestures of kindness from the "big kids" will mean more than they'll ever know.

### **Pick up details**



- Every child must be picked up by 7pm. No exceptions. We are a team of volunteers making this program happen. Thank you for respecting our time by not being late.
- If this is your child's first time on the mountain, please arrive by 5:30 on the first week. That first lesson is a big one and they'll likely be very tired and ready to head home.
- Every child must be signed out with a parent initial on a clipboard with a parent in the lodge. If you are taking home another child other than your own please initial that child as well.

I'll send weekly emails on Sunday evenings with relevant updates/reminders. Again, I'll be in touch on Tuesday to confirm the game plan for this week. My Tuesday email will also include the names and photos of most (hopefully all) of our volunteer team so you and your kids will more easily spot the helpers around the lodge and on the mountain.

Lastly, big thanks to all of you for doing a great job with enrollments, payments and waiver paperwork for all 83 participants! I will be in touch with 6 people who just need a waiver filled out. If you don't hear from me, you're good to go!

Take care,  
Kate

--

[Kate Garland, Horticulturist](#)

University of Maine Cooperative Extension Penobscot County

[307 Maine Ave. Bangor, ME 04401](#)

207 942 7396 or 1 800 287 1485 (in Maine)



## Holbrook Yearbook

# On Sale

We are now taking orders for the Holbrook Yearbook!

Enjoy sixty-eight pages of memories and friends. Yearbooks cost \$30 and will be delivered to homerooms the last week of school.

Order now... supply is limited.

Yearbook Order

Name\_\_\_\_\_

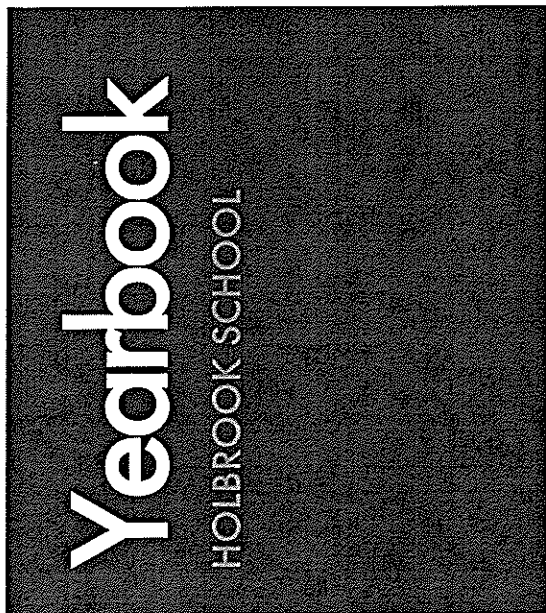
Grade\_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom\_\_\_\_\_

Return to Holbrook Office with \$30.00 payment by April 5<sup>th</sup>.  
(Checks payable to Holbrook School)

OR

Order online at <https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A03234650>



Happy  
Ads

2024  
Yearbook



The Holbrook yearbook has a tradition of offering friends and family the opportunity to purchase a published line on the “Happy Ads” page. This is space for you to offer your congratulations to a student, share words of encouragement, give thanks, or the chance to say how proud you are.

This is one of the most popular pages in this special keepsake and every word will enrich our 2024 yearbook.

Each line costs \$5 and can contain up to 60 characters (count includes spaces)

1- 60 characters \$ 5.00

61-120 characters \$10.00

121-180 characters \$15.00

181-240 characters \$20.00

Simply fill out the order form below and return to Holbrook School by April 5<sup>th</sup> with your payment. (Checks payable to Holbrook School)

---

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_email\_\_\_\_\_

I would like my ad to say...

---

---

---

Return to Holbrook School office by April 5<sup>th</sup> w/payment. (Checks payable to Holbrook)