



Bloomfield Elementary School News January & February 2019

"A friend hears the
song in my heart
and sings it to me
when my memory
fails."
Author unknown

Words of the Week

Each week a word of the week is introduced to the school community through the daily announcements. Each word connects to our school focus on developing a growth mindset and/or the values of Kindness, Respect and Responsibility. Since my last newsletter the following words have been highlighted: pathways, habits, adapt, concentrate, mindset, risk and challenge. I know your child could tell you how all of these words have to do with the brain.

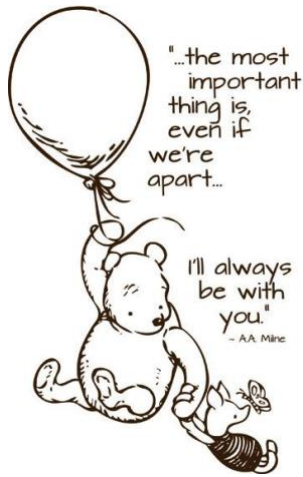
Connect, Create, Move! (CCM)



On February 15, Bloomfield Elementary will celebrate a remarkable day of engaging activities. The purpose of the day will be to connect students with their interests, peers, community and world through creativity and movement. On Connect, Create, and Move Day students will continue to explore several activities that they could do at home in place of screen time. Please contact me at 474-6221 if you'd like to share something that you love with our children on our next CCM Day on May 22nd.

Maine Education Assessment

In March, grade three students will begin working on the State of Maine assessments for English language arts and mathematics. These assessments will be new to the students this year. We know that the students will be asked to do challenging things in reading, writing and mathematics. Laptops will be used to take the assessment. We will try to limit testing to no more than one session per day. The State of Maine requires all public schools to give these tests. Please keep these dates in mind when scheduling appointments or family trips between March 18th and April 12th.



Upcoming Dates and Events:

February 6: Early Release Day (Students released at 11:45)

February 6: 5:30 PM Parent Teacher Group (PTG)

February 15: Connect, Create, and Move Day!

February 18-22: Winter Break

March 11: Teacher Workshop Day—No School

March 15: Second Trimester Report Cards

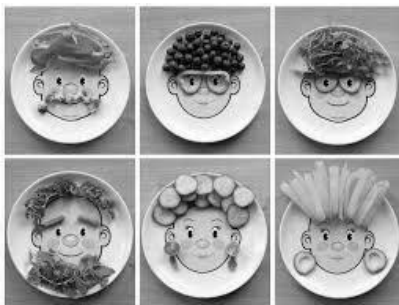
March 18 - April 12: Grade 3 MEA

April 4: 5:00-7:30 PM - Save the Date for Bloomfield Arts & Academic Night

School Recess and Playing in the Snow

Students at Bloomfield Elementary continue to go outside for recess everyday that it is at least 10 degrees Fahrenheit. The wind speed or wind chill is also considered in this decision. Because we go out on very cold days all students must have: boots, snow pants, winter coats, hats and mittens.

Playing in the snow at school is different than home due to the number of children outside all at once. Students are taught that they may build with snow, slide on their bottoms with feet first, and run or roll in the snow. At home students can often have snowball fights and make tunnels. These activities are not safe for school.



Bloomfield Arts and Academic Celebration

On April 4th you will have an extraordinary opportunity to share in the accomplishments of your child. Your child will share academic work in the classroom, artwork throughout the building, and his/her voice through a grade level mini-concert in the gymnasium. There is also a family photo booth in the library to celebrate the love of reading. Please plan to come for the evening!

I welcome your suggestions for improving our school community. Please stop in, email at jpillsbury@msad54.org, or call at 474-6221 and I will make time for you.

Respectfully,
Jean M. Pillsbury