

# Buck Bulletin

News and Information from Bucksport Middle School

## Year End Wrap-Up!

### CIVIL RIGHTS TEAM SEE THE SEA DOGS!

On May 12th, the BMS Civil Rights Team traveled to Portland for the annual Civil Rights Team Project Night with the Sea Dogs. 200+ civil rights teams from across Maine are invited to a night of baseball honoring their hard work throughout the year. Our team enjoyed the game, good food, and even got souvenirs signed by one of the players!



## 7TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

On May 16th, the 7th Grade took a field trip to Viles Arboretum in Augusta. This botanical garden and arboretum has 5 miles of trails and 224 acres to explore and is open to the public year-round. Students had a great time exploring and learning!



# SENSORY GARDEN INTERVENTION GROUP

Ms. Brouillard's and Mrs. Carter's intervention group has been working since this winter to create a sensory garden next to the Applied Learning Lab. Students started with taking a deep dive into learning about each of their senses and their impact on mood and well-being. Going through a design process, students created prototypes of their dream sensory gardens using tools like Minecraft for Education, Legos and art supplies. The group was able to visit Old Town Elementary School's campus in May to check out their school gardens and outdoor classrooms. Students researched and picked out plants to appease to senses of sight, sound, taste, touch and smell, and created some personalized

stepping stones to leave their mark in the garden. All of this work culminated with the creation of the sensory garden, complete with border plants, a sunflower fort and a raised bed for each of the senses. Many thanks to the Castine Garden Club for their generous plant donation, as well as to the many teachers and staff who assisted the project and shared some plants of their own. This will be an on-going project and we're excited to continue to work on this wonderful addition to our outdoor learning spaces!



# STARS UPDATES & HURRICANE ISLAND TRIP

The students in this year's STARS class have done an amazing job! They have built an outdoor pizza oven for the school, made valentines for the senior center, collected sap from maple trees with Wing 1 students from Miles Lane, and sewed stuffed animals for younger students. Eight months after the initial summer kick-off, the students have developed a lot of skills, engaged in self-reflection, and built relationships with teachers and peers that will be beneficial for the rest of their educational experience.

Last month the STARS class celebrated their success on a two-day field trip to Hurricane Island. STARS students learned important skills that will be extremely beneficial for our school's new aquaponics greenhouse. The students went on several hikes around the island, learned how to build garden trellises, collected baby scallops, did some team building challenges, made their own fire, and even braved the VERY cold ocean water and went swimming. Our class has had so much fun this year and we are so proud of the STARS class for all of their accomplishments.



# END OF YEAR REMINDERS FROM NURSE JINGER AND NURSE LORRAINE

- Mainly Teeth Dental Clinic will be returning September/October of 2023. Permission slips and sign up will begin once school restarts. The clinic will only occur once in the school year and priority is given to those students seen in the 2022-23 school year.
- For next year, please note it is the expectation of RSU 25 that parents/guardians **will administer morning or daily medications at home prior to students arriving at school.** In the upcoming school year this will be adhered to for safety and effectiveness of the medication.

## Required Immunizations

As a reminder For Fall 2023, religious and philosophical exemption **are not accepted in the State of Maine for entry into public schools.** Listed below are the required immunizations:

- 5 DTAP (4 if the 4th dose given after 4th birthday)
- 4 Polio (3 if 3rd dose given after 4th birthday)
- 2 MMR (first dose on or after first birthday)
- 2 Chickenpox (Varicella)
- 1 Tdap for all students **Entering 7th grade**
- 1 Meningococcal (MCV4) for all students **Entering 7th grade**
- 2nd Meningococcal (MCV4) for all students **PRIOR to entering 12th grade**

## Sports Physicals



**All students in BMS and BHS participating in sports are required to have a sports physical completed every two years.** Forms can be found on the RSU 25 website.

•Convenient MD is an option for sports physicals if you are unable to obtain an appointment with your primary care provider.

•Please reach out to the AD of your school or the school nurse if cost is an issue.



## WE ARE OFFERING FREE MEALS TO KIDS THIS SUMMER!

RSU 25

Kids 18 and under can get a free lunch in  
BUCKSPORT at Miles Lane Cafeteria!!!



This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Meals will be offered  
at the following  
locations:

Miles Lane  
School  
Cafeteria

6/20 – 8/18

Monday - Friday

12:00 – 1:00 PM

HAVE A HEALTHY  
MEAL WITH US!!



**Buck Memorial Library  
Summer Reading Program  
June 3rd-August 18th**

**Join us for a summer filled with fun activities  
that highlight our community connections.  
Special Steam nights, Chewonki, a free movie,  
Storytimes throughout town, and Shark Week!**

**Weekly prizes too! Lots of fun books to read!!**

