

# EDDINGTON SCHOOL NEWS

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# Announcements

**Dismissal:** Please notify the office and your child's teacher of any dismissal changes BEFORE 2:00 pm (except in cases of emergencies). This helps us get everyone home safely!

## Parents:

Please send rain boots and a change of clothing into school with your child. Some areas of the playground can be wet this time of year. Thank you!

## Spring Concert

Save the date for our Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 7, at 2:00 pm at the Eddington School. Please join us as we listen to all the wonderful songs each grade has learned in music classes!

**REGISTER NOW**

**The Eddington School is currently accepting PreK and Kindergarten enrollment/registration paperwork. Children must be 4 years of age by October 15, 2025.**

**Registration forms can be found on the RSU #63 website ([www.rsu63.org](http://www.rsu63.org)) or can be picked up at the Eddington School.**

**2025 MAINE MAPLE SUNDAY WEEKEND**

**March 22 & 23**  
**9AM-5PM**  
50 Airline Road, Clifton

**Free, Fun & Educational**

Tree tapping and evaporator demos, free samples of maple syrup & other maple goodies including kettlecorn, sugared nuts and maple cream

PANCAKE BREAKFAST INCLUDING BACON OR SAUSAGE & DRINK \$6 ADULT/\$6 CHILD

10% OF BREAKFAST PROCEEDS AND 100% OF TIPS / DONATIONS TO BE DONATED TO HOLBROOK RECREATION

**[WILLIAMSFAMILYFARM.NET](http://WILLIAMSFAMILYFARM.NET)**

**SHOOTING STARS BASKETBALL**

**KINDERGARTEN TO 2ND GRADE**

**March 10th to April 9th 2025**  
**Mon & Wed 5:30 - 6:30**  
**Holbrook Gymnasium**

For more info, Call Brent @ 207-949-6769 or visit [www.holbrookrec.com](http://www.holbrookrec.com)

**JOIN RSU #63 PTG**

**@ MASON'S BREWING CO.**  
**15 Hardy St.**  
**Brewer, ME**

**Monday, March 31st**  
**5-9 PM**

**10% OF ALL SALES WILL BE DONATED TO RSU #63 PTG FUND**  
THIS INCLUDES ALCOHOL AND TAKE OUT ORDERS

### When should I keep my child home?

Please keep your child home if they experience the following:

Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher ( Your child is still contagious if you use tylenol or ibuprofen to decrease their temperature)  
Difficulty breathing, congestion or wheezing  
Vomiting  
Diarrhea (including treatment for constipation)  
Inflamed reddened eyes with or without drainage  
Open, runny sores on the skin or mouth  
Seizures, which differ from the child's normal seizure pattern  
Persistent, uncontrollable crying  
Unexplained rash



If your child develops these symptoms at school, you will be called to pick him/her up. We try very hard to limit the children's exposure to contagious diseases and appreciate your help with this.

If your child is sick, we recommend that you:

Stay home from school and other crowded places.  
Wash your hands often and cough and sneeze into a tissue.  
Get lots of rest and drink plenty of fluids.

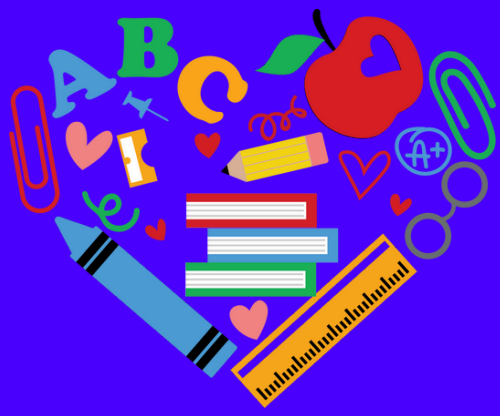
Return to school only when you're feeling better, eating and drinking normally, no vomiting or diarrhea and you haven't had a fever (without using medication) for at least 24 hours.



### 5 Ways to Boost Your Immune System

- 1. Get enough sleep.**  
Children need between 10-14 hours of uninterrupted sleep. Your immune system is hard at work while you are sleeping! Parents, you need 7-9 hours.
- 2. Eat more fruits, vegetables and Protein**  
Cut down on sugary drinks and snacks. Make room for nutrient rich foods.
- 3. Play more**  
Unstructured playtime is good exercise and relaxing. Stress can affect your white blood cell numbers and your ability to fight viruses and bacteria.
- 4. Get out in the Sun**  
Vitamin D3 is the sunshine vitamin and very important in immune health. Most folks who live in the north are deficient in D3. D3 supplements are a big help in the winter months.
- 5. Wash your hands**  
Make it a habit not to touch your face! Don't give viruses and bacteria a free ride.





# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

[Newsletter Incentive](#)



March 21, 2025

## Classroom Updates

PreK celebrated Dino Week! They learned about fossils, herbivores, and carnivores. 'Dino Land' was set up on our tuff trays, where they became paleontologists, digging for bones in the sand to create a Dino skeleton. We looked at Dino X-rays on the light tables and did a science experiment hatching Dino fossils out of 'eggs.' The students also learned the letter 'S,' and our nursery rhyme of the week was 'Hickory Dickory Dock.' They participated in the Read ME Agriculture book, Farmer Eva's Green Garden Life. With Maple Maine Sunday this weekend, they had a taste test on Friday, comparing real maple syrup with artificially flavored maple syrup to see which one they liked best!

It was a busy week in kindergarten! The students worked on the 'SH' sound in literacy, practiced numbers up to 20 in math, and explored mapping in social studies.

The 1st grade students read Aesop's fables, including The Tortoise and the Hare, and learned about the elements of a fable. They also reviewed the '2 vowels go walking' rule and focused on the phonics patterns 'ee' and 'ea.' Additionally, they explored contractions and continued writing stories that included a problem and solution. In math, they practiced identifying and working with 2D and 3D shapes. They continued tracking herbivores and carnivores in Namibia, learning that the ideal ratio of herbivores to carnivores is 30-40 herbivores for every 1 carnivore. On Tuesday, their ratio was 1:18, and by Thursday, they were tracking it even more closely.

Today, we had our bounce house celebration! The students earned this reward through their hard work on assessments during Trimester 2. PreK even participated by filling their pom pom jar for good behavior! The students had a fantastic time celebrating and jumping in the bounce house. Classes signed up for different time slots throughout the day, ensuring that every class had their own time to enjoy the fun!

## Spring Concert, Wednesday, May 7

Mark your calendars! We will be holding our Spring Concert on May 7th at the Eddington School from 2:00 to 2:45 p.m. (this is a date change from what is published in the Parent/Student Handbook). Please join us to celebrate the success of our students and hear all the wonderful and exciting things they have learned in music this year. If you plan to take your child home after the concert instead of having them ride the bus, please let your child's teacher or the office know ahead of time.

## Planned Absences

Please contact your teacher or the office to request a Planned Absence form if your child will be out of school on a scheduled trip for 3 days or longer . Thank you!

## PreK and Kindergarten Registration is Open for 2025-2026

We are currently accepting PreK and Kindergarten enrollment paperwork. Children must be at least 4 years of age by October 15, 2025. Registration forms can be found on the District website ([www.rsu63.org](http://www.rsu63.org)) or please feel free to stop by and pick up a packet from the office.

## Eagle Stickers

A limited number of Eagle Stickers are awarded each week and students who receive a sticker are entered into a prize drawing. If your child brings home an Eagle Sticker, please help us celebrate them by asking them how they earned it! The winner of this weeks' drawing is: Odessa McFarlin.

Enjoy your day!

Mrs. McLean

The newsletter word of the week: Maple





# MARCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 	4	5	6	7 	8 PTG Family Glow Dance 3:00-5:00 pm Holden School 
9	10	11	12	13 EARLY RELEASE AT 12:00 NOON !!!	14 NO SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY !!!	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20	21  BOUNCE HOUSE PARTY	22
23	24 SCHOOL BOARD MTG. AT HOLDEN 6:30 PM	25	26 Dental Clinic 	27	28	29
30	31  Masons Brewing Co. Fundraiser for PTG 5:00 -9:00 pm					



# APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 SCHOOL BOARD MTG. AT EDDINGTON 6:30 PM	29	30			

APRIL SHOWERS  
Bring  
MAY FLOWERS






# 2025 MARCH

## EDDINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>3</b> WG Toasted Cheese Sandwich Mixed Vegetables Peaches Milk	<b>4</b> Egg Patty Sausage Patty ½ Bagel Vege. Baked Beans Pears Milk	<b>5</b> WG Cheeseburger Macaroni Casserole Green Beans Applesauce Milk	<b>6</b> WG Cheese Pizza Baby Carrots w/SunButter Dip Apple Milk	<b>7</b> Chicken Breast Tender on WG Roll Tater Tots Pineapple Milk
<b>10</b> Sloppy Joe on WG Roll Corn Mixed Fruit Milk	<b>11</b> WG French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Vege. Baked Beans Peaches Milk	<b>12</b> Tuna Noodle Casserole w/WG Noodles Green Beans Pineapple Milk	<b>13</b> <b>EARLY RELEASE AT 12:00 PM</b> WG Cheese Pizza Baby Carrots w/SunButter Dip Apple Milk	<b>14</b> <b>PROFESSIONAL DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>17</b> Ground Beef WG Soft Shell Tacos Cheddar Cheese Applesauce Milk	<b>18</b> Egg Patty Sausage Patty ½ WG Bagel Vege. Baked Beans Pears Milk	<b>19</b> WG American Chop Suey Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	<b>20</b> WG Cheese Pizza Baby Carrots w/SunButter Dip Apple Milk	<b>21</b> WG Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Grapes Milk
<b>24</b> Hamburg in Gravy Mashed Potato Mixed Vegetables Pears Milk	<b>25</b> WG Pancakes Sausage Patty Vege. Baked Beans Pineapple Milk	<b>26</b> Chicken in Gravy WG Egg Noodles Peas Applesauce Milk	<b>27</b> WG Cheese Pizza Baby Carrots w/SunButter Dip Apple Milk	<b>28</b> Hamburger on WG Roll Tater Tots Banana Milk
<b>31</b> Hot Dog on WG Roll Tater Tots Applesauce Milk	<b>1</b> Egg Patty Sausage Patty Vege. Baked Beans Peaches Milk	<b>2</b> WG Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Green Beans Pears Milk	<b>3</b> WG Cheese Pizza Baby Carrots w/SunButter Dip Apple Milk	<b>4</b> WG Soft Shell Chicken Tacos Cheddar Cheese Mixed Vegetables Pineapple Milk

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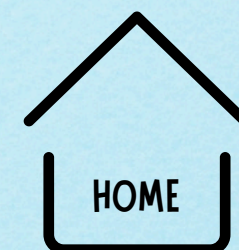


# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Elina Cavo  
Murphie Hutchins  
Avaree Kennedy  
Kora Howell  
Paxton Cox  
Elias Leathers  
Sandra Gates  
Vivian Mitchell  
Sullivan Ouellette  
Sylvia Robertson  
Owen Bagley  
Eva Cyr

March 1  
March 5  
March 8  
March 10  
March 13  
March 16  
March 19  
March 23  
March 26  
March 27  
March 30  
March 30

Kindergarten  
First Grade  
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Kindergarten  
Kindergarten  
First Grade  
PreK  
Kindergarten  
First Grade  
First Grade





# NEWSLETTER INCENTIVE

Last weeks' newsletter incentive winner is Griffin Deprey  
from Mrs. Blake's class!

**DON'T FORGET TO CLICK THE INCENTIVE LINK IN THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER TO ENTER.**





Hello, RSU #63 Families!

I'm so happy that Spring is on the way! This week, we continued to talk about goals.

In Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade, we read I Can Do Hard Things by Gabi Garcia. This book describes all the hard things kids do while growing up. It encourages children to go beyond their comfort zone and try new things physically and emotionally. This book ties directly into our new bulletin board, "Without Change, There Would Be No Butterflies!".

Kindergarten and 1st grade completed a paper by writing one hard thing they have been able to do this year. All classes did a "Bluey Spring Run" movement break and ended class with a "Butterfly Hug" meditation. I have added the links to the book and activities I mentioned below.

Sincerely,

Dodie Smith, LMSW/CC

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CF4kQfEVJLM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8aJt2lKwDk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9Hnisaqlns>







CURRICULUM CORNER



February 24, 2025

In January our students completed a formative diagnostic assessment for Math and Reading. This is a very valuable tool for teachers and students. In last month’s Board Report I provided information on what the diagnostic is.

How do we use the results?

**Districtwide-** We are able to look at the data to see what percentage of students are performing on, above or below grade level in different domains of standards. This allows us to determine which set of standards we need to prioritize. We are using this data to help us set district goals and plan learning experiences for leaders and teachers while also using the data to adjust the curriculum. We will be analyzing how the implementation of the curriculum is going by comparing diagnostic data results from previous diagnostic assessments and making the appropriate adjustments in order to provide the best instruction for our students.

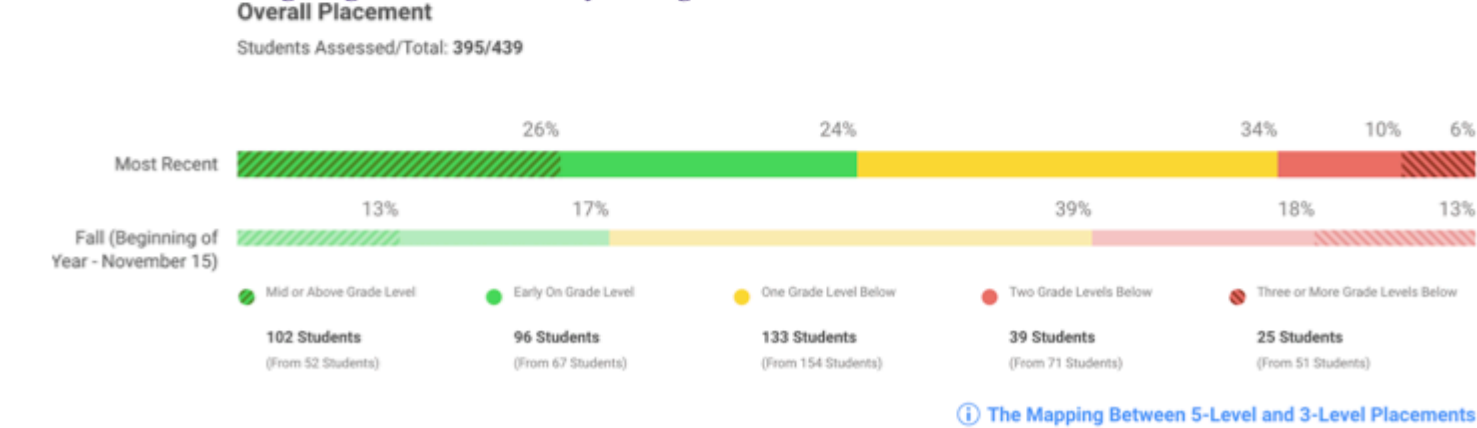
**Schoolwide-** We are able to look at the data to see what percentage of students are performing on, above or below grade level in different domains of standards. During grade level meetings we analyze how the implementation of the curriculum is going by comparing diagnostic data results from previous diagnostic assessments and identify bright spots as well as areas of focus. Schools/grade levels will be creating action plans using the data to improve growth for students. During grade level MTSS meetings the data is also used (with other points of data) as a data point to determine the need for Tier II/Tier III interventions as well as SPED referrals.

**In the classroom-** Each classroom teacher is able to look at the data to see what percentage of students are performing on, above or below grade level in different domains of standards. The program organizes students into groups based on the standards that have been identified as areas of focus and also provides lessons/activities for the teacher to use so they may provide explicit instruction for students in small groups or independently. The program provides resources to track student progress towards grade level proficiency of the standards.

We are very pleased with the results as they show our students have made great growth in both areas. Our students have made significant growth in both reading and math (see below).

Reading-

- In the fall 30% of our students scored at or above grade level. Now 50% of our students scored at or above grade level.
  - 31% of students in the Fall scored 2 or more grade levels below. Now only 16% of our students scored 2+ grade levels below.
  - One focus in Grades K-2 is to continue to increase Phonological Awareness and phonics skills.
- One focus in the higher grades is vocabulary strategies across content areas

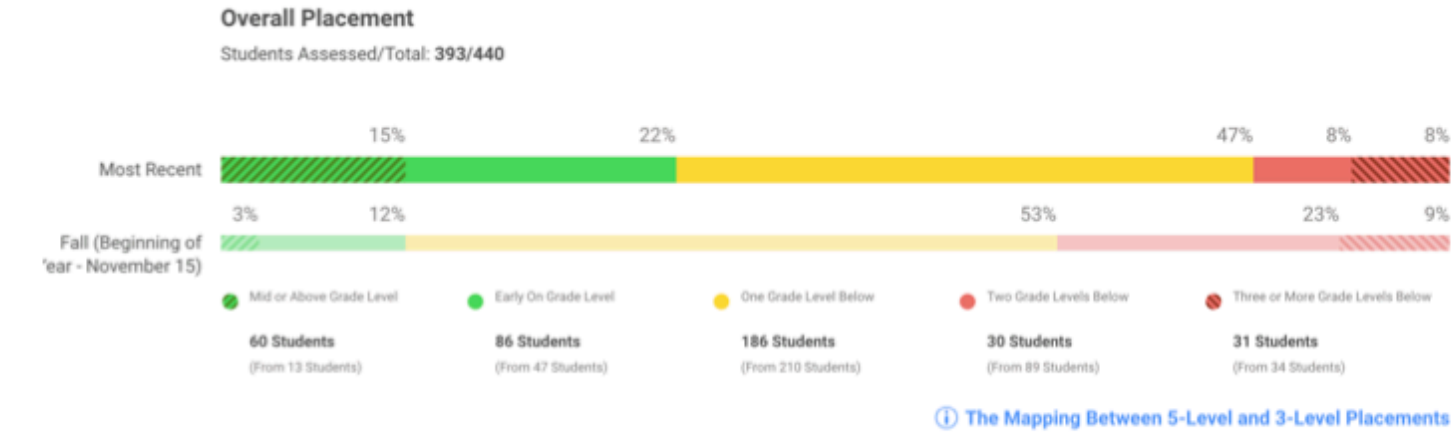


CURRICULUM CORNER



Math-

- In the fall 15% of our students scored at or above grade level. Now 37% of our students scored at or above grade level.
- 32% of students in the Fall scored 2 or more grade levels below. Now only 16% of our students scored 2+ grade levels below.
- One of our focuses is number sense skills based on the Number and Operations domain. Another focus is on math vocabulary strategies for students (integrating the reading domain results)



**At Home:**  
The best thing you can do at home is read to your child, have them read to you or have them read independently nightly. Talk to your child about what they listened to/read, finding words in the text and asking them what they thought that meant. Having them experience a variety of fiction and informational text will help them a lot. For math count with your child forward and backward starting from any number 0-100 (especially the younger years), have them practice mental math facts by adding/subtracting objects at home (in K- 0-10, Gr. 1 0-20, Gr. 2 and higher double digit numbers). You could even create story problems for them to solve.

Thank you!  
Tina Dumond  
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VISIT YOUR CLASSROOM'S FAMILY WEBPAGE!

**PRE-K**

**KINDERGARTEN**

**1ST GRADE**



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