

# Maine Messenger

Aug. 29, 2021

## Wild About Leadership

### Dear Maine Families,

We are pleased to welcome you to the 2021-22 school year! We are looking forward to seeing you at our Open House on Monday, Aug. 30 from 4:30-6:30. Kindergarten Orientation will take place from 5:00-5:30 in the library. Students may drop off school supplies and meet their teachers at this time. There will be some fun photo opportunities in the gym too!



You should have received the orange data directory information through the mail. Please review your information and update address, phone, and emergency contact information. Please drop the completed form at the table with Mrs. Maley in the gym. The iPad insurance agreement form will also be available for you to sign or to save time, you can print the form from this newsletter and bring it with you.

Below you will find a link to our Maine Family Handbook. Please take time to review the handbook as it will answer many questions regarding our daily schedule, drop off/pick up information, attendance, medications, and much more. Please take note of the drop off/pick up traffic pattern and share it with anyone else who might be picking up students.



## Schedule - Drop Off - Pick Up

### School Hours

- 8:15-8:30 Student arrival and breakfast
- School is in session from 8:30am - 3:30pm
- The tardy bell rings at 8:35am.

### Student Arrival and Morning Procedures

- Students may arrive between 8:15-8:30am.
- There is no supervision prior to 8:15am.
- Students will be welcomed at the door by staff members and begin their day in their classrooms.
- Parents may drop students off in the North parking lot. Buses will unload in front of the school. We ask parents to remain in

their vehicle and have students exit the passenger side of the car.

- Breakfast will be provided to students in their classrooms between 8:15-8:40 each day.

### **Additional Student Arrival and Dismissal Details**

Please share this information with anyone who might be dropping off or picking up your child up at school. Parent pickup occurs at the North entrance of the building. The main entrance is used only for bus students.

1. Follow the designated traffic flow.
2. Observe a 5mph speed limit.
3. If you are the first vehicle in line, please pull forward to the handicap stall.
4. Stay in your vehicle and have children exit from the passenger side of the vehicle next to school.
5. For safety, no double parking in the drop off/pick up line.
6. If you are going to exit your car, please park in a parking stall and walk your child to/from school. Children are not allowed to walk in the parking lot without an adult.

Refrain from using your cell phone while driving in our lot.



## **Leader in Me Parent Letter**



### **Be the "i" in Kind!**

Stop by the gym at Open House. Kids can get their photo taken being the "i" in kind. There will also be an ink pad for students to use to put their thumb print in one of the other letters to show everyone's commitment to being kind. There will also be some fun jungle props

for students to take pictures to match our theme, "Wild About Leadership".

## Handle With Care

If your family is experiencing difficulty at home, I would like to provide additional supports at school. I understand that you are not always able to share details and that's okay. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning, or weekend, please email me, "Handle with Care". Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let us know that your child may need extra time, patience, or help during the day. We also have an excellent Pupil Services staff available to assist families. Please don't hesitate to reach out to them.



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### Visiting and Volunteering in the Classroom

**O.N.E. (Our Network for Education)** is the Wausau School District's Volunteer Program and supports Key Interest: Foster mutually beneficial partnerships and collaborations that expand learning opportunities and resources. Each school's volunteer program reflects the unique needs of their students and the district-wide program provides an umbrella of support and assistance to each school.

Parents are welcome to visit school and volunteer in their child's classroom under the direction and request of the classroom teacher. Please refer to the WSD volunteer requirements (O.N.E) which are located on the district [website](#). Here you can find important information regarding criminal background checks, a copy of the Volunteer Handbook, a District calendar, and more.



Welcome back Maine Families! We hope the start of the new school year finds you happy and healthy! The mission of the PTO is to provide a positive and enhanced school environment by supporting the staff and students through the use of funds and volunteers. Throughout the year, we offer a variety of activities to support the needs of students and staff at Maine Elementary ranging from the annual chili supper to monthly family nights. As the district implements *The Leader in Me* program, we hope to draw upon the talents of the "Whole School" by utilizing and engaging the support of parents, and the community, to integrate the 7 Habits and help create a positive habitat for Maine students, staff, and families.

**All PTO meetings will be held at 6:00pm on the second Tuesday of every month during the school year, the first being Tuesday**

**September 14th at school.** Input and involvement from parents are vital to maintaining a strong PTO. Please consider taking some time to attend a meeting. We would love to see some fresh faces and hear some new ideas!

Thanks!  
Angie Blauchbach

## **Important Links**

**2021-22 Maine Family Handbook**

**iPad Parent Handbook**

**iPad User Agreement**

This form must be completed by parents and students prior to students receiving their iPads. Save time at Open House by printing and completing this form and bringing it with you.

**Device Insurance Plan**

**Nutrition Services**

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