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TIGER TALES

May 25, 2017

**Memorial
Day**



Upcoming Events May/June

- Memorial Day Celebrations - Fun fair, Raffle, Parade, and more - Monday, May 29th - NO SCHOOL!
- Step Up Day - June 16
- 8th Grade Recognition Night - June 22nd at 6:30pm
- Last day of school will be June 23rd, a half day. No Pre-K on June 23.



Thank you to our middle school students for a wonderful band/chorus concert.
See page 3 of newsletter for pictures of the concert.

Bryant Pond Fundraiser

Bryant Pond Camp Fundraiser Under Way for DCS 5th Graders.

Teambuilding. Problem Solving. Leadership Experience. Conservation and Environmental Education. Hands on Science. Outdoor Skills. Fun.

This all adds up to an amazing experiential learning opportunity in the Maine outdoors at the University of Maine Bryant Pond 4-H Camp. Next year's Durham Community School 6th graders have this to look forward to for Fall 2017.

As 5th graders, these students need your support! Please help fund this important 3 day and 2 night field trip with the purchase of a \$10 raffle ticket from any DCS 5th grader. A \$1,000 prize will be awarded to the winner! The raffle drawing will be at 12:00 at the Durham Community School PTA Fun Fair on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2017. In addition, 5th graders will sell lunch and desserts. The proceeds from these sales will go toward the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp fund. FMI, or to purchase a ticket, please contact Jeanne Costigan at 207-449-0086

Thank you for your support

Baseball, Softball and Track Games



Baseball

at OOB June 6 at 4:00pm
home vs. Freeport Middle School June 9 at 4:00pm

Softball

home vs. St. John's June 1 at 4:00pm
at OOB June 6 at 4:00pm
home vs. Freeport Middle School June 9 4:00pm

Track

at Gray/New Gloucester Middle School
June 6 at 3:30pm

**** Spring Sports Awards Night - June 12****

Outing Club

grades 5-8

Swan Island, Richmond Maine Overnight

June 2 & 3, 2017

Departure: June 2 at 10:00am

Bus return arrival: June 3 at 1:00pm

Activity fee: \$14.00

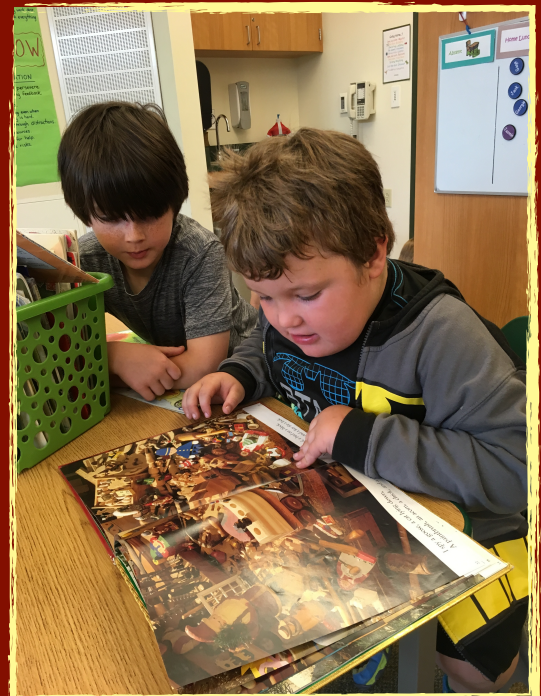
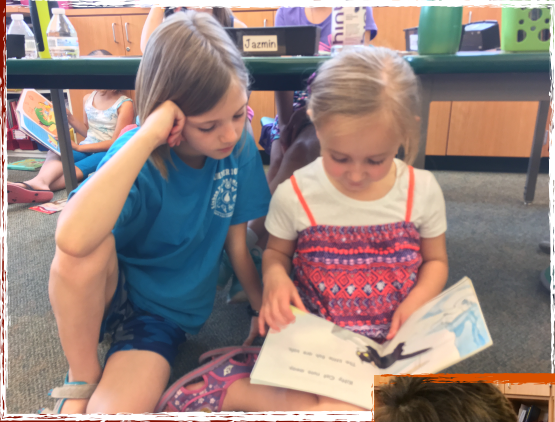
Equipment: Outdoor clothes, overnight clothes and gear (towel, toiletries, etc.) for 1 night. Sleeping bag. If you don't have one we may be able to get one for you.

We have reserved two camp sites and will be accepting 10 to 12 students for an overnight trip to Swan Island. We will be staying in either a lean-to or tents which ever people prefer and weather conditions allow. Upon arrival in Richmond we will take the 11:00 ferry to the island, settle in our camping site, and complete some outdoor activities. Dinner and breakfast will be cooked by all. On Saturday we will break down camp, take the 11:00 ferry back to the mainland, and return to DCS around 1:00.

Applications must be completed and returned to Mrs. Daniels by Tuesday, May 30.

Book Buddies

Each week Mrs. Perrotta's 3rd grade class and Mrs. Pierson's Kindergarten class participate in book buddies. 3rd grade students help the kindergarten students with their reading. When we started the school year the 3rd graders would read but now the kindergarten students are reading their books to the 3rd graders.





Middle School Band and Chorus Concert



Advanced Band



Chorus



Beginner
Band



Author Visit

This week the 3rd and 4th grade students of DCS had the opportunity to work with award winning author and illustrator, Matt Tavares. Tavares spoke with the students about his writing process and the layers of research and editing that go into each of his books. From early drafts, to research trips, to utilizing both digital and analog technologies, Tavares took students through each step of the creative process from idea to published book. He explained that it is through hard work, flexible thinking and a growth mindset that he has been able to achieve his dream of being an author and illustrator. During our visit Tavares also created sketches inspired by the students to DCS as he gave students helpful tips and tricks for drawing. These sketches will be on display in the Library later this month. A great amount of thanks go to the 3/4 team for inspiring this visit and a huge thank you goes to the GaTE program and the DCS PTA for making this visit possible.

