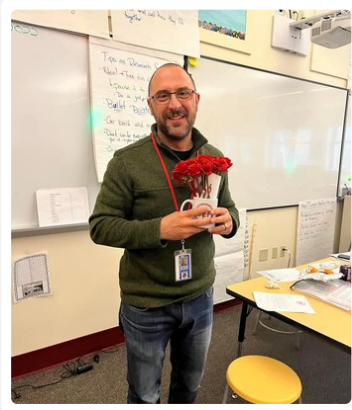


# Scarborough Public Schools

January 13, 2023



Matt Coleman



Catherine Hewitt

## SEF Fall Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the six fall 2022 SEF (Scarborough Education Foundation) grant recipients! The chosen grants totalled over \$16,000 for activities and events designed to "promote academic excellence in the Scarborough Public Schools." The six awards cover a variety of topics (see full list below) including the creation of a Wentworth publishing company for young writers and an author book tour featuring the children's book, *A Dog and His Boy: The Adventures of Spillway and Scotty*, by Lisa Wentzel.

The staff and students are very grateful for the leadership and dedication of the SEF volunteers, and for all of the generous community donations offered to support their mission. The SEF continues to promote and enhance educational opportunities for our students through their hard work and on-going efforts. If you would like to get involved, would like to donate towards their cause or would like more information on their mission, please visit their website at: [www.sefmaine.org](http://www.sefmaine.org).

### 2022 SEF Fall Grant Recipients

- Wentworth Publishing Company for Young Writers - submitted by Michael Lewis, K-5 Media Specialist, & Heather Ebenhoeh, Wentworth School Library Ed Tech III

- Watersheds - submitted by Catherine Hewitt, 4th grade Wentworth School Teacher
- A Puzzling Situation - submitted by Matt Coleman, 5th grade Wentworth School Teacher
- Publishing Narratives with Book Creator Technology - submitted by Jessica Kelly, Middle School Gates Teacher, & Eric Huntington, Middle School Technology Instructional Coach
- *A Dog & His Boy - The Adventures of Spillway & Scotty* - submitted by Megan Haley, 1st grade Pleasant Hill School Teach, & Michelle Lajoie, OT
- Movers, Shakers, History Makers: Bringing Biographies to Life through Theater - submitted by Susan Allen, 1st grade Eight Corners School Teacher



Susan Allen & Anne Lovejoy



Jessica Kelly & Eric Huntington

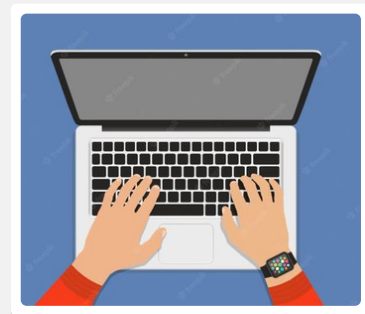
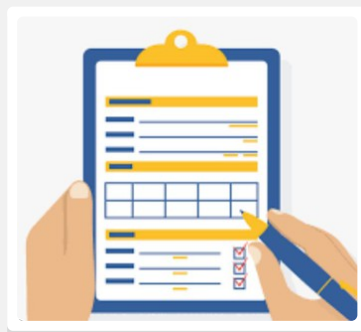


Michelle Romano and Megan Haley

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TRANSPORTATION

To All Families-

Please be aware that we are currently experiencing bus driver shortages and we are working diligently to hire/train experienced drivers. However, until new drivers are qualified and ready to drive our students, we may encounter situations where bus routes may either have to be combined or may run late. If either of these possibilities have to occur, we will send out text/phone/email messages with as much notice as possible to alert you of any bus changes and/or late bus runs. In advance, we thank you for your patience as we work through this. If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about becoming a school bus driver, please reach out.



## Online Registration for New Students is NOW LIVE!

All new student enrollments are now being processed online. If you know anyone looking to register a student here in Scarborough, have them visit our website and follow the links under the tab labeled

"Parents & Family." For quick access, use [this link](#). As always, office staff, either in our schools or at the district office, are happy to support families through this process.



## SPS Building Committee Openings!

***Looking for 2 Full Building Committee members and individuals who can assist by serving on our Finance Subcommittee! [Let us know about your interest here!](#)***

### ***Here is more information on Finance Committee:***

Calling all community members with MBA's, municipal finance background, tax background, capital finance, general finance, construction finance, etc!

Description of the Finance Subcommittee: to assist the building committee in building a complete view of the cost of the project including:

- Operating & Expense Costs (labor, utilities, supplies, etc.)
- Transportation costs
- Capital Cost & Depreciation Schedule
- Disposition of existing assets and any associated write-off's
- Financial modeling of various scenarios, i.e. transportation, capital, depreciation, impacts to taxes, etc.
- And other financial impacts

We would love your participation and expertise!

Contact us with any building related questions via the project website.

Follow us on Facebook and share posts:

<https://www.facebook.com/ScarboroughSchoolsBuildingProject>

**Our next Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30pm in Council Chambers A and B.**

For those who need to join via Zoom, the link can be found below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86181637527?pwd=Q3doN3ZRTjBhOUllQUlSQUdjWEpPZz09>



## Volunteers Needed for Junior Achievement Programming



Scarborough Public Schools has benefitted from an amazing partnership with Junior Achievement of Maine for over 30 years!!! We are looking for some amazing volunteers to help with Junior Achievement programming for programs that are being offered in our K-8 schools, as well as in nearby communities. Perhaps you personally have time, or might want to include a staff team from your workplace? Current needs include:

### **Eight Corners**

2nd grade: Friday, March 10th – 5 volunteers

### **Blue Point**

2nd grade: Friday, April 7th – 2 volunteers

1st grade: Friday, May 26th – 3 volunteers

### **Scarborough MS**

6th grade: Monday, June 5th/Friday, June 9th – 6 to 12 volunteers

Training, materials, and curriculum, which aligns to state standards, are all provided for you. If you are interested and available on one of these dates, please reach out to [dnadeau@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:dnadeau@scarboroughschools.org) and we can get you connected to the appropriate folks.

To learn more about JA programming and how else to get involved and support efforts, please visit [Junior Achievement of Maine](https://www.ja-maine.org/).



## Free COVID -19 Test Kits

As the winter months approach, there is a chance we we may see the number of COVID-19 cases rise. If you have [COVID like symptoms](#) (i.e. cough, fever, sore throat, runny nose), please stay home and be tested. To be prepared, be sure to have some tests kits available for home use. You can order your FREE test kits each month using either of these links:

Federal: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

Maine: <https://www.accesscovidtests.org/>

If you have further questions regarding COVID and testing for COVID, please check out the [State of Maine COVID-19 testing website page](#).



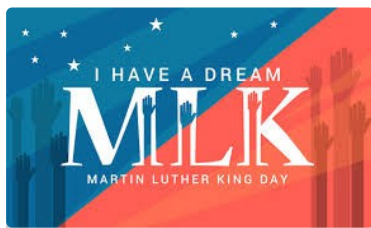
## Now Hiring!

We are still in need of staff for a few key areas!

Please consider joining our team for the following positions:

- Educational Technicians in our Special Services Department HIRING BONUS!
- Substitutes: starting at \$130/day - *flexible schedules according to your availability!*
- Custodians HIRING BONUS!
- Food Service workers
- Bus Drivers & Bus Aides

For a complete list of open positions and how to apply, please visit our website at <https://www.scarboroughschools.org/employment-opportunities>



## Upcoming SPS Events - Mark Your Calendar!

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

- January 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
- January 19 - School Board Meeting
- January 24 - SPS Building Committee Meeting - 6:30PM - Town Hall or Zoom

## Links to Our Schools





Blue Point



Eight Corners



Pleasant Hill



Wentworth School



Middle School



High School

## Services & Information

[Spec. Services](#) | Chris Rohde, [crohde@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:crohde@scarboroughschools.org)  
[Transportation](#) | Sarah Redmond, [sredmond@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:sredmond@scarboroughschools.org)  
[Food Services](#) | Peter Esposito, [pesposito@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:pesposito@scarboroughschools.org)  
[Athletics & Activities](#) | Mike LeGage, [mlegage@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:mlegage@scarboroughschools.org)  
[Curriculum](#) | Monique Culbertson, [mculbertson@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:mculbertson@scarboroughschools.org)  
[Facilities](#) | Todd Jepson, [tjepson@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:tjepson@scarboroughschools.org)



## Tech Support

For technology assistance with SPS student laptops, please send a message to [techsupport@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:techsupport@scarboroughschools.org) and someone from Technology will be in touch to assist you.



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