

# THE M.L. DAY PRIDE REPORT



## REPORT A STUDENT ABSENCE

## BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENU

### Principal's Message

It is so hard to believe that the students will be here in less than 2 weeks! The staff here at M. L. Day have been incredibly busy all summer. Our school has been thoroughly cleaned and feels shiny and brand new! My gratitude goes out to our custodian, Tony Arabia for all of his hard work and commitment to our building. If you happen to see him, please give him a quick thanks. The building opens up to our teachers tomorrow so they can begin to craft the learning spaces your students will spend the next school year in and I can't wait to see them and hear all about their summer vacations. We have a few new staff to welcome for the 23-24 School Year. Please see their information below and make them feel welcome! Here's to an amazing school year!

### Important Dates

**August 28, 2023:** First day of school for Grades 1-5

**August 30, 2023:** First day of school for Kindergarten.

**September 1, 2023:** No School

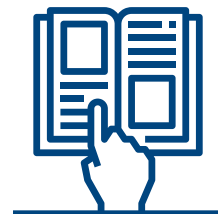
**September 4, 2023:** No School

**September 6, 2023:** Early Release Wednesday

### Important Info

There are new requirements for Important Medical Documentation linked here. Please take a moment to review this information prior to school starting.

### Faculty Directory



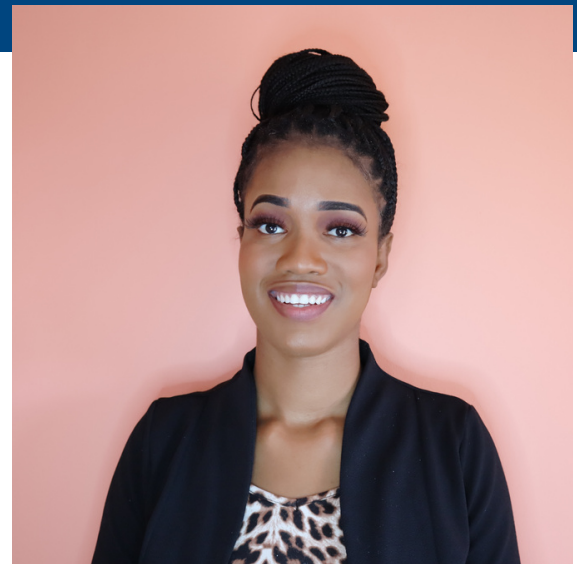
# Say hello to our new Staff!



**Ms. Bergeron**  
**Spanish**

Hello! My name is Ms. Bergeron and I will be teaching Spanish at MLD. From university lecture halls to bilingual elementary schools, I have spent a total of eight years teaching Spanish and English to speakers of other languages. I holds a master's degree in Hispanic Studies from Boston College, where I earned the Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award in 2014. After living and teaching in Seville, Spain for six years, I am thrilled to be able to share my love for the Spanish language and Hispanic culture with young learners at Mildred L. Day School. Outside of the classroom, you'll find me hard at work in my straw bale garden, cooking (and eating!) my way through culinary history, or making music with my partner in our South Portland home.

Hello! My name is Mrs. Frances and I am joining MLD as a Grade 4 teacher! I have over four years of teaching experience in Jamaica, which has allowed me to develop a strong foundation in education and connect with my students on a deeper level. I find immense joy in exploring new things, whether it's a new teaching method, a hobby, or a different cuisine to cook. Spending quality time with my family brings me immense happiness and helps me create lifelong memories. Traveling is another passion of mine, as it allows me to broaden my horizons and experience different cultures firsthand. Finally, my love for math and science fuels my curiosity and analytical mindset, inspiring me to continuously learn and share my knowledge with others.



**Mrs. Frances**  
**Grade 4**



# Say hello to our new Staff!

Hello! My name is Ms. Palkovic and I am so excited to be joining RSU 21 as your new Librarian! I grew up in Old Orchard Beach, ME and currently reside in Sanford. I received a Bachelors in Human Development and Family Studies in 2018 and am currently pursuing a Masters degree in Elementary Education online through Grand Canyon University. I've spent the past five years in special education and am very excited to be working with all students in the library this year!! I am passionate about education and literacy, and actually worked and volunteered at a library throughout undergrad! I love the beach, playing softball and tennis with my family and reading in my free time. I look forward to meeting all the staff and students in the fall!



**Ms. Palkovic**  
**Library**



**Ms. Rumney**  
**Grade 2**

Hello! My name is Stevie Rumney and I am thrilled to be a part of your school community this year as a Grade 2 Teacher! I grew up here in Maine, and graduated from Wheelock College in Boston, majoring in Elementary Education and Math/Science. After college I worked in Boston, then Rochester New Hampshire, and finally I moved to Seoul, South Korea to teach second grade at Seoul International School. I'm happy to be home this year to get back into my New England passions which include skiing, and spending the day at the beach with a good book.

# Community Resources



## **Community Outreach Services:**

(207) 604-0445 Food distribution, fuel assistance, backpack program and other supports for families

## **Kennebunk Rotary CS-3**

(Community Strong, Character Strong, Children Strong) Lesa Kraft (425)-343-8801

*Three towns, one community*

**Maine Statewide Crisis Hotline** 1-888-568-1112

**Caring Unlimited** 1-800-239-7298 - 24 hour support line for Domestic Abuse and Violence

**The Center for Grieving Children**  
(207) 775-5216 Resources and support for children experiencing loss

**National Alliance on Mental Illness**  
1(800) 464 - 5767 Support for individuals and families experiencing mental illness

## **General Assistance Support**

### **Kennebunk**

Karen Winton (207) 985-2102 ext. 1342

### **Arundel**

Wendy Lank (207) 985-4201 ext. 113

### **Kennebunkport**

Alison Kenneway (207) 967-4401

### **Kennebunk Chamber of Commerce**

Laura Dolce (207) 967-0857