



Scarborough Public Schools

February 2, 2024

Groundhog Day 2024



Live at 7:30am this morning....

Punxsutawney Phil predicted that spring is coming early this year.

The famous groundhog emerged from his burrow at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, shortly before 7:30 a.m. ET on Feb. 2 and did not see his shadow, predicting there will be an early spring this year.

by Kristian Burt editorial intern for [TODAY.com](https://www.today.com).

PORTLAND ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL (PATHS)

Here is a [link](#) to the Portland Arts & Technology High School (PATHS) 23-24 Quarter 2 Newsletter



Scarborough Public Schools' DEI Committee

Statement of Support

We are extremely saddened to hear of Mohammed Albehadli's, the South Portland Schools DEI coordinator, resignation as a result of a hateful, racist email. We give our full support to Albehadli and the South Portland DEI efforts during this time and we are cognizant of how difficult it can be to do this type of work, particularly for teachers, staff, and administrators who are of marginalized groups. Continuing forward, we remain committed to DEI work in the Scarborough Schools system as well as committed to collaborating throughout the region.

Sincerely,

Kalei Kieu - Scarborough High School Student

Rev. Nicole Diroff - Community Member

Scott Harris - Faculty DEI Chair

DEI Committee Chairs, Scarborough Public School District

DIVERSITY,

EQUITY &

INCLUSION

Celebrating Scarborough Public Schools' Staff



Alison Avery, High School STEM Computer Teacher



**Laura MacKenzie,
Wentworth School
Special Education
Teacher**



**Catherine Newell, Eight
Corners School Music
Teacher**

The Scarborough Board of Education celebrates the SPS staff with Spotlight Awards. They ask staff members to nominate a colleague or a team of colleagues to celebrate and recognize all they do for the Scarborough Public Schools' community.

Here are some of the most recent award winners:

- Catherine Newall was nominated by Amy Sullivan, Wentworth School Teacher, for her outstanding efforts as she assists and supports her Eight Corner's students as well as being apart of the DEI Committee.
 - Laura MacKenzie was nominated by Sheri Bell, a paraprofessional at Wentworth School, for her leadership role in teaching the Wentworth School staff RULER, a Social Emotional Learning program, and passion for teaching her students.
 - Alison Avery was nominated by Kerry Kertes, a former High School Teacher, for her outstanding educational practices and creativity to focus and engage students.
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Scarborough's Got Talent

Scarborough's Got Talent is a fun and exciting night of performances by Scarborough students in grades 6-12. The event will take place on FRIDAY February 9th in the Winslow Homer Auditorium at Scarborough High School. We welcome you to join us as we raise funds for the Scarborough Music Boosters, making exceptional music education accessible to all students. Thank you for your support!



You can get your tickets online here:

<https://scarboroughredstorm.ticketspice.com/scarboroughs-got-talent>

Deadline for applications is Friday, 02/09/2024

New Building Advisory Committee

The Scarborough School Board and Scarborough Town Council are working together to create a new School Building Committee charged with researching the current space issues in the district and proposing a new solution. We are asking any residents interested in serving on this committee to please formally state their interest through the below form no later than February 9th, 2024. **All residents who agree to the meeting expectations will be welcomed to join the committee.** From this larger committee, selection will be made for a smaller steering committee to guide the work of the larger committee, as outlined in the governance document below.



Once formed, the School Building committee will meet and determine a cadence and schedule as a committee, but should expect about 10 hours a month in meetings. Subcommittees will also be formed and will determine their own schedules. This is a great opportunity to get involved! The link to the application is here: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdUkfQmRztMi8.../viewform>

[Governance Document](#)

Update: Volunteers Still Needed to Assist with Junior Achievement Programming



Scarborough Public Schools has benefitted from an amazing partnership with Junior Achievement of Maine for over 30 years and, with your support, it will certainly continue well into the future.

At this time, the following school needs exist to offer programming:

JA in a Day - one day commitment (1 lesson with each class rotating in for the lesson)

- **March 4 - Scarborough Middle School** - Grade 6- [JA It's My Future](#)- 8:00 am to 11:00 am
- **April 11- Eight Corners School** - Grade 1 [JA Ourselves](#) AND Grade 2 [JA Our Community](#)
- **May 17- Blue Point School-** Grade 1 [JA Ourselves](#) - and Grade 2 [JA Our Community](#) -

All training and materials are provided. This is a great opportunity for individuals, as well as work teams. If you are interested and available to assist, please contact Assistant Superintendent Diane Nadeau at dnadeau@scarboroughschools.org and we will make sure we connect you with the appropriate contacts.

Keep in mind that Junior Achievement also provides programming across the state, and there are ongoing opportunities in neighboring districts that still are seeking volunteers. To learn more about JA programming and how else to get involved and support efforts, please visit [Junior Achievement of Maine](#).

Community Bulletin Board



Don't forget to check out the [Community Bulletin Board](#). Lots of great community information to view:

- Scarborough's Got Talent
- The Gym Dandies present Wildfire Fundraiser
- Scarborough Adult Education Winter/Spring Catalog
- Scarborough Community Services Winter Catalog
- Scarborough Education Foundation
- Scarborough Public Library

Upcoming Scarborough Public School Events

Mark Your Calendar!

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

- February 14, 2024 - Early Release and Valentine's Day
- February 15, 2024 - School Board Workshop & Business Meeting
- February 19 - 23, 2024 - February Break/No School

Upcoming Early Release Days:

- March 6
- April 3
- May 15
- June 5



****Early Release Times:**

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

Scarborough Adult Education

Scarborough's Adult Education has sent out their Winter/Spring catalog. Interested in the history of tea, want to "pump up your strength", learn how to make pasta, go to their [website](https://scarborough.maineadulted.org) for more information!





Let your child know...

"I always find beauty in things that are odd and imperfect, they are much more interesting." - Marc Jacobs

  

Scarborough Public Schools

WE ARE Hiring

Grade 3

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE

TEACHER

Wentworth School is seeking a student-centered, organized and flexible, collaborative teacher to join our dedicated and professional team

Apply at:
scarboroughschools.org/employment-opportunities

Be a part of our **Team**

WE ARE **HIRING!**

Positions Available: :

- Lacrosse Coaches
- Track and Field Coaches
- Field Hockey Coach
- Educational Technicians
- Bus Drivers
- Substitutes
- Custodians
- Chorus Club Advisor
- Cooks and Kitchen Staff



Apply at:

[Scarborough Public Schools](http://www.scarboroughschools.org)

Questions?

call 207-730-4126

www.scarboroughschools.org

We Are Hiring!

Scarborough Public Schools is currently hiring. Interested candidates may visit the School District's Employment site for details and application instructions by using this link here:

<https://www.applitrack.com/scarborough/OnlineApp/default.aspx>

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

[Transportation](#) | Sarah Redmond, sredmond@scarboroughschools.org

[Food Services](#) | Peter Esposito, pesposito@scarboroughschools.org

[Athletics & Activities](#) | Mike LeGage, mlegage@scarboroughschools.org

[Curriculum](#) | Katie Vetro, kvetro@scarboroughschools.org

[Facilities](#) | Todd Jepson, tjepson@scarboroughschools.org

Tech Support

For technology assistance with SPS student laptops, please visit

<https://tickets.scarboroughschools.org> to open a ticket and someone from Technology will be in touch to assist you.



Scarborough Schools

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