



# Scarborough Public Schools

May 2, 2025

## Welcome to Scarborough Public Schools, Allison Wilson!



We are pleased to share with you that at the April 17th board meeting, the School Board approved the appointment of a new building principal, Allison Wilson, for Eight Corners School.

Allison's background includes prior experience as an elementary teacher and as a math and literacy interventionist. She has spent the last 10 years at the Mitchell Primary School in Kittery as a building leader, the last 7 of which she has served as the building principal.

Although we are sad to see Anne Lovejoy retiring, we are pleased to have found someone coming to Scarborough with solid experience.

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## TODAY IS THE LAST DAY REGISTER-Scarborough's Public Pre-K Pilot-Year 2

### Enrollment Application Process -School Year 2025-2026

Scarborough Public Schools is excited to be offering a public Pre-K pilot program in the fall of 2025, to include one classroom of 16 students. This program occurs in partnership with Shooting Stars



Preschool, located at 152 Rt. 1 in Scarborough. Shooting Stars is a high quality program which has been serving preschoolers for the last 20 years and we are extremely fortunate to be partnering with them. Through our enrollment process, we seek to serve children from each of our three neighborhood districts: Blue Point, Eight Corners, and Pleasant Hill.

### **Program Details:**

#### **The Scarborough Public Pre-K Pilot is...**

- Free
- Open from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday.
- Aligned to the the Scarborough Public Schools' Calendar
- Able to offer free lunch and snacks to students
- Open to all Scarborough residents who are turning 4 on or before Oct. 15, 2025
- Located at the Shooting Stars Preschool Program (152 Rt. 1, Scarborough)
- Staffed by qualified, experienced, and certified Pre-K teachers
- Limited to a single classroom of 16 students, selected by an enrollment process
- An extension of the public school and is mandated to be in compliance with Maine statutes relating to student registration and immunizations

#### **The Scarborough Public Pre-K Pilot is not...**

- Able to provide transportation. Parents/guardians must drop off and pick up daily
- Able to accommodate students with significantly specialized educational needs
- Able to accommodate all students who apply

### **Enrollment Process:**

Please fill out the Pre-K Enrollment Form if you would like your child to be considered for the Fall 2025 Pre-K Pilot Program. All names must be submitted by **May 2, 2025**. The Pre-K team will sort applications by the anticipated neighborhood school. Names will then be selected at random from each pool of names. Students who are selected will be invited to attend a screening. Children will be screened at Shooting Stars in early May by appointment between 2:30-4:00.

Enrollment decisions will be made after students have been screened. Parents/guardians will be notified that their child has been invited to attend the program and will be given a timeline to accept or deny.

The enrollment process will be ongoing until all seats are filled.

[Pre-K Pilot Enrollment Consideration Form \(Fall 2025\)](#) or use the QR code.



# School Building Advisory Committee Survey

## TAKE THE FINAL COMMUNITY SURVEY!

**When:** Available Online April 29th through May 12th

**Where:** [www.ScarboroughSchools.org/school-survey](http://www.ScarboroughSchools.org/school-survey)

Paper copies are available at Town Hall and the Public Library (Paper copies must be returned by May 9th).

## **TAKE THE FINAL** **COMMUNITY SURVEY!**

**ABOUT THE  
2 PREFERRED  
BUILDING OPTIONS**

**YOUR FEEDBACK  
HELPS INFORM  
WHICH OPTION  
GOES TO VOTERS  
IN NOVEMBER**



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## School Board's Student Spotlight Award Recipient



Our April Student Spotlight Award winner is Ellery Pease! Ellery is a kind and mature seventh-grade student who has been a valuable contributor to both the seventh-grade class and the SMS community. She is actively involved in several after-school organizations, including Student Council, Gym Dandies, and the Middle School Theater. When Ellery sets her mind to something, she is determined to see it through. She is confident in expressing her thoughts and concerns, consistently advocating for both herself and others. Molly Chester, the SMS Student Council

Advisor, shared the following about Ellery's contributions to the SMS community: "Ellery is a



two-year member of Student Council, and has used her voice passionately and effectively throughout her time as a rep. She has great ideas, and is confident and thoughtful in sharing them with her peers and with school leadership. Ellery always considers how our initiatives will affect each and every student, and is a stellar example of what a student council rep should be." Ellery is on a path to greatness and we can't wait to see all the amazing and wonderful things that she does in the future. Congratulations Ellery!

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## Last day of the 2024-2025 School Year - June 13th

The last day of school is Friday, June 13th. This will be a half day for students and a full day for staff. Dismissal time for students in grades K through 5 will be 11:45am and students in grades 6 - 12 will be 10:45am.



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## Kindergarten Information Night Slides and Zoom Recording

### **KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT**

[Kindergarten Information Slides](#)

[Zoom Recording](#) Passcode: b?p74d6F

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## K-5 Schools Common Sense Media Recognized

We are thrilled to announce that the following schools have been recognized by Common Sense Media as a Common Sense School: Blue Point School, Eight Corners School, Pleasant Hill School and Wentworth School! This prestigious recognition honors our commitment to teaching students safe, responsible, and ethical digital citizenship skills.



In today's digital world, it's more important than ever for students to learn how to navigate technology responsibly. As a district, we believe that digital citizenship is an essential skill for success in the 21st century. That's why we've partnered with Common Sense Media, the nation's leading nonprofit dedicated to helping kids thrive in a world of media and technology.

Our teachers have integrated digital citizenship lessons into the curriculum, covering topics such as:

- **Safe and ethical online behavior:** Understanding appropriate online interactions, protecting privacy, and recognizing cyberbullying.
- **Critical thinking and media literacy:** Evaluating online information, identifying credible sources, and understanding the impact of media messages.
- **Respecting intellectual property and copyright:** Learning about plagiarism and the importance of giving credit to others.
- **Managing digital footprints and reputation:** Understanding the long-term impact of online activity.

We believe that by working together, we can empower our students to become responsible digital citizens who are prepared to thrive in the digital age. We encourage you to visit the [Common Sense Media website](#) to learn more about their resources for families and educators. You can also find valuable tips and information on how to support your child's digital learning at home.

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## 🎓 Are You Ready to Celebrate?



### 🔗 It's time to honor the incredible Scarborough Class of 2025 with Senior Messages + Balloons!

Do you have a graduating senior in your life — a family member, neighbor, or babysitter, co-worker or employee — who deserves a special surprise? This is your chance to recognize them with a heartfelt message and festive red "Congratulations" balloon, all while supporting a great cause and a great organization.

Let's make their graduation unforgettable! Deadline to order: Friday, May 17th — don't miss out!

Order easily online here: <https://www.sefmaine.org/orderballoons>

Volunteer to Help Deliver Balloons: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA5AF2AAAFBCF8-56585263-class>

Please email SEF at [info@SEFMaine.org](mailto:info@SEFMaine.org) with all issues or concerns. Thank you!

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## 2025-2026 School Calendar Approved!

At the March 6th board meeting, the board approved the 2025-2026 calendar. It is very similar to this year's calendar, and will allow for up to three "traditional snow days" (or any type of unplanned "no school" days). If more than the allotted three days are needed, those days will be **asynchronous** remote learning days, consistent with how the school calendar has looked like for the past few years.



## Update from the Scarborough Board of Education



**Building Committee:** Working steadily toward the goal of narrowing down to one option from the two preferred options. There was a community forum on 4/30 at town hall that was well attended in person and online and a [survey](#) is currently underway through May 12th which will help guide the committee. The next meetings are May 5th, 12th, and 19th @ 6pm at Town Hall.

**Communications Committee:** Working toward community engagement efforts and continuing to work through the best way to communicate with the loss of the weekly publication of the leader being delivered to mailboxes. Looking forward to next year's senior citizen appreciation dinner and already planning some for that. The next spotlight award will be May 15th!

**Curriculum Committee:** Summer planning is well underway. Invitations have been sent out for incoming 6th grade middle schoolers for the connections academy and already preparing for summer reading academy, kindercamp, and credit recovery programs. The Board approved the Climate Education Professional Development Grant that would provide funding for summer professional development, monthly 2-hour professional development/planning sessions, instructional supplies, and contracted service with a Maine TREE Foundation consultant. The grant encourages outdoor education and fosters a deeper connection to nature and the Scarborough community.

**Finance Committee:** All school budget materials can be found at [www.scarboroughschools.org/board/budget](http://www.scarboroughschools.org/board/budget). The second reading of the school budget was May 1, 2025. Due to changes in Pre-K funding and Anthem rates, the budget has changed. Meanwhile, the town council has also requested that the school reduce the school budget to meet the town's goal of reducing the projected tax rate to be under 4%. Thus, the following amendments were approved.

**Negotiations Committee:** The committee is still meeting with collective bargaining units. The goal is to have all three contracts done by the end of the school year

**Policy Committee:** Working through updates to Title IX policies, and then working back through oldest policies to get those up to date.

**Round Table Update:** The town has made some additions to the budget pickleball courts, lights at Peterson baseball field, full time public safety positions

### **Student Liaisons Update:**

Abby: Earlier in April there was an author visit at Wentworth where the students were able to learn more about the process as an author and illustrator. Also spring sports at the high school have started and they have all had strong starts.

This was the first week back after our spring break and the phone policy was fully implemented at the high school where we now put our phones in phone trees for every class and at least in my classes I can say it has gone smoothly.

The SMS Theater Team put on four performances of the musical, Matilda Jr. from April 11-13. The students did an amazing job performing in front of packed houses and received standing ovations. Thank you to director: Jessie Dumais, producer: Bethany Jensen, choral director: Matt LaBerge, and many others for their support in leading the students through these performances.

Grace: At the high school, Mr. Theriault, Mrs. Blaisdell, and Mr. Brown all participated in the USC ice bucket challenge to raise awareness for mental health. Seniors participated in Decision Day today, where they wore the merch of the college they will be attending in the fall!

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## Project Graduation: Important Reminders

### Seniors – Don't forget your permission slips!

Turn in your Project Graduation permission slip to the main office as soon as possible to reserve your spot for an unforgettable night of fun and celebration after graduation. Need a copy? Download the form [here](#).



### Pickleball Tournament – May 17

Get ready for some friendly competition at our **1st Annual Pickle Palooza: A Pickleball Round Robin Extravaganza!**

Join us on **Friday, May 17** at **The Wicked Pickle** for a night of games, laughter, and great memories. Whether you're a seasoned player or just in it for fun, we'd love to see you there.

**Limited spots available. Must be 12 or older to participate.**

Sign up now at [scarboroughprojectgraduation.org/events](https://scarboroughprojectgraduation.org/events).

### Scratch Ticket Raffle – Feeling lucky?

You could win a bundle of scratch tickets **plus** \$100 in cash! Each ticket is just **\$10**, and every purchase supports a great cause. It's a fun way to give back—and try your luck at the same time.

**Winner will be announced on May 17.**

Enter now at [scarboroughprojectgraduation.org/events](https://scarboroughprojectgraduation.org/events).

**Must be 18+ to participate.**

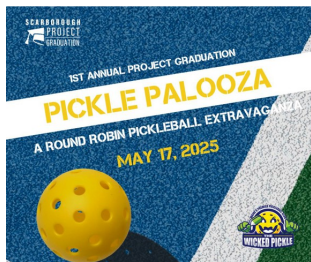
### Project Graduation Night Volunteers Needed

Help give the Class of 2025 a night to remember! We're looking for volunteers—especially parents of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors—so our seniors and their families can fully enjoy this special night.

Whether you can help for a few hours or stay the whole evening, your support makes a big difference!

For more information and to sign up to volunteer, visit [this link](#).





## Work Permits



### Work Permit Information for Minors Under 16 Years Old

Once a minor under 16 years old has the promise of a job, they must obtain a work permit before beginning that job. This includes students who are homeschooled. They must get a new permit every time they begin a new job until they reach 16 years old, even

if they work for their parents.

In order to apply for a work permit, the minor must be:

- enrolled in school
- not habitually truant or under suspension; and
- passing a majority of courses during the current grading period.

A copy of the [Maine Work Permit Form can be downloaded here](#). Once this form is completed and signed, the work permit application should be delivered to the superintendent's office (Scarborough Town Hall, 259 US Route 1) with a **copy of the minor's birth certificate, passport or permanent resident card**. You may also email this information to Melissa Booth ([mbooth@scarboroughschools.org](mailto:mbooth@scarboroughschools.org)) If you have general questions please call Melissa at 207-730-4100.

The superintendent's office will forward the information to the Maine Department of Labor. This process could take up to one week. If the permit is in order, the MDOL will validate/approve the form. A staff member at the superintendent's office will email a copy of the approved work permit to the student and the parent/guardian who gave permission for the permit.

1. Minors should bring the approved work permit to their new employer.
2. A minor can have one active permit during the school year and two during the summer.

For more information about child labor laws, wages, hiring and firing:

**Maine Department of Labor** (enforces Maine child labor laws)

*Bureau of Labor Standards*

*Wage and Hour Division*

207-623-7900

(TTY: Maine relay 711)

E-mail: [mdol@maine.gov](mailto:mdol@maine.gov)



## Community Events & Bulletin Board Information

Below are some great community events and fundraisers going on in Scarborough. Click on this link [Community Bulletin Board](#) for more information.

- Project Graduation Pickle Palooza - May 17th
- KIWANIS Fishing Derby
- Maine's Wild Blueberry Weekend T-Shirt Design Contest
- Summer Art Camp in June 2025
- Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) information
- Scarborough Public Library
- Scarborough Education Foundation



## Important Dates



[2024- 2025 School Calendar](#) [2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

- May 5, 2025 - School Building Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 7, 2025 K-12 Early Release Day
- May 15, 2025 School Board Retirement Celebration and Business Meeting
- May 22, 2025 SEA and SPS Retirement Celebration at the Throttle Car Club
- May 26, 2025 Memorial Day - No school

\*\*Early release times:

Grades 6-12: 12:55pm

Grades K-5: 1:45pm

## 2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration NOW OPEN!

We are eager to begin planning to welcome our newest students to Scarborough Public Schools for Kindergarten in 2025- 2026!

**kindergarten**  
**REGISTRATION**  
**IS OPEN!**

- Kindergarten is open to any student who **turns 5 on or before Oct. 15, 2025.**
- **If your child meets this criteria, and you are sending them to school in the fall, please complete the form linked here NOW: [New Student Enrollment Form](#)**
- If your child meets the age requirement, but you are undecided about sending them due to their age or developmental level, please complete the REGISTRATION FORM anyway. This will help us plan for all potential students.

- Appointments will be scheduled later this spring in each of our schools to review paperwork, including notarization of residency.
- If your child has specific health concerns, you can call or set up an appointment with one of our school nurses at any time.
- More information will be provided throughout the spring!

If you would like help completing these forms, we are happy to meet with you and provide an interpreter. Please call any of the school offices listed below.

**Blue Point- 207-730-5300**  
**Eight Corners- 207-730-5200**  
**Pleasant Hill- 207-730-5250**

[Click here to access the registration page.](#)

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## Reminder: WE ARE OPEN ON FRIDAYS



Scarborough Public Schools' Central Office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm, even though the Municipal Building is closed.

Please use the video intercom system located to the right of the main doors (Route 1 front doors only) at Town Hall to contact the School Department and be allowed entry on Fridays. As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Central Office at 730-4100.

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SMCC Workforce Training

# EDUCATOR APPRENTICE PROGRAM

**EARN WHILE YOU LEARN**  
as a school employee!



**SOUTHERN MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



**NO COST TO TRAINEES!**

**PROGRAM STARTS AUGUST 18, 2025**  
**INTRO TO TEACHING (EDUC 100) - One-Week Bootcamp**  
**Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

**About this program:**  
 This 18-month program is designed for those who want to become Education Technicians II at a partner school district. This program is the first of its kind to provide this opportunity. After completing the Intro to Teaching Bootcamp, you will spend one day per week (3:30 - 6:30 p.m.) doing coursework while also receiving experiential credit working in the classroom the rest of the week!

**Courses include:**

- Intro to Psychology (PSYC 100)
- Oral Communication (ENGL 110)
- Foundations of Math for Teachers (MATH 115)
- Intro to Teaching (EDUC 100)
- Intro to American Education (EDUC 105)
- Culturally Responsive Teaching (EDUC 115)
- Foundations of Literacy (EDUC 220)
- Teaching Exceptional Learners (EDUC 230)
- Student Success (FIGS 100)
- Hands-on classroom experience that counts as credit

**Where:**  
 Classes will be on-site at a Gorham/Cumberland County school or municipal building.

**Prerequisites:**

- 18 years or older
- Resident of State of Maine
- Proof of Authorization to work in U.S.
- High School diploma, GED, or HiSet
- Desire to work in education field
- Testing may be required

**Participating educational facilities and school districts:**  
 Brunswick, Falmouth, Gorham, MaineHealth, MSAD 6, MSAD 15, MSAD 51, MSAD 55, 61, RSU 14, Scarborough, & South Portland

**THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS:**





**FOR MORE INFO & TO APPLY NOW**  
 email [smccworkforcereg@maineccc.edu](mailto:smccworkforcereg@maineccc.edu) or call **207-741-5595**

Southern Maine Community College does not discriminate and is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.  
 For more information, please call 207-741-5568 or visit [www.smccme.edu](http://www.smccme.edu).

**Scarborough Public Schools is HIRING!**



Scarborough Public Schools

# We Are Hiring

*Join our amazing team now!*

## Open Positions :

- Gifted & Talented Teacher (Gr. 3-5)
- K-2 PE Teacher
- ESOL Teacher
- Admin. Asst. to Special Services
- MS ELA/Social Studies Teacher
- Bus Drivers
- Multiple Coaching Positions

## Apply at:

[www.scarboroughschools.org](http://www.scarboroughschools.org)

## More Information :

Contact Lisa Berry at 207-730-4126



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>

## Scarborough Community Services' Spring Catalog is now available

### Spring 2025

Click [HERE](#) to view the catalog



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## What to do in Scarborough?



For upcoming [Scarborough Community](#) events, be sure to check out Scarborough Community Services website and follow them on Facebook.

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

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

**Website:** [www.scarboroughschools.org](http://www.scarboroughschools.org)

**Location:** [259 U.S. Route 1, Scarborough, ME 04074, USA](#)

**Phone:** (207) 730-4100

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/scarbmeschools/>

**Twitter:** [@scarbmeschools](#)



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