



McGraw Minutes

Issue #21 March 13, 2026

A Note from Mrs. Shaw...

Dear McGraw Families,

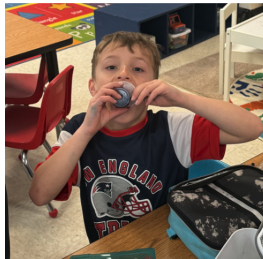
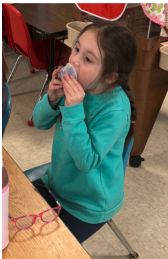
McGraw School is celebrating one of Maine's most iconic foods — wild blueberries! From the barrens to our plates, these little berries are a big part of what makes Maine special. McGraw is participating in the program, ReadME, hosted by Maine Ag in the Classroom! All preK- grade 1 classrooms received the book, "I Love Blueberries," written by Shannon Anderson and an activity packet.

Filled with engaging facts about blueberries, hydroponics, poetry, and a heartwarming theme of friendship, "I Love Blueberries" is not just a delightful read, but also a valuable educational resource. Students enjoyed a sampling of Maine blueberries during snack time this week. Here is a link to a read aloud of this book. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXoka21vhJU>



From the creators of the bestselling *I LOVE Strawberries!*

I LOVE BLUEBERRIES!



McGraw School Office

School Hours

8:30a- 3:00p

If you need to contact the office...

Office Hours: 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

call: 207.862.3830

email: mcgrawoffice@rsu22.us (all dismissal/absence communication)

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School Counselor: Mrs. Erickson, merickson@rsu22.us

[McGraw Website](#)

[McGraw Facebook Page](#)

Upcoming Dates:

- **3/13 No School - InService Day**
- 3/21 RSU22 Ed Foundation Community Expo & Kids' Carnival
10:00a - 2:00p @ HA
- 4/1 Best Buddies 3:00p-4:00p
- 4/10 Night at the Museum - PTO Sponsored @ 5:30p-7:30p
- 4/16 PTO Meeting @ 6:00p
- 4/13-4/17 Spirit Week - schedule to come soon
- **4/20-4/24 No School - April Break**



Calendars



MARCH 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2 D	3 E	4 F	5 A	6 B	7
8 	9 C	10 D	11 E	12 F	13 NO SCHOOL!! Teacher Inservice Day	14
15 	16 A 	17 B 	18 C	19 D 	20 E	21
22 	23 F	24 A 	25 B	26 C	27 D	28
29 	30 E	31 F	1 	2	3	4

School Meals with a Milk are offered at NO CHARGE Milk for Home lunch \$0.55		McGraw / Weatherbee March Lunch Menu				Breakfast Entrée or Cereal Fruit, Juice, Milk
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
2 Chicken Tenders Tater Tots Salad & Fruit Bar	3 Pancakes Maine Blueberries Maple Syrup Sausage Salad & Fruit Bar	4 Mac & Cheese Garlic Knots Salad & Fruit Bar	5 Beef Nachos with Toppings Mexican Rice Salad & Fruit Bar	6 Pizza <i>Chef's Choice Toppings</i> Salad & Fruit Bar		
9 National Meatball Day Meatball Sub with Sauce & Cheese Crinkle Cut Fries Salad & Fruit Bar	10 Crispy Chicken Drumstick with Waffles Maple Syrup Salad & Fruit Bar	11 Hamburger Cheeseburger Goldfish Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	12 French Toast Sticks Maine Blueberries Sausage Mixed Berry Cup Salad & Fruit Bar	13 INSERVICE DAY No School 		
16 Chicken Burger Smiley Potatoes Salad & Fruit Bar	17 Beef Shepards Pie <i>Beef, Mashed Potato</i> <i>Carrots, Peas, & Gravy</i> Festive Cookie Salad & Fruit Bar	18 Breakfast Sandwich with Ham, Egg, and Cheese Hashbrown Salad & Fruit Bar	19 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Salad & Fruit Bar	20 Pizza <i>Chef's Choice Toppings</i> Salad & Fruit Bar		
23 Cheese Breadsticks <i>Marinara Dipping Sauce</i> Salad & Fruit Bar	24 Yogurt Parfait with Blueberries, Strawberries & Ganola Salad & Fruit Bar	25 Teriyaki Chicken with Noodles Fortune Cookie Salad & Fruit Bar	26 Boston Red Sox Opening Day Hot Dog & Fries Soft Baked Pretzel Salad & Fruit Bar	27 Pizza <i>Chef's Choice Toppings</i> Salad & Fruit Bar		
30 Popcorn Chicken Potato Wedges Goldfish Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	31 Pasta Bake with Meatsauce Breadstick Salad & Fruit Bar					
<i>Alternate Menu Choices - Peanut Butter & Jelly Meal and Daily Chef's Special</i>						
Harvest of the Month CHICKEN High in Protein Low in Fat Low Carb	Fruit & Salad Bar Always Offered 	<i>Menu Subject to Change</i> This institution is an equal opportunity provider		On March 12 we celebrate Maine Day with wild lowbush blueberries, one of our state's most iconic crops. Grown in Maine's rocky soil, these small but mighty berries showcase our local agriculture, traditions, and MAINE PRIDE!!		

RSU22 2025-2026 School Calendar

RSU #22: 2025-26 School Calendar

August				
M	T	W	Th	F
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19 Sped	20	21 Ed Techns	22 TP
25 M	26 I	27 Gr 1-9	28 Gr 1-12 UTC	29
5.3 6.3				

September				
M	T	W	Th	F
1 H	2 (Pre-K -K 1st day)	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			
2.2 21.21 (27,24)				

October				
M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10 I
13 H	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31
5.5 22.21 (49,45)				

November				
M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11 H	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25 ED	26 C	27 H	28 V
3.2 17.16 (66,61)				

December				
M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23 ED	24 V	25 H	26 V
29 V	30 V	31 V		
17.17 (83,78)				

January				
M	T	W	Th	F
		1 H	2 V	
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16 I
19 H	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
5.5 19.18 (102,96)				

February				
M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13 ED
16 H	17 V	18 V	19 V	20 V
23	24	25	26	27
5.5 15.15 (117,111)				

March				
M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13 I
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			
2.2 22.21 (139,132)				

April				
M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17 ED
20 H	21 V	22 V	23 V	24 V
27	28	29	30	
4.4 17.17 (156,140)				

May				
M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22 ED
25 H	26	27	28	29
4.4 20.20 (176,169)				

June				
M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11 ED	12
15	16	17	18	19 H
22	23	24	25	26
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School Year

178* Student Days
 1 Management Day
 1 Teacher Preparation Day
 4 Inservice Days
 1 Teacher Comp Day
 (* 3 storm days included)

<p>August 18 August 19, 20, 21 August 21 August 22 August 25 August 26 August 27 August 28 August 28 September 2 November 26 11/25, 12/23, 2/13, 4/17, 5/22, 6/11 8/25, 8/25, 8/26, 10/10, 1/16, 3/13 June 7 June 11</p>	<p>Fall Sports Teacher Orientation (8/19 Sped only) Educational Technicians start date Teacher Prep Management Day Staff Inservice day Partial Attendance (Gr 1-9 students) Partial Attendance (Gr 1-12 students) UTC First Day Full Attendance (Pre-K - K First Day) Teacher Comp Time (no school) Early Dismissal Inservice - No school Hampden Academy Graduation Last Student Day</p>	<p>Quarters Q</p> <p>1 45 days 2 46 days 3 44 days 4 43 days</p> <p>Trimesters T</p> <p>8/27/25-11/21/25 59 days 11/24/25-3/12/26 61 days 3/16/26-6/11/26 58 days</p> <p>178</p> <p>H=Holiday, V=Vacation Day ED=Early Dismissal I=Teacher Inservice Day, No School NT=New Teacher Training, No School TP=Teacher Prep Day, No School M=Management Day, No School, C=Teacher Comp Day, No School</p> <p>Approved: May 21, 2025</p>
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A Note From Nurse Adams

Join us for the Community Expo and Kids Carnival on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 10:00 AM–2:00 PM at Hampden Academy! This fun, family-friendly event will feature wellness activities, community exhibitors, and opportunities to learn important life-saving skills.

In partnership with Hampden Public Safety, we will offer a Stop the Bleed class from 10:00–11:00 AM, where participants will learn how to respond to severe bleeding in an emergency. We will also host a Heartsaver CPR/First Aid class from 11:30 AM–1:30 PM, teaching essential skills to respond to cardiac and medical emergencies. Middle and high school students are especially encouraged to participate! These are powerful skills that can help save a life. If you would like to register please click on this [sign up link](#). Come learn, explore, and celebrate community wellness with us!

COMMUNITY EXPO & KIDS CARNIVAL

Business. Wellness. Family Fun.



SATURDAY
MARCH 21ST, 2026
10AM - 2PM

ENTRANCE
FREE



Spirit Wear

If you're looking for McGraw Gear, go to our local vendor, Goodwin Glass & Graphics!

<https://www.goodwinglassandgraphics.com/product-category/mcgraw/>

Community Corner



COMMUNITY EXPO & KIDS CARNIVAL

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FREE
ADMISSION



SATURDAY
MARCH 21ST, 2026
10AM - 2PM
HAMPDEN ACADEMY



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WINTER YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

GRADES 1-8

MARCH 18-20

4:30PM 6:00PM

Get ready to practice like the pros with a three day clinic to polish your football techniques & skill at University of Maine's Mahaney Dome!

All towns are welcome!

Online registration only

Limited Spots!

\$100

Registration fee includes winter camp shirt. Additional siblings will receive a \$25 discount. Register by March 2nd to ensure your spot for camp!



Facebook: Hampden Youth Football

Email: broncoyouthfootball@gmail.com

Hampden Food Cupboard

(Located at 101 Main Rd North, Hampden)

Hampden Neighborhood Food Cupboard is open to all residents of the four RSU22 towns as well as families of RSU22 employees and families of non-resident RSU22 students.

Open on Wednesdays from 10:00-10:30 am and again from 4:30-6:00 pm and on Fridays from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Families may access food weekly.



Breakfast Available

Did you know that McGraw serves free breakfast for all students every morning? Breakfast is served from 8:30a - 8:50a daily.



PTO Happenings

Come join a PTO meeting and see how you can help support the learning at McGraw!

Every time you purchase one of the BLUE Hannaford Helps reusable bags at Hampden Hannaford, \$1 goes to the McGraw PTO!

Thank you
for your support



McGraw PTO

BASKET RAFFLE

Donation Request
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We're hosting a basket raffle at the Children's Museum event in April and need your help! Please donate items for "Indoor Play" themed baskets and send donations to the office by FRIDAY 4/3. All donations will be combined into fun raffle baskets for families to enjoy. Thanks for your support!

What to Bring:

- Craft Supplies
- Slime
- Legos
- Books
- Play-Doh
- Sand
- Hotwheels
- Games



WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE MCGRAW PTO

**FEB
7**

SCHOOL DANCE 2-4PM

JOIN US FOR OUR FREE SCHOOL DANCE **NOW AT MCGRAW**. CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

**FEB
19**

MOE'S RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER: ALL DAY

PLAN TO HAVE LUNCH OR DINNER AT MOE'S IN BANGOR. THEY WILL DONATE 10% OF SALES.

**APR
10**

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 5:30-7:30PM

WE'VE RENTED OUT THE BANGOR CHILDRENS MUSEUM FOR A FREE FAMILY NIGHT! BRING THE KIDS AND ENJOY EXPLORING TOGETHER.

**MAY
30**

END OF YEAR PARTY 10AM-3PM

COME CELEBRATE A FANTASTIC SCHOOL YEAR WITH US! ENJOY THE BOOK FAIR, BOUNCE HOUSES, GAMES AND LOTS OF FAMILY FUN!

McGraw Bottle Drive Ongoing Fundraiser

Ways to Donate

CLYNK

1) Email McGrawPTO@gmail.com to get Clynk Bags sent home with your child. Please provide name, teacher's name and how many bags. They will have our Clynk Account Bag tags. Just fill the bags and bring them to the Clynk kiosk at Hannaford.

2) Already have a Clynk account? Login and click "Donations" scroll down, to type "McGrawPTO" into the search. Choose how much you would like to donate from your Clynk account balance.

Damon Beverage and Redemption

Located at 700 Hogan Rd in Bangor. Tell them you would like to donate your bottles to McGraw PTO once you get your slip!

EARL C MCGRAW PTO MEETINGS

2025- 2026

6:00 P.M. MCGRAW LIBRARY
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CAME TO OUR FIRST PTO MEETING—IT WAS A GREAT TURNOUT! HERE ARE THE DATES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. TO SAVE PAPER, THIS IS THE ONLY COPY COMING HOME, SO BE SURE TO ADD THE DATES TO YOUR CALENDAR. WE'LL POST MONTHLY REMINDERS IN OUR PTO FACEBOOK GROUP—SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN IF YOU HAVEN'T YET!



OCT
06

NOV
10

DEC
08

JAN
12

FEB
09

MAR
09

APR
13

MAY
11

Strategic Plan 2022-2027

Four Building Blocks



1 Student Success	2 Professional Excellence	3 Community Partnerships	4 Operational Excellence
Academic Excellence & Achievement	Recruitment & Retention	Family & Community Engagement	Budget Development
Foundational Skills	Professional Development	RSU 22 Educational Foundation	Fiscal & Facilities Management
Instructional Models	Best Practices	Communication & Transparency	Comprehensive Planning
Engagement		Campus Based Services	



Shannon Shaw

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