



McGraw Minutes

Issue #24 April 10, 2026

A Note from Mrs. Shaw...

Dear McGraw Families,

We had some very special guests at McGraw this week! Ms. L's class welcomed members of the UMaine Men's Hockey team for a special art project. Student-Athletes and McGraw students had a great time connecting and learning more about each other.

Community connections and positive role models are an important part of the RSU22 experience.

Next week, each classroom will have community member visits to read a picture book and share about their contributions to the community in support of our McGraw Literacy Spirit Week. We appreciate the ways in which our community supports our youngest learners.





It's Spirit Week at McGraw!

We are really excited about next week's McGraw Literacy Week! We have a spirit week planned around some of our favorite books. Each class will also welcome guest readers from the community throughout the week. Look for highlights of our guest readers on our Facebook page next week!



MCGRAW LITERACY SPIRIT WEEK APRIL 13-17

Monday, April 13



Reading Brightens Our World
Wear Your Favorite Color Today

Tuesday, April 14

Books Bring out our WILD Side!
Dress in your favorite animal print or wear something with an animal on it.



Wednesday, April 15



Reading is All Around Us!
Wear a Shirt with Words On it.

Thursday, April 16

Hats Off to Reading!
Wear a favorite hat today.



Friday, April 17



Reading makes us feel good!
Wear your workout clothes today.



Reminder: April Vacation is Coming Soon! No School 4/20-4/24

lost &



FOUND

YOUR STUFF MISSES YOU!

After April break, we will be donating items in our Lost and Found collection. If your child is missing something (mittens, hats, sweatshirts, etc.) please feel free to stop by and check out the Lost and Found before April break.



RSU 22 Budget Meeting Information

Please click here to view the **April 9, 2026**, RSU 22 Budget

Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XYMDRzJc28>

Documentation for all meetings can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iXYDRA5hMOFiTs_tnHZHXrB6ZSszSk4tq

Stay informed and engaged!

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)

fax: 207.862.5649

visit: 20 Main Rd. N. Hampden, ME 04444

McGraw Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Nason, knason@rsu22.us

McGraw Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Paradis, dparadis@rsu22.us

Principal: Mrs. Shaw, shannonshaw@rsu22.us

School Nurse: Mrs. Adams, nadams@rsu22.us

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

[McGraw Website](#)

[McGraw Facebook Page](#)

Upcoming Dates:

- 4/10 Night at the Museum - PTO Sponsored @ 5:30p-7:30p
- 4/13 Red Cross Hand Washing Demonstration 9:00a-10:00a
- 4/13 PTO Meeting @ 6:00p
- 4/13-4/17 Spirit Week - see schedule
- **4/17 Early Dismissal Day @ 12:05p**
- **4/20-4/24 No School - April Break**
- 4/30 HA Drama Performance @ 12:30p



Calendars



APRIL



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 	30 	31 	1 	2 B	3 C	4
5	6 D	7 E	8 F	9 A	10 B	11
12 	13 C	14 D	15 E	16 F	17 Early Dismissal At 12:05pm No Letter Day	18
19 	20 VACATION	21 VACATION	22 VACATION	23 	24	25
26 	27 A	28 B	29 C	30 D	1 	2

School Meals with a Milk are offered at NO CHARGE Milk for Home lunch \$0.55		McGraw / Weatherbee April Lunch Menu				Breakfast Entrée or Cereal Fruit, Juice, Milk
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
		1 Mac & Cheese Garlic Knots Salad & Fruit Bar	2 Walking Tacos with Toppings Salad & Fruit Bar	3 Pizza Chef's Choice Toppings Salad & Fruit Bar		
6 Cheese Breadsticks Marinara Dipping Sauce Salad & Fruit Bar	7 Chicken Tenders Goldfish Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	8 Yogurt Parfait with Blueberries Strawberries & Granola Cereal with Milk Salad & Fruit Bar	9 Hamburger Cheeseburger Tater Tots Salad & Fruit Bar	10 Pizza Chef's Choice Toppings Salad & Fruit Bar		
13 Chicken Burger Smiley Potatoes Salad & Fruit Bar	14 Pancakes Maine Blueberries Maple Syrup Sausage Salad & Fruit Bar	15 Chicken Fried Rice Fortune Cookie Salad & Fruit Bar	16 Pizza Chef's Choice Toppings Salad & Fruit Bar	17 Early Dismissal Bag Lunch		
20 No School 	21 No School 	22 No School 	23 No School 	24 No School 		
27 Popcorn Chicken French Fries Goldfish Crackers Salad & Fruit Bar	28 Beef & Cheese Burrito Fiesta Salad Salsa Salad & Fruit Bar	29 French Toast Sticks Maple Syrup Sausage Salad & Fruit Bar	30 Teriyaki Chicken with Noodles Fortune Cookie Salad & Fruit Bar			
Alternate Menu Choices - Peanut Butter & Jelly Meal and Daily Chef's Special						
Harvest of the Month DAIRY 	Fruit & Salad Bar Always Offered 	Menu Subject to Change This institution is an equal opportunity provider		SPRING 		

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 NT	21 Ed Techns	22 TP
25 M	26 I	27 Gr 1-9	28 Gr 1-12 UTC	29
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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			
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October				
M	T	W	Th	F
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6	7	8	9	10 I
13 H	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31
3 3 5 4 4 4 5 5 5 5 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
5 5 4 4 5 5 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		
5 5 5 5 5 5 2 2 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
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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
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March				
M	T	W	Th	F
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9	10	11	12	13 I
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			
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April				
M	T	W	Th	F
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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	
3 3 5 5 5 5 0 0 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
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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>Quarters Q</p> <p>1 45 days 2 46 days 3 44 days 4 53 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>
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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

Approved: May 21, 2025

A Note From Nurse Adams...

›“Ticks” the season... It’s that time of year again. The weather is warming up, the snow has melted, the days are getting longer, and the ticks are wide awake! See the guide below for tips on removing ticks. Be sure to check yourself, your children, and your pets each day, especially after being outside. Click the link below for further information on tick-borne illnesses. Please contact your school nurse if you have any questions. Happy Spring!

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/diseases-conditions/insect-borne-diseases/ticks>

tick removal

Remove ticks immediately. They usually need to attach for 24 hours to transmit Lyme disease. Consult a physician if you remove an engorged deer tick.

Using a tick spoon:

- Place the wide part of the notch on the skin near the tick (hold skin taut if necessary)
- Applying slight pressure downward on the skin, slide the remover forward so the small part of the notch is framing the tick
- Continuous sliding motion of the remover detaches the tick

Using tweezers:

- Grasp the tick close to the skin with tweezers
- Pull gently until the tick lets go

1-800-821-5821
www.mainepublichealth.gov

tick ID
KNOW THEM. PREVENT THEM.

Deer Tick (Black-Legged Tick)

nymph adult male adult female

(actual size)


nymph (1/32"-1/16") adult (1/8") engorged adult (up to 1/2")

Dog Tick

adult male adult female

(examples are not actual size, dog tick nymphs are rarely found on humans or their pets)

0" 1" 2"




Experiencing the Arts

Students at McGraw school have been invited by the Hampden Academy Drama Club to join them at the Performing Arts Center for a sneak peak of this year's spring production, *Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic* by Matt Cox.

The play follows Wayne, a Puff, who starts at a certain famous magic school the same year as a certain famous wizard boy. The show is appropriate for all ages.

McGraw students will be attending on April 30 for the 12:30p show. Students will begin walking to Hampden Academy at 12:15p and returning around 1:45p.



Spirit Wear

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

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

PTO Happenings

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

Free Event!

Join us for
McGraw PTO's
**MUSEUM
NIGHT**

**At the Maine Discovery Museum
74 Main St. Bangor
Friday April 10th 5:30-7:30.
Pizza and snacks provided.**

Basket Raffle:
\$1 per ticket
or 15 for \$10.

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



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*



WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE MCGRAW PTO

**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!

Thank you for supporting the PTO!
What a great year we had.
Enjoy your summer.

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!

Community Board



1. CAMP JORDAN

Overnight Programs for 7 Year Olds – 12th Graders

CAMP JORDAN PROGRAMS:

- Mini-Camp: Ages 7 – 9 Years Old
- Sleep Away Camp: Ages 7 – 15 Years Old
- Adventure Seekers: Ages 13 – 15 Years Old
- Leaders School: 5th – 12th Grade

Campers who attend Camp Jordan embark on a personal quest, enjoying a variety of activities from water sports, our ropes course, crafts, performing arts, archery, field sports, and more!

"I was very scared because I've never been here before but after I went on my rocks trip, I was perfectly fine. It felt safe and it was very nice because I got to step out of my comfort zone. It's a lot of fun and a good opportunity to get out and meet new people who actually care about you!" – Camp Jordan Camper

CHOOSE YOUR OWN PRICING!

Choose what you can afford from our different tier pricing options for Camp Jordan and Camp G. Peirce Webber programs!

All campers receive the same camp experience regardless of the tier your family pays. Financial Assistance is also available.



2. CAMP G. PEIRCE WEBBER

Day Camp Programs for K – 10th Graders

CAMP G. PEIRCE WEBBER PROGRAMS:

- CPW Day Camp: Campers Entering K – 6th Grade
- Adventure Day Camp: Campers Entering 5th – 10th Grade

Located on 55 beautiful acres in Hampden on the Souadaboscook Stream, our Camp G. Peirce Webber (CPW) has sports fields, an in-ground pool, archery range, playground, ropes course, hiking trails, and a 300-ft zip line.

"The counselors and staff are of the highest quality. The campsite is absolutely stunning. The community they establish is supportive and holds kids to a high standard. My son is 6 and wants to go to CPW until he ages out, then he wants to work there!" – CPW Parent

3. CAMP ACORN At the Y for K – 3rd Graders

Children attending Camp Acorn at the Y will experience diverse and fun enrichment activities with a focus on play-based learning in a highly structured environment.

"Camp Acorn is truly a special place. It's rare to find a program that meets kids where they are, with special needs or not, and helps them grow with joy, patience, and inclusion. I am beyond grateful for the memories my kids made here, and we can't wait to return next summer!" – Camp Acorn Parent

the Y FUTURE BARRACUDAS

SPRING SESSION
April 27 – 30, 2026

Session 1 4:00 – 5:00 pm	Session 2 5:15 – 6:15 pm
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This **FREE PROGRAM** is designed to introduce youth to the Barracudas Swim Team. *Must be at least 5 years old.*

For more information, visit bangor.org/fitness/competitive-swims/future-barracudas

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

Shannon is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

