

MCGRAW MINUTES

Issue #10 October 30, 2026

A Note from Mrs. Shaw...

Dear McGraw Families,
Wow- you really showed up at our Autumn Showcase Thursday evening. Our classroom showcase event and book fair were very well attended this year. Students thought it was super cool to come to school "at night." I speak for our staff when I say we are so grateful for the support our parents and community show us on a daily basis, and this is highlighted during events like our annual Autumn Showcase.



It's Parent/Teacher Conference Time!

We value our connections with families in our joint mission to support your student's growth. A key component of a successful year is participation in parent/teacher conferences. We will be holding conferences on the following dates:

Tuesday, November 17

Monday, November 23

Tuesday, November 24

Please use the link below to sign up for a time slot to meet with your child's teacher on one of these three days. If you're unable to sign up online, please reach out to your child's teacher or our main office, and we will be happy to assist you in scheduling a conference.

[**Sign Up for Parent/ Teacher Conferences Here**](#)

McGraw October Paw Power Book Winners

These students showed the McGraw Core Values and Expectations!







Thank you, Hampden Firefighters!

This week our local firefighters spent time in each classroom to connect with students and teach about fire safety in honor of Fire Safety Week. The firefighters definitely had as much fun as our students!







Book Character Day at McGraw!

We had a blast with our Book Character Day Parade this morning. Students were so proud to show off their costumes and share about the book they represent. Excitement around literacy is always a win!







McGraw School Office

School Hours

8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

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

Admin. Assistant: Mrs. Tracy-Dunn, ftracydunn@rsu22.us

Admin. 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

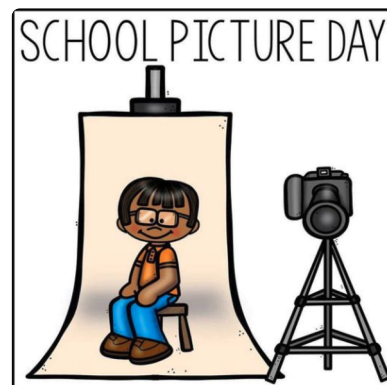
McGraw School Website

McGraw Facebook Page

McGraw Family Handbook 2026-2027

Picture Re-take Day

Picture re-take day will take place on **Monday, November 2**. Please send your picture package that you don't want in with your child to return to LifeTouch on November 2. Pictures can be ordered online at mylifetouch.com.



Upcoming Dates:

- 11/2 Picture Re-Take Day
- 11/11 No School - Veterans' Day
- 11/17, 11/23/11/24 Parent/Teacher Conferences (see link above)
- 11/24 Early Release day @ 12:05p
- 11/25-11/27 No School - Thanksgiving Holiday



Planned Absence Notification Form

If your child is going to miss 3 or more days, a planned absence notification form is needed.

A planned absence notification form must be completed and turned into the McGraw office at least 5 days prior to the absence. This form notifies the school of an absence and whether or not it qualifies as an excused or unexcused absence.

Please note: All absences are included in the total number of days absent as defined by the attendance policy and may lead to your child being considered chronically absent.

Spirit Wear

We wear PURPLE and McGraw Gear on our All-School Share days!
If you're looking for McGraw Gear, go to our local vendor, Goodwin Glass & Graphics!

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



RSU 22 School Calendar 2026-2027

RSU 22 - 2026-2027 School Calendar

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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)

Quarters Q

1 48 days

2 42 days

3 44 days

4 44 days

Trimesters T

8/31/26-11/24/26 59 days

11/30/26-3/11/27 60 days

3/15/27-6/11/27 58 days

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August 17

August 20, 21, 24

August 25

August 26

August 27, 28

August 31

September 1

September 8

November 25

10/5, 11/24, 2/12, 4/16, 5/28, 6/11

8/26, 8/27, 8/28, 3/12, 6/14

June 6

June 11

June 14

Fall Sports

Teacher Orientation (8:00 Sped only)

Educational Technicians start date

Teacher Prep

Management Day

Staff Inservice day

Partial Attendance (Gr 1-8 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 and Educational Technicians Day

Last Teacher Day

APPROVED 4.15.26 - Amended 7.8.26

Plan Ahead 2026-2027



RSU 22 greatly values instructional time, and our students benefit from consistent attendance. When looking ahead to the 26-27 school year, please consider these dates when planning holidays, appointments, and vacations.

HOLIDAYS & IN-SERVICE DAYS

- LABOR DAY
- NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 9/7/26
- INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY
- EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, 10/9/26
- NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 10/12/26
- VETERANS' DAY
- NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, 11/11/26
- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
- NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 1/18/27
- IN-SERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, 3/12/26
- MEMORIAL DAY
- EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, 5/28/27
- NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 5/31/27

VACATIONS

- THANKSGIVING
- EARLY DISMISSAL TUESDAY, 11/24/26
- NO SCHOOL 11/25 - 11/27/26
- WINTER BREAK
- NO SCHOOL 12/23/26 - 1/1/27
- FEBRUARY BREAK
- EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, 2/12/27
- NO SCHOOL 2/15-2/19/27
- APRIL BREAK
- EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, 4/16/27
- NO SCHOOL 4/19-4/23/27
- EARLY DISMISSAL & TENTATIVE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FRIDAY, 6/11/27



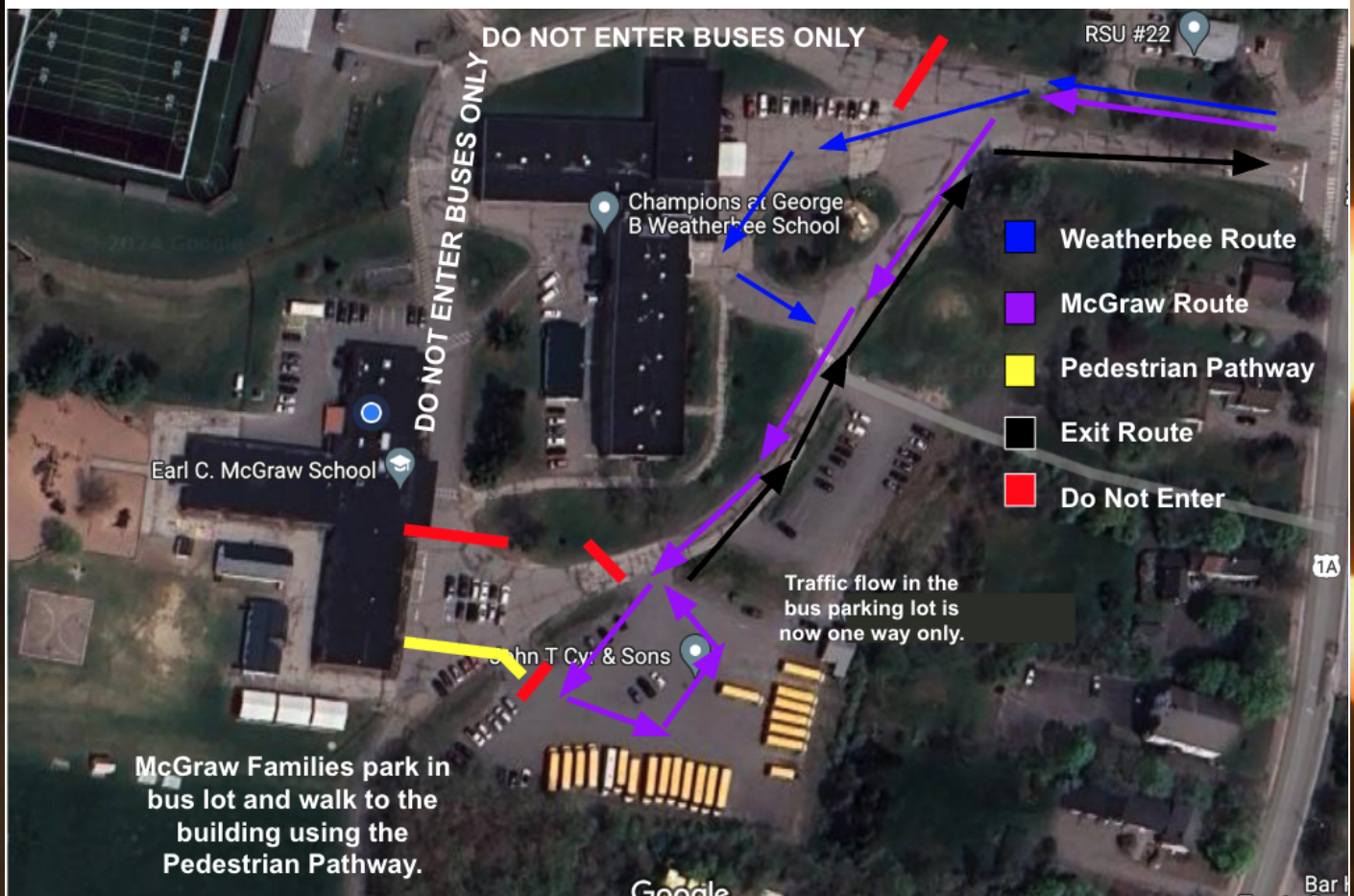
NOVEMBER		EARL MCGRAW - GEO. WEATHERBEE			2026
BREAKFAST					
Includes Juice, Milk, Cereal, Fruit, Grains, & More. Each day of the week has a feature that rotates monthly.					
Cini Minis	Fresh Baked Muffins	Breakfast Sandwich	Bagels & Cream Cheese	Cinnamon Rolls	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
LUNCH					
Includes Milk, Fruit, and Salad Bar each day. Check the cafeteria menu board for Chef's Specials and Peanut Butter & Jelly Meal.					
2	3	4	5	6	
Cheesy Breadstick Dippers <i>Savory baked whole grain sticks with Tomato Marinara Dipping Sauce</i>	Crispy Chicken Drumstick <i>Seasoned and roasted</i> Emoji Waffles Maple Syrup	Grilled Cheese <i>Savory sandwich with American Cheese on whole wheat bread</i> Tomato Soup	Chicken Burger <i>Crispy chicken on a whole grain bun with toppings</i> Smiley Fries	Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni 	
9	10	11	12	13	
Chicken Nuggets <i>with Dipping Sauces</i> Whole Grain Crackers	Vanilla Yogurt Parfait <i>with Maine Blueberries, Strawberries, & Granola</i> Cereal	VETERANS DAY 	Nachos <i>Crispy tortilla chips topped with seasoned beef, cheese, and choice of south border toppings</i>	Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni 	
16	17	18	19	20	
Marinara Meatballs <i>Italian meatballs in tomato marinara sauce</i> <i>Mozzarella Cheese</i> Garlic Breadstick	Breakfast Sandwich <i>Croissant Sandwich loaded with Egg, Sausage, & Cheese</i> Hashbrown Potato	Hamburger <i>USDA Beef Patty on a whole grain bun with choice of American Cheese and toppings</i> French Fries	THANKSGIVING MEAL <i>Roast Turkey & Gravy</i> <i>Mashed Potato</i> <i>Dinner Roll</i> <i>Apple Crisp</i>	Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni 	
23	24	25	26	27	
Pasta & Meat Sauce <i>Our sauce is made in house with herbs, spices, and ground beef</i> Dinner Roll	Early Dismissal Snack Pack <i>Muffin, Cheese Stick, Fruit Veggies, Milk & a special treat</i>	NO SCHOOL 	HAPPY THANKSGIVING 	NO SCHOOL 	
30					
Chicken Tenders <i>with Dipping Sauces</i> BLT Pasta Salad				SALAD & FRUIT BAR Offered at Lunch Every Day 	
Menu Subject to Change. This institution is and equal opportunity provider.					

Arrival and Dismissal

McGraw and Weatherbee Arrival/Dismissal Video

Please watch this video outlining drop-off and pick-up procedures for McGraw and Weatherbee schools.

https://youtu.be/F_D02rrbfnE



Health Tips and Information from Nurse Adams

Halloween Treat Reminder

In order to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all of our staff and students unsolicited food items will not be allowed at McGraw. Any food items (aside from a healthy daily snack and home lunch) will be held in the office until a parent/guardian can pick them up.



Please do not send Halloween treats in with your students to consume or to share with their classmates.

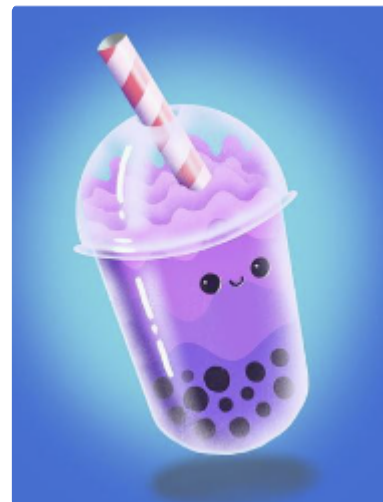
If you have any health related questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me via phone at (207) 862-3830 or by email at nadams@rsu22.us. We appreciate your assistance in maintaining a healthy and safe learning environment!

STUDENT BEVERAGE POLICY REMINDER

In order to help support the health, wellness, and safety of all students, please be reminded that specialty beverages are not permitted to be consumed by students in school during the school day. This is in accordance with the RSU 22 District Wellness Policy JL.

These beverages include, but are not limited to:

- Soda
- Energy drinks
- Sports drinks
- Refreshers
- Specialty coffee drinks (such as Dunkin' beverages)



Water is highly encouraged!

Please plan accordingly: Students may not bring these beverages into the building to consume during the school day. Any beverage against policy must be finished prior to entering the school building or it will be discarded.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a healthy school environment for all students!



Daylight saving time has arrived, and Sunday, November 1st, we will "fall back" an hour. Here are some tips to help elementary students adjust to the time change:

- Adjust bedtime: Start moving your child's bedtime back by 10–15 minutes each night about a week before the time change. This

helps prevent your child from becoming overtired.

- Set clocks early: Set your clocks to the new time before bed, so you're ready and avoid any confusion on the day of the time change.
 - Create a sleep routine: Establish a consistent sleep routine and stick to it.
 - Avoid screen time: Limit screen time at least an hour before bed. Light from screens can disrupt the production of melatonin, the body's sleep hormone.
 - Block out morning light: Keep your child's bedroom window covered to help them sleep in.
 - Exposure to daylight: In the early evening, expose your child to plenty of bright light to help reset their internal clock.
 - Get enough sleep: In the days before the time change, make sure your child is getting enough sleep.
 - Develop healthy sleep associations: Try to put your child to bed while they're
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McGraw PTO Happenings

Are you an approved volunteer? Can you help at lunch time? Sign up here...

<https://signup.com/go/dnpNkfW>

GET INVOLVED WITH THE McGRAW PTO!

Together, we make our school even better.

Parents, grandparents, caregivers & friends — we need YOU!
Join us for a great year of supporting McGraw students, staff, and families.

PTO MEETINGS

We meet the 2nd Monday of every month
FIRST MEETING: SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 • 6:00 PM

WHAT YOUR PTO ACCOMPLISHED LAST YEAR



700+
BOOKS DONATED
to McGraw students and staff



23
EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS
bringing our school community together



\$8,000+
RAISED FOR McGRAW
to support our school and students

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE McGRAW PTO!

Whether you have an hour to give or want to help all year long, every hand makes a difference.



JOIN OUR PTO FACEBOOK PAGE
Scan to connect, stay informed,
and see what's happening!



**SIGN UP TO BE A
LUNCH-TIME VOLUNTEER!**
Scan the code to get involved!

WE ARE McGRAW • WE ARE COMMUNITY • WE ARE PTO
THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE MCGRAW PTO



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK
TO STAY INFORMED!

**OCT
29**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 5-7PM

OUR FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WILL BE OPEN BEFORE AND AFTER OUR FAMILY EVENT THIS YEAR TO HELP REDUCE THE LINES!

**OCT 23-
NOV 13**

MEADOW FARMS FUNDRAISER

SHOP THE CATALOG FILLED WITH LOTS OF GREAT PRODUCTS! EVERY PURCHASE HELPS SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND CAN EARN PRIZES!

**NOV
9**

NOVEMBER PTO MEETING 6-7PM IN THE LIBRARY

WE WILL CHAT ABOUT THE FUN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES WE HAVE PLANNED FOR THE WINTER AND SPRING! COME SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP.

**DEC
14**

DECEMBER PTO MEETING 6-7PM IN THE LIBRARY

HELP US FINALIZE PLANS FOR EVENTS LIKE THE NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM! CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED!

**JAN
15**

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

WE HAVE RENTED THE BANGOR CHILDREN'S MUSEUM SO FAMILIES CAN COME PLAY FOR FREE! MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW.

CLYNK FUNDRAISER

This is ongoing for 2026-2027 school year!

EMAIL US! MCGRAWPTO@GMAIL.COM OR SEND A MESSAGE TO OUR FB GROUP

1. PROVIDE US YOUR ""CHILD'S NAME,"" TEACHERS NAME AND ""HOW MANY BAGS""
2. WE PROVIDE BAGS WITH THE LABELS OR IF YOU JUST NEED LABELS THAT WORKS TOO!! JUST LET US KNOW
3. DROP OFF AT ANY HANNAFORD CLYNK KIOSK, JUST SCAN THE LABEL AND DONE!

ALREADY HAVE A CLYNK ACCOUNT!!

NO WORRIES YOU CAN DONATE!

1. LOGIN AND CLICK "DONATIONS"
2. TYPE MCGRAWPTO IN SEARCH
3. CHOOSE HOW MUCH YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE

THANK YOU
FOR HELPING THE
KIDS AND TEACHERS



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Principal Shaw

Principal Shaw is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters