

## McCall Middle School June 2018 Newsletter



I hope that this message finds you and your family well. June is when we often look back on all that we were able to accomplish together and feel a sense of pride in the successes of our children and students. Our students and staff provide us with many opportunities to be proud with their many achievements and accomplishments. As the days get longer and the weather warmer, I encourage parents to support students in maintaining organized and focused academic endeavor.

### **End-of-Year and Final Exam Schedule**

The last 3 days of school will all be early release days with students being dismissed at 11:10 a.m.

The last 3 days of school are as follows:

Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>; and Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

You may find the final exam schedule [here](#) or at the following address:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1urJ15un7ZBJRO3PZMjtGrql-mjblPflr-00\\_m5vzg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1urJ15un7ZBJRO3PZMjtGrql-mjblPflr-00_m5vzg/edit?usp=sharing)

### **Student Absence Notification Program**

Absences due to personal illness, death in the family, observance of religious holidays, emergency medical or dental treatment or other serious emergencies are considered excused absences. Absences for recreational and vacation purposes will be recorded as unexcused absences and the parent/guardian must notify the principal in writing at least one week in advance of the absence to [jgoncalves@winchesterps.org](mailto:jgoncalves@winchesterps.org)

If you know that your child will be absent for 3 or more consecutive days or if your child will be missing 1 or more scheduled final exams, please email me at [jgoncalves@winchesterps.org](mailto:jgoncalves@winchesterps.org).

### **Students Not Attending Winchester in the Fall of 2018**

If a student **will not** be attending Winchester Public Schools in September of 2018, parents/guardians will need to notify Mrs. Skeffington as soon as possible by either email or coming in to fill out a Release of Records form. The Release of Records form can be emailed to you for completion. At the end of the school year your student's records will be forwarded to their new school. Please contact Mrs. Skeffington with any questions at [dskeffington@winchesterps.org](mailto:dskeffington@winchesterps.org)

### **Grade 8 End-of-Year Events: RSVP, Permission, and Payment Information**

This information has been shared with Grade 8 Families and appears at the end of this newsletter.

### **Collecting District Chromebooks**

As we move toward this year's end, please note that all district-owned student, staff, and classroom-issued Chromebooks and chargers will need to be collected by the end of the year.

Collection will take place from 7:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. in the library starting on Monday, June 18, and throughout the last week of school.

6th and 7th grade devices are due by Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

8th grade devices are due on Thursday by 8:00 a.m. (before you leave for Canobie Lake Park)

If you have questions about this collection, please see Ms. DeVries in A205 or Ms. Matthews in EG05.

### **Thank you McCall Parents Association**

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to the McCall Parents Association for all of their support and efforts this entire year. I want to especially thank Sarah Girotti & Mai Harrison, co-presidents of the MPA, and all of the parents who spent countless hours in their leadership roles on the MPA this year. I have been so very impressed throughout the entire year with the organization, leadership, and communication that the MPA has demonstrated and feel extremely fortunate to be part of this community.

### **Winchester Public Schools – Transportation Information for 2017-2018**

The 2017-2018 Transportation application is now available. You can access the form and so much more [here](#). All questions should be directed to Nancy Clark at [nclark@winchesterps.org](mailto:nclark@winchesterps.org)

### **Yearbook Distribution**

- Grade 8 students will be able to pick up their yearbooks before school beginning at 7:00 a.m. and during lunch on Monday, June 18, 2018. Any extra books will be sold to grade 8 students on this day.
- Grades 6 & 7 & 8 students will be able to pick up their yearbooks before school beginning at 7:00 a.m. and during lunch on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. Any extra books will be sold to all students on a first come, first serve basis.

### **Placement of Twins at the Middle School**

The typical placement of twins at McCall is to team them on the same team but in different classes including different homerooms. Parents who wish to have twins placed on separate teams should specify this in an email. If you have any other questions about twin placement please call Christine Nunziato-Bonenfant at 781-721-7026 x 1125 or send an email her at [cnbonenfant@winchesterps.org](mailto:cnbonenfant@winchesterps.org)

**Notes from the Nurses - Mary LaMuraglia, R.N., B.S.N., & M. Ed & Marie Saba, R.N. & M.S.W.**



### **Attention GRADE 6 STUDENTS:**

- If you receive a letter from the Health Office it means that we do not have documentation of all the immunizations your child needs to attend 7th grade. You must provide documentation that your child has received 2 doses of varicella vaccine and a Tdap immunization within the last 3 years. This information should be received before the end of school. If your child will have their annual exam during the summer months, please mail a copy of the physical and immunization record to school to my attention. FAX 781-721-0886 or email to [mlamuraglia@winchesterps.org](mailto:mlamuraglia@winchesterps.org)

### **Attention ALL STUDENTS:**

- Many students are complaining of allergy symptoms. We are able to administer allergy medications if they are sent in with a signed medication permission form. These forms are available in my office. Many allergy sufferers benefit the most from taking the medication at home in the morning. Please make sure your student is carrying an inhaler if they suffer from asthma. If the inhaler has not been used in over 2 weeks, remember to waste 2 puffs to ensure the proper dose is administered.
- At the end of this year, please pick up all medications and Epipens that have been kept at school.
- Have a safe and healthy summer.

**From the Library**  
*Jane Henchey*

### **Overdue Books**

Students have been receiving emails reminding them of books they have not returned to the library. **All books must be returned to the library by June 18<sup>th</sup>.** Many students have a number of books that are long overdue. If your child receives an email and thinks that she/he has returned the book(s), please remind her/him to stop by the library and speak with the librarian.

### **Thank you!**

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped in the library this year. I would particularly like to thank Erin Gogolin, who over the last four years, has checked in and shelved hundreds of books; Dafna Leonard who created the schedule for the volunteers; and Janet O'Leary who has provided enormous assistance with Literary Lunches. Because of their help, the library has run more smoothly. Thank you too to the numerous parents who provided desserts and bottles of water for the Literary Lunches. Your contributions greatly enhanced the events!

Finally, a big **Thank You!** to the McCall Parents Association for their generous donation to the McCall Library Program. As always, part of the donation will pay for the sandwiches served at the Literary Lunches held at McCall. The remaining dollars will be used to purchase library materials that support McCall's curriculum (books, audio books, and DVDs), replace worn-out library books, and provide the latest age appropriate bestsellers.

## Grade 8 End-of-Year Events: RSVP, Permission, and Payment Information

Below please find information about all of the many wonderful end-of-year events planned for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating students. As you read this, there are **TWO IMPORTANT THINGS FOR ALL PARENTS TO DO:**

1. **Grade 8 Students Not Attending Graduation:** As we prepare for the Grade 8 Graduation and Dance scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, **it is very important to have an accurate list of students planning on attending** and receiving their graduation certificates. If your son or daughter will **NOT** be attending graduation, please email Mrs. Skeffington at [dskeffington@winchesterps.org](mailto:dskeffington@winchesterps.org) by **June 11<sup>th</sup>**.
2. Please also complete the [online form](#) to let us know whether your student **will or will not** be able to attend the other McCall 8<sup>th</sup> grade end-of-year celebrations which are detailed below. Information about permission and payment is included in the online form.

### Grade 8 Canobie Lake Park Trip – Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to spend the day with their friends at Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH.

Buses will leave McCall around 8:00am for Canobie Lake, and we will be back at McCall around 2:15 or 2:30 that afternoon.

**Please note:** June 21<sup>st</sup> is a scheduled early release day, and any student participating in the Canobie Lake Park Field Trip who typically takes the school-provided bus home will need to make alternative arrangements for that Thursday afternoon.

The cost for the trip is \$40 which includes bus transportation and park fee entry. You may send your child with additional money to purchase food at the park or your child can bring a bagged lunch (which they must carry with them at the park). We will not have access to the water park that day.

If you choose to pay online, use the [online form](#) to indicate your permission and then use Option 2 on the online form to pay via PayPal or with a credit/debit card. If you wish to pay by cash or check (made out to the McCall Parents Association, add "Grade 8" in the memo line), complete Option 1 online. Then, you or your child should drop off the signed, completed permission form (attached in this email) with your payment to the main office or via your child's homeroom. If your child needs a scholarship in order to attend, please contact Pam Cremens at [pcremens@winchesterps.org](mailto:pcremens@winchesterps.org). Both payment and permission (either in hard copy form or electronically) must be received by June 11<sup>th</sup>.

This is a regular school day and 100% attendance at school or at Canobie Lake Park is expected.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Ceremony

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, June 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Knowlton Stadium, behind McCall Middle School, and the dance will be held in the McCall cafeteria immediately following the ceremony. If necessary due to inclement weather, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Ceremony will be held in the WHS Field House. Attached you will find an invitation for you and your family. Please feel free to share this invitation with loved ones whom you would like to personally invite to the ceremony.

### Grade 8 Graduation Pictures

Ms. Cydney Ambrose, McCall Yearbook Advisor and professional photographer, will once again be at the Grade 8 Graduation taking pictures of the event. She plans to take pictures of every student as he/she receives his/her graduation certificate. All images will be available for viewing and purchasing online. To arrange a family or graduate portrait before or after the ceremony, please contact Cydney or one of her staff at [www.ambrosephotography.com](http://www.ambrosephotography.com). You may find a flyer with more information [here](#).

### Grade 8 Graduation Dance

All 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend the Graduation Party & Dance at McCall Cafe. Activities will begin at about 7:30 after the graduation ceremony. All participants must check-in. Pizza, snacks and dessert will be provided. Parents are asked to pick up their students by 10 p.m. **AT THE TURN-AROUND/BACK OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING.** We have requested a small contribution on the [online form](#) to help the 8<sup>th</sup> grade committee cover a small portion of the costs for the dance.

### Class Gift

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade is hoping to purchase a second water refilling station, to be placed on the second floor of the building. The first one, given by last year's class, has been a hit with students and teachers alike and has saved many plastic bottles from being used and discarded. When you register your child for activities in the included sign-up/permission form, we are also requesting a small donation to the class gift. Thank you, 8<sup>th</sup> grade families!

A large committee of parents are working hard to organize all of these events. I wish to thank all committee members working together to create these wonderful events and all of the parents and community members who have supported these efforts for our 2018 McCall Graduating Class.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a specific committee co-chair listed below.

- **Canobie Lake Co-Chairs:** Nicole Henning ([nmhenning@gmail.com](mailto:nmhenning@gmail.com)) and Christine Kensicki ([ckensicki@hotmail.com](mailto:ckensicki@hotmail.com))
- **Graduation Ceremony Co-Chairs:** Cheryl Shepard ([cheryl.shepard2017@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.shepard2017@gmail.com)) and Kim Wheaton ([kimdwheaton@gmail.com](mailto:kimd wheaton@gmail.com))
- **Graduation Dance Co-Chairs:** Mai Harrison ([mai\\_harrison02@hotmail.com](mailto:mai_harrison02@hotmail.com)) and Adrienne Spignesi ([adrienne@spignesi.com](mailto:adrienne@spignesi.com))

Congratulations to all our McCall Families!

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