

# Mrs. Brown's Bulletin

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## Autumn Leaves Are Falling



Don't forget to check the website for daily announcements @ [www.ghslakers.org](http://www.ghslakers.org).



### SOME FUN & NEAT THINGS GOING ON IN OUR SCHOOLS

Kindergarten - had a Teddy Bear Picnic and an Apple Picking Field Trip.

1<sup>st</sup> grade is starting nightly reading journals and doing math Mondays.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade has a class of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade pen pals from Waterboro with whom they are sharing things they are reading.

3<sup>rd</sup> graders are practicing punctuation, reading biographies, and learning how to write journal entries of facts rather than their opinions and feelings.

4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders celebrated Constitution Day with school assemblies.

4<sup>th</sup> grade took a field trip to the Moosehead Historical Society.

5<sup>th</sup> grade is working on solving puzzles using what they know about factors, multiples, square and prime numbers as well as having finished reading *Dear Mr. Henshaw*.

MS Girls Soccer team has had a winning season and made the play-offs.

HS Biology students have been kayaking to collect samples for their classification unit.

Both Varsity Soccer Teams have had terrific seasons and are in the play-offs.

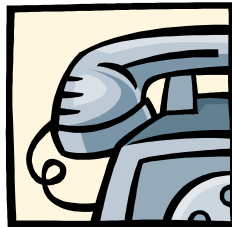
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders have their laptops.

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We have a snake living in one of our HS science rooms.



## **ALERTNOW**

Keeping you informed is a top priority at Greenville Schools. That's why we have adopted the ALERTNOW Notification Service that will allow us to send a telephone message to you providing information about school events or emergencies. We anticipate using ALERTNOW to notify you of school delays or cancellations due to inclement weather, as well as remind you about various events, including special events, concerts, and more. In the unlikely event of an emergency at school, you can have peace of mind knowing that you will be informed immediately by phone. We will be doing a test call @ 6:00 a.m. on October 23, 2007.



## **CELEBRATIONS**

It is fun to celebrate holidays and special events, like sports victories; however, we need to be aware that our school has a Wellness Policy that requires that we monitor the types of foods students are served at our school. *Teachers and parents are strongly encouraged to choose non-food ways to celebrate, if food is involved, every effort should be made to include foods with*

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*maximum or moderate nutritional value.* (Taken from School Committee policy NEPN /NSBA Code: JL-R.) If you are providing students with snacks or food for a special occasion, please let the office know and make sure that the foods are of maximum or moderate nutritional value. Thank you



## **ABSENT & EARLY DISMISSAL NOTES**

The school places primary responsibility for regular attendance upon the student and the family. Absence is defined as not being present for a class. Tardiness is defined as unexcused lateness to class after the scheduled time that a class begins. If we see that tardy arrivals are happening on a frequent and regular basis we will ask parents and student to meet with administration to discuss the issue.

The State has passed new regulations regarding attendance and therefore our School Committee will soon be reviewing our attendance policy. At this point in time, however, the excuses for absences that are accepted in written form include:

- personal illness (ill children who may be contagious should be kept home)
- professional appointments (appointment verification required from the professional)
- observance of religious holidays when the observance is required within regular school time
- emergency situations such as acute illness or death within the immediate family
- personal or educational absences approved by the principal in advance
- any absence approved by the administration in advance

Any student who arrives late for school, who is returning from an absence, or is being dismissed early, must present a note to the principal's office

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explaining why the student was late/absent or is leaving early. Part of our Adequate Yearly Progress as determined by the federal No Child Left Behind law is based upon Average Daily Attendance. We need to be able to verify whether or not students are in school and if they are absent why they are absent with a paper trail. Thank you for your cooperation!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct.17 - PSATs for 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> graders

Like for Little Ones is selling SMENCILS

Oct.8-12 - Fire Prevention week

Youth In Partnership Project meets on Thursday afternoons.

Oct.22 - the funders of our LegoRobotics materials for Science explorations and ATHiking supplies will be visiting

Oct.24 - EARLY RELEASE DAY

Nov.14 - M S/H S Parent-Teacher conferences

Nov.15 - Elem .Parent-Teacher conferences

Nov.21 - EARLY RELEASE DAY

Nov.26 - Financial Aid Meeting, room TBD

Nov.26 - LIFE program in the elementary library

Dec.11 - Elementary and Chorus Winter Concert

Dec.13 - Band Winter Concert



## ELEMENTARY BUS NOTES

Thank you for your cooperation in sending specific bus notes to school. Also, we truly appreciate your efforts in not making last minute changes to your child's bus plans after school.

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## **DRIVING ON CAMPUS IN THE MORNING**

Sorry for any confusions! We have re-opened the campus between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. Please refer to the map/diagram attached to this newsletter for the designated drop-off points.