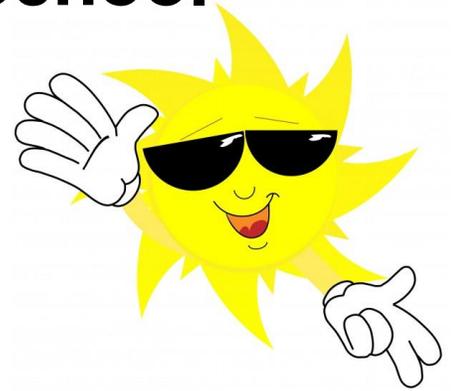


Carrabec Community School

April/May 2019 Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

- 1 ~ April Fool's Day
- 3 ~ Board Meeting @ CCS 6pm
- 3 ~ PTO Meeting 3pm
- 5 ~ End of Quarter 3
- 10 & 11 ~ Tooth Protectors
- 11 ~ Mad Louie Presentation
- 12 ~ Talent Show @ CCS 8:30 am
- 12 ~ Early Dismissal / dismissal at 11:50
- 12 ~ Q3 Report cards go home
- 15 ~ Patriots Day / No School
- 16 – 19 ~ April Vacation / No School
- April Vacation ~ 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- 19 ~ Good Friday
- 21 ~ Happy Easter
- 23 ~ Q3 Academic Assembly beginning at 8

MAY

- 1 ~ Board Meeting @ Solon 6pm
- 1 ~ PTO Meeting 3pm
- 5 ~ Cinco de Mayo
- 7 ~ Kindergarten Screening @ CCS
- 7 ~ Spring Sports Photos
- 7 ~ 8th Grade Group and Individual Photos
- 12 ~ Mother's Day
- 15 ~ Early Dismissal Day
- 18 ~ Armed Forces Day
- 20-24 Scholastic Book Fair Week
- 20 ~ 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip to the Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport and weather permitting a park at the ocean!
- 22 ~ Art & Science Exhibition 6-7:30pm
- 27 ~ Memorial Day
- 31 ~ 6-8 Spring Dance



Congratulations to 8th grader Luke Carey who was the top 8th grader at the High School MVC Math Meet. Luke did well enough to be the 2nd best Freshman at the meet.
Way to go Luke!!!!

Math

From the Desk of Mr. D

The month of March most certainly came in like a lion and maintained its bite through most of the month. But on a more positive note, the month also brought us the first day of spring to help remind us that warmer weather is right around the corner.

Lori Conway, Guidance Counselor from the high school visited our 8th grade students on March 8th. Her focus was to talk with students about scheduling classes for the fall when they enter high school. She was able to give the students an idea of how things will work next year for them and answered many of their questions. She helped the students feel a little less stressed about the transition to high school.

On March 8th, the PTO held a K-5 Mardi Gras Dance from 5-7pm. This was the first K-5 dance that the PTO has sponsored here at CCS. Many students came and had a great time, we hope more will come and enjoy the fun at our next K-5 dance.

Life Touch came for our spring photos on March 14th, this is such a great way of making memories for our students and their parents. If we get 90% back from paid or returned photos, Life Touch will provide a bicycle to raffle off at the end of the year.

Basketball season ended with the Girls winning the Pine Cone Tournament for the 2nd year in a row. Mr. Carey and Mr. Ferrari held the sports banquet on March 14th, and all the students were recognized for their efforts during the season.

The MEA testing period started on the 11th, and my teachers have spent many weeks preparing the students for testing. Each morning, during the announcements, I encourage the 3-8 students to do their best and I lay out my expectations of the behavior and attitude that needs to be maintained during the testing period.

On March 22nd, our district staff went to the Western Maine Education Collaborative Rendezvous. This was a busy day full of educators in all areas of education. Myself, and my attendance team did two presentations on increasing student attendance. This was a great way for educators from Western Maine to get together and share ideas and practices that are working well in their district.

Our new school board member, Ellen McQuiston visited our building to see our students and staff in action. It was a good feeling to have her reach out and want to spend some time learning about our school.

The North Star Planetarium set up their show for our K-5 students as part of the quarterly reward for our PBIS program. The students really look forward to their well-earned rewards. We try to give them various activities to engage in as a group and to celebrate their excellent behavior in school.

Our third quarter awards assembly will take place on Tuesday, April 23th at 8:00. At that assembly we will present awards for Excellent Attendance and Honor Roll as well as announce our School Citizens

of the Quarter. There are more 25 mile t-shirts to give away as well as our 100 Mile Club flourishes. Family and friends are invited to join us for that assembly.

Kindergarten Screening for students who will enter kindergarten in the fall will be held on May 7th here at the Carrabec Community School. If you have a child who will turn five years old by October 15th and have not yet registered him or her for Kindergarten Screening, please contact Heidi Atwood at 696-3100.

The North Anson chapter of the Masons will sponsor a “Bikes for Books” program in our school again this spring. The program will start after April vacation and run through May. The program promotes reading among our K-5 students. Students will read books and fill out a form on each book they read, putting the forms in envelopes in their classroom. In early June, we will have a drawing for a boy and a girl from each class, and those students will receive new bikes, helmets, and T-shirts. We appreciate the support of a community organization like the Masons to promote reading and fitness with our students.

We ended our Cobra Youth Wrestling on a great note. Our students here at the Carrabec Community School won a nice plaque for Outstanding Team Sportsmanship. What a great honor.

Our spring sports season began on April 1st. We have a lot of students who are participating in Baseball, Softball and Track. Our spring sports coaches are Erik Carey for baseball, Doug Larlee for softball and Mat Brown as our Track & Field coach. We wish all of our athletes a very successful season.



High School News ~ Jack Kaplan

Happy Spring to All,

I wanted to take a moment to inform our middle school students and incoming freshman about the movement/fitness opportunities available to them and would certainly like to encourage them to take advantage of at least one of these programs.

The first opportunity is a walking program similar to the Mighty Milers with Mr. Thompson. Mr. “T” takes students walking every Friday during homeroom. This is the first year for the program and Mr. “T” is looking forward to expanding the program next year.

The second opportunity is the Wellness Class (1/4 credit-elective). This class gets the blood flowing first thing in the morning with a quick shot of exercise during homeroom every M, W, & F. Monday is our lift day, alternating between upper and lower body. Wednesday is our cardio day (spin, tabata, stations), and Friday is our choice of activity day.

A third opportunity is the Lifetime Fitness Class (1/2 credit-elective). This class is an expansion of the Wellness Class using a similar but more demanding format. The 6-day rotation looks like this: Day 1-tabata/stations, day 2-lower body lift, day 3-spin, day 4-upper body lift, day 5-cardio/core, day 6-choice activity. A great work out is guaranteed every class or your money back!

Of course, there is the Cobra-Power and Willpower Strength and Conditioning Programs for the strong at heart. Both of these programs train 3 times per week at 5:25am. For those of you who like a challenge and like to be pushed to your full potential, then this is the one for you!



Finally, I am pleased to announce that Mr. Davis and I will offer an Archery Club starting this spring. We were recently awarded a grant from Move More Kids that allowed us to purchase 6 brand new compound bows, arrows, guards, targets and a safety net. We will meet 2 times per week after school at CHS. We plan on continuing this program in the fall when we return to school.

Hopefully something in this short article catches your attention. School is a lot more fun and productive when you are involved. If you have any questions about any of these programs I can be reached by e-mail at jkaplan@carrabec.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kaplan

5-2-1-0 Let's Go!

Congratulations to our K-5 students who continue to ROCK it with the 100 Mile Club. We continue to give students their 25 mile t-shirts and are even ready for a 100 Mile Gold Medal.

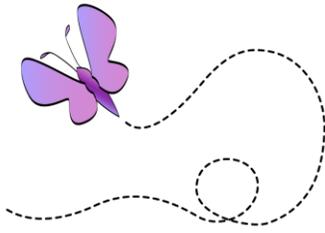
On Friday, April 11th, Mad Louie will visit our staff and students. Louis Moniz Jr. of Benton, better known to students around Maine as Mad Louie, helps to reinforce the start of Positive Behavior Intervention and other support programs.

The obesity awareness health instructor, who has led children in exercise, dance and games for years in Rhode Island and Maine comes to CCS to share his knowledge on manners and courtesy. Adhering to expectations makes school, recess, sports, and everything fun. As it is **always** fun in Mad Louie World.

WinterKids

This year the Carrabec Community School was chosen along with 31 other schools to participate in the 2019 WinterKids winter games. This was a four-week challenge that ran from January 7 – February 1. We started week one with an opening ceremony outside on the playground followed by some outdoor literacy activities. Week two was all about nutrition. Backyard Farms donated tomatoes that were used to make homemade salsa. Mrs. Curtis, from SNAP-ED helped the students learn about healthy food choices for snacks and fast food. Week three was family engagement. We sent home BINGO sheets to complete at home and return to school. We had a great response that boosted our points. Thank you to all of the families who took time to complete and return the BINGO sheets. The last week was our winter carnival filled with lots of fun outside activities. We ended the week with a slideshow and popcorn.

With the help and support of our students, staff, parents and PTO, Carrabec Community School finished in 9th place!! We won 18 new sleds and 10 pair of LL Bean snow shoes for the students to use during recess or after school. Also as a result of all of our hard work, we have been asked to participate in next year's WinterKids Challenge.



You can view the slideshow on the District website.

KINDERGARTEN

Spring has finally sprung! We are welcoming Spring with open arms here in kindergarten. We have been busy working hard on our reading, math, and writing.

As we move forward to April and May, our class will be focusing on a variety of topics. We will be learning about plants, our five senses, bugs and butterflies, bees, and ocean animals.

With quarter 3 coming to an end, I am pleased with the progress I have seen in our reading. We are working hard on our reading skills and sight words. A special thanks for our reading buddies in Mr. Carey's 8th grade class for reading to us and listening to us read throughout the year.

Our class is starting to blossom in writing. We are focusing on writing two or more sentences in our journals. I am seeing some great detail in both our pictures and sentences. We have been writing about a variety of topics such as spring, rainbows, holiday themes, and free choice writing.

Our class has been focusing on a variety of topics with our friends Tom and Tabby Cat. We have been talking about expressing feelings, making eye contact, being a good friend, compromising, and encouraging others. We will continue to focus on social skills for the remainder of the school year.

In math, we just finished up our addition chapter. Our next focus in math will be subtraction. After we complete subtraction, we will be finishing out the year focusing on 3D shapes and measurement. A special thanks to Mr. Ferrari's 8th grade math class for being our math buddies. We have enjoyed working on our math skills and playing math games with them throughout the year. Each week, we will be continuing on working on Moby Max.

In May, we will be doing our end of the year assessments with NWEA math and reading and our DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment). I will send home more information about these when the time gets closer to testing.

A reminder for all RSU #74 families, we will be having our annual Kindergarten screening here at CCS on Tuesday, May 7th. If your child or someone you know has a child who will be by 5 years old by October 15th, please contact Heidi Atwood at 696-3100 to register.

I look forward to finishing out the school year with a great group of kids! I am pleased with their progress over the course of the school and I look forward to continue watching them grow in the 4th quarter. Please continue to check folders for weekly newsletters and SeeSaw for updates!

FIRST GRADE

Hello Spring!!

The first graders have been working very hard and are thriving!! I can't believe that the year is almost over.

In Reading we have been learning about folk tales, animals and categorizing. The Book-it program has ended for this school year, but please continue reading at home with your child, it is very important to their learning.

In Math we have been learning place value, addition and subtraction of double digits and will end the year with time, measurement and 3-D shapes.

In Science we have been growing flowers and keeping a Plant Journal. We have also discovered a couple of great websites called, Mystery Doug and Mystery Science. Both websites have quick science questions asked by kids and have cool activities to do.

In May we will do our year end NWEA testing. If you would like to set up a meeting to discuss your child's progress for the year, please contact me by phone or email.

PBIS has been a HUGE!! Success with the students this year. In March we celebrated by having the Planetarium visit our school and in April we will have an egg scavenger hunt.

As always feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns
Enjoy the warm weather!!

SECOND GRADE

The Second Grade recently won the "Coin War" contest and will be having a pizza party in their room. Many students contributed pennies to the PTO's activity. All money earned will go toward activities for the K-8 students.



We are now reading *Trumpet of the Swan*, by E.B. White.

We finished our Math unit on Addition regrouping and are starting a unit on Subtraction regrouping. This is the hardest work in math they do all year.

In Phonics we are working on combinations. A combination is two letters that come together to make an unusual sound (er, or, qu, wh, ir, ur). We are finishing our Reading unit based around different customs around the world.

THIRD GRADE

Happy spring, third grade families and friends! Warmer days are on their way! We have had a very busy winter, and I am proud of all that my class has accomplished!

Lately, we have been cruising through many different topics in math. In addition to working on our multiplication facts, third graders learned basic division. We have also been working on fractions. I have been especially impressed with how quickly the class learned how to compare fractions! We have also dabbled in a bit of geometry in preparation for the MEAs. Topics that we briefly covered, that we will dive into deeper soon include the following: perimeter, area, lines, angles, and classifying quadrilaterals.



Most recently in reading, we completed a mystery unit. Students chose one (or more!) mystery chapter books to read. While reading, they recorded key details, suspects, and clues in their detective notebooks. Throughout this unit students studied key details and character traits.

Connecting reading skills to social studies, during our continued study of the colonial era, we studied the biographies of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington and identified their defining character traits. We were inspired by Benjamin Franklin's inventions and made our own inventions creating something that could solve a simple, everyday problem. We learned about how Patriot spies communicated during the Revolutionary War and tried our own hand at writing and revealing messages in invisible ink.

We have been focused on informative writing lately. We worked on how to write a multi-paragraph essay responding to a prompt using two informative articles. Additionally, we have been working on an animal research project. Students each chose an animal of interest to research and write about. When completed each student will have made a lapbook and a formal essay based on their animal.

In science, we have been studying animal habitats and ecosystems. At the end of our study each student will choose a habitat on which to create a diorama. We are all very excited for our Sweet Science book to arrive to do some fun experiments such as making our own gummy worms!

Looking ahead we have a couple of fun events coming up! Third grade worked hard as a whole class to fill the gem jar by being respectful, responsible and safe. As a reward for filling the gem jar, after the MEA testing is done, we will have a class party doing activities that the class chose such as making oobleck and watching a movie together. Stay tuned for the date of our gem jar party! We are also eager for our field trip in May to the Penobscot Marine Museum! We are looking forward to finishing well in this final quarter of our school year!

FOURTH GRADE

This year is just flying by!

Students have been studying energy, electricity, renewable and non-renewable resources and global climate change. Along with science, we have been doing STEM "builds", which are engineering challenges which follow the engineering and design process. Most recently, students made windmills. For Earth Day they will design a better six-pack soda holder because ocean plastics is a serious problem their generation will have to contend with.



It was a fun winter with your children and we skied, went snowshoeing, and sledding. I look forward to spring!

Our next science unit will be on the human body, followed by space. We will also be working in geography and some civics for social studies. During the third and fourth quarter, students will write procedural pieces and argumentative pieces. For reading, we will be reading a unit out of Wonders called "Past, Present, and Future". In math we will take a deep dive into fractions and decimals.

I know my individual updates have subsided, but I do hope that you will contact me if you would like to chat, meet, or have an email correspondence regarding your child's growth.

Mrs. Schanz and I are working on two field trips for the 3rd and 4th graders. More on that to come!

FIFTH GRADE

Spring is truly trying out there, at least that's what I'm trying to convince myself of. One thing I don't have to convince myself is how hard our 5th grade worked on the MEA's. I was so very impressed with how serious they all took these tests. I am so proud of each and every one of my students for their effort and willingness to try their best! As we all know with Spring comes mud. There are plenty places on the playground where students still find this mud. Even when told to stay out, we still manage to find some. For that reason alone, extra socks are still a great item to have in your child's backpack. I'm also asking them to still bring jackets as it is still chilly on some days when we go out.



We continue to look forward to doing one more STEAM build this year with students from UMaine. My students were so well behaved last time that the UMaine students came and they are really excited to come back and work with them. I think I'm as excited as my students are about this!

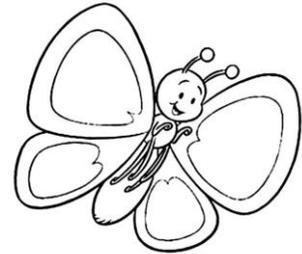
Speaking of well-behaved students, I need to give a shout out to my students that went on the 5th Grade Ski Trip this year. These students displayed a great amount of GRIT and PERSEVERANCE! They kept

trying and trying all day and it showed. By the mid-afternoon we went from having non-skiers and non-snowboarders to having proficient skiers and snowboarders. What great time. I honestly can't rave about this enough. I'm so very proud of each and every one of them.

In closing, I'd truly like to thank you adults as this has been a wonderful year for me and my students. You folks have all been beyond supportive and it has shown in my classroom. These children are beyond lucky to have such wonderful adults in their lives.

Thank you for everything!

6WEGGLER



Grade Six Physical Science students are currently studying "Matter in Motion". In this unit, students are learning ways to measure motion (using a reference point, calculating average speed, velocity (speed + direction), and acceleration in its many forms) and exploring forces (the source of all motion or change in motion) -specifically the forces of friction and gravity and their effect on motion. We will also focus on Isaac Newton and his Three Laws of Motion. This unit contains a number of hand-on labs, which the students enjoy. We will spend the fourth quarter working with Forces in Fluids (air pressure, water pressure, buoyant force, forces involved in flight) and Work and Machines (work, power, simple machines).

Mrs. Weggler's homeroom Language Arts class continue their work in the new WONDERS reading series. In writing, students have been working on writing an argument and focusing on the trait of Word Choice.

6ELA

Our Social Studies students will soon begin traveling backwards in time. It is common in history classes that students cover the Revolution, the Civil War, and some of the Twentieth Century. Rarely are students exposed to much after World War II.

Trying to do something differently, we will work our way backwards in time from the 2016 election and back into the 1980s. Along the way they will encounter Obamacare, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the first World Trade Center Attack, the Oklahoma City bombing, "Read my lips, no new taxes!", and the attempted assassination of President Reagan.

6ROTHERT

In this installment of Mr. Rothert's 6th grade class we were working extremely hard on the MEAs and finishing algebraic equations. Through the month of April, we will be working on the rational number system with the coordinate plane and positive and negative integers. As April comes to a close we're moving away from rational numbers and into data sets.

The talent show is coming up and our class will be participating by doing a rendition of "Seagulls Stop It Now." We will be working hard up until the last day to display grit and integrity in class and carry this forward through the summer.

7STONE

It's the final countdown, not the song but the 4th quarter. The 8th grade Algebra I students have started their final approach to landing at Carrabec High School. To do so they will continue to refine their algebraic skills as well as focusing on their NWEA review. This assessment will place them in their math class next year. Throughout the review we will look at the rules of algebra, solving linear equations, graphing equations, solving linear systems, powers and exponent laws, polynomials and factoring, as well as the quadratic equations and graphs of quadratics. Remember math is not a spectator sport, it's a valuable tool you can use in everyday life!

In the 7th grade math classes the students will continue to explore theoretical and experimental probabilities to determine whether particular events are likely or unlikely. As part of the learning process, they will conduct experimental simulations and compare results to theoretical values. Therefore, students will understand the distinction between independent and dependent events. After studying probability, they will be able to use sample data to make predictions and determine if samples are valid. Also, since we are heading down the home stretch, students will begin preparing for their final exams. Therefore, the students will begin to prepare for the NWEA to celebrate all their hard work this year.

7MCMANUS

Skiing is still wonderful, both Downhill and X-Country. Not what you wanted to here, yet ice fishing ended and open water fishing is about to begin. Speaking of fish, we now have caught enough to dissect, thanks mostly to Pete Vicneire!

In Life Science we studied: Fishes, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds, Mammals, and Interactions of Living Things. Still to go are the topics of: Cycles of Nature, The Earth's Ecosystems, Environmental Problems and Solutions, and a large unit on Human Body Systems. Human Health will be our final topic of the year.

Maine History topics have been: Maine and the Civil War, Temperance, Anti- Slavery, Lumbering, Shipbuilding, Fishing, and Ice Harvesting. Still to explore this year is: Maine and the Industrial Revolution, Myths of Maine, and the Graphic Novel titled Lost on a Mountain in Maine.

Finally, as Jerry Garcia sang in the song Truckin: W.A.L.S.T.I.B. Figure that one out!

7ELLIS

Last newsletter article of the year-- unbelievable! Mrs. Ellis's seventh grade reading and writing students are finishing a poetry unit. They will start working on their last book unit and practice four genres of writing: narrative, expository, argumentative, and poetic. They will take a final assessment on compound and complex sentences. In May, they will take their final NWEA's to measure their growth for the year. They are looking forward to a field trip or two and some fun year-end activities. It's been a very good year.

8CAREY

In Social Studies class the students just finished learning about the causes of the Civil War. We focused on the War with Mexico and the discovery of gold in California. The students learned about the Underground Railroad and Harriet Tubman, the Kansas/Nebraska Act, and Uncle Tom's Cabin, written by Harriet Beecher Stowe. We are just now beginning to learn about the Civil War. The class has been watching the 1993 movie Gettysburg. The movie spends a significant amount of time on Colonel Joshua Chamberlain and the 20th Maine Regiment. Their defense of Little Round Top on the second day was pivotal in the Union victory.

Twenty-five 8th graders will be leaving for a week long journey started April 14th. The students will visit many places during the week. Some of the highlights are Mount Vernon (George Washington's home), a tour of the United States Capitol, Independence Hall in Philadelphia, and Gettysburg National Park. The students will be able to climb Little Round Top and stand where Colonel Chamberlain and the soldiers of the 20th Maine stood over 150 years ago.

8FERRARI

The final quarter of our 8th grade science year the students have learned about our Solar System and the universe. This is one of our larger units and it is very different than what they have focused on so far this year. We will also work toward our end of the year Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics night. The 8th grade will present their end of the year project on Wednesday May 22nd. I look forward to the end of the year with some nicer weather and the opportunity to go outside more often. The students are very excited for their Washington D.C. trip. I am excited to hear all of their stories.

MUSIC ~ MR. GILBERT

District IV Music Festival

Before February Break, I received confirmation from the coordinators of the District 4 Musical Festival (encompassing essentially every music program from Skowhegan west to Jay and up to Jackman) that EIGHT of our students were accepted into the Elementary Chorus Festival on April 3rd, 2019. As far as I can tell, this is the first time students in our district will have the opportunity to participate in the festival in over 10 years, and I am very excited to be bringing RSU74 actively back into District 4.



Ciarrah Whittemore, Camron Davis, Haley McFayden



Alexis Fortin, Rowan Slate and Anna Canalas



Cody James and Elenoar McKinnon

These students will be working with me, and on their own, over the next month to prepare for the festival, where they will be singing with nearly 100 other students. It is sure to be an incredible experience for these eight students, and one that will push them forward on their musical journey.

LIBRARY

I've enjoyed helping your children discover wonderful books to read this year. We are trying to keep our book collection as current as possible. I think we have something of interest for most everyone.

Our BookIt program is ending this month. All students who participated received one free pizza from Pizza Hut for each month that they took part in the program.

I will be planning visits to the Stewart Public Library before the end of the school year. Please watch for permission slips.

We had our second Book Swap last year and it was so successful we are planning to have another one this year. Students are encouraged to bring in books that are in good condition that they no longer want, and can swap for other books that they would like. This is a great way to get new reading materials for this summer.



We hope everyone READS! READS! READS! This summer!

K-8 CIVIL RIGHTS

The Civil Rights Teams have worked on some fun projects this year. We are almost through the third quarter, but we still have some fun things planned.

On Wednesday March 6th the 4-4th grade Civil Rights Team recognized the “Spread the Word to End the Word” campaign. They did a survey asking the 4-8th graders if they have used the R word to insult someone or if they have heard someone else use it. 71 students admitted to using the R -Word as a joke or insult, 110 students said they have heard someone else use it as a joke or insult. There are other words that can be used like: silly, foolish, bird-brained, childish, uncool, boring, clueless, nutty, irresponsible and mindless to describe someone.

“Spread the Word to End the Word” was established in the 2009 Special Olympic World Winter Games. If you ever hear someone say the R-word to another person with or without a mental disability CALL THEM OUT. If you do hear someone use the R-Word, please report it to a 4-8th Civil Rights Team Member. We would like to thank all the students who participated in the “Spread the Word to End the Word” campaign and all the teachers who have helped to call students out when they use the R-word.

As a way to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day we have researched Down Syndrome and created posters to hang in the hallways so people can read about Down Syndrome and help to understand what it is. Next year we would like to do a crazy sock day to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. World Down Syndrome Day is annually observed on March 21 to raise public awareness of Down syndrome, a congenital disorder caused by having an extra 21st chromosome.

Due to the Mosque Shootings in New Zealand, our team has spent some time reading about the shooting and what happened. As a team we decided we would make cards to send to them to the Islamic Society of Greater Central Maine.

The Portland Sea Dogs are hosting the 8th annual Civil Rights Team Project Night at Hadlock Field.

The game is scheduled for Friday May 3rd. Sign up forms for Subway will be coming home closer to the date.

The 6-8th graders will be attending an End of the Year Celebration at the Augusta Civic Center on May 17th. They will attend a workshop with some local Holocaust Survivors.

I hope the kids have enjoyed their year and will continue to be a team member.

Written by Amy Cates and Civil Rights member Gabby Manzer

March Madness

The 7th and 8th grade students had an opportunity to participate in an intramural after school basketball program called “March Madness”. The students were put on “college” teams and played against each other two afternoons a week throughout the month of March. On the last day all five teams participated in a playoff to determine the 2019 March Madness Champions. We had a total of twenty-five students participate many of which had not played basketball before. This gave them an opportunity try the sport of basketball out in a less competitive environment than the school team. This year’s team champion was the Duke Blue Devils. The team consisted of Lindsay Hamilton, Jaden Cates, Luke Carey, Beau Mergist, and Josiah Wyman. Congratulations to all the teams!

