

From the Principal's Pen
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What a privilege it has been to join you in the journey of educating your children! I had the amazing opportunity to close the Maine Principals' Association Conference this spring...and, as I was preparing my speech, I had a chance to really reflect on my role of principal at Atwood Primary School.

I found myself so incredibly grateful as I was writing down all of the things I love about my job! Sometimes, in the grind of the workweek, I forget to be grateful...not for all of the things I have to do...but for all of the things I GET to do! I get to work alongside some of the most talented teachers! I get to meet all of you....the wonderful families of Atwood. I get to watch your children...like little bean sprouts...grow and grow and grow before my eyes! Not only do they grow in size...but they grow in their abilities: to read, to "do" math, to write, to solve problems, to make and keep friends, and to create!

Your children are awesome! Just today, I was working on my laptop and eating lunch. A six year old wandered into my office to ask a question, but before she asked it, unprompted, she said: "Oh excuse me. I don't want to bother you during lunch." A SIX YEAR OLD!!!!

So...as your children get older, they probably won't beg you to go on field trips or come to school to help out like they do now.... but, heed my warning! That will be when your children need you more than ever! Just when they begin to push you away.... that's when they need you the most.

In our school vision statement, we "invite you to come along" on our educational journey. I strongly encourage you, as your children leave our little school, to stay involved and in touch with your child's schoolhouse! Atwood was just the beginning. It's going to be such a marvelous ride!!

We have a LOT going on in the last month of school. Please join us when and where you can! It's been such a great adventure with you! Thank you for sharing your children with us! They truly are Atwood Superheroes!

Educationally Yours,

Jennifer McGee, Principal of Atwood Primary School

May 29: No School/ Memorial Day
June 7: 2017 High School Graduates march through our school/ approx. 11:30
June 9: Full Day Field Trip to Thomas Point Beach in Brunswick Maine (K - 2): Please either pack your child a lunch or order a school lunch! Make sure you get those permission slips in!
June 13: Budget Vote!
June 16: A.M. Field Day (bring change for the Pot of Gold for the Homeless Shelter)
June 16: 12:30 Afternoon ATWOOD CARNIVAL! (please come and bring money for a donation of any amount to the Darlings Ice Cream Truck for Ice Cream For Miss Angie (our beloved Atwood Cook who is battling cancer!)
June 19: Field Day Rain Date
June 21: Last School Day/ 9:00 Morning Slide Show / 11:30 dismissal!