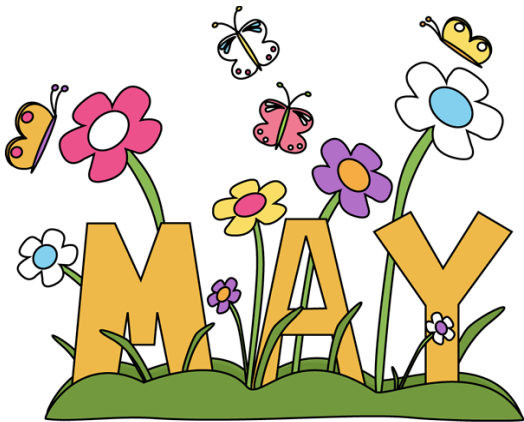


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RSU 18 2017-2018 Budget Process

At the end of April, the School Board voted to adopt the proposed budget for 2017-2018. The next steps in the budget process include a Public Hearing on the proposed budget, which will be held on Wednesday, May 3 at Messalonskee Middle School at 6:00 p.m. A district budget meeting will be held at the Performing Arts Center at Messalonskee High School on Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. The budget validation referendum will be held on Tuesday, June 13. Please consider being an active participant in this important process.

Welcome Back, Mrs. H-S!

Mrs. Harris-Smedberg will return from her sabbatical on Monday, May 15. Students and staff are looking forward to her return to WES!

Congratulations to Mrs. Alley!

Mrs. Alley has been recognized by the Maine Principals' Association as the 2017 Secretary of the Year! Mrs. Alley goes above and beyond her regular duties, works tirelessly on behalf of the staff, students, and families of WES, and presents a welcoming face to all who visit WES. We are so proud of you, Mrs. Alley!

Every Kid Healthy Week

In recognition of *Every Kid Healthy Week*, during the last week of April our students participated in some special, healthy activities. Mrs. Brockway organized a milk taste test for our entire school that allowed students to sample cow's milk, coconut milk, almond milk, rice milk, and soy milk. Mrs. Forney instructed each grade level in a *Body Combat* workout in the gym, which students seemed to thoroughly enjoy.

NWEA & eMPowerME

Students will complete the reading and math NWEA assessments during the month of May. Students will complete the final session of the eMPowerME assessment during the week of May 8. For this computer-based assessment, students will be provided with two related passages, followed by a prompt that asks them to write in a particular genre, while utilizing information from both passages.

May Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, May 3: Public Hearing regarding proposed budget for 2017-18, 6:00 p.m., MMS

Thursday, May 4: Kids' Zone adopted grandparents BBQ

Friday, May 5: Colby mentor/mentee BBQ

Wednesday, May 10: eMPowerME essay for students in grade 4 (and Mrs. Mayo's students)

School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Central Office

Thursday, May 11: eMPowerME essay for students in grade 5

Friday, May 12: eMPowerME essay for students in grade 3

Wednesday, May 17: Mr. Hatch to visit and speak with 5th grade students

Thursday, May 18: District budget meeting, 6:00 p.m., MHS Performing Arts Center

Wednesday, May 24: Budget, Finance and Stewardship Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., Central Office

School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Central Office

Thursday, May 25: Grade 4 field trip to L.C. Bates Museum

Monday, May 29: Memorial Day, no school

Tuesday, May 30: Grade 5 chorus rehearsal, MHS Performing Arts Center

Grade 5 chorus concert, 7:00 p.m., MHS Performing Arts Center

