Dates to Remember!

4/8: Yearbook Orders Due
4/8: Read-a-thon Kick Off
4/12: Workshop Day— No School
4/15-4/19: School Vacation
4/22: Return to School
4/23: PTC Meeting, 6pm
4/29: Grade 5 and 6 Band Concert: Cony, 6pm

Principal’s Message

We will be kicking off our 9th annual Read-a-thon Fundraiser, sponsored by our PTC, on April 8th. We will have a school wide assembly at 8:30 a.m. with some local celebrities who will be guest readers to our students. All that week, 4/8/19- 4/11/19, guest readers will continue to come in and read to students. We encourage parents to reach out to their child’s teacher if they would like to come in as a guest reader for that week. Students will receive a packet of information on 4/8/19 that will outline the Read-a-thon. They can record their reading minutes and collect pledges through 4/22/19.

Throughout the week, we will have some fun days lined up for students. Monday will be wear something with the number one, Tuesday will be twin day, Wednesday will be to wear something with the color red, and Thursday will be to wear something with the color blue. These themes actually reflect a well-known book. Students can make a guess on the book and submit to the office by 4/11/19. All those who guessed correctly will go into a drawing for a special prize.

Students are encouraged to keep track of their reading minutes. We will have trophies for the top reader for each class. Our overall top fundraiser will also get to be Principal for a day. We will have a closing assembly in May to recognize our winners and celebrate reading.

We were hit pretty hard in March with students not feeling well. For the month of March, 98 students received the Perfect Attendance recognition. Our overall school attendance average was 91.02%! We were below our goal of 94%! Attending school regularly is important for students with establishing consistent routines and not getting behind with their schoolwork. We appreciate our parents’ efforts with getting their children to school and on time!

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Gauthier

Classroom Feature: Spotlight on Title 1

April vacation is a great time to stop by Lithgow Library. Borrow a book or an audiobook to keep kids engaged and reading during their week off. Lithgow also has some fun activities planned for children that week as well.

Next month, stop by our table at the Summer Slide/ Ice Cream Social event on May 16th for summer resources to keep kids reading over the summer months.
**Grade 5 and 6 District Band Concert**

On Monday, April 29, 2019, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., the 5th and 6th grade band students from all four Augusta Elementary Schools will present their annual district concert at Cony High School in the auditorium. *Dress for this performance is ALL BLACK from head to toe. The outfit does not need to be anything fancy or expensive. The idea is “uniformity” seeing this is our more “formal” concert of the year. Let us know if you will need help providing the concert attire for your child.*

6th grade band students need to be at Cony at 4:45 p.m. for rehearsal.

5th grade band students need to be at Cony at 5:30 p.m.

Although we do realize that many students are involved in other evening activities and sports, it is VERY important that they be in attendance at the concert! Band is a “team” event and we need all of them there for a successful performance.

Thank you, Melinda Kimball, Melinda.kimball@augustaschools.org

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**Nurse Notes**

Flu season has officially arrived. We strive to keep both our students and staff healthy at school by frequently wiping down desks, door knobs, tables etc. as well as encouraging hand washing and sanitizing often.

If your child has a fever or is exhibiting flu-like symptoms, he or she should stay home. Students must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school without Tylenol or Ibuprofen on board. A temperature of 100◦ or above will be considered a fever and if onset of fever occurs at school they will be sent home.

It is very important that the school has updated phone numbers to be able to contact someone in case of illness at school. While we work hard to keep students at school, there are times when a student will need to be picked up. We should not keep sick children here at school for their comfort and the health of others. If your phone number changes or is not working, please call the office and provide an updated contact number.

If your child is out with an extended illness, whenever possible please provide a doctor’s note.

Spring is coming!

~Nurse Bobbi Jo

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**Yearbook Orders**

The PTC will be collecting Yearbook orders through April 8th, 2019. The yearbook is a collection of memories from events throughout the school year. Base coast of the yearbook this year is $9.00. Extra features will have additional costs. Interested students should turn in their forms and money to the office.

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**Fun things happening in the Library in April 2019**

Spring, April Fools, and Easter books are out however we are still looking for Spring to make its appearance on the ground.

**Maine Student Book Award Challenge continues until April 30th**

Students in grades 4-6 voted on the book they liked the best from the list. “Soar” was the big winner for Lincoln followed very close by “Ghost and Mighty Jack.” Mrs. Gauthier’s challenge will end April 30 with a Pizza Party for the students and staff members with more books read than she did. The students who participate and read at least 5 books will also win a prize. Keep Reading!

**Chickadee Award**

K-3 grades have finished finishing up Our 10 Nominees for the 2018 Chickadee Award. We have voted and Lincoln’s favorite book was “Dear Dragon” If you would like to learn more about this and see the books we read have please go to this site and then your child about the books. [http://www.mainechickadeeaward.org/](http://www.mainechickadeeaward.org/)

**Reading Out Loud**

We believe that reading aloud to children is one of the most important things adults can do to promote a child’s future reading ability.

**6 Great Benefits of Reading Aloud:**

1. Extends children’s attention spans.
2. Creates a lifetime interest in reading.
3. Aids in language development.
4. Helps build a child’s comprehension.
5. Strengthens the power of a child’s imagination.
6. Supports great family bonding time.

**Overdue Books**

We have several outstanding overdue books. If you have been receiving notices please help your child look for their lost book and place it in their backpack on or before their Library day.

**Happy Reading! ~ Mrs. Pridham**