



# RSU23 MEMO

## *Superintendent's Monthly Update*

### *A Note From Mr. Suttie*

Hi Everyone,  
Happy April (I think). I know we have certainly experienced some crazy weather in the past month, hopefully beautiful weather is just around the corner. It's amazing there are less than two months left in the school year. April is a special month, bringing important events and a well-deserved break for our school community. On April 2, we observed World Autism Awareness Day, a time to promote understanding, inclusivity, and support for individuals with autism spectrum disorder within our schools and beyond. Let us use this occasion to reflect on the diverse needs of our students and our commitment to providing a supportive learning environment for all.

April Vacation will begin at the close of school on **Thursday, April 11th**, and extend through **Friday, April 19th**, providing an opportunity for our students, teachers, and families to relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming you back on **April 22nd**,

as we continue our journey towards a successful end of the school year. Enjoy the break and the exciting events this month has to offer!

We are very honored to announce that RSU 23 School Psychologist Dr. Jim Babcock has been chosen as the Maine School Psychologist of the Year! Congratulations Dr. Babcock. Well deserved!



**April  
2024**

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### *HIGHLIGHTS*

Budget Development

Jameson School

Loranger School

High School

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**[School Board Meeting Link](#)**  
(Tonight)

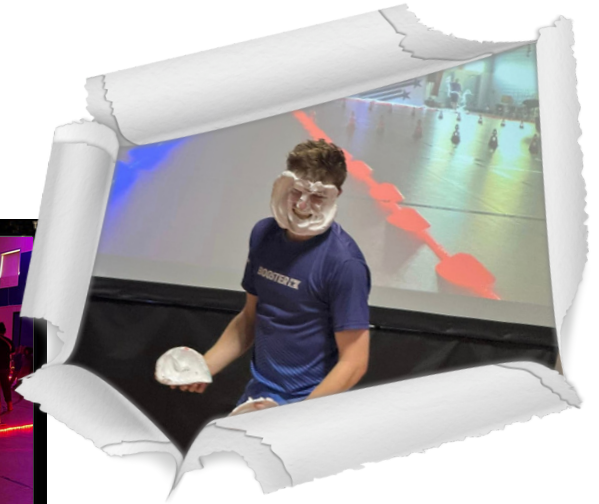
# *District News*

## **FY '25 Budget Development Schedule**

- TONIGHT, April 9, 6pm- FY 25 Final Budget Presentation at Regularly Scheduled School Board Meeting
- Tuesday, May 14, 6pm - Regional Budget Meeting (Tentative)
- Thursday, May 16, 6pm - May School Board Meeting
- Tuesday, June 11, OOBHS- State Primary & Budget Referendum

## *Jameson Updates*

- The dance party was a blast and since we reached our goal, Mr. Harris let some children shave his head.
- Mrs. Allhouse was also able to pie "Lightning Liam" in the face!
- A huge thanks to all of our guest readers for our reading across America celebration!



# Loranger Updates

Mrs. Arey's class has teamed up with the 4-H club at USM to learn about renewable energy. Our 4-H club leaders, Collin and Justin (juniors in USM's science program) are seen in the picture below with students after working to create boats that can harness wind energy. Students had to go back and rework their ideas multiple times to complete the task. Their wind powered boats are displayed in the display case at LMS.



The **4th Grade** all celebrated their research work by inviting third grade classes and grown-ups to their classroom museums where the student-experts taught visitors about a variety of animals and habitats through games, posters, and art. The visitors were all very impressed by the students' depths of knowledge and the evidence of hard work that went into every exhibit!



All of **Third** and **Sixth Grade** were able to attend a Maine Mariners Game in the month of March. Our students were excellent spectators and demonstrated the STAR expectations outside of school. Connections were built during this shared experience. Following the game, the teams goalie Brad Arvanitis, visited Loranger for a Q&A session. Students eagerly participated and showed great curiosity!



## Unified Basketball

Loranger is proud of the 14 students who represented our school for another successful Unified Basketball season! Unified basketball is a Special Olympics program that promotes social inclusion, teamwork



and sportsmanship for students both with and without developmental disabilities through the mutual experience of playing basketball. During this experience of social inclusion, these Loranger students learned much more than just the game of basketball! Throughout this season, our players experienced moments of pride, self-confidence, resiliency, empathy and friendship building. We are so grateful for our school community who supported our season by filling the stands at our games, making signs for our players, baking goodies for our team, giving countless highfives and gameday hype in the hallways and overall making our players feel like valued members of our school! Congratulations to our 2024 Loranger Unified Basketball team!!

## LMS Intramural Floor Hockey 2024

The 2024 LMS Intramural Floor Hockey season has come to an exciting end. Over a three week span in March, 40 middle school students on 4 teams competed for the coveted championship. Each team played 10 games, with the season culminating in a round robin playoff series last Wednesday. The Patriots defeated the Bruins in a nailbiter 2-1 to advance to the championship to play the Celtics, who defeated the Red Sox 4-0. In an action packed, back and forth championship game, the Celtics scored with just under a minute left to defeat the regular season champions Patriots, 4-3. The faculty games were just as fun, and they remained undefeated against the students compiling a record of 2-0. We are looking forward to next year's competition already.

First Place Champions- Celtics!!



Second Place- Patriots



Our **Culinary Arts** and **French** classes collaborated on a project. The French students researched cheeses and the culinary students put together beautiful charcuterie boards. We had a great time and got to review some tasting and etiquette points as well! It is so fun to find these interdisciplinary opportunities.



The **OOBHS Unified Basketball** team wrapped up their season on March 11. A huge thank you to those who volunteered to be Unified partners and participate this year! The partners quickly connected, bonded, and created trusting relationships with the Unified players. They continue to cherish and build upon their connections with the Unified athletes daily. A special recognition to our senior, Kavi McQueen. We will miss you! Thank you to Coach Robbins and support staff for a fantastic season!

## High School Updates

The **Art Department** will be having an art show opening at Libby Memorial Library Friday, May 3rd, from 4 pm to 6 pm. Contact Ms. Gillis ([mgillis@rsu23.org](mailto:mgillis@rsu23.org)) if you would like more information.



**OLD ORCHARD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL**  
art show  
opening

May 3, 2024  
From 4-6 pm

Libby Memorial Library  
27 Staples St, Old Orchard  
Beach, ME 04064

Art show will remain at the library through the month of May



## Spirit Week

High school students and staff celebrated Spirit Week by bringing back head-to-head competition between grades for the Island Day Games during our spring pep rally! Students competed in minute-to-win-it style games, racking up points for their grade levels to earn bragging rights. Fan favorite games included classroom tennis (students volleyed crumpled paper across the floor towards goals), oreo races (requiring students to move an oreo from their forehead to mouth without their hands), and cup stacking relays. In a tight race, sophomores were crowned Island Day Game Champs, with seniors falling one point short into second place. The **Culture and Climate Committee** would like to give a huge shout out and thanks to our Pep Band for providing an amazing atmosphere, as well as student council members and their part of emcee and game set up. unities.



## CALENDAR

April 9th TONIGHT  
Town Hall 6 PM  
**School Board Meeting**

April 12 to April 19  
April Vacation

May 1  
Early Release Day

May 27  
Memorial Day

June 10  
Last Day of School

