

# The Raymond RoadRunner

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## Hot Items

### School Budget

The Raymond School Committee is inviting public input on the 1999-2000 school budget at their October 7, 1998 meeting. Interested members of the Raymond community are encouraged to attend this meeting, to be held at the Jordan-Small School at 7:00 PM.

### 911 Update

If you are one of the people whose address changed, please use your new address for all of your mail. The Post Office will not deliver mail addressed to the old address after June 1, 1999. Also be certain that your number can be seen on your home year round. If you have any questions, please call Code Enforcement at 655-3066.

### RoadRunner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the RoadRunner newsletter are due by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper

#### School related articles:

Send to: nrcharl@maine.rr.com or drop off at Principal's office

#### Town related articles:

Send to: raytown@ime.net or drop off at Town Hall

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<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

Look under Events & News

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## RoadRunner Expands and Looks for New Name

Welcome to the first issue of the Raymond community newsletter. We are expanding the coverage of the RoadRunner to include topics from all areas of the community.

As we are entering this new phase of RoadRunner, the Jordan-Small School faculty and staff would like to thank Dennis Dorey for his many years of outstanding service as editor. As we are working to put out the first edition in this new era of community commu-

nications, we have a new appreciation of Dennis' past work. Thank you, Dennis and congratulations for a job well done.

In keeping with the spirit of a high level of student involvement, we are going to have a contest to name this new, community newsletter. The students at the Jordan-Small School will choose three names for the newsletter before the October issue. We will then publish the three choices for the resi-

dents of Raymond to choose from. By filling out a ballot in the October issue and returning it to the School or Town Hall, each home will get a chance to vote on one of the three names.

The results will be announced in the November issue.

Any thoughts or comments on the newsletter can be forwarded to Nathan Poore at the Town Hall.

## Raymond, Maine Receives Community Development Block Grant

By Nathan Poore, Town Manager

Raymond has been awarded a grant through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The grant will provide funding for a community planning study. The application for this study has been developed over the past year and it appears that this is the first time Raymond has been awarded a CDBG. Hopefully many of the questions raised about economic development, Route 302 traffic and the general appearance of Raymond's Route 302 commercial area will be

addressed in the study.

A portion of the study will include a series of meetings designed to obtain a community consensus on the future of the commercial areas of Raymond. Also, an outreach to the Route 302 business owners is planned which will include an assessment of the current business climate and a business needs analysis. The study will include a commercial property evaluation which will include an inventory of all underutilized areas within the existing business district. A streetscape analysis will

look at potential public improvements such as lighting, sidewalks, seasonal banners, landscaping and other improvements. Finally, the last component of the study will look at traffic flow and curb cut access issues (commercial driveways).

We hope to begin the study this fall and have a report available by March of 1999. If anyone has any questions or comments please contact Nathan Poore at the Town Office.

## Jordan-Small School Principal's Report

By Norma Richard

We have had a wonderful start to the school year, and students and teachers are well immersed in a wide variety of classroom happenings and activities. We have once again started our character education program at Jordan-Small, with a focus on RESPECT during September and FRIENDSHIP in October. Service to the community is an important part of our Educational Philosophy, and I look forward to the many ways that students will be involved in community service during this school year.

October is the month where we focus on safety, both at school and at home.

Debi Duchaine is once again coordinating the bus safety program and bus evacuation drills. Grade six students will be trained to assist the bus driver in case of an emergency, as well as to run the two-way radio in case the driver is injured. We will also be working closely with the Raymond Volunteer Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week. This is a great time for parents to reinforce safety at school, at home, and on the bus. I would like to remind parents to practice family fire drills at home, just as we practice these drills at school.

We are very excited that State Trooper Christine Buchanan has joined our staff for this school year. Trooper Buchanan

will be teaching the D.A.R.E. Program in grade 6 during the spring semester. This fall she will work with students in kindergarten - grade 5, with a focus on personal safety. I am a strong proponent of D.A.R.E., and have seen the value of this program in teaching and reinforcing safety, decision making and communication skills. It is also important that in a rural community, such as Raymond, students experience Trooper Buchanan and other law enforcement officers as advocates and helpers. If you have questions about D.A.R.E. or other safety programs, Trooper Buchanan will be available at Jordan-Small each Thursday. Parents

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## Fire & Rescue

By Chris Champagne

The Summer of 1998 has been a busy time for the Raymond Fire and Rescue Department. During the months of June, July, and August we answered 80 fire calls and 139 rescue calls. Along with those emergencies we also have had several projects to keep us occupied. We screened a pool of applicants and hired Raymond's first full time Firefighter/paramedic. David Shepperd has been with us since mid June and has been a welcome addition. David received his training and experi-

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## Road Department News & Summer Projects

By Nathan White, Road Commissioner

Conesca Road is nearing completion and I would like to express my appreciation to everyone for being so patient. For a great deal of the summer we worked on drainage and road base projects for pavement preparation on Conesca Road. We received assistance from two subcontractors, P & K Sand and Gravel and Rodney Knights. Shoulder work and striping may be complete by the first of October.

We also paved parts of Spiller Hill Road and Raymond Hill Road. The

Town's Web site includes a list of most road projects either completed or remaining.

As a reminder, the Town will be doing something new this year. The town crew, using town equipment, will be plowing two routes. The routes include Cape Road, Shaw Road, Wavenock Road, Patricia Avenue and all town roads behind Key Bank and the Raymond Shopping Plaza. The remaining parts of town will continue to be plowed by P & K Sand and Gravel.

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## We're Hitting the Trail -- Again!

Founder's Day 1998 was a huge success for the launching of Raymond's History Trail #1 (Main St./Village) and Trail #2 (Raymond Cape). Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make this event possible. Now, we're ready to begin the construction of Trail #3.

During the '98-'99 school year, students at Jordan-Small will begin the construction of Trail # 3, the N. Raymond and E. Raymond area of town. When sites have been selected, students will begin extensive research which will include the use of local histories, maps, photographs, artifacts and interviews. We sure could use your help. If you have information to share, photos, or artifacts related to the following sites, we would greatly appreciate your help in this endeavor:

1. TOWN HALL
2. CLOUGH'S STORE
3. GRANGE HALL
4. CEMETERY ON RAYMOND HILL RD.
5. CHURCH ON RAYMOND HILL RD.
6. TOWN POUND
7. TOWN POOR FARM
8. SCHOOLS
9. "GREENVILLE" (BARTLETT MILL)
10. SHELTER FOR CIVIL DEFENSE DURING W.W.II
11. WILSON SPRING HOUSE
12. RAYMOND SPRING HOUSE
13. HOMESTEAD OF SIMEON SMALL (McDERMOTT'S)
14. HOMESTEAD OF FRANCIS SYMOND
15. CARLETON EDWARD'S HOMESTEAD
16. HALL HOMESTEAD
17. JORDAN-SMALL SCHOOL

We'd love to hear you recollections. Students are

looking forward to writing to people in the community to obtain valuable information about their town's history. If you'd like to come and visit with us at school, we'd love to have you, anytime.

Students will soon begin work on this year's quilts under the direction of Art Teacher Katie Hall. Quilts from the last two years are on display in the school. We hope to display them in several locations this year.

An exciting addition to the trail this past summer was the completion of a website for Trail #1 on the Raymond Home Page. Take a hike on the Internet at <http://www.raymondmaine.org>. Kudos to Kevin Woodbrey and Debbie Murray for their help with this effort!

If you'd like to help us in any way, please contact one of the following teachers at Jordan-Small School:

Jani Cummings-Multi-age 2/3  
 Martha Spencer-Multi-age 3/4  
 Debbie Blanchard-grade 4  
 655-4743

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Gould Academy News

BETHEL-Fifty-nine seniors received diplomas at Gould Academy's 162nd commencement exercises on Saturday, May 30th. Among the graduates was area resident Temma Stout.

Stout, the daughter of Harry and Betsy Stout of Raymond, was a member of Gould's soccer and lacrosse

teams and taught alpine ski lessons to elementary school students during the winter term. She received the Elwood F. Ireland Award at commencement for her contributions to the school community in the areas of service, leadership, and character. She will attend Guilford College in the fall.

Gould Academy is an independent college preparatory school located in Bethel, adjacent to the White Mountain National Forest, with special programs in the arts, student leadership, and skiing.

## Hebron Academy

High Honors (with grades of B+ or higher)  
 Senior: Allison Sanchez of Raymond

## PNGTS Project

The Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS) pipeline project is a 292-mile natural gas pipeline currently under construction from Pittsburg, NH to Haverhill, MA. Construction will be seen in the Raymond area during September and October. The contractor for this portion of the pipeline is the Bechtel Corporation and their sub-contractor is Welded Construction. The 24-inch epoxy-coated underground pipeline is expected to be in service by December 1998. If you would like additional information regarding this project please call the PNGTS Hotline at 1-800-633-1721.

### BAKED BEAN SUPPER

SATURDAY  
 OCTOBER 10, 1998  
 5-7 PM

HOSTED BY  
 BOY SCOUT TROOP 800  
 OF RAYMOND

AT THE RAYMOND VILLAGE CHURCH  
 MAIN STREET, RAYMOND

FEATURING: BAKED BEANS,  
 HOT DOGS, COLE SLAW,  
 AMERICAN CHOP SUEY  
 & DESSERT

PRICE: \$5.00 - ADULTS  
 \$3.00 - 12 & YOUNGER  
 SPECIAL FAMILY PRICE - \$15.00

### Guest Speakers at Raymond Village Library

Thursday, October 15, 7:00-8:30PM

Patricia Bellew Gray, a writer and editor whose work has appeared in The Wall Street Journal and other magazines, will be speaking on the topic "The Writing Life: Twenty Years in American Journalism". Ms. Gray first joined the Wall Street Journal in the early 1980's. In 1988 she was promoted to the editing staff of the Journal's Page One, where she edited the popular and witty feature stories that run down the center of the newspaper's front page every day.

Monday, November 2nd, 6:30-9:00 PM

Deborah Korol will be speaking about "Unplugging the Holiday Machine" and will share ways to simplify this busy season and have the kind of holidays you really want. This program is sponsored by Project Maine Families For more information call Deborah at 874-1120.

### Wanted

Crafters for Raymond Fire/Rescue Craft Show to be held Sunday, November 1st at the Raymond Fire Station on Main Street. If interested, please call: Shannon Dietz (655-3714) or Christina Wing (655-3140).

OCTOBER 21ST SENIOR CITIZENS MENU  
 PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT  
 655-4743

OLD-FASHIONED  
 SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIALS  
 BAKED BEANS AND HOT DOGS  
 AMERICAN CHOP SUEY  
 COLE SLAW  
 HOT YEAST ROLLS  
 SELECTION OF HOMEMADE PIES  
 COFFEE

# October 1998

## Events and Meeting Schedule

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 • Lions Club	2 • Good News Begins	3
4	5 • Budget Committee	6 • Selectmen	7 • School Committee	8	9 • Mid-Term Progress Reports	10 • Boy Scout Baked Bean Supper
11	12 • Columbus Day • No School	13	14 • Planning Board	15 • November RoadRunner Articles Due • Lions Club	16	17
18	19	20 • Selectmen	21 • Senior Citizen Supper • School Committee	22 • Cemetery Committee	23	24
25 • Daylight Savings Time Ends	26 • Appeals Board	27 • Founder's Day Committee • Conservation Committee	28	29	30	31 • Halloween

## Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

All hunting licenses and stamps are available at the Town Office. We are also registering ATV's and snowmobiles both resident and non-resident.

Expanded Archery Deer Season began September 8th and Special Archery will begin October 1st. Also Rabbit, Raccoon, and Gray Squirrel season begins October 1st.

Hunters please be aware that you are expected to get landowner permission to hunt on their land unless it has been posted giving permission.

Landowners please know that the Department of Inland Fisheries has free signage for your use to allow your land to be used for recreation and/or hunting. Examples of these signs are available at the Town Office.

## Road Department

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There have been some significant personnel changes in the Department over the past year. John Litchfield resigned after four years and will be missed and we wish him the best of luck. Ted Coffin assisted the department during the Ice Storm and is now working full time. Dwayne Buzzell was just recently hired to replace John Litchfield. Summer help included Tom Betts and Sharon Mizner. The crew has done an excellent job and I am hopeful that our progress continues.

If you have any questions about upcoming work please contact the Town Office and please visit our Web Page for information about the Road Department. Remember, if you see a "work ahead" sign, please slow down.

## Committee Chairpersons

If you need information about a committee the following people listed are the committee chairmen. You can contact them through the Town Office at 655-4742.

- Appeals Board ..... Peter Leavitt
- Budget/Finance ..... Rolf Olsen
- Cable Franchise ..... Duce Lester
- Cemetery ..... Linda Alexander
- Comprehensive Plan ..... Not Active
- Conservation Commission .. Priscilla Rand
- Elementary School Bldg. .... David Johnson
- Planning Board ..... Paul White
- Recreation ..... Pat Smith
- Recycling ..... Phil Hammett
- School ..... Tammy Acker
- Selectmen ..... Stephanie Bubier
- Tassel Top ..... Tina Pomerleau
- Town Manager ..... Nathan Poore
- Website ..... Duce Lester

## Fire & Rescue

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ence in New Jersey with some very busy ambulance services covering some of New Jersey's biggest cities. We are fortunate that David and his fiancée Jane chose Maine to move to. David didn't take long to get indoctrinated, he had a structure fire and several critical medical calls in his first week.

Another project occupying our time this summer has been the acceptance testing and training with our new pumper tanker. We took possession of Tank 1 on July 3rd. Starting on the 3rd of July and continuing throughout July our members spent hundreds of hours training with the truck to assure that when it was put into service it could be operated properly. We also did acceptance testing with the pump and other equipment using National Fire Protection Association standards.

## Reminder on Property Tax Bills

Property Tax Bills will soon be going out and due October 31st. You will receive a notice and payment stub for the first half and then another notice and payment stub for the second half again in April. Our October billing may be a little delayed due to a new automated assessing program but the due date will remain the same. However, you may pay your taxes prior to receipt of your bill if you wish. Simply call the office or stop by for your tax due amount. If you should have any questions regarding your taxes, you may call 655-4742 and ask for Donna, Dep. Tax Collector.

## Motor Vehicle Registration

A new motor vehicle registration software program will be installed at the Town Office in November. The new program will be a great benefit to the customer as well as the Town Office staff. We will be able to process the registrations at a faster rate. The system will not allow incorrect information such as an incorrect vin #, car model or year.

The Town Office staff is looking forward to better serving the public and at the same time moving forward into a more automated system. We hope you will bear with us for a short period of time while we become accustomed to the new system.

Thank You  
Town Office Staff

## Municipal Trash Pickup

Just a reminder that the Municipal Trash Pickup is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of every week. Tuesday pickup is roughly from Meadow Rd. and Brown Rd. south. Wednesday is roughly north of there.

The Town Office will be publishing a map of the Town of Raymond in a future edition of the Roadrunner showing the specific areas of the Tuesday and Wednesday pickups.

Please make sure that the trash is secured in a way that prohibits the animals from having access to it.

## Dog Licensing

This is notice that all dogs must be licensed by January 1, 1999. The 1999 stickers will be available by October 15th, 1998, which will allow for early registrations this fall. The fee for neutered dogs is \$5.00 and non-neutered \$8.50. Re-registrations need only the dog's current Rabies Certificate. If this is a new registration we will need the current Rabies Certificate and the Maine Neutering Certificate.

The truck passed all the tests and we have been very pleased with its performance so far.

One of the more interesting things happening around the Raymond Fire/Rescue this Summer has been the development of the Frye Island Fire Department. As many of you know, the Town of Frye Island purchased our Engine 6 fire truck when we bought the new pumper tanker. That is only one part of their development. Under the direction of Frye Island Chief Steve Pierson and Assistant Chief John Crosby the Island department has trained very hard and is now more than capable of assisting us with Island emergencies. They have received a donated 1965 pumper to go along with Engine 6 and are building a new 3 bay station that will have enough space to house up to 6 trucks. All the members of the Raymond Fire Rescue have enjoyed watching Frye Island's wonderful growth.

As we enter the fall season it is important to remember a few safety tips to prevent fires and help us help

## Important Voter Information!

Gubernatorial Election  
November 3, 1998  
~ *Voting at the Jordan-Small School* ~  
Webbs Mills Road  
7 AM-8 PM

All elections will now be held at the Jordan-Small School. Parking, protection from rain and snow, ease of entering and exiting, and voter suggestion were all factors in changing the polling place to a more spacious location. Please enter at the side door by the cafeteria. New residents may register to vote on election day, or stop at the town office at any time and fill out a voter registration card.

There are currently 3124 registered voters in Raymond. They are comprised of the following parties:

- Democrat.....807
- Independent.....3
- Reform .....89
- Republican .....966
- Unenrolled.....1259

### Voter Turnout Statistics

November 5, 1996 - Presidential Election - 2031 votes cast

March 14, 1997 - Municipal Election - 365 votes cast

November 4, 1997 - Forest Compact/Turnpike Widening Referendum Election - 1561 votes cast

February 10, 1998 - Special State Election - People's Veto (Anti Discrimination Law) - 1006 votes cast

March 20, 1998 - Municipal Election - 408 votes cast

June 9, 1998 - Primary Election - 384 votes cast

### Absentee Ballot Information

You may vote absentee if you are unable to be at the polls on election day for any reason. Senior Citizens, shut-ins, college students, vacationers, please call the town office at 655-4742 for more information about voting absentee.

Please remember that licensing is a State law and that the majority of the money collected for licensing is kept in Raymond to support our Animal Control officer. Animal Control's job is to take care of stray animals and deal with animal complaints. Without Animal Control our animals would not be so well cared for if they become strays.

Fire Prevention Week will be coming up soon in all Raymond Schools and Day Cares. When your children come home with information we have distributed please spend a little time practicing the exit plans and drills. Many of the lessons they will learn in school will provide them with ways to make your whole family safer. Please remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. If you burn wood please clean your chimney before starting to burn this Fall. This helps to prevent chimney fires.

We would also like to remind all Raymond residents to clearly post your house numbers. If we can't find you we can't help you. On the subject of help, we have started a Vial of Life program in Raymond. This will help us find valuable information about medications and your medical history quickly. To find out more about this program please call Raymond Dispatch at 655-7851.

Lastly a quick thank you to Tim Pellerin for his hard work as Chief and best wishes in his new endeavors.

### Preschool Services at Jordan-Small School

Eileen Stiles, the home-school coordinator at Jordan-Small School, will be on a personal leave for the 1998-1999 school year. Her position will not be replaced at this time. We will, however, continue to monitor preschool needs through our Guidance-Social Work Program. The newsletter for 3 and 4 year old preschoolers will continue to be mailed. If you have a preschooler and are not currently receiving the newsletter, please call the school to be put on the mailing list. A resource list of current day care and preschool programs will be available at the school. If you are currently running a day care or preschool and have not been contacted by the school and would like to be included on the list, please notify us.

There will be S.T.E.P. (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) course offered at the school beginning in mid-October. If you are interested in this course, please call the school office at 655-4743 or call one of the Jordan-Small guidance and social work personnel: Suzanne Cobleigh - Social Worker, Barbara Harding-Loux - Social Worker, Deborah Hutchinson - Guidance Counselor.

### Jordan-Small School Principal's Report

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and community members are encouraged to share their interests, talents and expertise with our students and staff by volunteering. Please call the school office at 655-4743 if you would like to be involved in any way with the Jordan-Small School program.

### Annenberg Rural Challenge

The Rural Challenge Grant has allowed students to undertake projects that connect them to the community by focusing their work on real issues that pertain to their lives. Curriculum has been developed by participating teachers that align with Maine's Learning Results and will be imbedded within the district's overall curriculum. One of the unique facets of this work has been to develop curriculum that fosters pride in the community and allows students to recognize their roles as caretakers through appreciation, pride and value of their community. The Raymond community has been involved in many of these projects, and we hope to utilize the efforts of our town throughout the year to become more involved in our work, which is designed to recognize the importance of rural education. We look forward to sharing our students' accomplishments with you in future editions of Roadrunner.

North Yarmouth Academy  
Requests the Honor of Your Presence  
At the Dedication of the  
Travis Roy Ice Arena  
On  
Saturday, October 17  
1:00 PM  
Followed by a Light Lunch  
At the Arena  
...  
RSVP by October 14  
Dee Post 846-2380

### Wonderfully Exciting Books at Jordan-Small School

The W.E.B. Program is up and running at Jordan-Small. This program encourages reading for pleasure and is available to all students in grades K - 6. The research is very clear that reading has a positive impact on school success, and the more children read the more successful they are in school. We challenge our students to exceed last year's number of pages read for W.E.B. - over a quarter of a million! This year our goal is 300,000 pages. Mrs. Mains and Mrs. Milton are once again coordinating W.E.B. with the outstanding assistance of Mrs. Phyllis Barden. They would appreciate donations of well-loved or new paperback books for W.E.B., especially books for our beginning readers.

### The Velveteen Rabbit

Cynthia Bagley of Raymond directed the musical, The Velveteen Rabbit this summer in Naples. It was a wonderful production and starred Jordan-Small students and former students. Frank Palmer was the narrator; Billy Yates the Little Boy; Jody Bagley the Top Banana Nana; and Ashley Christy the Velveteen Rabbit. It received rave reviews in The Bridgton News. Congratulations to all who participated.

### Jordan-Small School Welcomes New Staff Members

LYNNE ESTEY - Grade 6  
CORY SPEAR - Speech and Language Teacher  
KATE LOUKAS - Occupational Therapist  
SUZANNE COBLEIGH - Social Worker  
KATHY WOODBREY - Educational Technician II

CINDY TERRY - Educational Technician II  
KERRY GLEW - Educational Technician II  
DEANNA GODWIN - Custodian II  
PHIL PULSIFER - Bus Driver

### September Principal's Letter

September 8, 1998

Dear Parents:

We have had a wonderful start to the school year, and I am very pleased with the enthusiasm and the efforts of the students during our first week. This is an outstanding school, and I credit the professional and support staffs for their fine work with students, and parents for their continuing support of our school program.

We would like to welcome several new staff members to Jordan-Small. Lynne Estey is our new sixth grade teacher. Mrs. Estey is an experienced middle level educator who previously taught grade 6 at the Gray-New Gloucester Middle School. Suzanne Cobleigh, who interned at Jordan-Small last year, will join us as a social worker in our special education program. Kate Loukas is our new Occupational Therapist. Cindy Terry, Kerry Glew, and Kathy Woodbrey are working as educational technicians this year. Cory Spear is joining our staff as speech clinician. Deanna Godwin has been hired as our night custodian, and Phil Pulsifer is our newest bus driver.

Teachers and students have been busy establishing the many routines that help to make each school day productive and positive. There are several routines for parents that I would like to review with you, and I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

1. Please call the office for CHILD WATCH if your child is going to be absent or tardy. We will call your home if we have not heard from you and your child is absent when attendance is taken. This is to assure the safety of our students.

2. All students must be signed out in the office before they are dismissed from classrooms during the school day or after school. This is an important way for us to monitor when students are not on the bus, as well as to closely monitor who is signing out students.

3. The front entrance is for bus traffic only. Parents dropping students off in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon are asked to use the side parking lot. This is especially important in the morning as this driveway is extremely busy with bus activity. Also, we will be blocking off the bus entrance on Friday afternoons during Good News or assemblies. Please do not park in this area as it needs to be clear for buses.

4. Please be aware that it is illegal to pass a school bus when it is discharging or picking up students, and any vehicle that passes a bus during these times will be reported immediately to the State Police. This includes a bus on the road, in the school driveway, or at Mill Street. This is an important safety issue for your children.

5. We require a written note or fax if your child is to be dropped off at a home other than his/her own. We are unable to make these arrangements over the phone. If we do not have written permission, your child will be placed on the bus or sent to RED.

6. Prior permission is required if your child is to be transported someplace other than home. This includes transportation to dance class, art class or other activities if your child is not on that bus route. Please submit these requests in writing to the office.

7. Late bus will be available on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. This bus usually leave the school around 4:15. Students staying for chorus, band, Peer Council, Caring Kids, detention, study hall, football or other school activities may take late bus.

8. We are reviewing health records and will be contacting parents who need their children's immunizations updated. We are required by law to maintain updated health records. If your child has received a physical (kindergarten students) or updated immunizations over the summer, please be sure the nurse's office has a copy for our health records.

I would like to remind parents to return the application for Free or Reduced Lunch to the school office. This information is very important for Jordan-Small, as the percentage of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch is used to determine the amount of federal grants received by the school.

We have two Open Houses scheduled this year to best meet the needs of parents who have children at several grade levels. Open House is an opportunity for parents and school faculty to build valuable communications between home and school. As these evenings are designed for parents, we are unable to provide child care and request that children do not attend. An invitation to Open House will be sent home on Friday giving specific times for classroom presentations. We look forward to meeting with parents on the following dates:

- Tuesday, September 15: Kindergarten - 3rd Grades and Specialists (art, gym, computer, physical education)
- Thursday, September 17: Grades 4 - 6 and Special Education

September 18th is the kick-off date for our fall fund raiser. This year we will be selling gift wrap and other gifts from Innisbrook. As always, participation in any fund raising activity at Jordan-Small is optional. 50% of the proceeds from the Innisbrook sale will be earmarked for student activities, including whole-school events (i.e. plays, presentations, assemblies) and classroom activities and field trips. More information will be sent home next week.

I look forward to working with Jordan-Small School parents this school year.

Cordially,

Norma Richard, Principal