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## Hot Items

### Raymond Web Site Volunteers Needed

Both the *Raymond RoadRunner* and Raymond Web Site committees are in urgent need of volunteer help. The *Raymond RoadRunner* could use a volunteer to take care of the monthly logistics of getting the paper to the publishers and then returned, counted, and delivered to the Post Office.

The Raymond Web Site committee would like volunteers who are familiar with or would like to become familiar with Microsoft Frontpage. We have close to 1000 pages of town information with more being added daily. If you can spare a few hours a week and have a computer with internet access, we can use your help.

Please contact Duce Lester at 655-4224 or [duce.lester@raymondmaine.org](mailto:duce.lester@raymondmaine.org).

### RoadRunner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the RoadRunner newsletter are due by December 15th. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

#### E-Mail; Diskette; Paper

Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF)

#### Send School Related Articles To:

[n.richard@raymondmaine.org](mailto:n.richard@raymondmaine.org) or drop at Principal's Office

#### Send Town related articles To:

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<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

Look under Events & News

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## Maine Property Tax Circuit Breaker Program

On Saturdays, December 5th and 12th Joe Bruno will be available at the Town Office to help anyone interested in applying for the Circuit Breaker Program. This is for anyone who has an income of under for couples \$41,200 and individuals \$26,400. This is unrelated to the Homestead Exemption you received applications for last spring.

This program refunds an amount of your last year's property taxes or rent expense if you are eligible. It also includes an Elderly Low-Cost Drug Card Program.

Deadline for the Tax or Rent Refund Program is January 31, 1999 and Drug Program at any time but to get your new card by January 1st you must apply by

November 1st.

No appointment is necessary. However, please bring your income tax report or 1099 form from last year because information from it is necessary to fill out the application.

Applications are available at the Town Office.

## Principal's Corner

### By Norma Richard

Last month's severe weather in the Midwest is a reminder that winter is right around the corner. At the Jordan-Small School that means dealing with snowsuits or jackets, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. I would like to remind parents to label, if possible, all items of winter clothing. Students should dress appropriately for the winter weather and we want to make sure that all items are returned to their rightful owners. Our lost and found grows by leaps and bounds at this time of year, so please check the hanging rack outside the resource room if your child has lost any items of clothing.

We do have recess each day during the winter months unless the weather is so

severe that all children remain inside. If children are too sick to go out for recess, then they would benefit from staying home. We do have some children with respiratory or other medical alerts who cannot tolerate the cold temperatures and need to stay out of the cold weather. All other children will go outside, so please make sure your children are warmly dressed and prepared for recess.

The school cancellation procedures are published in the yellow handbook. To review, in the event of no school due to weather or other emergency conditions, the cancellation announcements will be broadcast on the local television stations (channels 6, 8 and 13) and radio stations (WPOR, WMGX, & WGAN) as soon as possible. In the event of a delayed start, morning kindergarten classes will be

canceled. School delays are coordinated with the receiving school systems, Westbrook, Windham and Gray, so weather in these districts may affect busing our elementary students. Safety is always our first consideration in canceling or delaying the start of school.

In closing, I would like to remind kindergarten parents that physicals and updated immunization records are now overdue in our health office. We also have a number of students who are in need of the DTP, OPV and/or MMR immunizations that are required by state law. Please forward all copies of updated immunization records to the office, or have your physician fax them to 655-6952.

## National Student/Parent Mock Election

On Thursday, October 29th, the students of Jordan-Small School had the opportunity to participate in the National Student/Parent Mock Elections. Mr. Mark Cyr and his sixth grade class were organizers of the local event. Students from all grade levels and any interested parents were able to participate in the election of the next governor of the State of Maine, the representative from the first Congressional District to Washington, and on the two bond issues that were on the November 3rd ballot for the real election.

The winners included Angus King for governor, Thomas Allen as our representative, and the two bond issues passed with yes votes. In all, approximately 190 students and adults cast mock ballots that day.

Mr. Cyr's sixth graders prepared for the election by having Mrs. Suzanne Bruno, voter registrar for the Town of Raymond, spend some time in school teaching the students what roles need to be filled when running an election. The students filled the necessary positions while running the election. The student ballot clerks worked on setting up the polling areas, checking in voters, handing out ballots, talking with each class about what to do and not do,

assisting younger children in reading the ballots, and manning the ballot box. Mr. Cyr filled the role of election warden.

After school, several students remained to serve as ballot counters. Mr. Cyr then phoned in the results to headquarters in Bangor where student and teacher volunteers took information from over 300 schools from throughout the state of Maine. Results were reported on most major newscasts all over the state. Those involved agreed that participating in this type of civics lesson was far better than merely reading about how elections are run.

## Cub Scouts Say Thank You

The scouts of Pack 800 would like to thank everyone who donated food during their recent Scouting For Food drive. On November 7th, the scouts went door-to-door and collected over 1,941 canned and boxed food items for the Raymond Food Pantry. Items are still being received in drop-off boxes located around town if you still would like to contribute. The collected items will be used to help those less fortunate including making holiday baskets as well. The scouts would also like to thank all everyone who also donated returnable bottles during the event. A special thanks goes to Kokatosi Campground for the use of their facilities for collecting and sorting food and bottles.

## A Christmas Helping Hand

As part of Jordan-Small School's community involvement, Mr. Stevens's fifth grade class will start its annual food and present drive for Christmas. We do this every year in order to help some families in Raymond have a merrier Christmas than might otherwise be possible.

We will start collecting the food and presents on November 30th. Students will bring the items to school and my class will pick them up from the classrooms. Pick up days will be every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until December 21st.

Food items should of course be boxed, bagged, or otherwise nonperishable. Presents should be unwrapped but labeled for boy, girl, or either, and should also have an appropriate age range indicated.

Last year we had a fantastic response from all of you, and we hope you will repeat your generosity and caring again this year.

Thank you in advance from,  
Mr. Stevens's fifth grade class

## Raymond Food Pantry

With cold weather here we have had several families avail themselves of our Pantry. Because of this the stock is getting low and donations of food, paper goods, laundry detergent etc. would be welcomed. If you would prefer donating money instead of food, please send your donation to the Town Hall, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, Maine 04071. Please note on your check that the money is to be used for the Pantry.

## Santa Claus Is Coming To Raymond!

The Olde House, Route 85, Raymond, would like to invite children and parents to welcome Santa Claus on Sunday, December 6 from 2:00-5:00 PM. Cookies and punch will cheerfully be served. Please bring your camera and take your child's picture sitting on Santa's knee. What a great way to start the holiday season!

*Happy  
Holidays  
Raymond*

**The Raymond History Trail Project**

Students and teachers have been hard at work on the Raymond History Trail Project in the last month. We have created a bulletin board that is on display in the hallway between the front door and the office. It describes the various aspects of the project: the quilt, the web site, the tour, the pamphlet, the artifact trunk, and all the research that serves as the foundation for these. A brochure is also newly available with more comprehensive information.

Each student has completed the task of sewing two squares of material together with two diagonal lines of stitches. This was done by hand, and we discovered that we have some meticulous sewers in our classrooms. The squares have been sent off to be joined into quilt tops before the students add more details.

On Thursday, November 19, all three classes will spend the day working on the project. First we'll be visited by some longtime residents of Raymond who will share their oral histories and answer our questions. Next will come a film about quilt-making. Finally the students will be writing letters to residents to ask for information about our sites, interpreting maps and photographs, and conducting research about the sites.

Happy trails!

**Raymond Baseball/Softball Board Elected**

At the November meeting, board members were elected to prepare for the upcoming season. Members of the board are Bruce Barter, Dave Blanchard, Diane Blanchard, Steve Curren, Steve Eastman, Jay Greeley, Denise Goodwin, John Hanley, Ron Lehr and Cindy Merriman. The officers for the 1999 season are:

- President- Lisa Duncanson
- Vice President-Dave Sturgeon
- Secretary-Tom Wiley
- Treasurer-Paul Cobb

The board will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month, beginning in January.

**Raymond Village Library**

With Christmas holidays upon us, we wish to remind you that the library has all sorts of information available to help us enjoy this special time. There are books and magazines on arts and crafts, food preparation, decorating, gift making, card making and fun things for children to do. One book, "Unplug the Christmas Machine", gives you ideas on how to fully enjoy the holidays without being exhausted from them. So come into the library and find something fun, useful or just entertaining.

We wish to remind our patrons that the library will be closed December 24, Christmas Eve.

Remember when school is closed because of inclement weather, the library is closed too. A good precaution is to call the library before coming in, if the weather is iffy, as we may be closing early, in order to let the librarians get home safely.

**Childfind**

Each year at Jordan-Small we attempt to locate children in the community who may require special education services. If you have a question about your child's development in the area of speech and language, gross and fine motor (using large and small muscles), hearing, vision, or learning, please call the school. If your child is three or older we will conduct a free screening at home. If your child is younger than three, we can provide some screening services in your home, and/or make arrangements for screening at the appropriate community agency. Our obligation also extends to Raymond students who attend private schools. If your child attends private school and you feel he or she may require special education services please notify us.

If you know of a child (your neighbor, niece, nephew, or the child of a friend) who may need this service please encourage their parents to call the school.

All screening is done only with parental permission and participation. If a problem is found an appropriate referral is made with parental permission. The results of the screening are confidential and the rights of both parents and children are protected under Maine Special Education Law.

If you have any questions or wish to refer a child for screening, please call me at the school.

Mary E. Waters (655-4743)

**Communities for Children**

The Communities for Children group had a productive November meeting working on the following projects: developing a community resource brochure for new families (a piece of a welcoming committee effort) supporting the growth of Raymond Rec. programs, and addressing the challenges of middle school transition. Another prospective project group is forming to examine the issue of adolescent resiliency. This group is interested in connecting Raymond youth to programming which would build communication, problem-solving and relationship skills.

If you would like more information about Communities for Children or would like to attend the next meeting on December 8 at 7:00 at the Jordan Small School library, please call Lori Rand at 655-4277 or Laurie Wallace at 655-2222.

Communities for Children is also working on bringing a Gymboree on the Go exercise program for preschoolers to Raymond. Each session runs for approximately 1/2 hour, costs \$5.00 per session and has a several week commitment. There is a minimum number of participants required for the program, so the first step is for those interested to have their names put on a list. For more information call Jane Hoffman at 655-5486.

**Jordan-Small Thanks Oakhurst Dairy**

Fourth grade student would like to thank Oakhurst Dairy for donating five new globes to the Jordan-Small School. These were received in time to celebrate National Geography Awareness Week. Nearly 1,000 globes will be provided to Maine classrooms through this program designed to encourage students to better understand the concept of world economy and to protect the world environment. Oakhurst Dairy's support of Maine schools is much appreciated.

**Tri-County Mental Health**

Tri-County Mental Health will have an Outreach Worker at the Town Hall on Wednesdays from 2:00-4:00 P.M.. Hours will begin on November 26, 1998. During this time walk in assistance will be available. If you would like more information or to schedule an appointment, with Rachel, please call Tri-County Mental Health at the number below.

Assistance is being offered in several areas:

- Information about mental health issues and concerns, such as: Could I have depression, how do I find out, and what can I do about it?
- Information and referral in coping with substance abuse. What to do when your life is out of control.
- Assistance gaining access to mental health programs.
- Someone to listen and provide short term, solution focused, problem solving support.

Please call or stop by with any questions or concerns related to these or other topics. Information and services are confidential. Tri-County Mental Health has daily office hours in Bridgton and Crisis Services available 24-hours a day. For further information call 647-5629 days, 800-743-6939 ext. 1006 evenings and weekends emergency.

**Come to our last  
POT ROAST SUPPER  
of the year.**

**Sat. Dec. 5 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM**  
**Raymond Village Community Church**  
**Main St. (Route 121) Raymond**  
**Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes,**  
**Gravy, String Beans,**  
**Carrots, Biscuits, Beverages & Dessert**  
**Adults \$5.50 Children (under 12) \$2.00**  
**Delivery in Raymond call 655-7749**  
**Take Out Available**  
**Handicap Entrance**

**King Plays Maine Select Hockey**

Hebron, ME—Hebron Academy senior Michael King has been on the ice all fall playing hockey with the Junior Pirates, a USA Hockey State Select Midget team. The son of Dale and Harry King of Raymond, King is a defenseman who will begin competing on the Hebron Academy hockey squad when their new season begins this coming week.

**Senior Citizens Dinner**  
**Menu for December 16, 1998**  
**Please call the school office at 655-4743 for a reservation.**

**Baked Ham**  
**Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans**  
**Yeast Rolls**

**December 1998**

**Events and Meeting Schedule**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 7:00PM Selectmen 7:00PM Conservation Committee Jordan-Small	<b>2</b> 6:30PM Middle School Dev. Com. 7:00PM Planning Board 7:00PM School Committee	<b>3</b> 6:30PM Elementary School Bldg 6:30PM Lions - Kokatosi 7:00PM PTA Meeting	<b>4</b> 2:20PM Good News Jordan-Small Gym	<b>5</b> 9:00AM-12:00PM Circuit Breaker Help From Joe Bruno Town Office
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00PM Community Development Block Grant Meeting	<b>9</b> 7:00PM Planning Board Public Hearing	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00AM-12:00PM Circuit Breaker Help From Joe Bruno Town Office
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00PM Budget/Finance Committee	<b>15</b> 3:00PM Community Development Block Grant Meeting 7:00PM Selectmen	<b>16</b> 5:30PM Senior Citizen Supper 6:30PM Middle School Dev. Com. 7:00PM School Committee	<b>17</b> 6:30PM Elementary School Building Committee 6:30PM Lions - Kokatosi Campground	<b>18</b> 2:20PM Good News Jordan-Small Gym	<b>19</b> Appeals Board Deadline for December Meeting
<b>20</b> 10:00AM Appeals Board Site Walk	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Christmas Break No School 7:00PM Diabetes Meeting Town Hall	<b>24</b> Christmas Break No School	<b>25</b> Christmas No School Town Office Closed	<b>26</b> Town Office Closed
<b>27</b> Appeals Board Deadline for January Meeting	<b>28</b> Christmas Break No School 7:00PM Appeals Board	<b>29</b> Christmas Break No School	<b>30</b> Christmas Break No School	<b>31</b> Christmas Break No School New Years Eve Town Office Open	<b>January 1</b> Town Office Closed	

**The Raymond Extended Day Program News, November 1998**

It is hard to believe it is already November!

I would like to catch you up on some news from the past few months:

RED enjoyed (and survived) it's fourth summer program. Once again, we had a great time with over 67 children attending throughout the months of June, July, and the first week of August. We enjoyed many field trips during that time. Our very own Zack Knights ran the bases with Slugger at a Sea Dogs game, Zack won!) Over 25 kids were involved in Raymond Rec's swim lesson program. Several children in Summer RED also attended summer school at JSS.

A great thanks to our wonderful staff: Judy Gisel, Jeanine Martin, Kellie Ouellette, Kevin Ouellette, Josh Robbins, Tammy Chappius & Joel Jerome. We saw the Sea Dogs (and our very own Zack Knights ran the bases with Slugger - Zack won!) Joni Merrill led the gang as Executive Director (and also summer bus driver). This was her third summer with the program. Thank you for letting us enjoy your kids.

Joni had the opportunity to take three children to Jerry Lewis' annual Muscular Dystrophy Telethon in Portland on Memorial Day. The RED Kids raised over \$800 in a hop-a-thon which was held in March. Good job, Kids!

Thanks to everyone who helped organize and participated in RED's annual Halloween Lottery/Auction. It was a great success with over \$1700 being raised for the program. Most of this money is used to help families who need financial assistance in order for their children to attend RED. It was a great night of fun, scares, treats and prizes. A list of donors is listed below.

1998 Halloween Lottery/Auction Donors  
Thank you for your support of RED!!!!

All Star Trophy	Hair Excitement	People's Heritage Bank
Arkie Rogers Septic	Hair Force One	Pizza Hut
Astro Arcade	Hawkes Construction	Portland Glass
Barney's Seafood	Hole in the Wall	Portland Pirates
Beacon Lanes & Pizza	Home Vision Video	Portland Sea Dogs
Bodies by Beau	Howard & Eileen Stiles	Pot Shed
Brake & Exhaust Center	Hudson's Floor Covering	Quest Travel
Bri's Pizzeria	Ida's Hairstyling	R F Blake Millwork
Bright Beginnings	Jack Fitch	Ray's Barber Shop
Cabin Candlery	Jordan Bay Animal Hospital	Raymond Service Center
Cafe Sebago	Julie's Laundry	Raymond Town Office
Camp Nashoba North	K & K Reel Vision	Raymond Village Library
Casco Bay Lines	Kettle Cove Marina	Red Sands Restaurant
Cayer Land Services	Key Bank	Roberto's Pizza Plus
Charlie Beiggs	Kim Williams	Seacoast Fun Park
Chipco International, LTD	Kokatosi Campground	Sears
Chips Etc.	Le Bistro du Lac	Sebago Energy Conservation
Chunky's Cinema Pub	Leaf & Bean	Shaw's Supermarket
Classic Custom Woodwork	Lee's Family Trailer Sales	Shawnee Peak
CMP	Lifestyle Fitness Center	Shop'n Save
Cole Farms	Main Street Beauty	Silver Ridge Custom Homes
Creative Hair Design	Maingas	Solutions
Crickets Corner	Mangino's	Songo River Queen 11
D'Angelo's	Mark Pollard Electrical	Speedy Gas Stop
Dairy Queen	Martin Machine, Inc.	Steve & Janet Curren
Decorum, Inc.	McDonalds	Subway - Raymond
Downeast Sharpening	Meadow Brook Farm	Sundancer Restaurant
Dunkin' Donuts	Miller's Diner	Sunset Variety
ER Clough's	Millwork Plus	Sydney's Restaurant
First Title of Maine	MJ Richio's	Thomas Conger
Fisherman's Net	Mr. Bagel	Thomas F. Kinnelly
Fleet Bank of Maine	Murley's Greenhouse	Time Warner Cable
Fonda's Hair Fashions	Northeast Academy of Dance	True Value Hardware
Forside Harbor	Northern Pines	Village Tennis
Foster Family Connection	Norway Savings Bank	Wentworth Ten T-Shirt
Gagnon Oil Company	Office Supply Company	White's Woodworking
Gary Conant	Patricia Stults	Windham Photo Barn
Gulf of Maine Gunsmithing		Wok & Roll

A changing of the guard took place at RED's annual Board meeting in September. Lori Freid Davis who was Board President for five years handed in her resignation. Thank you, Lori, for your diligence, hard work and never ending concern for children's issues.

RED's 1998/1999 Board of Directors:			
President:	Vicki Woodbrey	Treasurer/Secretary:	Pattie Fasold
Vice President:	Meg Waters	Board Members:	Gary Conant
Executive Director:	Joni Merrill		Geri Keane

The Raymond Extended Day Program is a before & after school child-care program which meets in the cafeteria at the Jordan-Small School. For more information, please call Joni Merrill at 655-3203

**Join A Food Cooperative**

The Rabbit Run Food Coop is looking for new members. We order from a catalog that offers quality groceries, bulk herbs and spices, delicious coffees, natural body products, and other unusual goodies. The prices stay low due to sharing bulk items and ordering directly from the distributor. The coop meets bimonthly and the order is delivered one week later. Coop jobs are shared by its members.

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 30th, 7:00 PM at the Jordan-Small School. Please join us! Call Sandy at 655-5457 for more information.

**Women's Soccer**

Women's Soccer has started for all energetic women. Anyone interested can join us at 8:00 PM in the Jordan-Small School gym every Monday night. Hope to see you there!

**Roadrunner Calendar**

If you would like to have a meeting included in the Calendar, please call Louise at the Town Office prior to the RoadRunner deadline and she will put it on the Calendar for the next issue.

**Positions, Boards and Committees**

If you need information the following people listed are board or committee chairmen and department heads . You can contact them through the Town Office at 655-4742 or Jordan Small School at 655-4743.

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 Building .....	David Johnson
Fire Chief .....	Denis Morse
Middle School Development .....	Ellen VanHaestern
Planning Board .....	Paul White
Principal, Jordan Small School .....	Norma Richard
Recreation Committee .....	Pat Smith
Recycling Committee .....	Phil Hammett
Road Commissioner .....	Nathan White
School Committee .....	Tammy Acker
Selectmen .....	Stephanie Bubier
Superintendent, School .....	David Bois
Tassel Top Committee .....	Bob Metz
Town Manager .....	Nathan Poore
Website Committee .....	Duce Lester

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please let the Town Office know. We presently have an opening on the Planning Board.

**Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

All 1999 licenses will be available at the Town Office after December 10th. We are also registering ATV's and snowmobiles for both residents and nonresidents. Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will also be providing rulebooks for ATV's, boats and snowmobiles at that time.

If you are planning to purchase a hunting license as a gift you will have to provide the Town Office with a copy of their last hunting license or hunter safety card and their driver's license. Resident hunting and fishing licenses are \$20.00 and a combination hunting/fishing license is \$37.00. Children over the age of 16 will need an adult license. A junior hunting license is \$6.00.

If you are a resident of Maine over the age of 70, you can receive a complimentary license by sending in a form which can be picked up at the Town Office and sent into the State.

**Rabies Clinic**

Saturday, January 16, 1999 will be the date of a Rabies Clinic at the Public Works Garage, 387 Webbs Mills Road, from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.. All dogs and cats can be vaccinated for Rabies at \$8.00 per animal. Please be sure to have your pet under restraint at all times. Having cats in a box or pet crate is very helpful as they can get very excited in a strange place. All house pets should be vaccinated for at least Rabies as it is communicable to people. This will ensure the safety of your family against Rabies. The 1999 stickers are available and it is permissible for anyone to license their dogs now for 1999. Neutered dogs cost \$5.00 and non-neutered \$8.50. Reregistrations only need the dog's current Rabies Certificate. If this is a new registration we will need the current Rabies Certificate and the State Neutering Certificate if they are neutered.

**Sand/Salt Availability**

As of December 1st Raymond residents can get sand/salt for their home walkways at the Sand/Salt shed on Plains Road. Residents can get small amounts of sand to be hand shoveled into containers for home use only. The shed area will be open weekdays between 8:00 am to 6:00 P.M.. Saturday hours will be from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and Sunday it will be closed. At no time will loading of trucks be allowed. Public entry into the fenced area is prohibited. We appreciate your understanding that the primary use of the salt/sand facility is for keeping Raymond's roads safe. If the pile is low we will try to replenish it when time allows us to be away from sanding roads. During storms when the area is being used by Public Works for plowing and sanding, public entry will be stopped for the consideration of safety.

## Jordan-Small Students Care

The Caring Kids Club is off to a wonderful start this year. We have seven members: Zane Whitcher, Rebecca Barter, Courtney Stults, Danielle Carr, Samantha Murphy, Vito Villacci, and Hannah Whitcher. The club is supervised by Mrs. Thornton and Mrs. Weeks. The club meets biweekly after school, and has already shown our school and our community that they really "CARE".

Caring Kids have helped clean up the playground by raking, picking up trash, and doing some fall gardening. They have made a Character Value bulletin board and banner for the school. The students made fall placemats for the Senior Citizens Supper and also helped out and served food at the October supper. Caring Kids Club has also provided baby-sitting for the PTA so that parents are able to attend the after school meetings. The baby sitting service will continue when needed throughout the school year. We have many more activities ahead for the school year too!

## Building Blocks To Character

### November, the month of CARING

#### Mrs. Allen's Kindergarten

This month the value of CARING relates to our learning about friendship and families with our activities about Thanksgiving. We've discussed ways the Pilgrims and Native Americans might have shown they cared for their friends and families. We listed ways we can show our families we care for them by helping with chores and doing kind things. We continue to discuss ways we show caring for each other in our classroom by using nice words and helping each other. We are also learning about caring for our environment as we began observing and discussing our class tree.

#### Mrs. Hawkes's First Grade

Our class brainstormed ways that they can show caring. Here are some of the suggestions:

- When someone gets hurt, help him or her up.
- Respecting and loving people.
- Being gentle with people and things.
- Caring about the world by picking up trash and recycling paper.
- Feeding their pets.
- Sharing food, toys and money with others.
- Being people's friends.

#### Mrs. Bottom's All Day Kindergarten, Mrs. Crockett's Second Grade and

#### Mr. Taylor's Fourth/Fifth Multi Age Class

The students from Mrs. Bottoms', Mrs. Crockett's and Mr. Taylor's classes get together every Thursday morning for Reading Buddies. Students are divided into groups and read, listen, and learn from each other in a wonderful way. During Reading Buddies time, the teachers have observed some wonderful ways in which student's have cared for each other. For the last two weeks the groups have been working on a project that's about caring. Mr. Taylor began the project by reading Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco, a wonderful true story about a young girl who struggled to learn how to read. Mr. Falker cared enough and taught Patricia Polacco how to read. In time Patricia Polacco became a writer of children's books. She showed how she cared for and appreciated Mr. Falker by writing a book about him. Based on the story the classes are creating a caring tree by writing and / or illustrating how someone has cared for them or how they have cared for someone or something. The finished project will be at the character bulletin board across from WEB. Please stop by to see and read how caring the Jordan Small School Reading Buddies are!

## Local Entitlement

This year local entitlement funds are being used to pay for three teaching assistants in Special Education. Faye Reynard, Cynthia Terry, and Marilyn Thompson are working with students to help reduce the pupil/teacher ratio in the Resource Room and to give students more individual attention in the classroom.

Local entitlement money is that money set aside by the Federal Government to help fund special education. The money flows through the State to local districts where it is used at the district's discretion for special education programming.

## Greetings from Title I:

Significant changes in the structure of our Title I program this year are beginning to show positive results already! Students in first, second, and third grades are receiving more explicit support four or five days per week. Along with motivating literature/language activities that teach children how to construct meaning from context, we are also concentrating on Wilson Language strategies that emphasize sound patterns often missed by children who find reading difficult. This approach is helpful with phonetic analysis (sounding out words) and encoding (spelling/writing sound patterns that represent speech). Feedback from the parents has been encouraging, too!

Our W.E.B. (Wonderfully Exciting Books) program, a family reading project, is off to a great start again this year. We have had many book donations and have been able to purchase some new nonfiction 'Red Readers' (Emergent/Initial stage) which have been quite popular. I appreciate the family support we've been getting with reading practice at home. We are looking for a community or parent volunteer to come in one or two days/week to help us keep the W.E.B. books organized. If you are interested, please call the school and leave a message for me. Recently, the National Research Council published Preventing Reading Difficulties in Young Children, a compilation of research over the last several decades to determine what is needed to guarantee that a child becomes successful in reading. One of the researchers, K. Cain (1996) reports "The children who were skilled comprehenders reported reading books at home more frequently than the less skilled children, ..."

## Title I

The Title I tutor this year is Margaret Mains who will be assisted by Lou-Ann Milton. They will be working with children who scored below the thirtieth percentile on the math and reading sections of the C.T.B.S. achievement test or whose performance in grades K-2 in these areas prompted teachers to refer with documenting evidence. Students will be worked with during their regular reading and/or math period after the child has received instruction from his/her regular classroom teacher, often in the child's classroom. This instruction does not take the place of classroom teaching but is in addition to that instruction.

Title I monies are federal funds sent to the states for distribution to the schools.

If you have any questions concerning the Title I program, please call me at school.

Margaret Mains  
655-4743

## Title VI (Chapter II)

This year Title VI (Chapter II) money will be used to purchase software and hardware necessary for the school to access Roadrunner through Time Warner Cable.

Former Chapter II monies have been included with other noncompetitive federal funds under one umbrella called IASA. Chapter II has been renamed Title VI. The actual fund amount and project requirements have not changed significantly.

If you have any questions about Title VI programming or planning, please call me at school.

Mary Waters  
655-4743

## Sunday River Ski Program

The Sunday River Family Ski Program will begin January 10. We will offer 5 and 3 week programs again this year. Program dates for the five week program are January 10, 24, February 7, 21 and March 7.

For the three week program, participants may select any three dates from the five week program. Remember that once they have been selected, they cannot be changed.

Prices are:

Junior Lift Only \$120 Adult Lift Only \$156 (5 week)  
Junior Lift Only \$ 77 Adult Lift Only \$ 96 (3 week)

Lessons, rentals and ski clinics are available. For more information contact Deborrah Murray (655-7482) dmurray2@maine.rr.com or Sharon Walgreen (627-4504) walgreen@maine.rr.com

Reading with your child needs to be a pleasant experience, but some parents have reported frustrations over the level of books their children are bringing home; either they are too difficult or too easy. It is crucial that beginning readers experience success with reading, so I urge you to monitor the books they bring home. If you find the child struggling too much with the language in a book, PLEASE reduce the frustration by reading the whole book to the child (if it is a picture book) several times before expecting the child to read it independently. In the case of chapter books, or books with a lot of difficult vocabulary in the text, try reading aloud one page or one chapter at a time and occasionally allow your child to read a word, a sentence or two, or a paragraph. Students often insist on taking home a book that is beyond their frustration level so we encourage the reader to include another one that is at a comfortable reading level for him/her. On the other hand, if a child continually brings home books that are too easy, we suggest that they 's-t-r-e-t-c-h' themselves a little & try a more challenging book along with the easier one. The key in motivating children to want to continue reading is to support their initial attempts and little successes as they emerge into reading. I'm counting on the parents of this community to support our ambitious literacy project. Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Reading!

Margaret A. Mains, Literacy Specialist &  
Title I Contact at Jordan-Small

## PTA NEWS

At the previous meetings, committees were established to represent ongoing programs supported and funded by the PTA. These committees are:

### SCHOLARSHIP

Tom Taylor  
Ellen Van Haasteren  
Cathy Dodge  
Debby Tarr

### FUND-RAISING

Lisa Schadler  
Tami Jamison  
Sheri Reed  
Helene Gagnon  
Lisa Levinsky  
Susan Cobb  
Karyn Knight

### STUDENT EDUCATION

Debbie Eastman  
Robin Burnham  
Cathy Dodge  
Linda Mirone  
Linda Ballew  
Beth Nadeau  
Kim Flanagan

### PARENT EDUCATION

Debbie Hutchinson  
Kathie Hawkes  
Pat Allen  
Heidi Trickey  
Vicki Woodbrey  
Jani Cummings

### SOCIAL EDUCATION

Barbara Loux  
Susan Crockett  
Jo Martyn-Fisher  
Pat Allen  
Sheri Reed  
Jeri Keane  
Julie Orsini  
Kim Weeks

If you have any questions regarding these committees, would like to participate, or have suggestions, please call PTA president, Jerilyn Ward at 627-3149. The PTA meetings at the end of the month (Monday, November 30 at 3:30 PM in the library and Thursday, December 3 at 7 PM in the cafeteria) will discuss the suggested programs brought forth by the committees and begin the implementation process. We encourage you to join us and be involved in the various efforts of the Raymond PTA.