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Hot Items

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RoadRunner Articles Due

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

E-Mail; Diskette; Paper

Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF)

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Raymond Recycling Program Changes in February



Curbside pickup services for recycled materials will change from once per week to once every other week. There will be no service on February 2 and 3, 1999.

Service will begin the following week and alternate every other week from that point forward. An easy to follow 12-month calendar has been inserted in this newsletter. Days of the week will not change. If you have Tuesday pickup now you will continue to have Tuesday pickup and likewise for Wednesday pickup services. The only change will be how often pickup services will occur. Trash pickup will remain unchanged.

As a reminder, easily recognized containers should be used. A typical poly recycling bin or even a laundry basket is best. Also as a reminder the following list represents what can be recycled. Remember to keep materials separated and as clean as possible.

- Newspaper: Inserts as well as the paper. Phonebooks with covers removed.
- Glossy magazines and catalogs
- Clear glass, which is clean, unbroken bottles and jars with tops and metal rings removed. (No light bulbs, window glass, or colored glass as yet because there is no market for it.)
- Metal cans, which are rinsed, labels off, crushed when possible (this will make more room in the truck). Jar tops and metal rings are acceptable. Aluminum foil and trays are all right.
- #2 plastic (HDPE) jugs which are rinsed and crushed, caps and rings removed. (milk containers)
- Paperboard, which has been crushed (cereal boxes but no food containers which are coated with plastic or wax).
- NO COLORED PLASTIC FOR NOW BECAUSE THERE IS NO MARKET FOR IT.

We have replaced the inadequate drop off container at Public Works with a new silver colored container. A second container will be placed at another location to be announced later. These containers are designed to accept all materials that are accepted through curbside pick up. Everyone's cooperation is appreciated with keeping the drop off areas clean of litter.

Corrugated cardboard can be placed in drop off containers located at the Jordan-Small School, Public Works and the Main Street Fire Station. Remember to flatten the cardboard and do not simply place the cardboard next to the container.



Principal's Corner

Raymond is a very special community, in part because of the generosity and kindness of its residents. This was especially true during last month's holiday season when many, many people came together to assist friends and neighbors. Our students were an important part of these efforts, and I would like to congratulate staff members and students who collected and distributed toys and food to those in need. Mr. Stevens and his fifth graders should also be recognized for their hard work and great organizational skills during their collection for the Bruce Roberts fund. I am so very proud of their efforts.

Jordan-Small students, on a daily basis, show us through their work, their positive attitude, and their behavior that they are wonderful children. This is especially true

when our students participate in field trips. Last month we had the pleasure of taking nearly 140 students to a performance of *A Christmas Carol* in Portland. I accompanied the students and viewed, first hand, their enjoyment of the play and their outstanding behavior during the performance. I received a number of compliments that day about our students. Mr. Fitch received similar compliments when his children attended a field trip later in the month. When our students represent the school in public, they are also representing our community and Raymond is also receiving compliments for its children. So, I would like to congratulate our community and its children.

We are so very fortunate at Jordan-Small to have a large number of faithful volunteers assist us in our work with Raymond's children. We are currently in the process of updating our volunteer

program, and would like to ask Raymond residents to take a moment to complete the volunteer survey found in this edition of the Roadrunner, and consider the benefits of participating in our volunteer program. We have volunteers of all ages working with students and staff in a wide variety of ways. We welcome your participation in our elementary school program as a regular volunteer, to share a special talent or interest, or to join us for a special activity. Please return the survey to the school office, or fold the survey and mail it to Jordan-Small School. On behalf of students and staff, I would like to thank you in advance for returning this volunteer survey. If you have any questions about the survey or how you can volunteer at Jordan-Small, please contact me directly at 655-4743.

Learning for Jordan-Small Students Reaches Beyond Maine

For the past two years, students in Mr. Fitch's fifth grade have established a long distance relationship via email with students in Anguilla. Students would like to share their learning about Anguilla and their pen pals with our community.

Fifth Graders E-mail Anguilla:

By Kelly Mogg

We have learned interesting information about the island of Anguilla by e-mailing our pen pals. Anguilla is east of Puerto Rico and is located in the British West Indies. They have a population of approximately 10,000. I know from speaking to my pen pal, Kelly, that most of them speak English but some of them also speak Spanish. The island of Anguilla is governed by the British Crown Colony. The island is twelve miles long and three miles wide, and thirty-five square miles. If you were driving in Anguilla you need to remember to drive on the left side of the road.

The weather is much nicer in Anguilla than here. It ranges around 80 degrees all year long. It's too bad we can't share some of our snow with them. Their school is displaying a Maine bulletin board., We have sent them a package to help with

their bulletin board. We are both learning about punctuation and writing letters from this experience. Punishment is different in Anguilla, they receive lashes. This is something I am glad I do not have to experience.

Anguilla was hit by Hurricane George. We thank God that there was not a lot of damage. They have various religions like our country. If you were to visit you would fly into Wallblake Airport. They accept American money, also. I feel very lucky to be learning about Anguilla.

Anguilla Pen Pals:

By Kayla Harding

Do you know where Anguilla is? It is in the British West Indies. It is 80 miles east of Puerto Rico. It is 80 degrees all year round! It is an island about 3 by 12 miles long. It is 35 square miles. It is sunny with a nice breeze. They have a hurricane season. They have lots of hurricanes.

Mr. Fitch went down to Anguilla and set up with a teacher to do pen pals. Most of the students have had fun with the project. We started at the beginning of the school year. We each have our own pen pals that we e-mail back and forth. If you send a lot of letters you should get a fair amount

Maine Property Tax Circuit Breaker Program

The Circuit Breaker Program has caught the attention of many Raymond residents and this year more people have availed themselves of this program than ever before. Joe Bruno volunteered two Saturday mornings to help people with their applications, which was greatly appreciated.

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 1. Applications are available at the Town Office.

*Happy New Year
Raymond!
Good Wishes for
1999!*

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Raymond History Trail

We've struck gold! The past month has been very fruitful. We've benefited greatly from the combined efforts of many local citizens. Students interviewed individuals who were familiar with the north and east areas of town. Ms. Janis Cummings and Ms. Roberta Meserve shared anecdotes and insights about growing up in those areas of Raymond. Mr. Alton Plummer shared information about many of the sites on this year's trail and about farming as a way of life. Mrs. Spencer's class visited Clough's store where Mrs. Faith Vance greeted them with home-baked cookies! She patiently answered their questions as she waited on customers. Students gained an understanding of the role of a general store in a small rural community.

We were truly lucky when a couple of individuals provided us with area maps. Mr. Don Robinson sent in a map of Raymond which dates back to 1871. Mrs. Dianna Martin supplied us with three copies of surveyors maps of Raymond.

During November's Senior Citizen's supper we had responses to our requests for individuals who might volunteer to write to students who would be requesting information about this year's sites. Mrs. Eleanor Thompson and Mrs. Jane Jordan volunteered to assist us with this process.

The quilt is progressing nicely. Mrs. Joyce Crockett has worked on sewing the middle portion of the quilt together so that students can begin working on a cloth mural of the Edward's farm which will be placed in the center. Mrs. Muriel Blanchard is busy sewing together the squares which will form the borders of the quilt and

highlight student drawings transferred from computerized images onto the quilt squares. Mr. Kevin Woodbrey continues to be an invaluable resource to our computer needs!

And last but not least, we hit the jackpot with a lead from Mrs. Betty McDermott. She drove us around to all of the sites and supplied us research we had been unable to locate. She arranged for a visit to Dr. James Riechel's farm, 'Hill-Vale' (site of Francis Symonds homestead, one of the original 100 acres plots awarded in land grants to pre-Revolutionary soldiers as compensation for services rendered when the government was unable to pay them with cash). One Native-American, Thomas Crispus, was among the 30 men awarded those land grants in Raymond. Dr. Riechel showed us a mound marked with rocks which he believes to be the burial site of Thomas Crispus. Imagine! And that's not all, he also showed us pits where GOLD-yes, GOLD was once mined in Raymond! Can you believe it?

Dr. Riechel shared with us that he almost gave us a call after reading last month's Road Runner Article about the Trail and was pleased when Mrs. McDermott called. If you have any information which you think might be helpful, PLEASE CALL US! We're especially interested in any photographs of the Trail sites in east and north Raymond which you might be willing to share with us.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and materials to our work on the History Trail. We are very grateful to all of you. Have a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to staying in touch with you in 1999!

*Ms. Cummings, Mrs. Spencer
Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Blanchard*

Appeal for Community Support

The Raymond Village Community Church has long been a part of the life of the town of Raymond. An act of vandalism in 1974 caused the church to start locking its doors, but prior to that time, the church made a distinct effort to keep its doors open to anyone at any time so that folks would always have a place to pray or reflect. This community spirit is still present in the life of the church. We perceive it as part of our ministry to the community. Community groups using the church include: the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Alcoholics Anonymous, the young mothers group, the community Halloween parade, Communities for Children, etc. During this past winter's Ice Storm, the church was made available as a shelter for those who needed it. We do these things because we seek to serve the community in the name of Christ.

Like many churches and nonprofit groups, our expenses continue to mount while our income dwindles or fails to keep up with expenses. We would like very much to keep the building open for worship and community use. We are writing this open letter to appeal for your support. How can you help? You can help through your financial support, a donation mailed to the church would help indeed. (Donations can be sent to the Raymond Village Church, PO Box 285, Raymond.) We could also your help in new ideas. Have you heard of a great fund-raiser somewhere that could be used here? Let us know. As always, we appreciate the support of folks in the community for our famous Pot Luck Suppers and other fund raising events. Thank you very much for your help and support.

Community Pancake Breakfast

The Raymond Lions will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday January 23rd at Jordan Small School. The event is open to the public, all proceeds to benefit Cub Scout Pack 800. It will be held during the Pack's annual Pinewood Derby car race.

The breakfast will run from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. All racing will begin at 9:15 a.m. The cost is only \$2 per person for pancakes with juice and/or coffee. You may add bacon to your meal for only \$1 more per person.

So come on out and support the Lions as they in turn support the Cub Scouts. Stay and watch the races and cheer on your favorite racer. Where else can you get a pancake breakfast and fast paced entertainment for a few bucks? Hope to see you there.

Join A Food Cooperative

The Rabbit Run Food Co-op will have its next meeting and an ice cream social on Monday, January 25, 1999 at 7:00 PM at the Jordan-Small School in Raymond. Delivery will be Wednesday, February 3, 1999. Please order from the February catalog.

You may call Leslie @ 693-6108 for more information on joining or ordering from the co-op. We welcome new members!

Raymond Village Library

The library wishes to remind you that if you have received new books, audio books or videos for Christmas and are cleaning out the old to make room for the new, the library would greatly benefit from any of your donations.

The Book Discussion Group will resume it's meetings on January 28, Betty Friedan's, Feminine Mystique, is the book being discussed. This takes place at the library at 7:00 PM. Please join us for an evening of lively discussion. All are welcome.

Lisa Nunley who conducted Story Time at the library for the last seven years, has retired to move on, as her children are growing up and she now has other duties and responsibilities. Story Time has been so well attended with Lisa's leadership, and we will all miss her. Story Time will continue on Thursdays at 9:30 at the library. Lori Rand is coordinating volunteer readers. The new volunteers to date are: Elizabeth Algeo, Amy Dean, Irene Morris and Veronia Haskell. Anyone who wishes to help, please call Lori at 655-4277. January's theme is appropriately "Winter and Snow". There will be crafts and activities for the children.

January 9, Sing-a-Long with Janelle Gray will resume at 10:30 and continue through the winter on the second Saturday of each month.

Please notice and enjoy the lovely painting that grace the walls of the Raymond Village Library. These are done by a local resident and library volunteer, Sandy Levy.

Fifth Grade Participates in Polka Lessons

On Monday, December 14, fifteen fifth graders and several parents boarded a bus at 4 P.M. for Portland. They arrived about one hour later on Congress Street at the Maine Ballroom Dance Studio. For the next hour the group, instructed by Sergei Slusky originally from Archangel, Russia, worked on mastering the steps to the Polka. The dance includes a basic 1-2-3 step, the box turn, a partner spin, and a fast sliding chass. Mr. Slusky's use of humor and ability to break down steps made the class just right for both the students and adults. Everyone had a great time as they switched partners constantly throughout the lesson.

Senior Citizens Dinner
Menu for January 20, 1999
Shepherd's Pie
Tossed Green Salad
Hot Yeast Rolls
Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Coffee

January 1999

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TH=Town Hall JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd TG=Town Garage FB=Fire Barn			TBA Diabetes Meeting Town Hall TBA Middle School Dev. Com.		1 New Year Day No School Town Office Closed	2 Town Office Closed
3	4	5 4:00PM TH Community Development Block Grant Com. 7:00PM TH Selectmen 7:00PM FB Rescue Officers 7:00PM FB Fire Training	6 7:00PM TH Planning Board Workshop Tower Ord. 7:00PM JS School Committee	7 6:30PM KC Lions Club	8	9
10	11 7:00PM TH Budget/Finance Committee	12 2:00PM TH Comprehensive Plan Committee	13 7:00PM TH Planning Board Business Meeting 7:00PM FB Rescue General	14 7:00PM JS Communities for Children	15	16 1:00PM-3:00PM TG Rabies Clinic Town Garage
17 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	18 7:00PM FB Fire General	19 7:00PM TH Selectmen	20 7:00PM TH Planning Board Workshop Tower Ord. 7:00PM JS School Committee	21 6:30PM KC Lions Club	22 Appeals Board Deadline for December Meeting 2:20PM JS Good News Jordan-Small Gym	23
24/31	25 7:00PM TH Appeals Board	26 7:00PM TH Founder's Day Com. 7:00PM TH Tassel Top Committee 7:00PM JS Conservation Com.	27 7:30PM FB Ladies Auxiliary	28 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	29	30

Raymond Recreation Fall Wrap Up!

Thanks to all who made the following programs successful!!!

SOCCER - open to all grades at JSS was revived this year under the leadership of Barry Keck and Kathy Anaka. With 4 volunteer coaches and over 90 players this is a bright beginning for this popular program. Watch for organizational meeting in February for next fall's program. Be part of the planning.

TENNIS - Fall Tennis for 5th and 6th graders involved 10 players who were able to work on basic skills to the point of beginning game play. Watch for spring tennis sign ups in mid April through school or call Pat Smith at 655-4657

KARATE - Thanks to Beth Beilot over 40 students participate in the Karate program on Wednesday afternoons in the gym. The program runs throughout the school year. Watch for January sign ups through forms sent from school.

DRAMA - Newly sponsored by Raymond Rec this fall, the drama program run by Cynthia Bagley involves some very dedicated drama students. This program also runs throughout the school year. Contact Cynthia for more information.

BASKETBALL - Now underway, thanks to David Burnham. Have a great season.

RAYMOND YOUTH GROUP - PROJECT 2004 - At a December meeting the Board of Raymond Rec agreed to sponsor this group of 7th graders in their efforts to offer activities for students who have moved on to other schools but are looking to keep recreational bonds in our town as well.

CITRUS FRUIT FUND-RAISER - Many of you may still be enjoying oranges and grapefruit from Florida sold through our fund-raising efforts this fall. Special Thanks go to: Deborrah and Bob Murray who unload, store and distribute the fruit each year, employees of Camp Wawenock for help with phone, unloading and distribution, Pam Thoits our top salesperson, and for outstanding sales efforts - Art Ward of Dielectric, Diane Blanchard, Cathy Woodbury, and Lynda Daily. Income exceeded \$1200.00. Watch for the sale next November!

HAPPY SKIING!!!!

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 Recreation Friday Night Skiing

So you missed the signups, or couldn't decide if you wanted to ski, but now you see your friends having fun and you wish you'd signed up. You can! Call Peter Walgreen at 627-4504. We'll charge you the per diem rate for the remaining weeks. You won't get the free voucher, but hey, the earlybirds deserve the special deals, and you can be on time next year!

Thanks For The Support

The Congregation of the Raymond Village Community Church, UCC would like to thank everyone that attended our Pot Roast Suppers throughout the year. We appreciate your support and hope you will come again next year. Watch this newspaper for when we start them again.

Supper Committee,
655-749

Raymond Extended Day Program

Happy Holidays and a wonderful new year from everyone at RED. The RED kids have been having a great time in preparation for the holidays. Afternoons have been filled with doing crafts such as cardboard gingerbread men/women and paper plate snowmen/women (thanks Jeanine Martin). Letters to Santa and the creation of a wonderful bulletin board were headed up by Judy Gisel and Kevin Ouellette.

The first snowfall of the season was enjoyed by all. True perseverance and determination resulted in a great snow wall built by the kids.

Staff members Josh Robbins and Kevin Ouellette taught the kids a new game: Zookeeper. RED's all time favorites are mat ball and moving dodge ball.

Planning Board Member Needed

The Planning Board is looking for someone who is interested in serving on the Board beginning immediately. The Planning Board meets every second Wednesday of the month with the possibility of the first Monday being called for business or workshop meetings.

The responsibility of the Planning Board is to review new or revised subdivisions or site plans for commercial expansions. The Board is also responsible for preparing proposed ordinances having to do with Land Use for the Town to vote on.

If you are interested in serving on the Planning Board, please let the Town Office know at 655-4742.

RoadRunner Calendar

We are finding that many people are now depending on the Roadrunner Calendar to make plans to attend functions of the Town. If you would like your meeting to be included, please call the Town Office at 655-4742 and give them your dates so that they can be posted. The deadline for the next Roadrunner will be January 15th.

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

The 1999 Hunting and Fishing Licenses are available at the Town Office.

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.

Rule books for hunting and fishing, ATV's, and snowmobiles are also available as well as information about the Landowner Signage program. This program gives or makes available at a minimal cost signs for private property which can be used for recreational purposes with the owners' permission.

Two Jordan-Small Fifth Graders Take Top Honors In Bassmaster Casting Competition

On Saturday, December 5, Naples Recreation sponsored a competition of fishing skills open to primary school children from the Sebago Lakes Region. Hosted by local members of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, the children tested their abilities in flipping, pitching and casting. In the 11 - 14 age group, two Raymond fifth graders, Denny Cobb and Adam Wallace, tied for first place in the competition. In a tense 'cast-off', first place went to Adam Wallace, with Denny Cobb take a close second place. Adam is off to the State Competition in Westbrook in March, 1999. Congratulations, boys!

Communities for Children

The next Communities for Children meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 PM at the Jordan-Small School library. This group is looking at addressing the needs of Raymond youth related to five fundamental goals promoted by a national campaign called 'American's Promise - The Alliance for Youth'. The five goals for youth include: Ongoing Relationships with Caring Adults, Safe Places and Structured Activities, A Healthy Start for a Healthy Future, Marketable Skills Through Education, and Opportunities to Serve.

The topics on the agenda for the next meeting are: progress reports and action planning for developing a community resource brochure for new families, middle school transition issues, developing more structured youth activities, and offering an adolescent leadership program. Other agenda items will address youth involvement and Communities for Children leadership. For more information call Lori Rand at 655-4277 and Laurie Wallace at 655-2222.

Bring your sneakers and come play!!

This is RED's second Christmas to help a Raymond family have a more enjoyable Christmas. Thank you to all the RED parents and children who donated money which will go towards gifts to help "our family" enjoy this season a little more. Your unselfishness is, once again, very much appreciated.

Welcome to RED's newest board members Laurie Burns and Cheryl Laz. We are very excited to add these women (and moms) to the board.

If you are in need of accessible, affordable and safe child care for your school aged child, please do not hesitate to call 655-3203 for more information. Financial aid is available.

Nomination Papers Ready

Beginning December 31st residents who wish to run for office can pick up nomination papers at the Town Office. There are 2 seats for Selectmen, 2 seats for School Committee and 3 seats for Budget/Finance Committee being elected on March 19th.

Papers need be signed by at least 25 people but not over 100 people to allow someone to run for office. The papers must be returned to the Town Office by Friday, February 12th at 4:00 PM.

Tassel Top Park

An independent operator is needed to run the snack bar. This is a great opportunity for an individual or as a fund-raiser for non-profits. Terms are negotiable. For more information contact Nathan Poore at the Town Office 655-4742.

Sand/Salt Area Schedule

Fire Lane 89 on the Plains Road near Route 85
Open weekdays between 7:30 am to 3:00 PM.
Saturdays from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon
Sunday closed.

Hand shoveled into containers for home use only. No commercial use will be allowed. Public entry into the fenced area is prohibited. Public entry will be stopped for the consideration of safety during storms.

Ice Storm Photographs Needed

If you have a photograph from the Ice Storm of '98, which could be used in the next Town Report, please submit the photograph to Nathan Poore, Town Manager by February 1, 1999. The photograph can be either in color or black and white. The photographs will be returned if your name and address is included.

Dog Licensing

By State law all dogs must be licensed by January 31st. Non-neutered dogs are \$8.50 and neutered dogs \$5.00. Licensing is done at the Town Office. If someone does not get his/her dog licensed by January 31st there is a \$3.00 penalty fee in addition to the licensing fee.

Please know that these fees are used to take care of our pets who become strays and can't find their way home. It also supports the State Office which investigates and oversees abuse and neglect cases statewide.

Dog And Cat Rabies Clinic

The Town will be offering a Rabies Vaccination clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, January 16, 1999 at the Public Works Garage, Webbs Mills Road (Route 85) from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The cost will be \$8.00 per animal. Anyone is welcomed to bring their pets but please have them restrained by leash or pet crate. The pets can get frightened by the other animals and having them under control is imperative.

Dr. Jim Stephenson and his wife Judy will administer the vaccinations and issue the tags and certificates. The fee will be accepted by cash or check in the name of : Jordan Bay Animal Hospital.

1999 Licenses will be available at that time for a fee of \$5.00 for neutered dogs or \$8.50 for dogs not neutered. Please bring your Maine State Neutering certificate if you plan to have your dogs licensed at this time. Payment for licensing will be accepted by cash or check in the name of : Town of Raymond.

Raymond Food Pantry Extends Thanks

The Food Pantry would like to give special thanks to Cricket's Corner and Marydonna Uksa for their generous donation of bread and pies for the Town's Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. True Value Store and Rich Dodson was kind enough to help out with the collection of toys for the baskets from the generous citizens of Raymond who donated them. Our thanks also goes to the Raymond Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for their food donations. The Raymond Village Church has donated food, gifts and money for the holiday baskets as well as giving food throughout the year to keep our shelves full.

Diane Goosetrey
Food Pantry Coordinator.

Raymond Food Pantry News

The Food Pantry will be seeing new shelving installed so that the participants won't have to pick through cardboard boxes to find what they need. With appreciated gifts of food and money the Pantry is keeping up with demand at this time, however the winter has been warm so far and with decreasing temperatures some people will have to depend on the Pantry for food so that they can purchase fuel to keep their homes warm. All donations will be greatly appreciated at the Town Office, 401 Webbs Mills Rd.

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back, but if you don't keep writing you won't probably get any back. We are lucky because we have a great computer lab and computers in each classroom and they only have one computer for their school! We are also lucky because they have corporal punishment. We have sent out a package with presents and supplies and we are in the process of sending one with Maine items. We have a bulletin board on Anguilla and they have one on Maine. It is a wonderful place and I would like to go there some time. It is a great way to be able to be connected to a different environment and culture. Some people there speak other languages, but our pen pals speak English. I have had a great time doing this, and I hope everyone else did too. This is a very wonderful project.

A Letter to Raymond, Maine:

By Charlie Burnham

Mr. Fitch's class has been writing to another fifth grade class in Anguilla. Having pen pals in Anguilla is a great learning and fun experience. They send us a lot of letters. We are having lot of fun writing them back. After Hurricane George, we sent them a care package with books, crayons (in Anguilla they call them colors), note pads, sticky notes, and pencils. I really like having pen pals like the ones we have in Anguilla. This is corporal punishment in Anguilla. That means that they can be whipped if they are bad. They rarely have to whip anyone.

Anguilla is a little island. It is only 3 by 9 miles around. Anguilla is an island in the British West Indies. In Anguilla the temperature gets really hot. Luckily, there are beautiful beaches everywhere. You can also visit caves that Indians used to live in.

The island people make most of Anguilla's products. They depend on other countries for a lot of their resources. Anguilla has many different farm animals. It costs a lot of money to buy things there. The people in Anguilla are very friendly. There are lots of cool places to go while you're down there. Anguilla is a great place to go on a vacation. I think it should be our next field trip. Any parents want to chaperone?

Anguilla:

By Jonathan Hughes

Do you like hot and sunny places where it is always 80 degrees? I have been learning about a place like that this year. It is a tiny island in the British West Indies called Anguilla. It is 35 square miles and it has a population of 8,800.

My fifth grade class has been e-mailing pen pals there. We look forward to getting mail. We have learned that the girls wear blue blouses and skirts and the boys wear blue shirts and shorts. This is their uniform. If the students misbehave, they could get corporal punishment or lashes. The students can call the teacher by his or her first name. They like to play football, soccer and basketball. During the recent hurricane season, Hurricane George hit the island. They lost power for a week.

We have sent two packages of used books and schools supplies, and another of Maine products and other things that come from Maine.

Poland School Presentation

Derek Pierce, Dean of Faculty, and Ray Lafreniere, Dean of Students, of the new Poland Regional High School and Bruce M. Whittier Middle School will meet with Raymond students and parents on Thursday, January 14 at 7 PM in the Jordan-Small School cafeteria. The Poland schools, located just off Route 11 on Route 26 in Poland, will be opening in the Fall of 1999. All students, including high school students, interested in attending or transferring, are invited to attend this informational meeting.

Hebron Academy Names MVP's For Fall Sports

On Wednesday, November 18, the Fall Sport Awards Banquet at Hebron Academy began with ice cream sundaes for all in Sargent Gymnasium and, after coaches honored each team and received thanks for their leadership, the Most Valuable Players for cross-country running, soccer, and field hockey gathered with their trophies. Hebron's top fall athletes are senior Jenny Agnew of Sabattus, co-MVP for field hockey; junior Patrick Taylor of Danvers Massachusetts, MVP for cross-country running; senior Enid Patten of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, co-MVP for field hockey; senior Chad Lauze of Gorham, New Hampshire, MVP for men's soccer offense; senior Leanne Bernier of Raymond, MVP for women's soccer; and Jake Leyden of Hebron, MVP for men's soccer defense.

Hebron Academy, located in the western foothills of Maine, is a college-preparatory, independent boarding and day school for grades K - 12. Its traditional curriculum is complemented well be courses in the fine arts, outdoor skills, physical education, and religion and ethics.

Building Blocks To Character
December, the month of RESPONSIBILITY
Mrs. Allen's Kindergarten

During December we worked on the responsibility of remembering rules and expectations. When Mrs. Allen catches us forgetting rules, she'll ask, "What's your job?" so we can repeat, remember and think about our responsibilities. We decided our responsibilities are to pass in our red folders, clean up our things after play and work, learn to dress ourselves, follow playground rules, listen so we can learn, raise our hands as it's nice to listen to each other, and to be nice to one another which helps us make more friends.

Mrs. Hawkes and Mrs. Smith's First Grades

Mrs. Hawkes and Mrs. Smith's First Grades will be visiting the Casco Residential Home on December 21st. They will sing Christmas songs and recite poems to the residents. The children bring a great deal of joy and happiness to all the residents. We all look forward to the visits.

Mrs. Smith's First Grade

RESPONSIBILITY is a very important part of Mrs. Smith's First Grade Class. When asked what Responsibility means they responded: "Responsibility means making good choices and decisions." They concluded that some decisions are easy to make and others are more difficult. Listed below are some of their responses:

EASY DECISIONS:

- peanut butter or cream cheese on your bagel
- choosing a snack
- what you want to do
- choosing the color or type of snowmobile
- helping others
- choosing a library book
- following classroom rules
- hot lunch or cold lunch
- frames for new glasses

HARD DECISIONS:

- choosing not to do drugs when you are older
- not to smoke
- following family rules when others try to make you do something you shouldn't
- not to drink alcohol
- making choices between best friends
- what you want to do
- helping others

We also decided that ALL DECISIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES! We must take our time when we make a decisions and think of the CONSEQUENCES!!

PTA Needs Boxes!

We need empty cardboard boxes for a PTA event we are planning in March. (please no packing peanuts!) Plain colored boxes are ideal, shoebox size to approx. 2x3'.

Please call 655-3167 to arrange drop off or pick up location. We also need a space in a dry barn to store these boxes until March.

Thank you!

Irish Festival Committee

PTA News

There is much in the works as the PTA continues to grow and ideas become action. Congratulations to our committee chairs and members who are doing a fabulous job coordinating activities and presentations.

Presented by the Parent Education Committee, chaired by Heidi Trickey, Trooper Christine Buchanan was a guest speaker on December 9th and spoke to parents about her role at JSS. Those who attended spoke highly of her presentation. Her involvement with our children and support in parent education is greatly appreciated.

Cathy Dodge will be changing her role from PTA secretary to vice president. Her interest gained nominations and acceptance at our last PTA meetings. Congratulations, Cathy! The position of secretary is now available to be filled.

The PTA is continuing its membership drive with its first goal being 100% teacher membership. We have a great start and will continue to build on that foundation. Michelle Matheis is the present chairperson of the membership committee and is going to be at work making the PTA membership valuable. Your support is vital to

RAYMOND PTA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION
1998/1999 SCHOOL YEAR

Name _____ Date _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 Children attending the Jordan-Small School:
 Name _____ Teacher _____
 Name _____ Teacher _____
 Name _____ Teacher _____

Holiday Greetings from Title I:

Our W.E.B. readers are on track with last year's page count. The number of students actively participating in this family reading program to this date is 136. These children have read 100,000 pages collectively. Things have slowed down a bit lately. I'm hoping after resting up from the holidays our readers will get motivated again and help us go beyond last year's total page count of 300,000 pages.

We have added new volunteers to our W.E.B. program. Mrs. Barden is with us just about EVERY morning to keep the students organized and help them select appropriate books. Sue LaMarre helps the students check in books. Karen Shea has volunteered to work several days a week, sorting books and counting pages. Kathy Anaka helped us out for a while, too. Lori Gagnon volunteered for a few weeks but is now working with Ms. VanHouten. Thanks to all the volunteers for helping to make our family reading program run smoothly. Remember, our goal for the end of this year is to read more than 300,000 pages together. Happy New Year and Happy Reading!!!

Margaret A. Mains
Literacy Specialist

North Yarmouth Academy Honors

The following Raymond students achieved honor roll status for the first Trimester at North Yarmouth Academy.

HIGHEST HONORS

Shawn Gagne, Grade 7
Ben White, Grade 8

HIGH HONORS

Bill Yates, Grade 7
Lizzie Crockett, Grade 8
Lindsay Lehr, Grade 8
Maggie McClellan, Grade 8
Matt Fortin, Grade 9
Bridget Gagne, Grade 10
Colin Bumby, Grade 11
Amy Stone, Grade 11

HONORS

Zachary Fey, Grade 7
Abby Hutchinson, Grade 8
Ben Hutchinson, Grade 10
Katie Crockett, Grade 11
Brett Fasold, Grade 12
Pat Sullivan, Grade 12

At the recent Fall Sports Award Assembly, sophomore Bridget Gagne was named to the Western Maine Conference All Stars for Varsity Soccer. Sophomore Ben Hutchinson was named to the All Tourney Team for his contributions to the NYA Boys Varsity Volley Ball team. Lindsay Lehr (grade 8) has won two sports awards! She received the Coach's Award for Field Hockey AND the Middle School Girls Athletic Council Award.

those working hard to generate and enhance a program to benefit all. Send in your application with \$3.00 for membership dues to JSS PTA.

The Holiday Secret Workshop, presented by the Fund-raising Committee cochaired by Tami Jamison and Lisa Levinsky, was organized to give children the chance to buy \$1.00 gifts for family and friends. On December 17th, 18th and 19th children gathered with their families and friends to enjoy the holiday spirit of giving. The Hospitality Committee, chaired by Lisa Schadler, was at each event providing food and snacks to all.

The next PTA meetings will be held on January 11 at 3:30 PM in the library and January 12 at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria. A workshop will follow the 7:00 PM meeting and end at 8:30 PM. This workshop, 'Colors of Your Personality' will be presented by Jerilyn Ward. Come and learn more about your personality style and how it effects your communication with others.

Contact your PTA officers for more information. Become involved...support your PTA.