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Administrator School Board Update

Staff update:

- We were pleased to welcome Sydney Meredith-Pickett, our new RTI ed tech, to Pond Cove on Monday, December 12. Sydney is a recent graduate from the University of Maine and is a certified teacher. Sydney comes to us with classroom teaching experience. We are very fortunate to have her on our team.

Facility update:

- Thank you, David Bagdasarian, for arranging to have our lobby walls and trim painted last week. The area now looks fresh and bright!

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment update

- Our literacy consultant, Kelli Smith, provided professional development for our kindergarten teaching team on Monday, December 12. Kellie is also scheduled to support our 2nd and 3rd grade teachers later this week. Our professional development in reading this year is focused on the reading workshop, a comprehensive approach to teaching reading at the elementary level. In particular, we are taking a close look at our teaching practices to ensure we are addressing all dimensions of reading acquisition. This week's emphasis is on utilizing decodable texts within guided reading lessons.

Although our NWEA reading scores illustrate the outstanding success of our students, teachers, and families, our staff is committed to continuous improvement.

Celebrate the Good

- Sara Hollowell's grade one students and their families came together at Pond Cove on Thursday evening to view the moon, Jupiter, as well as all five of

Jupiter's moons through a telescope. This activity is aligned to our grade 1 science curriculum. A great time was had by all during this hands-on science lesson.

Upcoming events

- **December 14:** EcoMaine Assemblies 9:00 and 9:30
- **December 22:** Half Day For Students/Full Day for Staff (more info coming on the afternoon)
- Semester 1 grades should be submitted in Powerschool by Thursday, **February 1 at 11:59 p.m.** Parents will have access to report cards on February 3.
- **February 7:**
 - Grade 4 Dress Rehearsal 9am PC Cafe
 - Grade 4 Concert 6:30 pm PC Cafe
 - (Trammel, Gordon, and Bucci only)
 - February 8, Snow date
- **February 9:**
 - Grade 4 Dress Rehearsal 9am PC Cafe
 - Grade 4 Concert 6:30 pm PC Cafe
 - (Tweedie, Merriam, Whitaker only)
 - February 13, Snow date
- 4th Grade Band/Chorus Demonstration
 - **Wednesday, March 8 from 8:45-9:15 a.m. in the Cafeteria** *SNOW*
DATE: Thursday, March 9th (same time)

Dates for Reading Instruction PD with Kellie Smith

12-12. Kindergarten
12-14. Second grade
12-15. Third grade
3-21. First grade
3-23. Kindergarten
4-5. Second grade
4-28. Third grade

