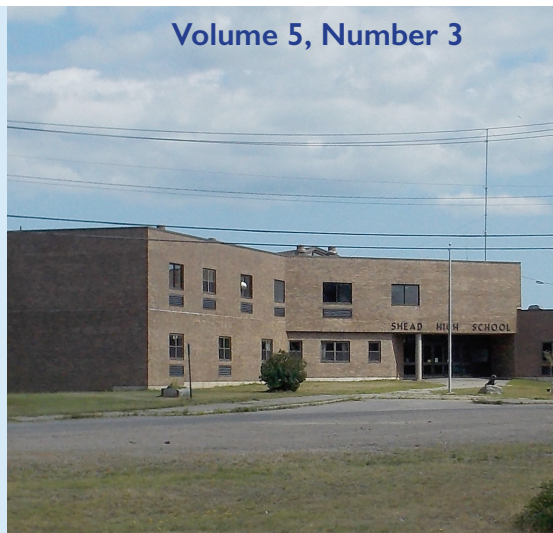


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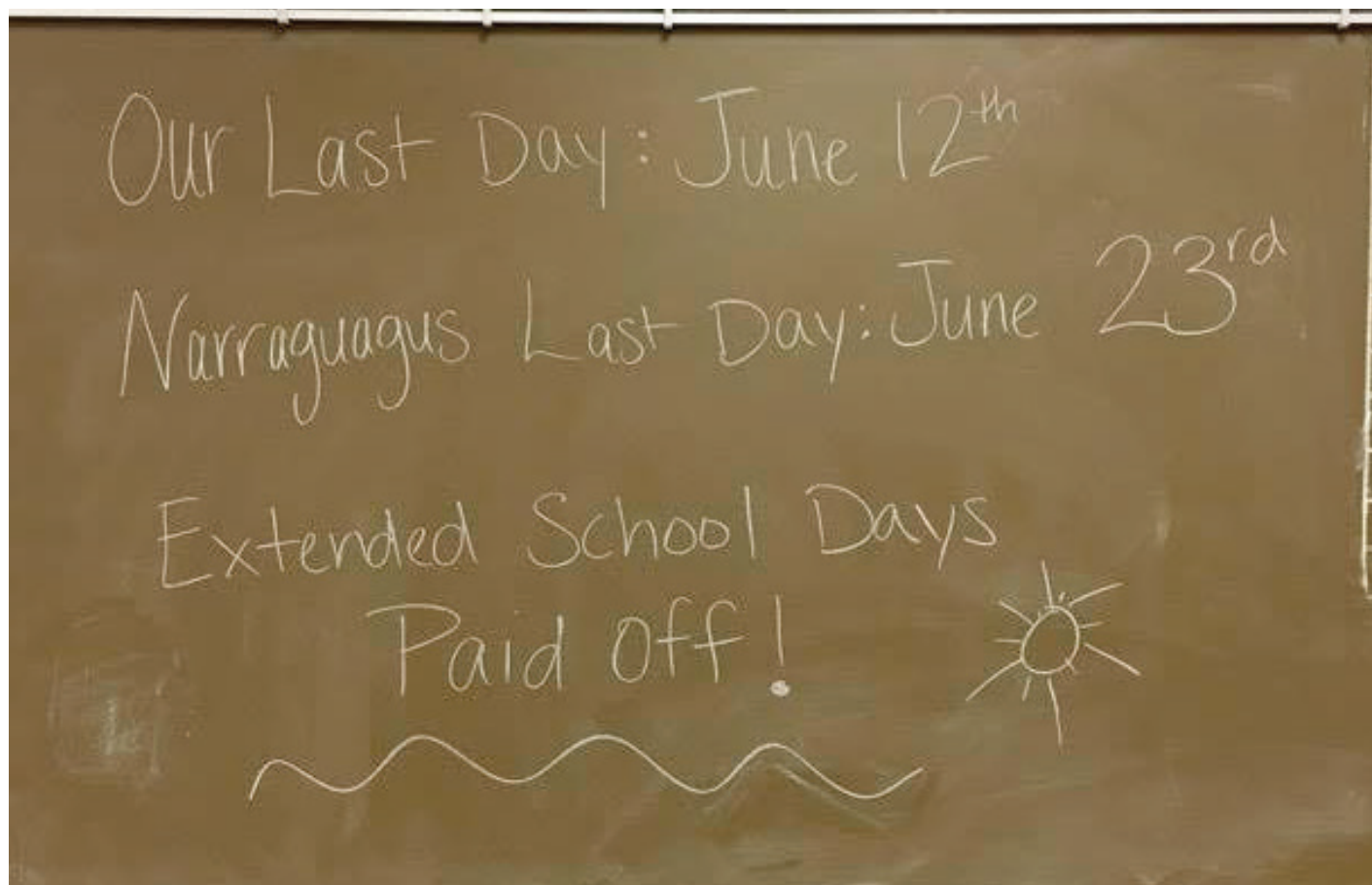
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News from Eastport Elementary and Shead High School

Extended days shorten the school year

While extended school days have been arduous for many students and staff, they will be paying off in a longer summer vacation. The blackboard in the Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) classroom says it all.



The June issue of "The View From the Hill" will include complete coverage of graduation events.

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Tigerettes honored at State House

On Thursday, April 6th, the Northern Maine Class D Champion Tigerettes traveled to Augusta at the invitation of the Washington County legislative delegation. The Tigerettes were also State Class D Runners-up.

State Senator Joyce Maker and Representative Will Tuell presented the team with a Legislative Sentiment recognizing their achievement of winning the Class D North Championship.

Senator Maker said, "It is an honor for me to recognize the Tigerettes of Shead High School on their Class D North Championship win. The team had a terrific season, earning their second straight Class D regional title. The regional title game was very competitive and exciting to watch. The Tigerettes had to overcome a deficit going into the second half, but were able to come out on top with a 32-29 win."

Maker also noted, "We really have some very talented young people in Washington County and I'm glad this group joined us so they could be recognized and see how very proud of them we are."

The Tigerettes won their Northern Maine Championship by defeating Ashland 73-43 in the quarterfinals, Washburn 51-29 in the semifinals, and Southern Aroostook 32-29 in the finals. They lost to Vinalhaven 44-55 in the state championship game.

Members of the team include Holly Preston, Kiesha Scott, Audrey Bradbury, Justine Cheney, Roxanna MacGregor, Cassidee Lawrence, Madison Greenlaw, Katelyn Mitchell, Halle Sullivan and Cassidy Wilder. Managers are Alexis Moore and Felicia Smith. The girls are coached by head coach Dean Preston and assistant coach Dana Bowen.



Free ebook resource for students

Peavey Memorial Library of Eastport has announced that the Maine State Library's Download Library is now available at cloudLibrary.

The Download Library was created in 2008 after Maine InfoNet received a \$40,000 grant to make free downloadable audio books available to patrons of Maine libraries. Libraries pay subscription fees which allow all their patrons to download free ebooks and audio books. The Download Library already contains more than 10,000 titles. New titles are added frequently.

The Download Library is available at Bibliotheca cloudLibrary, an app-based program that works with iPads, smart phones, Android and NOOK tablets, Kobo and NOOK e-readers, Kindle Fires, and the iPod Touch. The program does not work with older Kindles or Paperwhites. The app is available by going to <http://www.maineinfonet.org/downloadlibrary> and following the link to the cloudLibrary app. The staff at the Peavey are available to help with accessing the Download Library. They can be reached by calling 853-4021 or by stopping in at the library.

Area students are welcome to download ebooks and audio books for class assignments and for recreational reading. There is never any charge to students for these books.

Help your student be a successful learner

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Get organized. Between homework, tests and extracurricular activities, it's all too easy for things to slip through the cracks. **A planner can help your child keep everything organized** and students should write down assignments, appointments, and to-do lists. Ask your student to review items in the planner at both the beginning and end of the day to stay on track.



Students release salmon fry

On Wednesday, May 10th, seven Shead natural history students and their teacher, Stephanie Allard, traveled to the East Machias Aquatic Research Center (EMARC) to release the Atlantic salmon fry that they raised from the “eyed up” egg stage, which means that the eyes were visible when the class received their eggs.

In addition to releasing the salmon fry, the students looked at water quality by making a study of the macro-invertebrates they collected from the East Machias River.



Students take a break from collecting water quality samples.

Students learn about food prep for backpacking

How does one prepare food that's nutritious, stable without refrigeration, and portable enough for backpacking? Some Shead students recently learned the answer to that question.

Washington County Community College adventure recreation student Abby Kremmerer needed to teach a lesson in food preparation as her capstone project before graduation. She visited the Shead Outing Club to present a lesson on meal planning and preparation for backpacking trips.

Outing club advisor Stephanie Allard described the lesson as resembling a “cooking show,” in which the raw materials for the lesson were provided for the students to work with, and also the finished products so that there would be time to see and sample the results of the lesson.

As the photo at right shows, students gave their meal a unanimous “thumbs-up.”

Eighth grade hosts basketball fund-raiser

On the weekend of April 14th-16th, the eighth grade at Eastport Elementary School (EES) held their largest fund-raiser, the annual elementary school basketball tournament. This year's event included, in addition to the games, student-run concessions and a Chinese raffle with prizes donated by area businesses and individuals. The class raised over \$2000 towards their expenses for graduation and the class trip to southern Maine.

The tournament was won by the EES Lady Panthers and the Perry Mustangs.





Sophomore-junior prom held

The annual sophomore-junior prom was held on Friday evening, April 7th, at the Shead gym. Decorated under the supervision of junior-class advisor Tara Poole, the gym was transformed into a balloon wonderland. Principal Paul Theriault acted as emcee, announcing the students during their grand march. Freshman George Mills took on the role of music programmer.

Elected queen and king of the sophomore class were Keegan Miller and Damien Lank, both of Pembroke. Elected queen and king of the junior class were Britney Prenier of Charlotte and Aaron Lank of Pembroke. This is the first time in the memory of long-serving staff that two brothers were elected king of two different classes in the same year.



Shead students attend college fair

Accompanied by their chaperones, 23 Shead freshmen, sophomores, and juniors boarded the Eastport Port Authority bus for a weekend trip to the Boston college fair organized by the National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC).

The group left Eastport on Saturday, May 6th, and spent the night in Portland. On Sunday morning, they took the Amtrak Downeaster to Boston and attended the fair at the Boston World Trade Center. For many students, it was the first time riding a train and the first time they'd traveled by subway.

Despite the rainy weather in Maine, blue skies started appearing as the group traveled south, and by the time they reached Boston, the sun was shining brightly.

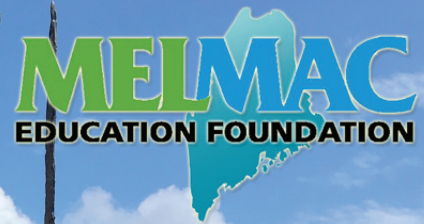
One feature of this year's trip was a scavenger hunt for which students were required to find certain

colleges among the nearly 700 exhibiting, including a college in Wales, a private military college, a college teaching fashion design, and a college from each of the New England states. Scavenger hunt winner was Keegan Miller of Pembroke, who located 28 out of 30 colleges. She was awarded a pass and concessions gift card for Calais Cinema.

Students and chaperones ate dinner as a group and had some time for shopping at Quincy Market before returning to Portland on the evening train. On Monday, the group stopped in Freeport to visit L.L. Bean and the outlets, then returned home, once again under rainy skies.

The annual trip to the NACAC College Fair in Boston is made possible by Shead's "Connect Aspirations to a Plan" grant from the MELMAC Education Foundation.

Shead students in Boston in front of the sculpture commemorating the anti-Communist Polish partisans after World War II.



Grades 3 through 6 attend job fair

Eastport Elementary students recently attended the Future Promises Career Fair at Washington Academy in East Machias, an annual event now in its thirteenth year, sponsored by Machias Savings Bank. Over thirty career paths were represented.

Rachel McNally's third and fourth graders and Lisa Mahar's fifth and sixth graders were among over a thousand students who attended the fair. They had the opportunity to meet and talk with people from a large variety of jobs. Students learned about the type of education necessary for each career; two- or four-year college, apprenticeship, or certificate program, and any other training required on the job. They heard about what people like about their careers and the personal skills that each job requires.

Presenters were drawn from a spectrum of careers from law enforcement to florists. Among the presenters were Todd Simcox and Mark Rediker, respectively meteorologist and photographer of WABI TV 5, who talked about careers in media.

Studies have shown that starting the conversation about college and career as early as third grade is beneficial to students if the focus is on "what" and "how" rather than on "when" and "where."



EES students explore careers in surveying, nursing, and robotics.



Recruiting team visits schools



Students on the Shead recruiting team pose for a selfie in front of Charlotte Elementary.

A group of Shead students have been visiting area elementary schools with guidance counselor Leah McLean and JMG specialist Tara Poole.

Freshman and sophomore alumni from the various elementary schools returned to their alma maters to talk about the Shead experience. McLean and Poole showed a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the differences between elementary school and high school. McLean talked about the importance of a solid work ethic and of creating a post-secondary plan early in one's high school career.

Students Roxanna MacGregor, Sarah Bartlett, and Halle Sullivan presented at Eastport Elementary. Laura Davis and Austin Murphy spoke at Perry, and Reagan Moore and Kailyn Socabasin spoke at Beatrice Rafferty School. Brooklynn Gardner and Damien Lank visited Pembroke and Charlotte. Felicia Smith and Trevor Fenderson presented at Edmunds Consolidated. Fenderson also visited the other elementary schools as the recruiting team's technical consultant.

Help your student be a successful learner

Among the tips offered by Sylvan Learning to help your child be more successful in school is this one.

First things first: students need to know **when a test will take place**, the **types of questions** that will be included and the **topics that will be covered**. From there, your student should **create a study plan and allow ample time to prepare** – there's nothing worse than cramming the night before an exam.

You can help by buying a wall calendar and asking your student to assign topics and tasks for each day leading up to a due date or exam. Setting goals for each session is also key to success.

EES Game Night a success

On Wednesday, April 26th, 55 kindergarten through eighth grade students and their parents gathered in the Eastport Elementary School (EES) cafeteria for a spring Game Night. The evening was so well received that some students asked if one could be held weekly.

Students played a variety of math and reading games aligned with the EES curriculum. Lisa Mahar's fifth and sixth grade students facilitated the game groups after learning the process and rules of the games.

Snacks and beverages were provided, including popcorn and juice. The door prize, a \$25 gift card from BayCity Garage, was won by EES parent Judy Suddy.



Eastport Elementary calendar

May

- 12 Fourth quarter progress reports close
- 17 Step-up day for area eighth graders
School committee workshop, 5:00 pm, Shead library
School committee meeting, 6:00 pm, Shead library
- 18 Early release for students, 1:30 pm
- 25 Early release for students, 1:30 pm
- 26 JMG Career Fair, grades 7-10
Spring band concert, 6:00 pm, EES gym
- 29 Memorial Day, no school
- 30 Academic and athletic awards, 6:00 pm, EES gym

June

- 1 11:30 am release for students
- 8 8th grade graduation, 6:00 pm
- 9-11 8th grade class trip
- 12 Last student day
Fourth quarter grades close
- 14 Last staff day

Shed High calendar

May

- 12 Fourth quarter progress reports close
- 17 Step-up day for area eighth graders
Senior Celebration, 10:00 am, band room
School committee workshop, 5:00 pm, Shead library
School committee meeting, 6:00 pm, Shead library
Senior Supper, 6:00 pm, EES cafeteria
JMG Closing Ceremony, 7:00 pm, band room
- 18 Early release for students, 1:30 pm
Baseball/softball, Calais at Shead, 4:00 pm
- 20 Softball, Shead vs. Woodland, Hampden Academy, 4 pm
Baseball, Shead vs. Woodland, Mansfield Stadium, 7 pm
- 22 Baseball/softball, Machias at Shead, 4:00 pm
and spring sports Senior Night
- 24 Academic awards luncheon, 11:00 am, Shead gym
Athletic awards banquet, 6:00 pm
- 25 Early release for students, 1:30 pm
Baseball/softball at Machias, 3:00 pm
DAC All-star Banquet, 6:00 pm, Machias High School
- 26 JMG Career Fair, grades 7-10
Baseball/softball, Central Aroostook at Shead, 3:00 pm
Last senior day—all work due by 3:00 pm
- 27-29 Senior class trip
- 29 Memorial Day, no school
- 31 Baseball/softball at Calais, 4:00 pm

June

- 1 11:30 am release for students
Class Day, 2:00 pm, Shead gym
Graduation, 8:00 pm, Shead gym
- 2 Graduation Ball, 8:00 pm, Shead gym
Pizza party at EES during Graduation Ball
- 9-11 High school backpacking trip
- 12 Last student day
Fourth quarter grades close
- 14 Last staff day

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Among the tips offered by Sylvan Learning to help your child be more successful in school is this one.

Read Actively. It's all too easy for students to skim over an assigned book chapter and not know the main points of what they just read. Help your student to practice active reading by asking him or her to **note the main idea of each passage** and **look up unfamiliar words** or concepts. **Make an outline** of the chapter or create flow charts and diagrams that help map out the concept at hand. After each section, have students **write a summary** in their own words and come up with possible exam questions.



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