



# ST. GEORGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## January 15, 2009

### Dates to Remember

January 16: Dance at Watts Hall for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, \$5.00 admission, 7-9PM.

January 19: Martin Luther King Day observance, no school.

January 22: Energy Savings Through Energy Audits, 7:00PM, St. George Town Office.

January 23: Early release day. Quarter 2 ends.

January 24: Open House at the Grace Youth Center, 10:00AM-3:00PM.

### 8th Grade Basketball Schedule

**Friday**, Jan. 16 At Searsport, girls first

**Tuesday**, Jan. 20 At Woolwich, boys first

**Wednesday**, Jan. 21 At Great Salt Bay, girls first

**Thursday**, Jan. 22 Boys only, home VS Bristol

**Monday**, Jan. 26 Home VS GSB, girls first

**Wednesday**, Jan. 28 At TGS, girls first

**Thursday**, Jan. 29 Home VS Searsport, girls first

**Monday**, Feb. 2 Boys only, at Bristol

Playoffs will be on Feb. 5, 9 and Championship on 2/11 at Lincoln Academy. All games begin at 3:45PM.

### Free Admission and Activities at Owls Head Museum

The Owls Head Transportation Museum is offering free general admission from now through March 30. In addition, Education Director Ethan Yankura has planned children's activities for each weekend during the same period. The Museum's education department will be hosting projects including building simple gliders plus a toy city and coloring activities. A variety of ability levels will be accommodated, so children of all ages are welcome. Hours for children's activities are 11 am to 2 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. No pre-registration is required to participate. The Museum is located at 117 Museum Street (off Rt. 73) in Owls Head, just two miles south of Rockland. It is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, please call 594-4418 or visit [www.owlshead.org](http://www.owlshead.org).

### The Geography Bee

[See print edition for student names.]

Congratulations to our Geography champ!

Congratulations to our runner-up!

### St. George 4-H Club News

The next 4-H meeting will be January 20 at 3:00 in Ms. Maynard's room. All 4-H members must return their enrollment forms and project book orders. Questions? Call 975-7177.

### Attention All 5th Grade Band Parents...

The Holiday Concert has been re-scheduled for Monday, February 2nd (Ground Hog Day!) at 6:30PM. Please check your calendars! The 5th grade band is very anxious to perform their first concert. We look forward to seeing you there!

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Band Members

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 6th Grade band members for being accepted in to the 2009 6th Grade Honor's Band: [See print edition for student names.]

The concert this year will be on FRIDAY, MARCH 20th at Brunswick High School. The Honor's concert is scheduled to begin at 5:30PM. Please check your calendars for any possible conflicts. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Kanicki.

### Library Corner

In our library classes we have been focusing on the upcoming inauguration of Barack Obama. We have been reading from three books: *Barack* by A.G. Ford, *Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope* by Nikki Grimes, and *Barack Obama: United States President* by Roberta Edwards. Activities have included coloring pages, word scrambles, and word searches. It has been an amazing experience to learn what our students already know and what they think about Barack Obama and his family. It's obvious this historic occasion is being talked about in many homes as well as in classrooms, and we are all richer for the knowledge we've shared.

### News From Mrs. Falla's Second Grade Class

The second graders have been studying poetry. We have been reading different types of poems such as Haiku, Cinquain, Acrostic, rhyming etc. The second graders have written a few poems of their own. They will be studying poetry more in depth next week when they begin to write a poem about watersheds. They will begin the poems after having a demonstration by visiting speakers. One demonstration will give them information about watersheds. Next, a visiting poet will be working with the second graders on poetry, and eventually each student will write their own poem. We will have our poetry submitted to the River of Words Poetry Contest. The poems will be judged by grade level. The judges will be members of the local community.

### **Stormy Weather?**

Check TV and radio stations as well as VillageSoup.com for school delay and cancellation notices. If bad weather develops after we have arrived at school, please stay tuned to the TV and radio for announcements regarding early dismissal. **Please do not call the school for this information.** School staff will call the parents of all students in grades K-2 to spread the news of an early dismissal and to get any special instructions for after school plans.

If time allows, staff will contact parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Students in grades 3-8 should come to school knowing what to do and where to go in the event of an early dismissal. A note from home detailing these plans would be great! Please help us keep the phone lines open!

If you have asked to be on the email list to receive the school newsletter, you will receive an email announcing an early dismissal as well.

### **February Vacation at Tanglewood**

Children ages 6-12 may register to attend day programs at the Tanglewood Camp in Lincolnville during school vacation in February. Activities include wildlife tracking, winter woods exploration, sledding (6-8 yrs. old) or snowshoeing (9-12 yrs old) and more.

Students ages 6-8 will attend on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and students ages 9-12 will attend on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the two-day program is \$40.00. For more information and to register call 789-5868 or email at [proy@umext.maine.edu](mailto:proy@umext.maine.edu). The deadline for registration is February 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Community Mentoring Opportunities**

Do you have some time to give to a young person or adult who is having a hard time? Made a bad choice? Through the Restorative Justice Project, individuals who have committed an offense against someone have the opportunity to repair that mistake by meeting with that person in a community conference. Mentors may be involved from 8 weeks up to 6 months depending on the individual. Training and support are offered throughout your volunteer time.

The next volunteer mentor training will take place in Rockland on Thursday, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 and 12, from 5:30-8:00PM. Attendance at all three meetings is required. For more information call 338-2742 or email [info@rjpmidcoast.org](mailto:info@rjpmidcoast.org).

### **News From The Recreation Department** Wayne Judkins

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade basketball evaluations and team selections will take place on Thursday evening (Jan. 15th) at 6:00pm in the gym. All 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls who are interested in participating in league play should come prepared to practice and be evaluated for team selection (wear comfortable clothes and sneakers). Parents are also strongly encouraged to attend to hear how our league works, as well as get information on how to run the scoreboard, do the books, and even a quick course on how to referee our games. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend so you can be as involved as possible in what your children are doing! If your child can NOT make the tryout you'll need to contact the Parks & Recreation Director, 372-6363 x203 or email [prksrec@stgeorgemaine.com](mailto:prksrec@stgeorgemaine.com) prior to Thursday evening and let him know your child is interested in being on a team.

Our Mussel Ridge Hoops Tournament for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> graders will take place on March 20th-22<sup>nd</sup>. This is our biggest fundraiser of the season and has many teams from all over the state interested in participating with us. It's a long weekend of basketball fun and games so we're always in need of volunteer helpers. Program advertisers, raffle prize donors, and food donors are always welcome as well. Please let us know if you can help us in any way on that weekend!

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball play-offs take place at Thomaston Grammar School on Saturday (Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>). Our St. George boy's "Blue" team plays at 10:15am and our boy's "White" team plays at 12:00noon. Also our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade St. George girl's team plays at 2:30pm on Saturday at TGS as well. Come see both our St. George boys and girl's teams defend their 2008 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mid-Coast League championship crowns! The league finals will take place on Sunday afternoon at Georges Valley High School.