



Idlehurst News

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Administrator's Corner



Greetings to all Idlehurst families,

With this beautiful weather and the end of the year rapidly approaching, some of our darlings heading off to Maplewood, field trips, end of year celebrations, sports etc. emotions are running ragged! As you all know, this time of year is exciting but can be challenging at times. Talk to your children, play outside with your children, read to them, slow down and smell the roses when you can. Ask your children how they are feeling? Ask your children if they have concerns, what they are excited about, what they would like to do over the summer?

For the last five weeks of school, Idlehurst Universal Team introduces "End Strong." The students will earn "strong people" for showing all signs of being safe, respectful and responsible. When the balance on the community board is full and balanced, students will celebrate with an end of the year carnival! We will have a petting zoo, bouncy houses, dunk tanks, snow cone stations, water park, and more! Students will use the last five weeks to practice all the positive behaviors we have introduced this year, "Show 5, 1st time listening, Please and Thank You, Be Kind, Work it Out With Words, Hallway Heroes, Hands to Self." Goodness, we sure have learned a lot this year and we are so proud of all the social and emotional growth our students have shown.

We will be reviewing perseverance at our community day, and the idea of working hard until the very last day of school. Each week, staff will be awarding students for accomplishments throughout the year or positive behaviors in the following weeks. We feel as though it is important to acknowledge all of our students hard work throughout the year, because together we have accomplished amazing things. Enjoy this time of year as we head to the finish line.

A huge shout out to the PTA for all they do to make our schools run! Thank you for an amazing Teacher Appreciation week, full of coffee, lunch from Stripe Nine, and the best chalk display ever. The teachers are extremely grateful and so are Miss Gove and I.

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May

29th: Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL

June

1ST: PTA Meeting 6:30 pm, Maple Wood

13th: Field Day Rain Date

14th: Field Day

19TH: Juneteenth, NO SCHOOL

22nd:





Title I Tips



for Reading Aloud to Your Child

Here are a few things to try this month when reading fiction books to your children:

1. Now that the weather is nicer, find a new and fun place to read to your child. Try sitting under a tree or reading at Willand Pond or along the Salmon Falls River.
2. Talk about the story as you read and relate it to your own personal experiences.
3. It's ok if you do not finish a book. If your child is losing interest, put the book away and finish it later. If you are feeling pressed for time, instead of rushing through to finish, find a good "hook" to stop as that keeps your child wondering what will be happen next. This will build excitement for the next time you read with your child.

Be sure to come and visit our display "Check IT Out- Activities to Build Strong Readers" at the District Showcase on Thursday, May 18th anytime from 6-7:30pm.

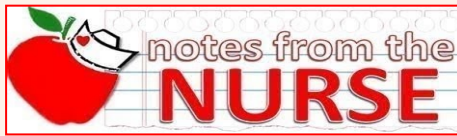
Also, look for us at the Beach Buggy Book Mobile visiting the Noble Pines on July 11th. We will be listening to stories, having a treat and picking great books to take home to read! More dates/ locations coming soon, watch for the flyer!

Your Title I Team

Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.- Emilie Buchwald

Idlehurst students have been busy in Physical Education, including trying one of our favorite parachute activities- using cooperation to see how high we can make Ollie the Octopus fly!





Don't Let a Tick Make You Sick!

The weather is getting warmer & we can get outside! Protecting ourselves and our children safe from tick bites is important by following preventative measures <https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/index.html>):

*Wearing tick repellent

*Checking for ticks daily, especially after being outside

*Showering soon after being outdoors

If you do get a tick bite, to remove safely:

Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Clean the bite area & your hands with rubbing alcohol, iodine scrub, or soap and water.



<https://tickfreeh.org/check/>

Happy Summer: Sun Safety For Kids (click on link for more information)

Sun protection methods include wearing hats and long clothing, seeking shade & fluids.



<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-play/Pages/Summer-Safety-Tips-Staying-Safe-Outdoors.aspx>



Home to School Connection

Somersworth Public Library: *All Together Now* Summer Reading Program

This summer's reading program will be more collaborative, inclusive, and fun than ever before! Open to the entire community, the *All Together Now* Summer Reading Program will offer participants of all ages the opportunity to engage in reading challenges, attend library programs, and embrace this year's theme of togetherness, friendship, and community. We have amazing prizes, like tickets to Storyland, Hilltop Fun Center, Gunstock Adventure Park, and more! Visit our [website](#) for a comprehensive overview of the programs that will be offered throughout the summer. We hope you'll join us on this 8-week adventure!

SOMERSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY
2023 *All Together Now* SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Schedule of Events

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|  | 6/23 Firefighter Storytime & Touch-a-Truck |
|  | 6/24 Community Drum Circle |
|  | 6/27 Beekeeper Storytime |
|  | 6/28 <i>Bee</i> Movie Night for Kids |
|  | 6/29 Shipyard STEM Program |
|  | 6/30 Police Storytime & Touch-a-Truck |
|  | 7/14 Ambulance Storytime & Touch-a-truck |
|  | 7/18 <i>Robots</i> Movie Night for Kids |
|  | 7/19 Shipyard STEM Program |
|  | 7/21 Gnome-Making Program |
|  | 7/25 UNH Whales & Seals Program |
|  | 7/28 USPS Storytime & Touch-a-Truck |
|  | 8/4 Teacher Storytime |
|  | 8/11 Soul Shine Tie Dye Program |
|  | 8/15 Kids' Movie Night |
|  | 8/19 Summer Reading Celebration |

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR FULL DETAILS!**

Prizes

Win tickets to:

- Storyland
- Hilltop Fun Center
- Gunstock Adventure Park
- Center for Wildlife
- Dover Bowl
- Seacoast Science Center
- Children's Museum of NH
- Squam Lake Natural Science Center

and more!!!



Idlehurst Library News

Students have been having so much fun in the Idlehurst Library! They have been enjoying many new books, as well as learning to design, build, and create using STEM materials. The Scholastic Book Fair which took place a few weeks ago had everyone buzzing with excitement! There were so many new books to choose from!

The Second Grade from Idlehurst went to the Great Bay Discover Center to explore estuaries, learn about food chains, and animal habitats. We had great weather and even more fabulous volunteers who led our students on this fabulous trip!





SYC Highlight

SYC had such a blast at the community Egg Hunt! We brought all of our SYC elementary students, while SMS students had their own egg hunt back at the SMS campus. SMS SYC students also took part in supporting this event by filling hundreds of eggs! The elementary students had so much fun collecting their eggs, and we took a group photo with the Easter Bunny. Some parents were able to meet us there and join in on the fun. Thank you to Somersworth Recreation for hosting the event, and allowing us to join.



SYC Pre-Registration

SYC Pre-registration for next school year now open! This helps us plan and holds a spot until official registration opens in July. This is for all programs: Maple Wood and Idlehurst Before Care, as well as Elementary and Middle Afterschool. For more information on SYC Programs visit their page on the SAU site:

https://www.sau56.org/resources/parent_resources/somersworth_youth_connection_-_home

and follow them on Facebook and Instagram @somersworthyouth

The Summer Academy Full Day program with SYC is now full. We look forward to a fun and enriching July with those who are signed up!

PTA NEWS

Thank you so much to everybody who made this year a success for the PTA!

With your help, we were able to:

- Fund classrooms, including field trips, STEM projects, new books for classrooms and fifth grade celebrations
- Fund essentialists to expand their supplies and offer different programming
- Run events such as track or treat and fitness nights
- Celebrate our faculty during appreciation week with chalked drive ways, coffee, munchkins and pizza

And we were able to fundraise so that the PTA is in a healthy spot to do even more next year.

ELECTIONS AND BUDGET VOTE for the 2023-2024 school year is June 1, 6:30 pm in the Maple Wood library. Please make every effort to attend and show your support for the PTA in the upcoming year.

Any questions? Please feel free to reach out!!

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REGIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

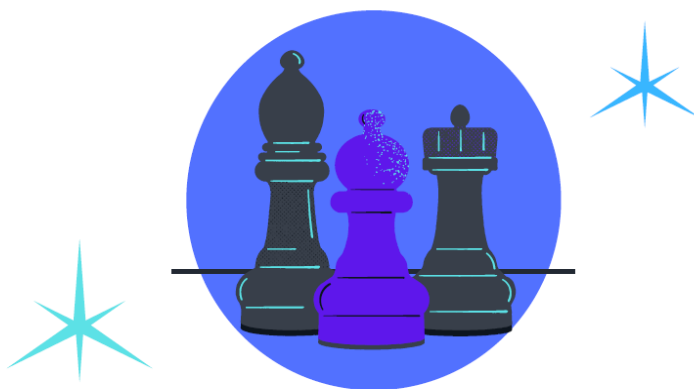
Calling all local chess players in grades 5-12

You don't need to be a pro! You just have to want to have fun playing chess!

Somersworth Youth Connection, the extended learning program at Somersworth School District is hosting a chess tournament.

This is a low stakes, round-robin-style tournament. All players will have a chance to play multiple games, tally up their wins, resulting in a final score for the day.

Medals awarded to the top 2 scorers in each age group



When: Friday, June 2 2023, 4-6pm

Where: Somersworth High School Library, 11 Memorial Drive Somersworth, NH

Cost: \$5 per player - cash or check at the door
(free for Somersworth Middle School Chess Club participants)

- **Parents/Family invited to stay and watch players!**
- Concessions available
- Free chips and drink for all players who register prior to 5/15



  @somersworthyouth



PLEASE REGISTER

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/DMCLFOMHVKVCWVOC87](https://forms.gle/DMCLFOMHVKVCWVOC87)

Questions? Contact cdonohue@sau56.org



Come beat the summer heat with Somersworth's very own Splash Pad at Noble Pines Park. The Splash Pad will be open daily starting mid June through Labor Day from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, weather permitting. Visit somersworth.com for more information.



Access to Willand Pond Recreation Area is across the street from the Tri-City Plaza (Market Basket) in Somersworth. There are walking trails and fitness stations located along the trail, a low elements rope course with 6 features and a picnic area with tables and benches overlooking the pond.



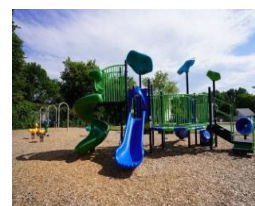
Go visit the Somersworth Public Library this summer to sign up for their summer reading program which runs from June 24th-August 19th. There are programs for various age groups and students can earn some amazing prizes! See page 4 for more detailed information.



Registered kids receive 2 FREE GAMES of bowling every day all summer long! Visit www.kidsbowlfree.com for free registration and information.



In addition to Noble Pines playground, there is Jules Bisson Park and Millennium Park. Jules Bisson offers a full basketball court, a baseball field, playground equipment, and a bike rack. Millennium Park contains a lighted softball field, playground equipment, 2 sand volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, a covered pavilion with picnic tables, 2 charcoal grills, a recreation building with electricity and a bathroom, a large area for parking, and a new Dog Park opened at this park in October 2020.



Jules Bisson Park

Millennium Park



Parents Make The Difference

Treat reading as an enjoyable summer activity

To keep your child reading over the summer, treat it like any other fun summer activity. Demonstrate that reading can be an enjoyable activity that can be done in lots of different ways. Try not to make summer reading feel like an assignment. If you help your child make the connection between reading and the simple pleasures of childhood, the desire to read may last a lifetime.

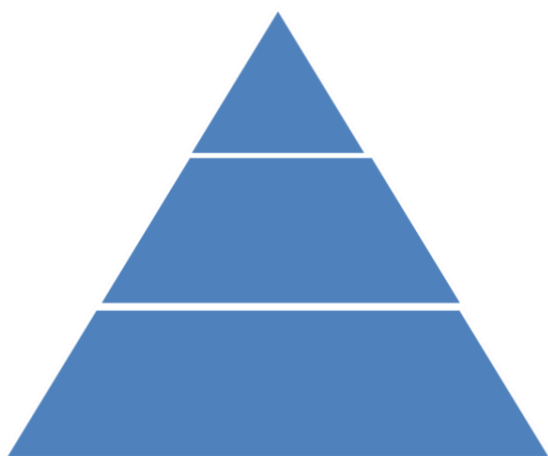
To take a summer approach to reading:

- Suggest that your child reread a favorite book. Then find another book by the same author. Or find one on the same topic.
- Connect books with summer activities—sports books for a summer league player, for instance, or camping books for a camper.
- Let your child stay up past bedtime when a book is just too good to put down.
- Start your child on a series of mystery or thriller books. These page-turners hook kids into a reading habit.
- Encourage a change of venue. Read books at the beach or pool, in a tent or at the park.
- Watch movies, videos and plays based on children’s books. Then read the books together and compare the versions.
- Share your favorite books and magazines with your child. .
- Encourage your child to retell or act out stories from books.

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RTI = Response to Intervention
How we meet the needs of each student



- RTI is a process of providing instruction in an organized manner using student data and known successful strategies.
- If students need further instruction and/or support beyond Tier 2 (Tier 3), this is provided to students in addition to the instruction and support being given in Tier’s 1 and 2.
- The reason that we believe in RTI is that it helps us identify problem areas. This assists us in helping students long before they fail.