



# IDLEHURST NEWS

## Administrator's Corner



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Welcome to fall! It is amazing to think we are already 30 days into the school year, and so much has already been accomplished. Every class has had the opportunity to delve into fall, with wonderful field trips to Butternut Farm, Deerfield Fair, and nature hikes on our school grounds. The Universal Team has challenged our students to practice their manners, by saying "good morning, excuse me, and please and thank you." All students earned the annual Fall Festival for being safe, responsible, and respectful. We are so very proud of all their hard work. Please remind them to practice this at home and in the community. Here at Idlehurst we pride ourselves on helping to raise respectful citizens and showing expected behaviors is the beginning.

Once again, staff and administration are committed to creating genuine relationships with families and students. Research shows young people develop resilience when they have at least one well-rounded, strong relationship in their lives. We know they thrive when they experience a broader web of relationships in their homes, schools, programs, and communities. It is our goal to provide a large web for each child as they grow and develop here at Idlehurst. Please feel free to call us anytime with any questions, thoughts, feedback, or concerns.

### FAMILY REMINDERS:

- Please remember to send your children to school dressed appropriately. It is getting chilly so we want to make sure we are prepared for the bus, recess, fire drills, etc.
- Please make sure ALL YOUR FORMS are updated and accurate in PowerSchool. This helps with communication between families and school.
- Please make sure you have registered with MEAL TIME for any student who wishes to charge school meals. If you have received a bill from the school please call 692-2435 and we can discuss this.

## Coming Events

### November

**10th: Veterans Day, NO SCHOOL**

**22nd-24th: Thanksgiving Break, NO SCHOOL**

### December

**7th & 12th: Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:00 pm**

**8th: Teacher Workshop Day, NO SCHOOL**

**25th-1st, Winter Break, NO SCHOOL**

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# Title 1 Reading Intervention

## Shhhh...it's a secret!

Have you heard about Mommy e? She sits at the end of a word and makes the vowel say it's name! Try out this Secret Story when reading with your child. It is a great way to learn the long vowel sound in words like made and like.

Happy Reading from Title I 😊

When MOMMY E sits at the end of a word and/or is one letter away from another vowel, she will tell that vowel, "You say your name!" (And then she covers her mouth and won't talk.)

But, if MOMMY E is NOT at the end of a word or is MORE than one letter away from another vowel, then that vowel will be short and lazy...just like you'd be if your mommy weren't right there to make sure YOU did what you should!

site/sit, mope/mop, hate/hat  
biker vs. butter

**SECRET**



## Somersworth High School Student Council Annual Clothing Drive Open Doors Event



WHEN: Friday, December 15th  
TIME: 5:00-7:30 pm  
WHERE: Somersworth High School

COST: FREE!  
OPEN TO EVERYONE



Looking to donate? Donation boxes can be found at each school in the front lobby through Friday, 12/08

Questions?  
Contact: Charlene DiBenedetto (Student Council Advisor) [cdibenedetto@sau56.org](mailto:cdibenedetto@sau56.org)

# Community

# C o r n e r



**With the chilly winter months approaching, here are a few services in the community if your family needs assistance:**

## FUEL AND HEAT PROGRAM

Provides income eligible households with assistance in paying home energy bills during the winter season. Households can also apply for and receive electrical assistance at the same appointment, if eligible. Contact **Strafford Community Action Outreach Office** to see if you qualify. **Phone: 603-435-2500**  
<https://www.straffordcap.org>

## CLOTHING ASSISTANCE

**At Idlehurst** we have some winter gear, so please reach out to the Title 1 Home To School Coordinator below with your request.

**Goodwill in Somersworth** provides free clothing for families, two outfits per person. Speak to a manager in the store and inform them of your needs during their hours of operation. **Phone: 603-343-5560**

**Share Fund 150 Wakefield St. Rochester, NH.** Provides clothing, emergency financial assistance, food assistance and a diaper bank. For more information please call **603-335-0011**, <https://www.sharefund.org/>

**The Berwick Community Closet Berwick United Methodist Church, Rt. 9, Berwick, Maine.** Provides gently used clothing and bedding, at no charge, to families in surrounding communities. They accept monetary donations along in addition to clothing/bedding. Wed. 12pm-4:30pm . **Phone: 207-698-1065**

## STRAFFORD COUNTY THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET APPLICATION

[https://straffordcap.org/straffordneighbors2023/?fbclid=IwAR2rsL6mD-pKlPczFo\\_OTwHe5t8YS-AbzCn0t4biP\\_CpdqBTILHO9YFcxAA](https://straffordcap.org/straffordneighbors2023/?fbclid=IwAR2rsL6mD-pKlPczFo_OTwHe5t8YS-AbzCn0t4biP_CpdqBTILHO9YFcxAA)



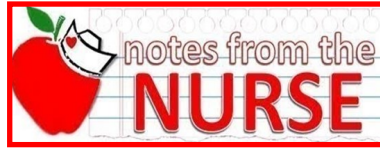
**\*Any resident of Strafford County may apply\***

**\*Limit of 1 food basket per household\***

**PICK UP DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm**

**James Foley Community Center, 150 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH**

Please contact Kathi Hilliard, [khilliard@sau56.org](mailto:khilliard@sau56.org), Title 1 Home To School Coordinator if you need assistance with services in the community.



Fall and cold weather is upon us - soon the snow and ice also. The weather can be cold in the morning, warmer during the day.

The children should be wearing **warm** clothing – coats, sweatshirts, etc. in the morning on these cool days. They will be going outside for recess and special breaks during the school day. Please let me know if you need anything to keep your children warm.

Germs, germs, germs are everywhere – and they like to be shared when we are all together. **The best way to prevent illness is HANDWASHING with soap and water or using hand sanitizer is the best way to reduce the spread of germs.**

Many different viruses (coughing, stomachaches, runny noses, etc.) have been seen at School. The nurse will call you and let you know if your child/ren have any symptoms that have developed during the day. **\*\*\*If you feel your child is ill, please have your child stay home and call to schedule a Provider appointment. Please do NOT send your child to school if sick before the appointment.\*\*\***

Please call the school in the morning if your child is ill during the night or in the morning – any questions you may have – the nurse is available. **PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD STAY HOME IF NOT FEELING WELL OR ILL.** Your child needs to be **fever free** (without fever reducing Tylenol/Ibuprofen for 24 hours before returning to school). If your child has vomited or has diarrhea, they should also stay home from the last time this occurred.

**\*\*Most importantly, please send your student only if he/she is feeling well enough to participate in the learning environment when returning to school. Many students have returned not feeling well during the day and it is difficult for them to participate in the learning process.**

The **School Illness Protocol** has not changed since last year. THE ONLY change is Masks are voluntary. If a student or staff member has symptoms at school, a mask will be encouraged, and the nurse will call home to let you know of their symptoms and the option of wearing a mask. A copy of the Covid Illness Protocol is available to send home or to email to you.

Please call or email me at school if you have any questions or concerns, 603-692-2435. Thank you for your help in keeping our school community healthy.

Ms. Mey RN, Idlehurst School Nurse ([jmey@sau56.org](mailto:jmey@sau56.org))

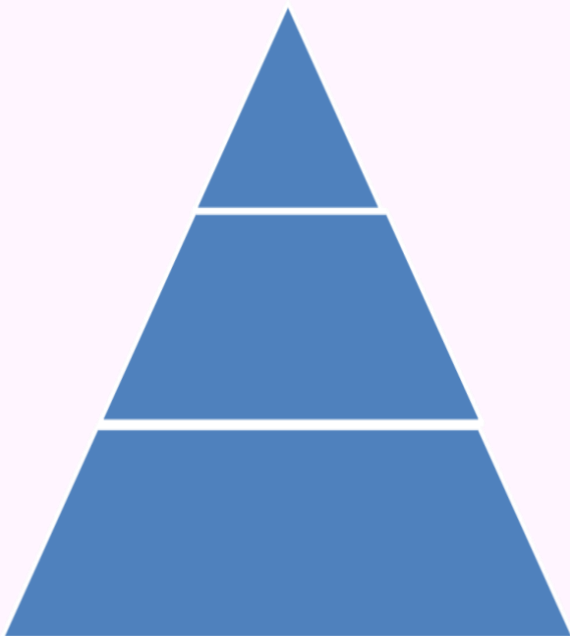







List of Upcoming Meeting Dates: 23-24 meeting dates, they will be the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month at 6:30pm at alternating libraries.

12/13 MW LIBRARY  
1/10 IH LIBRARY  
2/14 MW LIBRARY  
3/13 IH LIBRARY  
4/10 MW LIBRARY  
5/8 IH LIBRARY  
5/29 MW LIBRARY (24-25 budget and elections)



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

- Instruction is customized for all students based on individual data.
- RTI is just as much about how we provide supports to our students as it is about what instruction we provide to our students.
- RTI provides additional supports for students.



Home to School Connection

## Parents Make The Difference

Get the most out of your parent-teacher conferences

Some parents say that the parent-teacher conference is one of the most valuable things they participate in all year. Whether in person or online, these one-on-one meetings are great for learning more about your child's strengths and weaknesses, and for giving both you and the teacher a better idea about the year ahead. To get the most from your meeting:

- Talk to your child beforehand. Are there any questions your child would like you to ask the teacher?
- Make a list of things to tell the teacher. You know your child better than anyone else. Sharing information about your student and your family will make it easier for the teacher to meet your child's needs.
- Write down your questions. Ask things such as:
  - » Is my child in different groups for different subjects?
  - » Are my child's reading and math skills on target?
  - » Does my child participate in class discussions?
  - » Is my child meeting your expectations?
- Be on time. Teachers usually schedule conferences back to back. Promptness will allow you to take full advantage of the time the teacher has available.
- Create an action plan. Ask the teacher what you can do to reinforce what your child is learning. Try to get at least one or two specific suggestions.

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**Thursday December 7, 2023, 4:00-7:00 pm**

**Tuesday December 12, 2023, 4:00-7:00pm**