

*THE INTERESTS OF THE CHILDREN ARE AT THE HEART OF ALL DECISIONS*

# *EDGECOMB EDDY SCHOOL*

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AOS 98/Rocky Channels School System

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**March 27, 2017**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

03/29 - Gr. 6 to Camp Kieve with BRES sixth graders

03/29 - Bikes for Books ends

04/10 - Science Club, 2:45-4:00pm

04/11 - School Committee Mtng., 5:30pm

## **YARD SALE TIME HAS ARRIVED APRIL 29, from 8am to noon at Edgcomb Eddy School**

**Clean Up, Clean Out  
Get rid of stuff, buy stuff  
Sell your crafts, buy some crafts**



Reserve a Table for \$20.00. A table will not be guaranteed until we receive your payment. Please come with your money and commitment; Mrs. Reid has the sign-up sheet in the office.

Advertisement will start in March and continue to the day of the sale.

Set up time: 6 am to 8 am

Rain, Shine or Wind - nothing will stop us now! Location will be weather-dependent.

***All proceeds from the table rentals go to our Parent-Teacher Club, which benefits the school.***

PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL, GR. 1



Aliou Dean performing his beatboxing act



Eliza Chase prepares for her duet with Abigail Babineau (hidden).



Arabella Hodgdon (left) and Karen Higgins perform a tap dance routine.

***Parents, please read the following letter regarding changes in immunization requirements for Maine children.***

March 20, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Education revised the Maine School Immunization Requirements rule on December 20, 2016. The changes further align Maine's immunization rules with current national recommendations to better protect the health of all Maine people. The following two changes were made:

1. Effective immediately, the exclusion period for varicella disease (chicken pox) has increased from 16 days to 21 days. This means that any child who has not provided proof of immunization or history of disease will be unable to attend school or any school related activity for 21 days. This time period will be extended if any further chicken pox cases occur after the first. The law requires a 21 day exclusion period after the LAST case.
2. Effective for the 2017-2018 school year, all students entering, advancing, or transferring into seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) grade will need to receive one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine before attendance is allowed. This requirement is for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students only; grades 8-12 are not included in this rule change.

You can find a link to the rule (Chapter 126 / 261) here:

<http://www.maine.gov/doe/rule/changes/index.html>

Pertussis (whooping cough) is a very contagious respiratory disease that can be severe and last for months. The immunity received from either early childhood immunization or pertussis disease wears off over time, leaving older students and adults susceptible to pertussis. Immunization with Tdap can protect students, schools and communities against whooping cough.

We are providing you with this information now so that you have ample time to schedule an appointment prior to the first day of the 2017-2018 school year.

Attached please find the Frequently Asked Questions for more information on this new school immunization requirement.

If you have any questions, please contact [SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION].

For further questions, please contact the Maine Immunization Program at (207) 287-3746 or (800) 867-4775 or by email at [ImmunizeME.DHHS@maine.gov](mailto:ImmunizeME.DHHS@maine.gov).

Thank you.

Candace Crocker, School Nurse, RN,BSN

## FIRST AND SECOND GRADE NEWS



Students pose with Ready Fox and Mr. Moose at the conclusion of the Dashing to Denmark physical challenge.



First graders Charley Carleton, Morganne Phelps and Myles Whitfield work on making wooden vehicles.