

Principal's Notes

Week of 1/28/19

Dear Pond Cove Families,

Teachers have been working hard throughout the past few weeks to prepare winter report cards for your viewing, via the PowerSchool parent portal, by the end of the school day on February 8. This report will be a mid-year summary of your child's progress in both Habits of Work and academic content areas.

Habits of Work

In researching desired characteristics in the workplace, the Maine State Department of Education learned that most employers place a high emphasis on employee work habits and ability to work with others effectively. Although our students are very young, our staff understands the importance of students acquiring these skills early in their educational career. Our Responsive Classroom and Peaceful Pond Cove programing supports students as they develop positive work habits. At the K-4 level, we are working to build the foundation for long-term work habits that will serve your child well throughout his/her school career and beyond. New this year, we have consistent Habits of Work and an accompanying grading scale for all K-4 students at Pond Cove.

Pond Cove K-4 Habits of Work Learning Targets

Respect

*Exhibits self control, including appropriate voice level.

*Speaks politely and kindly.

- *Listens attentively.
- *Cooperates and collaborates with others.

Responsibility

- *Follows directions and classroom routines.
- *Uses time productively.
- *Contributes to discussions and activities.
- *Completes assigned work.

Perseverance

- *Seeks help when needed.
- *Keeps trying even when the work is difficult.

Your child's Habits of Work progress will be reflected using the following scale:

HOW Key 1 = Occasionally 2 = With guidance 3 = Consistently

Academic Learning Targets

Pond Cove staff are dedicated to ensuring that all students achieve grade-level specific academic learning targets in reading, writing, math, social studies, science and the allied arts by the end of each school year. The academic section of the report card will show your child's progress toward these learning targets. **It is important to emphasize that all targets reflect end-of-year expectations.** Therefore, for academic progress reporting, a 1 or 2 is the norm for most children during the winter reporting period. A 3 or 4 are more commonly seen on the end-of-year progress report.

Your child's progress toward end-of-year academic learning targets for their grade level will be reflected using the following scale:

Academic Key NYA = Not Yet Assessed 1 = Emerging 2 = Progressing 3 = Proficient 4 = Distinguished
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Viewing Your Child's Report Card

<p>To access your child's report card:</p> <p>1 Go to the PowerSchool parent portal web site - https://powerschool.cape.k12.me.us/public/</p> <p>*If you already have an account, log in with your username and password.</p>

Remember that username and passwords are case-sensitive.

*If you have not created an account, click on the 'Create an Account' tab.

There is Single Sign On functionality that allows for all parent/guardian's students to be associated with just one log in. You will need your original parent username and password for each child.

*If you have questions, click 'CESD-FAQs' found near the top of the PowerSchool Portal home page. Here you will find information on changing your username and password.

2 Click on 'Report Card' and select the appropriate year.

Pond Cove School posts grades as pdf files twice a year, in winter and in spring. All previous grade reports are always available on the portal.

I will resend this information on or before February 8. I understand how busy you are and want you to have plenty of time to become familiar with our reporting process.

Best Wishes,

Jason Manjourides

Principal



Please see the [Link: Pond Cove Student & Family Handbook 2018-2019](#) for helpful information.

Dear Parents and Guardians of New Pond Cove Students,

It is Kindergarten Registration time again! If your child turns 5 on or before October 15th of 2019 she/he is eligible to attend Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year.

To help us plan for accurate enrollment projections, please contact us by calling 799-7339 or emailing pcoffice@capeelizabethschools.org. For now we need your child's name and DOB, parents' names, address, phone, and email. Registration forms are available on our website <https://pondcove.cape.k12.me.us/> or at the school office. Please complete and return forms as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact the Pond Cove office should you have any questions: 799-7339 or pcoffice@capeelizabethschools.org.

Please share this information with friends and neighbors! Unless a sibling attends Pond Cove, we do not know or have contact information for families with upcoming kindergartners.

Please note the Staff Professional Development Early Release Wednesdays below.

Pond Cove students will be dismissed at 1:50 p.m. on:

2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 5/15, 6/5

Important Dates

Parents Have Access to Winter Report Cards Via PowerSchool: February 8

Grade 4 Concert: Monday February 4 6:30 pm PC Cafeteria (Snow Date Feb. 5)

Grade 3 Concert: Wednesday February 6 6:30pm PC Cafeteria (Snow Date Feb. 7)

**Please note the snow date is a Thursday, the same night as the ski bus.*

School Cancellation Day Tracker:

Number of School Cancellation Days to Date: 3 Days

Last Day For Students if No Other Cancellation Days: June 17 (12:05 Dismissal)

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