



# The Penquis Informer

**Community Newsletter**

**October 2016**

## A little Change – For the Better:

From the Office of the Principal –

At Penquis we are constantly working to provide our students with the best education we can provide. Resources and time are our biggest hurdles in order to be successful with this goal. The recent schedule change has been able to increase our instructional minutes in our core classes, but we have impacted the elective instructional time at Penquis. This impact has created a need for a change to support our arts and elective programs, students needs with credits, and to make sure we are moving in the direction to provide our students with the best education possible.

Penquis will be moving to add another period to the instructional day. By adding a 6<sup>th</sup> period to the day, we will be able to schedule our students into specific art and elective classes that will support the programs and needs of those students requesting them. This will also open up the opportunity for students to take an elective course that they could not take due to having to make a choice between one program and the next. We will be maintaining the rotating schedule and the same instructional minutes for HS students. MS students have streamline instructional minutes with intervention times added.

Penquis Valley Schools will also be moving to increase student exposure of content through various staff supported enrichment courses. These courses will be taught out of staff and student lead interest. At the MS level, we will be looking to expose students to career/educational exploration and focus on personality/emotional development. At the HS we will be looking to stabilize the credit offerings and streamlining classes to make sure that students are getting what they requested.

On Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – our scheduling cohort will be meeting with all HS students at Penquis to hand schedule them. MS students will be placed in courses based on need and interest. This change will be taking effect on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting with the whole school to communicate this change, the impact of this change, and each student will be handed a new schedule.

We appreciate your support through this change. As a school we are moving in the correct direction and this is just another step to ensure that we are providing our students with the best opportunity to learn and develop.

Sincerely,  
Jeremy Bousquet, M.Ed., Penquis Valley Schools

**HOMECOMING- 2016**  
**Theme: Holidays!**  
(October 11-15)

(Hat day for any day of the week!)  
Monday- (Actual holiday, no school.)  
Twin Tuesday  
Wednesday- (dress as your) Favorite Teacher  
Theme Day Thursday  
Friday- **School Spirit!**

Parade: Friday October 14- 6:30pm  
Bonfire: Friday October 14- 8pm  
Soccer Games: Saturday October 15  
Dance: October 15- 7pm-10pm



## Band Fundrasier

HS Band is having a 31-day Calendar raffle for 31-Bags/Gifts. \$10.00 per ticket for a chance on 31 assorted bags. Multiple tickets = multiple chances to win. See any band member or



## IMPORTANT DATES

For the most up to date information – visit our Penquis Webpage or Facebook page

October 5<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting – 7PM – Media Center

October 19<sup>th</sup> – PSAT Date for sophomores and juniors

October 10<sup>th</sup> – No School – Holiday

October 19<sup>th</sup> – TT – Day – 12:20 dismissal

October 13<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Emery Science Class Gallery Walk – 5PM rm. 14

October 27<sup>th</sup> – Lifetouch School Picture Makeup

October 14<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming Parade and Bonfire

October 28<sup>th</sup> – MS Halloween Dance – 6pm – 8pm – Penquis Café

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Penquis Valley Schools Homecoming Games and Festivities

October 18<sup>th</sup> – FAFSA Lab Night – Rm. 19 at the High School – 6PM



## Reminders:

**A few helpful reminders from me to you...**

1. Student pickup & drop-off is in front of the building. Please line your cars up in the appropriate spots for student dismissal.
2. Involvement in a student's life can make all the difference. This involves a team approach, so let's form a team and be a part of success.
3. Communication is key; let people know what you need or what you are thinking, we can move forward together.



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## Holiday Play Dates and Times

This year's holiday play will be "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Student and staff roles have been assigned and the cast is moving to work through lines and rehearse scenes. Students are asked to listen to announcements as to when play practice is happening. As for performances, Penquis Valley Schools is happy to present "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" to the public on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm and a later show following. We will also be offering a dress rehearsal to the elementary schools on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## As The Temperatures Start To Fall

Reminder that as the temperature falls outside, remind your students to dress accordingly. Hats, gloves, jackets, are all great options. If you are in need of assistance with these items, please contact the school and we can see what resources we can share to make sure we are all safe and warm this cold weather season.

## Color Milo

**Saturday, October 8, 2016**

**Registration/Check in from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

**Fun Run/Walk begins at 10:00 a.m.**

(This is not a race or timed event.)

Color Milo starts and ends at Milo Elementary School,  
18 Belmont Street, Milo ME

Registration is still only \$20.00 per person and includes:  
Color Milo T-shirt, wristband, sunglasses,  
and an individual sized packet of colored powder.

Registration fee is paid with your registration.

Registration forms are available in the lobby of the Milo Town Hall,  
and on [www.tcmaine.org/](http://www.tcmaine.org/),  
and on the "Color Milo 2016" event page on Facebook.

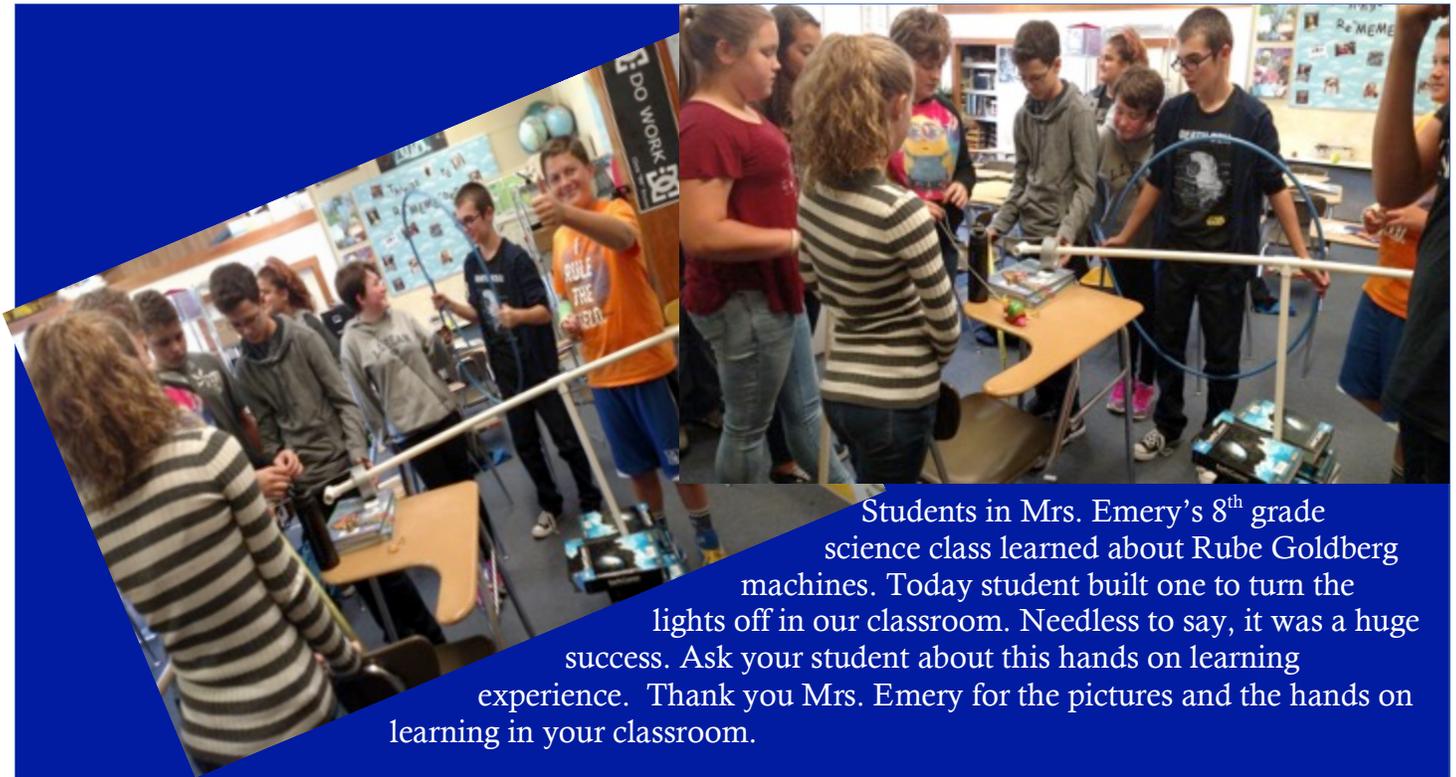
Pre-registrations will also be taken at Tradewinds Market in Milo  
on Tuesdays, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Deadline for pre-registrations is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Pre-registration is recommended to ensure your choice of shirt size  
and reserve your place among the three hundred (300) participants in the 2016 event.

Registrations will be done the day of the event until participant cap is reached.  
Dunkin Donuts of Milo, our breakfast sponsor, will provide coffee and Munchkins  
before the event.

Follow us on Facebook for the latest on Color Milo -2016 !



Students in Mrs. Emery's 8<sup>th</sup> grade science class learned about Rube Goldberg machines. Today student built one to turn the lights off in our classroom. Needless to say, it was a huge success. Ask your student about this hands on learning experience. Thank you Mrs. Emery for the pictures and the hands on learning in your classroom.

Students at Penquis Valley schools were treated to new student devices this year. This did not come with hard work and time consuming acts. Students and staff worked hard to unpack, login, setup, and dispense technology to over 480 students and staff in our building. Mrs. Clukey snapped this photo of student helpers unpacking student devices in the media center.



On Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
 – Billy Shannon from Seacoast United Blackbear and head soccer coach at Maine Maritime came out and ran a MS soccer practice for our girls and boys teams. This is great exposure for our student athletes.

