

# Principal's Notes

Week of 2/4/19

Dear Families,

Winter report cards will be accessible for parent viewing, via the PowerSchool parent portal, by the end of the school day on Friday, February 8. This report will be a mid-year summary of your child's progress in both Habits of Work and academic content areas.

I strongly encourage you to designate a few minutes to sit with your child and review their report card. This can be a very rewarding experience for all parents and students if approached with a growth mindset. **Every single student at Pond Cove has a great deal to celebrate!** Find these areas of growth and success within the report card and highlight them for your child. Ask them if there are areas they would like to improve in. This is also a good time to help your child set one or two clear and achievable goals. Have fun!

Please review the report card information below before accessing your child's card on Friday.

## 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 programming 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:

<b>HOW Key</b> 1 = Occasionally    2 = With guidance    3 = Consistently
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### **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:

<b>Academic Key</b> NYA = Not Yet Assessed    1 = Emerging    2 = Progressing    3 = Proficient    4 = Distinguished
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### **Viewing Your Child's Report Card**

<p><b>To access your child's report card:</b></p> <p>1 Go to the PowerSchool parent portal web site - <a href="https://powerschool.cape.k12.me.us/public/">https://powerschool.cape.k12.me.us/public/</a></p> <p>*If you already have an account, log in with your username and password. Remember that username and passwords are case-sensitive.</p> <p>*If you have not created an account, click on the 'Create an Account' tab. There is Single Sign On functionality that allows for all of your students to be associated with just one log in. You will need your original parent username and password for each child.</p>
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\*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.**

Respectfully,

Jason Manjourides  
Principal



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

**Wednesday, February 6, will be an early release professional development day. Pond Cove students will be dismissed at 1:50.**

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](mailto: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@capeelizabetschools.org](mailto:pcoffice@capeelizabetschools.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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