



Loranger Memorial School

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Good morning Loranger Families,

Happy Friday. As a reminder, there is no school on Monday, 10/11 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. I hope you are all looking forward to a three day weekend with families. It is looking like it could be some great weather. Just a few notes for you before you begin the long weekend.

360 Survey

RSU 23 is participating in a 360 Survey in partnership with Johns Hopkins University. This survey has been designed to assess the school culture in your child's school. Throughout the month of October, we will be asking all staff, administrators, students in grades 6-12 (more information to come) and parents to participate in this survey. We see this as an opportunity to reinforce our strengths as a district, and reveal our areas of needed growth.

It is important that as many parents as possible participate in the survey in order to obtain a complete view of the school culture. None of the data gathered in the survey will be linked with your identity in any way, and all responses will be kept completely confidential. If you agree to participate, you will be asked to answer questions for about 10 minutes. This survey will help us learn more about ourselves, and how our schools can help our students even more. Participation in the survey is completely voluntary, and you may change your mind and stop at any time.

Here is a link to the survey: [LMS Parent Survey](#)

If you could please complete this survey by Friday, Oct 22, it would be most appreciated.

If you have any questions or comments about the survey, please contact Dr. Ashley Berner at Ashley.berner@jhu.edu, Dr. Kecia McCoy at kmccoy18@jhu.edu, or Dr. Carol Macedonia at cmacedo3@jhu.edu. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Congratulations to our Food & Nutrition Program and our PTO/Boosters

Congratulations to our RSU 23 Food & Nutrition Program as well as our RSU 23 PTO/Boosters for being nominated for their contributions to our community as non-profit organizations. They were recognized by the OOB Chamber of Commerce for their efforts to make a difference in Old Orchard Beach. Congratulations to both groups!

Looking for Volunteers October 14

Our middle school Cross Country team will be hosting a home cross country meet on Thursday, October 14 from 3:30 to 5:00 at the OOB BallPark. In order to make the event go smoothly we need some volunteers. As a volunteer you will help to direct the runners on the course and cheer our Gulls to victory. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mark Tidd at mtidd@rsu23.org.

Morning Arrival

We are seeing more students arrive earlier than we have coverage for, and would like your assistance in making sure students are not present until their school day starts. For our grades 3-5

students our doors open at 7:45 and school starts at 8:00, and for our grades 6-8 students our doors open at 8:15 and school begins at 8:30. We appreciate your help in ensuring that our students are arriving at school during the time that we are able to provide supervision. Thank you.

RSU23 Pool Testing Information

If you are interested in having your child participate in pool testing, you can see the [RSU23 Information and Signup Page](#). You can also reach out to either school nurse; Sarah Burnham at sburnham@rsu23.org or Katie Gagnon at kgagnon@rsu23.org. They would be happy to assist you with any questions you may have.

Student Dismissal & Parent Pick Up Procedures

Thank you all so much for your patience and understanding with the changes we have made to our afternoon dismissal procedures. We've been able to find a procedure that keeps students safe and maintains efficiency to get families in and out during dismissal time. Just a few reminders for you as we go forward:

- Please do not park in our parking lots to pick up your student. The procedure we have created by using the entrance from E. Emerson Cummings Blvd is moving along and when vehicles enter and exit our parking lots it can create unnecessary congestion. It also creates more safety issues as all of our bus students are navigating our back parking lot at dismissal time.
- Please do not park at Fielder's Choice. Having pedestrians crossing Jameson Avenue also slows down the process for getting students and parents out while maintaining safety.

Thank you again for partnering with us to improve safety during our dismissal times.

School Nutrition Program

Breakfast and lunch are offered daily and are free for all students, all year long. Although school meals are free this year, we still need your help. Free & Reduced Meal applications, available at <http://rsu23.schoollunchapp.com>, help our district receive funding for all students and take less than 5 minutes to complete. In addition, SAT and college application fees may be waived if you are eligible. EVERY application received before September 15 (regardless of outcome) is eligible to win \$250, \$150, or \$100 to Hannaford. Please feel free to contact Caroline Trinder, Food & Nutrition Service Director, with any questions at ctrinder@rsu23.org or 934-4461 x 1239.

There is a chance we could go to remote learning if temperatures are too high during the first few weeks of school. If your family would need meal(s) delivered on those days, please email ctrinder@rsu23.org with your child(ren)'s names and address as soon as possible. Meals would be dropped off at your house sometime in the morning on those days.

A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Monday, October 11 - Indigenous People's Day - No School
- Thursday, October 28 & Wednesday, November 3 - Parent Teacher Conferences

Have a great three day weekend,

Matt Foster