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## Lions Donate to Raymond Food Pantry

At a recent meeting, the Raymond Lions Club heard a presentation about the Raymond Food Pantry. Information about where it gets its products, donations, number of families served and volunteers was given by Jen Hawkins, co-coordinator of the pantry.

Most of the food products are picked up at the Good Shepard Food Bank in Auburn. This includes USDA donations and items that are purchased at a reduced cost. Food is also picked up at the Food Rescue Mission in Sanford. A local farmer donates fresh eggs twice a month. Some individuals arrange to make food donations on a regular or occasional basis. Call 655-3881 if you or an organization you belong to would like to do this.

Most of the non-food items are purchased with monetary donations at local retailers. These include personal hygiene products, which can not be purchased with food stamps.

Volunteers come from Raymond, Casco, Naples and New Gloucester and give their time on pantry days, the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, and at other times stocking shelves, repackaging items received in bulk form and picking up products in Auburn, Windham and Sanford.



Lions Club President Bob Gilmore presenting check to Jen Hawkins of the Food Pantry.

The number of families served regularly is running around 40. Only residents of Raymond are eligible, and their income must not exceed certain levels depending on the number of people in the household, per federal requirements.

Monetary donations are encouraged. Some give to the pantry on a regular monthly basis, others sporadically and some, such as the Lions Club, once a year. Donations are tax-deductible, as the pantry is a 501(c)(3) organization. Checks should be made out to Raymond Food Pantry and can be mailed to PO Box 208, Raymond ME 04071-0208 or dropped off at the pantry when it is open.

Anyone with questions can call and leave a message at 655-3881. Someone will return your call.

## New Trash Policy to Begin

In renewing Raymond's trash pickup policy, beginning Tuesday, December 5th, and Wednesday, December 6th, all residents will be required to put their trash bags in solid trash barrels; barrel lids are optional. Any trash bags left on the ground will NOT be picked up. Barrels must also have a town sticker on each barrel, which can be acquired free of charge at the Town Office. Each household will be allowed two (2) 32-gallon trash barrels per week for collection. This has long been the town's contractual limit for our roadside pickup vendor. All trash must be secured in sturdy bags in the barrels. Raymond uses curbside pick up exclusively. If you have more than the two 32-gallon barrels, bag stickers can be purchased at the Town Office for \$1 for each bag of overage. The trash held by the bags with overage stickers must also be put in a solid barrel; however, that barrel does not need an orange town sticker.

Raymond would like to increase recycling, and residents can put out as much recycling as they choose each week. In increasing recycling we are in hopes of decreasing the trash. At this time Raymond is recycling newspaper, catalogues, office paper, clear glass (no colored or tempered like some salad dressing bottles), cans, and #2 plastic (milk bottles, laundry detergent bottles). A list of recyclables is available at the town office or on our website at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Louise Lester, Town Clerk, at 655-4742 ext. 21, or e-mail [louise.lester@raymondmaine.org](mailto:louise.lester@raymondmaine.org).

Most materials that are not considered household trash can be taken to the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility in Casco. Vehicle stickers can be picked up at the Town Office at no charge. Annually, coupons for 1,000 pounds of acceptable bulky waste paid for by the town are available at the Town Office for \$5. Bulky waste disposal questions can be answered at the Town Office, 655-4742 ext. 21, or at the Facility, 627-7585.

## Town Office Holiday Schedule

This is to announce the office hours of the Town Office over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

- Christmas – Closed Saturday, December 23rd
- New Year's – Closed Saturday, December 30th

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

## Wanted Raymond Preschoolers

We are compiling a list of all Raymond preschoolers, from newborns to 4 year olds, to assist with future school planning. Please call Ivy Jordan, RES Preschool Coordinator, at 655-8672 ext. 108 with your child's name, birth date, legal Raymond address, parent information and home phone number. Mrs. Jordan can also be reached at [ivy.jordan@raymondmaine.org](mailto:ivy.jordan@raymondmaine.org).

## Raymond Rabies Clinic

**Saturday, January 27, 2007**

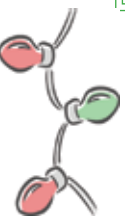
1pm to 3pm at the Town Office  
 401 Webbs Mills Road  
 (Route 85)

Eric Riddell, DVM, and his staff from Jordan Bay Animal Hospital will be administering the vaccinations. The fee will be \$10 cash per dog or cat. They will give you a certificate of Rabies Vaccination which will be your only record of vaccination. Town staff will also be on hand to license dogs for 2007.

A representative from Blue Seal Feeds in South Windham will attend with free samples of dog and cat food as well as lots of information about pet nutrition.

For more information call the Town Office at 655-4742 or e-mail [louise.lester@raymondmaine.org](mailto:louise.lester@raymondmaine.org).

Best wishes for the Holiday Season from the staff of the Raymond Road Runner



### Road Runner Articles

Articles for the next edition of the *Road Runner* newsletter are due by Thursday, December 21st. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

**E-Mail; Diskette; Paper; CDROM**

Articles should be submitted in RTF and pictures in JPEG format. E-mail articles and pictures to: [roadrunner@raymondmaine.org](mailto:roadrunner@raymondmaine.org) or drop them off at the Town Office or at one of the school offices.

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### Visit Us on the Web

Make sure to see the on-line archives at the Raymond, Maine, website:  
<http://www.raymondmaine.org>  
 Look under Calendars & News

To learn more about what's new in Raymond, visit our website at:

<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

On-line services now include:

- Automobile registration
- Hunting and fishing licenses
- Assessment information
- Property & other maps

Did you know the Raymond Road Runner can be mailed to your winter home or to an out-of-town relative or friend? A subscription is \$8 per year. Contact: Louise Lester, Town Clerk, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071, 207-655-4742, x-21, [louise.lester@raymondmaine.org](mailto:louise.lester@raymondmaine.org)

# Raymond Village Library News

## At a Glance

Monday, December 4 – Board Meeting, 7pm at the library  
 Sunday, December 10 – Holiday Bake Sale, 10am throughout the day  
 Sunday, December 24 – Library closes at 5pm  
 Monday, December 25 – Library Closed  
 Sunday, December 31 – Library closes at 5pm

## Holiday Bake Sale

Already thinking of all the baking you are planning to do for the holidays? Well, give yourself a present and come to the Holiday Bake Sale at the Raymond Village Library on Sunday, December 10. There you will find wonderful breads, coffee cakes, fancy cookies, yummy treats, special candies and even gingerbread men, all ready for giving as gifts or enjoying with your friends and family. The sale begins at 10am and will continue until all the goodies are gone. If you are baking for the sale, if possible please bring your goodies to the library on Saturday, December 9th, from 2pm to 5pm so we can price and prepare for the Sunday sale.

## Library Calendar

The library will be closing at 5pm on December 24, Christmas Eve, and also at 5pm on December 31, New Year's Eve. We will be closed December 25, Christmas Day.

## Book Group

There will be no book discussion group meeting in December. The meetings will resume in January.

For more information, please call Jane at 655-5354.

## How Reading Affects the Brain

Did you know that early exposure to books and phonetics can tremendously impact a child's success in school? Current brain research indicates that early phonetics awareness/skill development can improve the performance of roughly 90-95% of poor readers. (Source: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development). Researchers

Dr. Mel Levine and Sally Shaywitz have studied brain functions and how brain pathways can be literally changed with appropriate programs. The Raymond Village Library's programming for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers will get those pathways humming!

## \$3000 Grant Supports Library Summer Reading Program

The Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation will be giving \$3000 to the Raymond Village Library for its Summer Reading Program starting next year. Library volunteer Gail Cole, the new coordinator for the program, pursued this funding opportunity and partnered with board member Lori Rand to write the successful proposal. The grant will provide enrichment reading materials, games, crafts and special programming for the next three years! Next summer's program is called "Camp Wannaread" and will feature summer activities in Maine: star gazing, animal tracking, camping and appreciating Mother Nature.

A new Teen Summer Reading Program for middle school students is also planned for next year. After coordinating the Summer Reading Program for six years, Lisa Friedlander will now be working with teens who want to be Crime Scene Investigators (tCSI). The Library will host special tCSI crime lab workshops, where investigators will examine mystery stories, learn about famous sleuths, dust for fingerprints and more. Watch for more information in the spring!

The Raymond Village Library appreciates the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation's support for our library's youth programming and its work in promoting literacy.

## Christmas Holiday Help

The Raymond Holiday Helpers, sponsored by the Raymond Snowmobile Club, would like to help add joy to the holiday season for you and your family. If you, your family or someone you know need assistance during this Christmas Holiday Season, please contact Sandy at 655-4736 or Lori at 655-5469. The deadline to sign up for assistance is November 30th. (Exceptions to this deadline will be made.) If you would like to make a donation or help sponsor a family this Christmas Holiday Season, please contact Sandy at 655-4736 or Lori at 655-5469.

## 2007 Dog Tags Available

Dog licensing can now be done for 2007. If you have a dog over the age of 6 months, it should be licensed. A rabies certificate must be produced and if neutered, a neutering certificate, if the Town Office doesn't have it on file. The fee for a neutered dog is \$6 and non-neutered \$10. All dogs must be licensed by January 31, 2007. Dogs licensed after January 31 will incur an additional \$15 late fee.

Please understand that by having your dog licensed, anyone finding your stray pet will be able to trace it to you, thereby alleviating the possibility that it will go to a shelter. Licensing funds contribute to stray animal care in the town and state and support the State Veterinarian Laboratory in Augusta, as well as Maine State Humane Agents who investigate animal abuse cases.

There will be a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, January 27, 2006, from 1pm to 3pm at the Town Office. See the "Rabies Clinic" notice elsewhere in this edition.

## 2007 Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Licenses Available December 1st

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has set the date of December 1st as the time we can begin selling 2007 licenses. Licenses are the same price as last year.

Snowmobile registrations are also available at \$34 each. ATV registrations, which will lapse June 30, 2007, are also \$34. We have not heard when we can begin registering boats for 2007.

# December 2006

## Events and Meeting Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>FB=Fire Barn</b> <b>JS=Jordan-Small</b> <b>KC=Kokatosi Campgnd</b> <b>PS=Public Safety Bldg.</b> <b>RE=Raymond Elementary</b> <b>CL=Casco Library</b> <b>TBD=To Be Determined</b>	<b>SG=Sheri Gagnon</b> <b>TG=Town Garage RT85</b> <b>TH=Town Hall</b> <b>VL=Village Library</b> <b>VC=Village Church</b> <b>VT=Village Tennis</b> <b>MB=Modular at JSMS</b>				1	2
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<b>10:00AM TH</b> Appeals Board Site Walk <b>10:00AM VL</b> Holiday Bake Sale	<b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Babytime <b>7:00PM RE</b> Recycling Committee	<b>6:30PM RE</b> Parent Teachers Organization Meeting	<b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime <b>10:45AM VL</b> Library Preschool Storytime <b>6:30PM MB</b> Planning Board	<b>7:00 PM TH</b> CPIC <b>6:30PM PS</b> Raymond Lions Club Meeting	15	16
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24	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>7:00PM TH</b> Conservation Commission <b>7:00PM TBD</b> Possible Board of Assessment Review	<b>10:00AM VL</b> Library Toddlertime <b>10:45AM VL</b> Library Preschool Storytime	<b>7:00PM TH</b> Cemetery Committee <b>7:00PM MB</b> Building Committee	29	30
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## Municipal News Brief

By Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen recently took the following actions:

### Tuesday, November 7, 2006

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Mark Gendron welcomed the community to the first live broadcast of the Raymond Board of Selectmen from the digital broadcast studio located at the former modular classroom at Jordan-Small Middle School. The broadcast was made possible through funding approved at last year's annual Town Meeting. Matching money came from subscriber fees collected by Time Warner to purchase the necessary equipment and software. A regular schedule of municipal meetings will be broadcast live henceforth, and a detailed schedule can be obtained at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org) or by tuning to Channel 3, the government channel, or Channel 2, the education channel.

- 1) Peoples Regional Opportunity Program (PROP) plaque presentation – Thomas Bartell & Grant Lee, Community Building Committee

Mr. Bartell observed that PROP has been in existence for forty continuous years with support every year from the Town of Raymond. The work of this social service agency includes assistance in the areas of affordable housing, youth leadership programs, senior volunteer opportunities, substance abuse support, heating assistance, healthy lifestyle initiatives and affordable health care. After Mr. Bartell outlined some of the on-going programs and initiatives of PROP, Executive Director Grant Lee presented the Board of Selectmen with a plaque in recognition of the town's longstanding support. The plaque was inscribed as follows:

Town of Raymond

On the occasion of People's Regional Opportunity Program's 40th anniversary, and in appreciation of your dedication to the children, families and seniors of Raymond, PROP's Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers wish to thank you for your commitment to helping us build a community free from poverty and full of hope.

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- 2) Concerns with personal watercraft on Crescent Lake – Keith Butterfield, 17 Haskell Avenue Raymond

Mr. Butterfield presented the Selectmen with a packet of information titled "Thrill Craft Ban on Crescent Lake and Tenney River." He detailed his serious concerns about safety related to these small, high-speed watercraft. Given the narrow nature of Crescent Lake, in Mr. Butterfield's view, the potential exists for personal injury as well as a consistent degradation of personal enjoyment by homeowners of their property, given the intrusive sound the machines make. Mr. Butterfield requested that the Board of Selectmen investigate the possibility of banning personal watercraft use on Crescent Lake and/or take necessary actions to facilitate the same resolution through Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) and/or the State Legislature, if such a ban is outside the Selectmen's control. Selectman Mark Gendron opened the discussion by relating information about the on-going legal test in the Town of Liberty over a local ban of personal watercraft on Lake St. George in that community. The outcome of this lawsuit will be instructive to the Town of Raymond as to whether a local ban would be enforceable. Selectman Joe Bruno advised Mr. Butterfield to contact State Representative John Robinson to attempt to remedy the situation through special legislation and also to contact the Commissioner of IF&W to gain their support for a possible bill banning personal watercraft on Crescent Lake. Selectman Dana Desjardins indicated that letters of support from landowners around the lake might be persuasive to both IF&W and the State Legislature. The Town Manager had researched the legal position of the Board of Selectmen and reported that any changes that result in the ban of personal watercraft would have to be initiated through Maine IF&W and/or the Maine Legislature. A copy of the legal research provided by the Maine Municipal Association was given to Mr. Butterfield.

- 3) Consideration of abatements – Contract Assessor Michael O'Donnell, O'Donnell & Associates

This item was tabled, as no abatements were currently ready for consideration.

- 4) One Raymond Committee Update – Mark Gendron & Dana Desjardins, Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Mark Gendron provided information regarding the recent site walk of the land behind the existing District 2 Fire Station, which indicated the possibility that the land may be suitable for utilization as a future site for a combined town office, library and community center. The One Raymond Committee will be providing additional information on the viability of this site after a preliminary review is conducted by town engineering consultant Owens McCullough of Sebago Technics. A site walk will be conducted on November 15th, 2006, and it is expected that a detailed proposal will be received regarding the cost of a complete site analysis including a soils test, wetland delineation, a cost estimate and outline of permits necessary to utilize the site. Mr. McCullough will also review the topography of the site and provide information on the degree of cut and fill, and/or regrading that would need to be undertaken to use the land. The initial engineering review will be at no cost but will set forward a budget broken down by specific tasks that the Selectmen may or may not elect to follow depending upon the results of the preliminary review. While Mr. McCullough is in town, he will also walk the land adjacent to the Jordan-Small Middle School that is currently being used as a ball field. This site may also be available for development as a town office, library, and community center, should environmental factors make the site behind District 2 unsuitable.

- 5) Old (unfinished) business.
  - a) None
- 6) Town Manager Report and Communications
  - a) Code Enforcement Office

The Town Manager announced that Will Cook had been hired as of November 3, 2006, to work as Assistant Code Enforcement Officer for 24 hours per week at a rate of \$16 per hour. Mr. Cook has extensive experience working at the Department of Environmental Protection and had the best qualifications of the applicant pool, as judged by the interview panel, for the position.

- b) Curbside trash recycling RFP

Town Clerk Louise Lester presented each Selectman with a draft RFP for municipal waste and curbside recycling. The Town Manager asked the Selectmen to review this in detail and to get back to him as soon as possible with questions, suggestions, and concerns to be addressed before seeking new bids. He is recommending that the new contract be for a three-year period, as has been the case in the past, and that the town be as specific as possible with respect to performance standards and other relevant contractual issues.

- c) Dispatch services

The Town Manager and Fire Chief will be attending a meeting on Wednesday, November 8th, 2006, at the Naples Public Safety Building to discuss with public officials from Naples and the other communities served by this dispatch center the possibility of working together in a combined regional dispatch effort. Deputy Chief Bruce Tupper has also started a dialogue with the Town of Windham over sharing of resources and the discussion of a possible cooperative dispatch arrangement. The Town of Gray has decided to contract with Cumberland County, thereby closing the possibility of a regionally based dispatch effort with that town.

- 7) Executive Session: Discussion of acquisition of real property as authorized under Maine Statute Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C)

Selectman Joe Bruno moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of real property for non-payment of taxes as authorized under the Maine Statute above. After meeting in Executive Session for approximately ten minutes, a motion was made to come out of Executive Session at which time Selectman Mike Reynolds made a motion to authorize the town attorney to proceed in the manner of effecting the final foreclosure of this property to satisfy seven years of delinquent taxes, payable to the town. This motion was then seconded and approved unanimously.

- 8) Fiscal Warrants – Approved payroll and appropriation

warrants dated November 7, 2006.

Due to publishing deadlines, the November 21st Board of Selectmen meeting's municipal news brief will appear in the January 2007 issue.

All Raymond meetings are public, and citizens are encouraged to attend. You may also watch live broadcasts of municipal meetings on Public Access Channel 2, which is the government channel. Channel 3 is the education/school channel. A program listing is available on-line at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org).

## Raymond School Department Winter Choral Concert

Tuesday  
December 12, 2006  
7pm

Jordan-Small Middle School  
(snow date December 14)

The concert will feature all choral  
students in grades 3 through 8

## The Safety Zone

This tip of practical information is brought to you by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension

### Handling Leftovers Safely

Most people hate to throw out food that has not been eaten at the end of a meal. At the same time, improper handling and storage of leftovers is one of the most common causes of food poisoning in the home. However, with care, it is possible to avoid both waste and illness.

The most important thing to remember is that once food has been cooked, it needs to be refrigerated or frozen quickly. If food is left in the danger zone of 40° F - 140°F for more than two hours (one hour in hot weather) bacteria can grow to harmful levels, making it unsafe to eat. This includes the time the food is out of the refrigerator or oven before being served and the time it is on the table. Foods left in the danger zone for more than two hours cannot be reused safely - throw it out!

Food that has been at room temperature for less than two hours can be stored safely if it is handled properly. Leftover food should be moved to a new container, not stored in the container it was cooked or served in. Divide large quantities of food into small portions and put them into containers no more than two inches deep, to allow them to cool more quickly.

Do not leave leftovers "out to cool" before placing them in the refrigerator. Stirring food with a clean spoon may help it cool, but then it should be covered and put straight in the refrigerator. Leave an air space around the container to help food cool quicker.

It is best to eat leftovers within two days. Some items may still be safe after 3 -5 days but the longer cooked food is stored, the greater the chance of food poisoning. Freeze any leftovers that cannot be eaten immediately and note the date on the containers.

When reheating leftovers, bring sauces, soups and gravies to a boil. Heat other leftovers to 165° F throughout. Stir food to make sure that it is properly heated all the way through and always serve piping hot. Do not reheat foods more than once or mix leftover food with fresh foods. If a leftover has been stored for too long, or if it looks or smells peculiar, throw it out!

For more information on Food Safety and Nutrition, contact Kathy Savoie at Cumberland County Cooperative Extension, PO Box 9300, Portland, ME 04104-9300 or 780-4205/1-800-287-1471 E-mail: [ksavoie@umext.maine.edu](mailto:ksavoie@umext.maine.edu)

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## Raymond Road Runner Deadline Reminder

Articles for the January issue are due  
Thursday, December 21st.

## Substitute Teachers for 2006 - 2007

Applications are now being taken for Substitute Teachers at the Raymond Elementary School and the Jordan-Small Middle School.

### Qualifications:

- ✓ 2 years of college (minimum)
- ✓ Desire to work in a caring school environment
- ✓ Love of children and learning

*State of Maine fingerprinting required.*

Applications are available in the Raymond School District business office, upstairs at the Raymond Elementary School, 434 Webbs Mills Road.

## Principal's Report for December

I want to take this opportunity to thank all students and families who supported the Innisbrook fundraiser. Your efforts were very, very successful, with nearly \$6,000 earned to support PTA scholarships and student activities, including assemblies, performances and field trips. The Raymond community is very supportive of education and of programming for its children, and this fundraiser is another indication of our community's outstanding support and commitment.

Winter is right around the corner, and at the Raymond Elementary School it means dealing with parkas, boots, hats, mittens, and snowsuits. We would like to remind all parents to label, if possible, all items of winter clothing. Students should dress appropriately for the winter weather, and we want to make sure that all items are returned to their rightful owners. Our Lost and Found, located outside of the library, grows by leaps and bounds during the winter months, so please check with the office if your child has lost any items of clothing.

We have recess each day during the winter months, unless the weather is so severe that all children remain inside. We do have some children with respiratory or other medical alerts who cannot tolerate cold temperatures and need to stay out of the cold weather. With a doctor's note, we are happy to provide an alternative inside recess for these children. All other children will go outside, so please make sure your child is warmly dressed and prepared for recess.

If you have articles of winter clothing, especially snow pants and boots, that your children have outgrown, consider donating them to RES. We want to be sure that all children are properly dressed for recess each day, and having extra outerwear to share is especially helpful. Sweatpants in sizes S-M-L are also needed. We are also looking for donations of mittens/gloves and new hats to give to students who need them.

Jerilyn Ward, school nurse, and I would also like to remind parents that children who are sick should remain at home until they are well enough to tackle the demands of the school day without exposing other children to colds or the flu. This also means that children need to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

The school cancellation procedures were published in the school calendar/handbook (also available on the Raymond website). To review, in the event of no school due to weather or other emergency conditions, the cancellation announcements will be broadcast on the local television stations (Channels 6, 8 and 13) and radio stations (WPOR, WMGX, & WGAN) as soon as possible. School delays are coordinated with the receiving school systems, Westbrook, Windham, Poland and Gray; so weather in these districts may affect busing for our elementary students. Safety is always the first consideration in canceling or delaying the start of school.

Home-school coordinator Ivy Jordan is now scheduling screenings for those Raymond students who will attend kindergarten this fall 2007. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before October 15, 2007, please give Mrs. Jordan a call at 655-8672 ext. 108.

The 1st trimester ends on Friday, December 1. Report cards will be sent home on December 15.

In closing, I would like to wish all of our RES families a safe and happy holiday season. School will be on vacation from December 23 to January 1. Students and staff will return to school on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

## C.H.I.P.S. Child Identification Program at RES

Raymond has shared a special partnership with the Freemasons of Maine through the C.H.I.P.S. Child Identification Program, a free program provided through the generous donation of time and resources from the Masons of Maine. In case of an emergency it is critical to have immediate access to information about your child. Children who have participated in C.H.I.P.S. over the past few years have identification information in the form of a videotape and fingerprints readily available.

We will be scheduling a newly revised C.H.I.P.S. program after the first of the year. This new program will be done electronically, making access to information about each child faster and more convenient. Students at the Raymond Elementary School will receive permission slips to participate in C.H.I.P.S. after the first of the year. Principal Norma Richard encourages all parents to take advantage of C.H.I.P.S. and have their children's emergency information updated. Parents of Raymond preschoolers are also invited to participate.

Volunteers will be needed to input each student's information. If you are interested in sharing your technology/typing skills, please contact Ms. Richard at norma.richard@raymondmaine.org. With the assistance of volunteers, we would be able to program all RES students over a 2-day period.

## "No School" Announcements

The school cancellation procedures were published in the school calendar/handbook sent to all Raymond households in August. To review, in the event of no school due to weather or other emergency conditions, the cancellation announcements will be broadcast on the local television stations (Channels 6, 8 and 13) and radio stations (WPOR, WMGX, & WGAN) as soon as possible.

Safety is always the first consideration in canceling or delaying the start of school. These are coordinated with the receiving school systems, Westbrook, Windham, Poland and Gray; so weather in these districts may affect busing for our elementary and middle school students. Buses will run their routes in the same order as on regular school days.

Alternative plans in the event of an early dismissal (either weather or emergency related) were included on your student's emergency sheet this year. Please alert the school office if there has been any change in these plans. We are unable to contact parents directly in the event of an early school closing, so it is very important that you have made alternate arrangements for your student in advance.

Please note that when school is cancelled, all afternoon and evening activities for school or the community held at RES or JSMS are also cancelled.

## Raymond Preschool Program

Welcome to Raymond's Preschool Program. I am Ivy Jordan, and my position is the Preschool/Home-School Coordinator at the Raymond Elementary School. My goal is to meet every child and family that will be entering Kindergarten in September 2007. The importance of meeting every new kindergartener and family is to develop a relationship and to help you and your child with this big developmental milestone. This will help your child to have a connection with the elementary school and to feel more comfortable with this transition.

I will be available to do home visits on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year beginning in October through April. If these two days do not work for you, I can be reached at the school daily and we can make other arrangements. I encourage you to contact me as soon as conveniently possible to schedule your home visit. This home visit is informal and fun for all of us. I will bring my bag of fun activities to do with your child. This a great time for parents to fill out registration paperwork as well as discuss any concerns or questions about your child and your child's journey in education. I have community resources available as well as giving you a Growing Together Newsletter, which is a newsletter for parents of preschool children. I would appreciate it very much if you would contact me as soon as possible to schedule your child's fall enrollment. I will be facilitating the formal Kindergarten Screening Process at the Raymond Elementary School with the administration and teachers on May 17 and 18, 2007.

Please feel free to contact me by phone or by e-mail at 655-8672 ext. 108 and ivy.jordan@raymondmaine.org. Thank you, and I look forward to meeting you and your child soon!

## Fire/Rescue Dispatch Asks Your Help

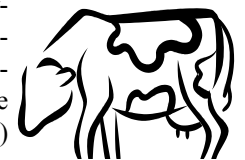
When you lose your dog or cat, you can call Dispatch for them to notify Don Alexander, our Animal Control Officer. When you lose your horse, llama, or cow, it's a bit more involved since they won't fit in an animal carrier. The place to call is Dispatch, but more information is necessary in order to rescue your livestock.



We are asking that you fill out a Livestock Location form for Dispatch's use. If you have already filled one out, please review it so that the information is current. The forms can be obtained at Dispatch, Public Safety

Building, 1443 Roosevelt Trail; at the Town Office; or on line at Raymond's website [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org).

These forms are most important in order to better identify the horse(s) running down the road or the llama visiting someone's backyard. It's for the safety of the animal and the person(s) who might hit it with their car.



## What Is Addiction?

by Steve Danzig LSW, LADC

"Addiction" is a frequently heard and less understood term used in today's society. The word conjures up a different vision for nearly every person who hears it. From the skid row drunk to the wealthy cocaine addict to the suburban shop-a-holic, addiction is a way in which people have found to comfort themselves, often at the expense of their bank account, their livelihood, their spouses, their children, their homes, and sometimes even their lives.

There has been a trend within society to differentiate between hard drugs and soft drugs in the last several years. Hard drugs are earmarked for cocaine, heroin, morphine, crystal meth, and some others that are closely related. The soft drugs include marijuana, LSD, mushrooms, ecstasy, and alcohol, to name a few.

There has been an increasing tendency for many people to merely disregard soft drug use in the wake of the current epidemic use of heroin, Oxycontin, crack, and the more recent increase of crystal meth use. There is unanimous agreement among people that those hard drugs are indeed hard drugs. However, to disregard or even minimize the use of other substances can and often does have devastating effects on the user. Many of the substances that 10-15 year olds start with are marijuana, alcohol, and ecstasy. These substances are the access point at which most people begin their journey into the world of substance use and abuse. The use of one drug does not necessarily mean that someone will try the next on the list, but there is an increased risk in doing so if that person is already drinking and using other "soft" drugs. People are more likely to be exposed to someone using harder drugs if they are in an environment where there is any drug use at all. The exposure can come from an older sibling, a friend, a parent, a neighbor, etc.

There has been a dramatic increase in the last ten years of admissions to substance abuse treatment programs for just marijuana. Between 1990 and 2004 the rate of admissions to treatment programs in the state of Maine due to marijuana abuse increased from 539 to 2104. That's about a 400% increase. During that same time period, alcohol treatment, which has topped the list in Maine for many years, increased from 7835 to 12778 (both statistics are from the Maine Office of Substance Abuse). While these numbers for alcohol are much larger, the rate of increase is about only 40%. This says that the use of marijuana as a primary reason for people entering treatment is as devastating as hard drugs which all have similar rates of use. These hard drugs are what most people use to identify an addict. Hopefully this article will help bring the picture of what you see as addiction into focus.

If you or someone you know is an alcoholic or an addict, contact a licensed alcohol and drug counselor ("LADC") for an assessment. They can then assist you in determining the most appropriate treatment options.



## Raymond Village Community Church News

### Raymond Village Church Plans Mission Trip to Honduras

The congregation of the Raymond Village Church is in the beginning stage of planning a mission trip to Honduras. In August of 2008, more than a dozen youth and adults will travel to Colonia Sinai, Progeso, Yoro, Honduras, near San Pedro Sula, for a week to build Sunday School classrooms for the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Monte de Sinai.

In preparation for the trip, members of the congregation are becoming actively involved in the Honduras Partnership of the Maine Conference United Church of Christ. They will be attending monthly meetings with other UCC churches to learn about the many aspects of traveling to a foreign country to do hands-on mission work. In addition, the congregation will be sponsoring a student at CEVER, a vocational technical high school also located in Yoro.

A meeting for those interested in going on the mission trip or supporting the effort will be held at 11:30am on Sunday, December 10th, following worship.

### Join Us for Advent and Christmas Celebrations at RVCC

#### December 3rd, First Sunday in Advent, 10am

Hanging of the Greens Service followed by All-Church Potluck Brunch and caroling throughout the Village in a horse drawn wagon.

#### December 7th, Candlelight Healing Service, 7pm

A quiet and contemplative service of carols, Scripture, and other readings to help us take hold of all that Advent is meant to be. Please bring a small stone.

#### December 10th, Second Sunday in Advent, 10am

Worship includes the Lighting of the Advent Wreath, Communion, and a special look at a Scandinavian holiday tradition. Our Youth Singers will be featured!

#### December 17th, Third Sunday in Advent, 10am

Worship includes the Lighting of the Advent Wreath and a Children's Christmas Pageant followed by a birthday party for Jesus.

Afternoon Christmas Concert with choir members from Raymond and Casco Village Churches at the Casco Village Church.

#### December 24th, Fourth Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve

##### NO MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE!

Family Candlelight Service at 4:30pm followed by traditional Scandinavian Christmas cookies and hot cocoa in the Vestry. The choir will sing a cantata with familiar carols and readings as we create a living Nativity scene.

Candlelight Service at 11pm with carols, readings, and communion. This is a quietly beautiful way to usher in Christmas Day.

#### December 31st, First Sunday after Christmas, 10am

Worship with Christmas carols and a chance to bid good riddance to the best forgotten parts of 2006, so that we can embrace 2007.

#### January 7th, Epiphany Sunday, 10am

Worship includes a special visit from the Three Wisemen as they finally reach the stable in Bethlehem.

## Are You "Up-To-Date"?

Does your town department or organization have webpages on the Raymond website?

Be sure your organization's meetings and events are up-to-date on the Raymond website's Events Calendar and review your organization's webpages to see if all the information is current. The webmaster regularly receives inquiries about outdated or lack of information for a variety of things; people are visiting the website, so staying current ensures they'll return again.

If you need assistance or have questions contact: [webmaster@raymondmaine.org](mailto:webmaster@raymondmaine.org) - there is a small number of us working at maintaining webpages, so additional volunteers with web editing experience are welcomed.

## Raymond's John Dionne Receives MeOTA Award

By Kate Loukas, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy at the University of New England and Supervising Occupational Therapist for the Raymond Schools

John Dionne, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) for the Raymond schools these past six years, has received this year's Maine Occupational Therapy Assistant award. It was my pleasure to nominate John for this award, and I want to share with you the skills and talent John brings to the Raymond schools.

Occupational therapy has been offered in public schools since 1975 as part of the services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Occupational therapy assures that children with disabilities are included and able to participate in all school-based activities from playing on the playground to handwriting. Occupational therapists work to both improve skills and adapt activities or the environment to assure full participation of all children in successful school experiences.

John is simply the ultimate Occupational Therapy practitioner. He is deserving of this award for his dedication, creativity, sense of humor, problem-solving excellence, commitment to inclusion, client and family centeredness, and for going above and beyond the call of duty. Let me elaborate:

**Dedication:** John is a COTA who has taken his job as the Raymond School OT Practitioner to heart. Along with going to PET meetings and all the school based OT roles, John is also a coach of three sports, organizes early intervention community education and runs many extracurricular activities. He does all this with joy and enthusiasm for his role in the schools and in the lives of children.

**Creativity:** The heart of an OTA is their understanding of interventions and activities. John is the man. Our room is full of hand-made and creative items out of the mind of Mr. Dionne. He customs fits fun into every intervention. His creativity bolsters his outstanding therapy skills.

**Sense of humor:** John is always happy, upbeat and full of it. You hear him whistling everywhere he goes. He has special jokes with children and has the knack for getting kids to laugh at their challenges. His relationship with the staff is similar: everyone loves John and enjoys ribbing him. He takes it all in stride.

**Problem-solving excellence:** Suffice it to say that John can fix anything and often can figure out a simple solution to problems other people would ruminate over. He solves physical problems, logistical problems, relationship problems and emotional outbursts with his strength of character and no-nonsense approach.

**Commitment to inclusion:** John sees all children as important and part of the every picture. He is always fixing accessibility issues, finding ways to include kids with challenges in everything from sports to art. His involvement in the school-based summer program allowed many children with disabilities to become full participants in every activity.

**Client and family centeredness:** John loves all children, and all children love John. In addition, he is able to approach families in a way that helps them feel comfortable and willing to make changes. John is also strong in his advocacy for children who have become unsafe in the school environment. He can both support and provide behavioral structure that helps everyone.

**Going above and beyond...** John does this every day. He is the center of therapy services in the Raymond schools: one who always provides the services needed, and then some. In addition John is the cross country, basketball and track coach in the Raymond Schools. He is so inclusively inclined that participation in sports is his coaching goal, helping



(L to R) Roxie Black, MeOTA President; Kate Loukas, nominator/coworker; John Dionne, award winner; and Diane Sauter-Davis, outgoing MeOTA president.

children with special needs and borderline abilities as well as talented athletes. He conducts educational programs for early intervention through the community library to help parents incorporate motor development into their children's daily routines. He runs the Raymond therapeutic swim program and assures that all programming is accessible to all Raymond kids.

I have worked in partnership with John Dionne for the past six years. During that time we have always thought, planned and approached clients together. John makes me proud in every way. I marvel at his skills, personality, energy and dedication. John is most deserving of the OTA recognition award, because he personifies everything an outstanding OT practitioner should be.

## Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Needs You

CPIC has the directive to look at Raymond with reference to the Comprehensive Plan and determine the way in which those goals and objectives will be achieved. The CPI committee needs help in creating and adopting certain draft ordinances for future town meeting consideration.

If you are interested in being a part of this work, please contact Louise Lester, Town Clerk, Town Office, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071; 655-4742 ext 21; or [louise.lester@raymondmaine.org](mailto:louise.lester@raymondmaine.org). You can also fill out the volunteer form on our website [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org) which will come directly to Mrs. Lester.

## Animal Control Report October – November

10/20	Two large dogs at large - returned to owner with a verbal warning
10/21	Two dogs at large - gone on arrival
10/23	Dog hit by car - gone on arrival
10/24	Skunk in trap
10/24	Pit bull in yard - retrieved by owner
10/24	Cow in road
10/25	Conference with cow owner
10/25	Information from Department of Agriculture
10/25	Pit bull nipping walkers
10/25	Varmint in chimney
10/25	Department of Agriculture information
10/29	Dog hit by car - gone on arrival
10/30	Dog nipped person
11/1	Cow deceased
11/7	Dog at large - owner claimed
11/7	Lost cat
11/7	Injured raccoon - referred to wardens
11/8	Information only
11/9	Lost Labrador
11/14	Cat killed in road
11/14	Dog in road - owner found
11/14	Loose chicken
11/17	Skunk under porch
11/18	Stray cat
11/18	Trip to Animal Refuge League
11/19	Barking dogs - verbal warning
11/20	Dog at large
11/21	Dog at large on Route 302

November begins large animal hunting. Please be sure that your pets, especially dogs, are confined and not able to run at large. If your dog is found chasing wild animals, with the exception of those used in hunting, they might be impounded or shot by IF&W wardens. Also be sure that all outside animals have sufficient shelter, food, and water to keep them warm and comfortable.

## Parent Teachers Organization News

December's PTO Meeting has been rescheduled from December 12th to December 5th due to a conflict with the Chorus Concert

At our November 14th meeting we voted to support four projects towards our mission to advocate for children, enrich educational programs, support faculty and staff in their work, and collaborate with community organizations:

The PTO voted to approve a request of \$2,500 from JSMS Principal Randy Crockett to help pay for a Camp Kieve Program for 5th grade students in May. The program costs about \$30 per student per day and thus will cost about \$4,500 in total. By supporting this project, it helps us to fulfill our mission of enriching educational programs at JSMS.

The PTO also voted to donate \$500 toward the 8th grade class trip. They are proposing a visit to an amusement park followed by a cruise on Casco Bay, at an expected cost of about \$3,200. By supporting this project, it helps us to fulfill our mission of supporting faculty and staff in their work.

The Chewonki Owl Foundation made a presentation to 6th grade students on October 24th as the culmination of their unit on owls. The Foundation brought three owls to JSMS, and the students had the opportunity to get a close-up view of the animals they had been studying. By supporting this project, in the amount of \$279, it helps us to fulfill our mission of enriching educational programs at JSMS.

A request was made by Jack Fitch to fund the purchase of plaques for the track records board that was donated by Scott Gordan. \$300 was awarded for that purpose. By supporting this project, it helps us to fulfill our mission of supporting faculty and staff in their work.

### Holiday Fair

The Holiday Fair will be on Friday, December 8th, from 6 to 8pm at RES. There will be a Prize Walk (be in the right spot when the music stops and win the prize of your choice); six Make & Take Craft tables, where you can make the displayed craft; a Holiday Gift Shop – buy gifts for family and friends at a nominal price and have them gift wrapped on the spot; stroll down the Cookie Aisle and fill a container with delicious cookies of your choice; stop by our Café for a slice of pie and cup of coffee; or listen to a Holiday story and have your face painted. And last but not least, the Scholastic Book Fair will be open for Holiday Shopping as well. Something fun for everyone at little or no cost. Donations of cookies for the Cookie Aisle would be greatly appreciated. If you can bake some for us, please contact Deb Cutten at [dcutten@maine.rr.com](mailto:dcutten@maine.rr.com) and Thanks in advance.

### Volunteer Needs

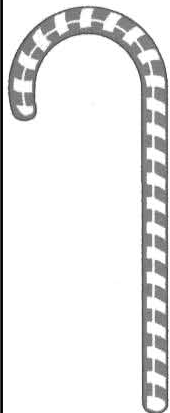
We need at least six volunteers to help staff the following activities at the Holiday Fair: Make & Take Craft tables – help children make the craft; Present Walk - someone to start and stop the music and select the winning number and another person to collect the quarters; Holiday Gift Shop – someone to collect the money from the sales; Gift Wrapping – to help with gift wrapping the purchases from the Gift Shop. Time commitment: approximately 2½ hours, unless we can get enough volunteers to divide the jobs into 1-hour shifts. Please contact Deb Cutten at [dcutten@maine.rr.com](mailto:dcutten@maine.rr.com) if you can help out.

The monthly parent/student breakfasts are a success. We still need one person to help with the 7th grade breakfast on December 22nd. All you will need to do is help set it up at 6:30am and then clean up afterwards. Time commitment: one hour. Please contact Deb Cutten at [dcutten@maine.rr.com](mailto:dcutten@maine.rr.com) if you can help with this.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held December 4th – 8th. Volunteers will be needed to help set up the display on Friday, December 1st, and to take it down on Friday, December 8th, a time commitment of approximately one hour. Volunteers will also be needed during school hours that week to sell books. Shifts are in two-hour increments. If you can help out, please contact Wendy Trask at 655-4446 or [wtrask1@maine.rr.com](mailto:wtrask1@maine.rr.com).

Please turn in your Hannaford School Dollars before December 15th. The program ends December 2nd, and all certificates must be turned in by December 15th at the latest. Please drop them off at RES, JSMS, the Raymond Village Library or the Town Office. The PTO will bring them to Hannaford's.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, call Deb at 655-2877 and leave a message or e-mail at [PTA@raymondmaine.org](mailto:PTA@raymondmaine.org)

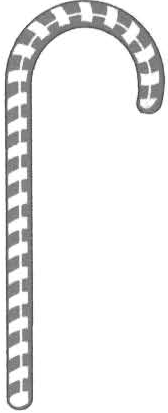


# Holiday Fair & Family Night


Friday, Dec. 8th  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

## Raymond Elementary School

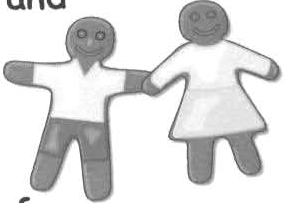
### Fun for the whole family !




**Prize Walk**  
be in the right spot when the music stops and win the prize of your choice




**Cookie Walk**  
fill a tin from an assortment for a nominal fee



**Make & Take Crafts**  
six different projects to choose from

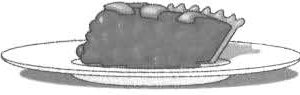


**Holiday Gift Shop**  
all gifts just \$2.00 includes free gift wrapping




**Storytelling**  
**Facepainting**


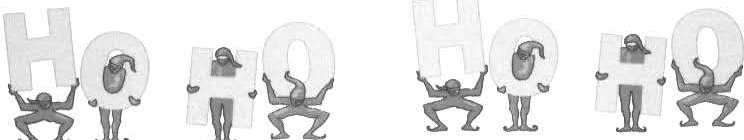
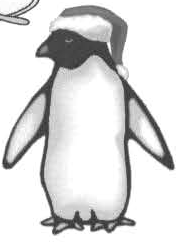
Don't forget to stop by the Cafe for a slice of delicious pie and a cup of coffee!



Sponsored by the Raymond PTO



**Scholastic Book Fair will be open too!**

### Television Donation Requested

The Town Office is asking for a donation of a color television set which could be used to demonstrate our access channel. The TV should be cable ready and of a size that people could watch from a few feet away.

For more information call the  
Town Office at 655-4742  
or e-mail [louise.lester@raymondmaine.org](mailto:louise.lester@raymondmaine.org).

### Time to Turn in Your Hannaford School Dollars


If you have been saving the "Hannaford Helps Schools" School Dollars, now is the time to turn them in to the PTO. The program ends December 2nd, and we must redeem them no later than December 15th.

Send the certificates in to either RES or JSMS, or drop them off at the PTO's Box Top collection sites at the Raymond Village Library or the Town Office. The PTO will receive a check from Hannaford for the amount of school dollars we've collected over the past 3 months.

Thank you for participating in this fundraiser and supporting your school and community.

COMING IN DECEMBER  
THE RAYMOND SCHOOLS'

# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR FUNDRAISER



THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT FOR ALL AGES  
**DECEMBER 4-8**  
WITH EVENING HOURS ON FRIDAY, THE 8TH  
FMI: 655-4446

## Jordan-Small Middle School Has a Great Cross Country Running Season

By: John Dionne, Cross Country Running Coach

For those of you not familiar with cross country running, it is a sport in which runners must complete a race through wooded trails, around fields, and sometimes on a limited amount of pavement. Middle school courses are usually around 2 miles long, and high school courses average 3 miles. The scoring is based on the place of the top 7 runners on each team.



I cannot begin to put in words how hard the Jordan-Small Cross Country runners worked this season. They endured many tough practices, with days of hot weather, cold weather, and rainy weather.

Both the boys and girls had an outstanding season. The girls remained undefeated all year. Both the boys and girls finished the year with wins at the Pine Tree League Invitational right here in Raymond.

**John Grondin** finished in first place for the boys race with a time of 13:21.

**Lucy Algeo** placed first in the girls race with a time of 15:22.

Other runners included:

<b>Girls:</b>	<b>Place</b>
Brianna Phinney -----	2nd
Sasha Van Baars -----	4th
Whitney Walton-----	5th
Natalie Van Baars-----	7th
Deanna Weeks -----	9th
Isobel Cunningham-----	14th
Makenna Grindstaff-----	15th
Courtney Tardiff-----	22nd
Sara Doyon-----	28th
<b>Boys:</b>	<b>Place</b>
Jacob Lipman -----	5th
Pat LaChance -----	7th
Robbie Blair-----	8th
Connor McGhie-----	9th
Parker Gendron -----	11th
Ian McGhie-----	12th
Sam Brockelbank-----	14th
Brian Murray-----	15th
Jack Haskell-----	16th
Jack Brockelbank-----	19th
Cameron Hewins -----	22nd
Sam Dodge -----	23rd
Bryan Roberts-----	26th
Travis Winde-----	27th
Jacob McCune -----	28th
Dylan Richards -----	29th
Ben Olmstead-----	30th
Tyler Lessard-----	31st

Matthew Bradbury (unable to race but had a great year)

The team would like to give special thanks to Mr. John Keller, who took time out of his busy schedule to be our assistant coach. His leadership and running experience were great assets to the team.

I would also like to wish the 8th graders good luck in the future, and I hope that running will always be an important part of their lives. I will miss them immensely!! Thanks to all the teachers and parents who showed up at the races - both spectators and volunteers. I really appreciate the support, and it means so much to the kids!! Thanks!!!



### Thank You

Raymond Village would like to thank everyone who contributed candy to us for trick or treating on Halloween night. The number of trick or treaters keeps growing each year and your candy donations make a difference for all of us to support the fun. We all enjoyed your wonderful costumes. It certainly made for a night to treasure! (The Cunninghams)

### PTO-Sponsored Breakfasts at Schools a Success

The PTO has sponsored two sets of simple breakfasts for parents, students and teachers to date. They have been well attended, and we have received lots of positive feedback both from the school staff and parents who have enjoyed this opportunity to socialize with one another. The schedule for the remaining breakfasts is as follows:

2nd grade	December 22nd
3rd grade	January 26th
4th grade	February 9th

The breakfasts at RES will be in the library from 7:45 to 8:15. Parents are invited to join their child at Friday morning Opening in the gym from 8:45 to 9:15.

The breakfasts at JSMS will be in the cafeteria from 6:45 to 7:15 and the schedule is:

7th grade	December 22nd
8th grade	January 26th

We would like to thank all school staff and volunteers who have helped us with the breakfasts and also those parents who have baked for them. We would also like to thank Hannaford's for their donation of gift cards towards the purchase of food for the breakfasts.



### Kindergarten Fall Fest

The Kindergarten kids had such fun at the annual Kindergarten Fall Fest last month. Here's a photo we wanted to share. The Kindergarten staff would also like to recognize and thank the following older students for their assistance setting up, cleaning up and taking pictures for our Fall Fest activities.

Our thanks to Tyler Davison, Tyler Burns, Riley McCourt and the student social service group "The Pink Panthers." We'll all have great memories from that day.



## Mentoring Goes Swimmingly

By Christina Lamarre

In November our mentoring pairs enjoyed swimming together at Colonial Mast pool, and afterward joined their families at Jordan-Small Middle School for our annual spaghetti dinner.



Becky and Ashley enjoying the water.

Congratulations and thank you to Main's Pizza for still being able to cater our event! Good luck with rebuilding - we all look forward to it! We would also like to thank The Good Life Market for their donation of the coffee and related supplies for our dinner.

Throughout November each mentor/mentee pair has been planning a community service project for the upcoming holidays. In December, pairs will work to carry out these various projects.

The Kids 2 Kids program has begun! Our 7th and 8th grade mentors will complete 8-10 hours of team building, leadership skill development and mentor training before beginning to mentor their elementary buddies in December. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Barbara Loux at JSMS at 655-4743.

We were pleased to welcome two new mentors to our program this month! Although we are halfway through the school year, we do have children who have not yet been matched with a mentor, both boys and girls. If you have an hour or so a week during the school year to spend with a young person and would like more information about becoming a mentor, please contact either Christina Lamarre or Candace Woolston at 655-8672 ext. 107, or e-mail us at mentor@raymondmaine.org.

## Hebron Academy Middle School Honors Veterans

Hebron Academy Middle School honored US Veterans at a recent Open House. The impressive program consisted of the entire Middle School leading the group of close to 20 visiting students and their families in the song "This is My Song," sung to the tune of "Finlandia," a timeless song of peace written by Lloyd Stone in 1934. Members of the sixth grade gave a presentation on the Origins of Veteran's Day; the seventh grade created a flag of stars commemorating members of the extended Hebron Academy family who served in the US armed forces; and the eighth grade gave a presentation on Iwo Jima. Hebron Academy's own Director of Maintenance and father of two Middle School students, 1st Sgt. (Ret.) Michael Hughes, was the invited speaker for the program and reminded us all that there are stories behind every veteran's "salad," the rows of pins that decorate each service member's uniform.



Hebron Academy Middle School Students Commemorate Veterans: Front, L-R: Matt Fensore (New Gloucester), Max Middleton (Hebron), Harry Trask (Norway), Lindsey Hughes (Raymond), Paul Webster-Pact (Wales), Isabel Kannegieser (Minot), Allison Cummings (Norway & Portland), Matt Braley (Bethel), Annie Bachmann (Auburn), Rebekah Jett (Norway), Eli Gabrielsen (Norway); Back, L-R: Lonnie Taylor (Raymond), Bryce Richmond (Mason Township)

### An American Family Holiday

The Windham Chamber Singers are pleased to announce plans for the 2006 edition of An American Family Holiday. This year's concerts will take place on Saturday, December 9, at 2pm and 7:30pm in the Windham Performing Arts Center.

Special guests will include The Boy Singers of Maine, Maine State Ballet and Susan Egan. Ms. Egan is best known as Broadway's original Belle from Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, for which she received a Tony nomination. Kim Block from WGME will host the concert.

Tickets are \$12 - \$15 and can be purchased by calling 892-1810 ext. 275.

For more information, visit [www.windham.k12.me.us](http://www.windham.k12.me.us) and follow the link to An American Family Holiday.