

# The Raymond RoadRunner

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## Hot Items

### Vote

Remember to Vote on Tuesday, November 3. Voting takes place at the Jordan-Small School from 7:00AM through 8:00PM

### Volunteers Needed

The Recycling Committee needs volunteers to serve on the committee. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact the Town Office

### US Census

Crews from the US Census Bureau will be conducting interviews in the Raymond Area starting October 22, 1998 until finished. Interviews will consist of asking about mailing addresses, occupant names, telephone number and E911 address.

### RoadRunner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the RoadRunner newsletter are due by November 15th. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

#### E-Mail; Diskette; Paper

Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF)

#### Send School Related Articles To:

n.richard@raymondmaine.org or drop at Principal's Office

#### Send Town related articles To:

nathan.poore@raymondmaine.org or drop at Town Hall

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Look under Events & News

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## Raymond Hires New Fire Chief

By Nathan Poore

The Board of Selectmen confirmed my appointment of Denis Morse as Raymond's Fire Chief on October 6, 1998. Several qualified applications were received through a search process that involved the assistance of the Department's Deputy Chiefs. I believe the Town is fortunate to have found Chief

Morse. He has extensive expertise in the area of fire protection, emergency medical services and employee relations.

Chief Morse has been a full time firefighter with the City of Portland for the past nineteen years and resides in Raymond on Raymond Cape. Chief Morse has stated that his experience in Portland has provided him a learning ground for fire

suppression, emergency medical services, hazardous materials, disaster management and public relations. Chief Morse believes that the best service to the citizen is one of professionalism with good character, pride and accountability.

I look forward to working with our new Fire Chief and I hope Raymond citizens will find that he is an excellent addition to the Raymond Fire Department.

## Tax Increment Financing District

By Stephanie Bubier

On September 15, 1998 at a Special Town Meeting, held at the Town Hall, Raymond residents authorized a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. The TIF will capture the increased value of the new gas pipeline, as well as other increased values in the area of the pipeline and the commercial district along Route 302 from the Windham line to Main Street.

The increased values generated under

TIF are sheltered from the town valuation for the school funding formula and county taxes. This is a flexible plan and can be cancelled.

Each year the Selectmen will bring to the town a plan of how the money is to be spent. Some possible uses include economic development, traffic improvements, and street lighting among others.

At the Town Meeting a significant number of people were concerned that by

creating a TIF program we would be doing projects that we wouldn't ordinarily do. The citizens must vote every year on the plans. The second major concern was that the Selectmen were having this decided at a Special Town Meeting. Because we sent out information, introduced it at our last Town Meeting and it will be approved on an annual basis, this board felt that it was reasonable to vote at a Special Town Meeting.

Keep watching The Raymond RoadRunner for more news on the TIF.

## The Principal's Corner

October 13, 1998

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian:

I want to take this opportunity to thank all students and families who supported the Innisbrook fund raiser. Your efforts were very successful with over \$19,000 in sales. This means a profit of over \$9,000 for Jordan-Small School. As previously stated, these funds are earmarked to support student activities, including assemblies, performances and field trips. I anticipate that orders will be returned to school in early November, and we will organize both afternoon and evening pickup times.

Members of the Raymond Fire Department and Raymond Rescue visited with our students to reinforce fire safety as part of our Fire Prevention Week activities. I want to thank Tina and Wayne for sharing their time with our students. We

have already held four fire drills at Jordan-Small this school year, and our students are doing an excellent job following both classroom and school plans for evacuating the building in case of a fire or other emergency. I would like to encourage all Raymond families to hold a family fire drill, practicing at least two ways of exiting every room in your home, testing all smoke detectors and replacing batteries, and choosing a family meeting place outside of the home in case of an emergency.

I was very pleased that over 25 parents and teachers attended this year's first PTA meeting last Monday. The next meetings will be held on Monday, October 26 at 3:45 PM in the library and Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria. These are basically the same meetings, scheduled twice in one week to best facilitate your attendance. I encourage your involvement with the Raymond PTA and hope that you will be able to attend one of the two meetings next week.

This year's first Good News Assembly was wonderfully attended by parents and family members. We want to thank you for attending and signing your child out at the cafeteria. We will be even better organized for the next Good News and will have sign-out sheets available as you come in as well as when you leave. Please remember not to park in the bus turn around at the front entrance when you attend afternoon assemblies or presentations, as it interferes with the afternoon dismissal.

A number of students and staff members have already been plagued by this year's rounds of cold and flu. We would like to remind parents that children should be fever free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Vision and hearing screenings are scheduled for Tuesday, November 10.

Cordially,  
Norma Richard, Principal

## Communities for Children Group Initiates New Projects

Communities for Children consists of Raymond residents who hope to build upon our town's strengths and study its needs so our children will grow up in a safe and supportive community. Communities for Children has been in existence since June 1997 as a partner community.

Last spring, members of the community and this group participated in the Governor's Service Institute training focused on these five goals for children: A Healthy Start, An Ongoing Relationship with a Caring Adult, Safe Places and Structured Activities to Live and Grow, Marketable Skills Through Effective Education, and Opportunities for Youth to Give Back Through Community Service.

Drawing upon the information and training from these Institutes, as well as some identified needs that Raymond has, Communities for Children is beginning work on several projects:

- forming a welcoming committee for families new to the town and creating more opportunities for parents of young children to get together.
- helping the current volunteer Recreation Program grow and develop more local activities for our children.
- finding ways to help our middle school children transition into their receiving

schools more smoothly.

Involving Raymond youth in these projects is also a top priority. Their voices are needed to guide our efforts to build a community that continues to demonstrate it cares about its youth.

We welcome and encourage participa-

tion from anyone - parents, students, senior citizens, members of the business community - who has an interest in these projects, or suggestions for future projects. The children of Raymond will greatly benefit from any time and energy you are able to contribute!

### To the Citizens of Raymond:

We are currently in the process of negotiating a tuition contract with the Windham School Department. As you may be aware, Windham is now developing a proposal for the expansion of their high school. Planning for Raymond students will require a substantial investment in additional space, therefore the Windham School Committee feels they must have a firm commitment from Raymond in order to finalize their plans. At this time negotiations center around the following points:

- That Raymond guarantees a specific percentage of students will attend Windham Schools.
- That there be a financial penalty if Raymond does not meet the minimum number.
- Should Raymond not enter into a contract, Windham will consider termina-

tion of the policy accepting Raymond students.

• If Windham stops accepting Raymond students, those currently enrolled would be able to continue to graduation.

On Wednesday, October 21st, a public hearing was held in the cafeteria of the Jordan-Small School to solicit input on this important issue. At that time we discussed our current contract with Westbrook and our status/options with other school districts. This is an issue that effects all Raymond citizens because of its educational and budgetary implications, and we encourage broad citizen participation. Action on the Windham contract will be taken at the November 4th School Committee meeting.

Sincerely,  
The Raymond School Committee

**Sunday River Ski Program**

Sign-up November 4  
Jordan-Small School  
7:00 - 8:30 PM

The Sunday River Family Ski Program will begin January 10. We will offer 5 and 3 week programs again this year. Program dates for the five week program are January 10, 24, February 7, 21 and March 7.

For the three week program, participants may select any three dates from the five week program. Remember that once they have been selected, they cannot be changed.

Prices are:

- Junior Lift Only \$120
- Adult Lift Only \$156 (5 week program)
- Junior Lift Only \$ 77
- Adult Lift Only \$ 96 (3 week program)

Lessons, rentals and ski clinics are available.

For more information contact:

Deborah Murray (655-7482) dmurray2@maine.rr.com  
or Sharon Walgreen (627-4504) walgreen@ime.net

**Christmas Tree Lighting**

The Lions Club is again sponsoring a Christmas tree lighting event at the Raymond Village Library on Sunday, November 29 at 6:00 PM.

The Windham Chamber Singers and the Jordan-Small School Chorus will be performing, Santa has offered to drop by and refreshments will be provided.

**Book Discussion Group**

November 19, 7:00-8:30 PM

Book Discussion Group at Raymond Village Library will talk about books they have read about True Adventure. Some suggestions for reading are: "The Perfect Storm" by Sebastian Junger; "Into Thin Air" by Jon Krakauer and "Endurance" by Alfred Lansing. Please join us for an evening of lively discussion. All are welcome.

Tess Ihgraham, a Raymond resident, has paintings on exhibit at the Raymond Village Library for all to enjoy.

The Raymond Village Library has free passes to the Portland Museum of Art and to the Children's Museum in Portland. To reserve a date, call the library and plan for a fun trip into Portland.

**HOLIDAY FAIR**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Raymond Village Community Church  
Main St. (Rt. 121) Raymond  
Homemade Knits & Crafts, Food Table, Cookie Walk,  
Attic Treasures  
Dried Floral Arrangements, XMAS Wreaths and  
Centerpiece Orders Taken,  
Snacks & Drinks, Hot Lunch Served

**Raymond Recreation Skiing**

Sign-Up November 4, 6:30 - 8:00 PM  
Jordan-Small School Cafeteria

**Wednesday Program for Grades 4 - 6**

Begins January 6 through March 3  
Leave Jordan-Small School at 12:30 PM  
Returns to Jordan-Small School at 5:30 PM

Prices (Includes Bus):

- Lift Only \$84 (\$96 After Dec. 4)
- Lift/Ski Rental \$133 (\$152 After Dec. 4)
- Lift/Snowboard Rental \$161 (\$184 After Dec. 4)

Any questions call Kathy Anaka at 655-2127 or Sharon Walgreen at 627-4504

**Friday Program for Grades 7 - 12**

Begins January 1 through February 19  
Bus leaves Jordan-Small School at 4:45 PM  
Bus returns to Jordan-Small School at 10:30 PM

Prices (Includes Bus):

- Lift Only \$105
- Lift/Ski Rental \$161
- Lift/Snowboard Rental \$191

Free voucher if paid by December 4, voucher can be used anytime.

Any questions call Peter Walgreen at 627-4504.

Both Programs: Check payable to Raymond Recreation, please have separate check for each program.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS**

The holiday season is fast approaching, and again the Raymond community looks at the many ways we can help our own. In past years, Eileen Stiles has generously given of herself to coordinate holiday baskets for residents. She has handed over the reins to some Raymond volunteers who will work in conjunction with the Raymond Village Church. Thank you, Eileen, for

your tireless efforts!

If you wish to donate towards Thanksgiving food baskets this year, please call Lisa at 655-3333 or Laurie at 655-2222. If you are in need of assistance, or know of someone in need, please call the above numbers or send a request for an application to HOLIDAY HELPERS, PO BOX 1112, RAYMOND, ME 04071. Strict confidentiality is assured.

**RAYMOND REC CITRUS FUND RAISER**

Raymond Recreation Association is conducting a fund raising sale of fresh Indian River grapefruit and oranges from Florida. The sale will run through November 20th. Advance orders only will be taken. Direct shipment from Florida is scheduled for the week of December 5 and will be available for pickup at Fire Lane 111 (as in the past: follow signs) on Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 AM - noon.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for funding skiing, swimming, basketball and soccer programs sponsored by Raymond Rec. This is our only fund raising effort and we appreciate your support.

To order use the form below or phone 655-4657.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE CHOICE AND GIVE QUANTITY ORDERED**

	<u>BOX SIZE: 2/5 bushel</u>	<u>BOX SIZE: 4/5 bushel</u>	AMOUNT
	Number Ordered	Number Ordered	DUE
	SMALL	LARGE	
Navel Oranges _____	@ \$15.00 ea.	@ \$20.00 ea.	_____
Pink Grapefruit _____	@ \$15.00 ea.	@ \$20.00 ea.	_____
Mixed Box _____	@ \$17.00 ea.	NOT AVAILABLE	_____
(Oranges & Grapefruit)			
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>			_____

**Make Checks Payable to Raymond Rec**  
Mail to: 33 Wawencok Road, Raymond, ME 04071 (or phone: 655-4657)



**November 1998**

**Events and Meeting Schedule**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00AM - 8:00PM Election Day, Vote at Jordan-Small School 7:00PM Selectmen	<b>4</b> 6:30PM Middle School Dev. Com. 7:00PM Planning Board 7:00PM School Committee	<b>5</b> 6:30PM Elementary School Building Committee 6:30PM Lions - Kokatosi Campground	<b>6</b> 2:20PM Good News Jordan-Small Gym  Grades Close Report Card Nex Week	<b>7</b> 8:00AM-1:00PM Holiday Fair
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00PM Tassel Top Committee	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day No School Town Office Closed 7:00PM Planning Board	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Parent Teacher Conferences No School	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00PM Budget/Finance Committee	<b>17</b> 7:00PM Selectmen	<b>18</b> 5:30PM Senior Citizen Supper 6:30PM Middle School Dev. Com. 7:00PM School Committee	<b>19</b> 6:30PM Elementary School Building Committee 6:30PM Lions - Kokatosi Campground	<b>20</b> Jordan-Small School Awards Assembly	<b>21</b> Appeals Board Deadline for December Meeting
<b>22</b> 10:00AM Appeals Board Site Walk	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00PM Diabetes Meeting Town Hall	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving No School Town Office Closed	<b>27</b> Holiday No School Town Office Closed	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

## We're Back on The Trail

Children from Mrs. Blanchard's, Mrs. Spencer's, and Ms. Cummings' classes are off on a History Trail again this year! This year we will be focusing on both North and East Raymond which will then complete our map of Raymond.

The History Trail is a multifaceted project which includes: research of the area(s), collections of artifacts for a trunk, the making of a quilt that is reflective of the area, and adding information to a History Trail Web Site. This will culminate with a History Trail Tour that will take place on Founders Day.

In September we began our journey with a hike up Rattlesnake Mountain. What a great beginning as one can view the whole town from this beautiful spot!

In October the classes were invited to the Edwards' Farm. Do you know that this farm was the last manually operated Oakhurst farm? When our children heard how much work it was to feed, water, milk and care for cows, the chore of feeding the dog somehow seemed easier! We would like to thank the Edwards family for opening their hearts and home to our children.

Work on the new quilt has begun in the classrooms and the Art room. This year the children will be involved in a bit of the sewing in their classrooms. They have been working on illustrations of birds for the quilt in the Art room. More information will follow.

Thanks to : Cathy Dodge, Berta Meserve and Dianna Juno who have lent a hand on this phase of our work. If you would like to be involved in our Trail please contact: Debbie Blanchard (gr.4), Jani Cummings (gr. 2/3), Martha Spencer (gr. 3/4) or Katie Hall (art) at 655-4743.

-Katie Hall

## Congratulations

Jordan-Small School received a \$500 grant from the Maine Preservation Society. Thanks to the Jane Carpenter Poluin Fund, we will now be able to add an architectural component to the Raymond History Trail. We're very excited about the possibilities that this will offer our children and community!

If you have an interest in local architecture or some expertise that you would like to offer please join us as we explore new ideas!

-Debbie Blanchard

## Baseball News

Yes, the World Series is in full swing and the major league baseball season is winding down but the work in Raymond is just beginning. Every spring nearly 400 Raymond youth participate in our baseball and softball programs. The success of the program does not happen overnight. The work does not begin when the snow melts. No, the work begins now and we need you.

If you like to serve the youth of the Town by working many hours for no pay, then do we have a deal for you! Elections for officers and directors of the 1999 Raymond Baseball/Softball Board will be held on November 10th. Each year many children depend on the success of the program. Do you want to be a part of it? If so then join us on Tuesday November 10th at 7:00 PM at Jordan-Small School. Hope to see you there.

## Property Tax Bills

Tax Bills were mailed out October 9th. If you did not receive your tax bill by the 15th, call 655-4742 and ask for Donna Lovely. The first half is due by October 31st. If your taxes are escrowed through your mortgage holder, they may call to get the amount due and we do accept postmark date for payment.

We try to maintain current mailing addresses, but a change of mailing address can be missed. Mail forwarding is limited in time at the Post Office. An address change on a car registration or hunting license does not automatically effect a change on a property tax bill. You must specifically request change of address on each of your properties. If we cannot get the bill to you and your tax is left unpaid, it will go to lien.

When making payment by mail, please put your account number or map and lot number on your check or include your payment stub so we can be sure to credit the correct account. Mortgage correction forms may also be returned with your payment.

## Raymond Cemetery Committee News

The Committee thanks Elaine Walston for her effort in cleaning the Mountain Road Cemetery. Janice and Gerald Gower deserve appreciation for cleaning headstones at the Raymond Hill and the North Raymond Cemeteries.

The Committee is working on the physical needs of the cemeteries as well as plans for keeping records of plot ownership. If you have any concerns, please write to Linda Alexander, Chair, Cemetery Committee, Town Office, 401 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, ME 04071.

## Motor Vehicle Registrations

### *Sale Between Individuals*

The bill of sale must contain the date of the sale, a description of the vehicle, including year, make, model, and VIN#, as well as the dollar amount paid for the vehicle. Any vehicle 1984 and newer must have a title, the back of which must be filled out by the seller, and signed by all sellers. YOU CANNOT REGISTER A 1984 OR NEWER VEHICLE WITHOUT THE TITLE! If there was a lien on the title, a lien release must accompany the title. You will also need the name and address of the seller in order to fill out the sales tax form.

### *Dealer Sale*

The paperwork for any vehicle that has not been previously titled must include the dealer window sticker. Maine dealers must also include a blue application for Maine title form, and a green dealer sales tax form. For used vehicles the previous title number and state from which the title comes must be on the title application

### *Insurance*

When registering any vehicle, you must present a current (as of the registration date) insurance card for the vehicle. We do accept faxed copies of insurance cards for an additional charge of \$1.00 per page. Our fax number is 655-3024.

### *Chickadee Plates*

The new chickadee plate will be available July 1, 1999 and will automatically replace the lobster plate. If you have a lobster plate and wish to keep the same plate number, you may reserve the number for a \$15.00 fee. Forms are available at the Town Office.

## Dog Licensing

The 1999 stickers are available and it is permissible for anyone to license their dogs now for 1999. Neutered dogs cost \$5.00 and non-neutered \$8.50. Reregistrations only need the dog's current Rabies Certificate. New registrations require current Rabies Vaccine Certificates and the State Neutering Certificate if they are neutered.

From July 1st to September 30th. Dispatch has recorded 109 calls for animals lost, stray, or problematic. Animal Control investigated as least 65 calls involving dogs, cats, pigs, cows, bears, coyote sightings, skunks, homing pigeons, bats, foxes, and squirrels. Some of these animals potentially could have been rabid. Calls come into Raymond Dispatch Center 24 hours a day.

Licensing fees help pay for Animal Control services which includes a contract with the Animal Refuge League in Westbrook to take our strays. The Town also pays veterinarian expenses for stray animals.

## Maine Property Tax

### Circuit Breaker Program

Any individual with an income under \$26,400 or family with an income under \$41,200 can apply for the Circuit Breaker Program through the State. This is unrelated to the Homestead Exemption Program that you may have applied for this past May.

The Circuit Breaker Program refunds an amount of your last year's property taxes or rent expense if you are eligible. It also includes an Elderly Low-Cost Drug Card Program.

The deadline for the Circuit Breaker Program is January 31, 1999. Applications for the Elderly Low Cost Drug Program can be filled out at any time but to get your new card by January 1, 1999, you must apply by November 1, 1998.

Joe Bruno will be available at the Town Office on either December 5th or 12th to assist individuals with their applications. For a definitive time please call the Town Office toward the end of November.

Applications are available at the Town Office.

## Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Information

All hunting licenses and stamps are available at the Town Office. We are also registering ATV's and snow-mobiles both resident and nonresident.

If you are planning to purchase a hunting license as a gift you will have to provide the Town Office with a copy of licensee's last hunting license or hunter safety card and a copy of their driver's license. 1999 licenses will be available sometime in December.

If you don't have an old hunting or archery license, the Town Office will need to see your hunter or archery safety course card. If you have had a firearms hunting license since January 1, 1976, had an adult archery license since January 1, 1980, or had an adult trapping license since January 1, 1978 you can purchase each respective license using an IF&W form stating when you last had that license.

If you are a resident of Maine over the age of 70, you can receive a complimentary license by sending to Inland Fisheries, a form which can be picked up at the Town Office.

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has free signage available to post land that allows hunting and recreational use.

## Fire Drills The Great Escape

### Raymond Fire Prevention Officer

The week of October 4th through the 11th was the National Fire Prevention Week. The Raymond Fire Department went to Jordan Small School and several daycares in the Raymond area to teach fire safety and prevention. Here are some things to remember to help keep you and your family safe.

\* Check your smoke detectors once a month, and change your batteries twice a year. An easy way to remember to change your batteries, is when you change your clocks.

\* Practice having fire drills with your whole family. Remember to know two ways out of every room. (Practice makes Perfect)

\* Plan your escape routes, and find a meeting place where you and your family can all meet if there ever is a fire.

\* Remember to feel the door with the back side of your hand before you open it. If the door is hot do not open it. Use your other way out.

\* Once you're out, stay out. Do not go back in for anything.

\* Never hide.

\* If your clothes ever catch on fire stop what you are doing, drop to the ground, and roll until the fire is out.

\* Call for help from your neighbors. Make sure you tell the Dispatcher your name, address, phone number, and the emergency. Remember to stay calm. The calmer you are the quicker they can get help to you.

If there is anyone in the community that would like a firefighter to come to your house and help your family plan and practice escape routes, please call the Raymond Dispatch Office at 655-7851 and leave your name and number for Fire Prevention Officer, Tina Whitney. I will get back to you to schedule an appointment. I would also like to take this time to thank all the children in the Town of Raymond for being great Junior Fire Safety Firefighters.

If anyone has any other questions, please feel free to call the Raymond Dispatch Office.

Your Friend,  
Firefighter Tina

## Jordan-Small School and Town Office Employees give generously to the 1998 United Way Campaign

The following was published in the United Way of Greater Portland October 13<sup>th</sup> newsletter.

### *The Rivaling Raymond Campaigns*

For the third consecutive year, the Town of Raymond and the Raymond School District have challenged each other to see who can raise employee participation levels the most in their individual fund-raising campaigns.

It all started back in 1996, when the town's Campaign Coordinator Nathan Poore and the school district's Campaign Coordinator David Bois created a joint campaign raffle as an incentive to increase employee participation. Sparked by their enthusiasm, local businesses and community members began to donate bigger and better raffle prizes with each passing year.

Last week, the Town won the competition and were treated to breakfast cooked by School District employees. We would like to thank Nathan and David, and Campaign Coordinators like them at organizations of all sizes, who find creative ways to give back to their community. Last year, Raymond residents were helped 1,689 times by United Way-supported programs. The town has approximately 3,800 residents.

We would like to thank those businesses that contributed to the incentive program. They are: MJ Richios, Cabin Candlerly and Bodies by Beau.

## Boat Registrations

If you were wondering why the lakes seem crowded this summer, 1124 boats were registered in the Raymond Town Office.

Boat registration should be done each year beginning January 1st. You can register your boat at any time after January 1st but it isn't required until you want to use it. We can register your boat through the mail if you will forward the amount required with the owner's name on the registration and the ME boat number for identification of the boat.

## Street Signs

Many people have been asking when the Town is going to put up street signs that match the new street names. The volunteers who maintain fire lane signs and the Public Works Department will be erecting some new signs this Fall and will try to finish next Spring. If you would like to have the Town consider a particular sign as a priority please call the Town Office and describe the proposed location and why it is a priority.

### "Building Blocks To Character"

The "Common Core of Values Committee", consisting of teachers, specialists and administrators, is continuing our school wide commitment and efforts with character education for our students at Jordan-Small School. Our plans for this year's programming include: submission to the Raymond Roadrunner newsletter and the Raymond web site ([www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org)) of classroom and school news of character related activities; the C.A.R.T. (Children's Activities and Resource Trolley) which is a parents' mobile resource lending library with parenting and family activity materials which will be available at "Good News" assemblies and P.T.A. meetings. (Mrs. Lisa Schadler will be coordinating the C.A.R.T.); a school banner with the value of the month in the front entrance of the school; TV Turnoff program in the spring; bulletin board display by the CARING KIDS CLUB; daily announcements each morning in school about the character value of the month.

The month of September was "RESPECT". The month of October was "FRIENDSHIP". Here are some of the related activities that have been happening at JSS as the year begins.

#### Mrs. Allen's Kindergarten September "Respect"

We learned about respect by discussing how we wanted to treat each other in our class. We talked about respecting each other's feelings, bodies, space and things. We discussed how words can often hurt, too. We practice respect for each other by listening politely when it's someone's turn to talk (teacher or student). Our leader of the day rings a special bell 3 times, as we begin our class meetings which helps remind us to "stop, look & listen."

#### October "Friendship"

We daily practice and recognize our classroom rules of sharing, helping and caring. We've discussed how having old friends helped us adjust to school and we're learning about ways to make new friends. We looked at how we are alike and different both visually, on the outside (hair, eyes, skin, etc.), with our self portrait project and how we can be alike or different on the inside by our likes, dislikes and interests with our partner-talk activity. One of our favorite projects was our "Me Bag" activity where the children filled a small bag with personal items to show and tell about themselves to their classmates. This helped us to learn more about our individual talents, interests and differences and further develop our bond of FRIENDSHIP within our group.

#### Mrs. Parisi's Kindergarten September "Respect"

The beginning of school is a good time to talk about respect and what it means to show respect to others around us. We learned our three rules - safety, respect, and in-bounds. We practice everyday by being respectful of ourselves and to each other.

#### Mrs. Smith's and Mrs. Hawkes' First Grades October "Friendship"

Our classes visited the Casco residential facility on October 21st. We sing and recite Halloween poems and songs for the residents.

#### Mrs. Tarr's Second Grade October "Friendship"

We have read many books about friendship (the Frog and Toad series for one). We listed the qualities of a friend and made individual friendship wheels which depicted four of our friends and what made each of them a friend to us. We've written friendship stories. Being a friend is something we work hard to be every day in our classroom!

#### Mrs. Spencer's Third-Fourth Multi-age Class Ongoing through the year:

The first thing we do at class meeting each Friday is give examples of classmates who modeled the value of the month. We also discuss each value as we complete read-alouds and trade books. For both activities the effect is cumulative; by the end of the year we'll be having marathon discussions.

**WANTED:** Substitute teachers,  
custodians and bus drivers.  
Jordan-Small School  
Call 655-4743 for an application

### Kindergarten September News

The Kindergarten teachers would like to welcome our children and their families (especially those of you who are new to Jordan-Small School) to Kindergarten. We enjoyed meeting most of you on our parent and child visitation day on September 3rd. Most of the children have settled into their new, school-day routines. We hope they are happy and excited about school. Communication is so important to our understanding of the children's time at school, so we encourage your communication with us about any concerns. You can reach us before or after school at 655-4743.

The Kindergarten Family Supper Night was held on Wednesday, October 7th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. The attendance was wonderful! Thank you all for coming and sharing the delicious food items. It was fun for us to see all the children with their families.

We are also planning a parent-child "FAMILY MATH NIGHT" on October 28th in the Kindergarten classrooms. It will be great to share math activities with parents, and for them to see what the children are learning and exploring.

### PTA News

Congratulations to Vonnalee Myers, the winner of the "Made in Maine" basket for her cooperation in filling out the PTA questionnaire!

During October the PTA sponsored the Lady Bug Lady, an educational program for first graders. We promoted the C.A.R.T., an educational tool for parents to use that supplies books, pamphlets and videos. This will be readily available and displayed at PTA meetings. We have supplied the "Snack Box", a box filled with healthy snacks available to meet the nutritional needs of our children. We have welcomed and supported our school faculty with the purchase of fresh fruit baskets. But most importantly, we have coordinated and successfully implemented our initial PTA meeting.

Once again, please consider joining us in continuing our mission to support and educate. It is going to be an exciting year!

### Jordan-Small School Senior Citizens Dinner

Wednesday, November 18  
Please call the office at 655-4743  
to reserve your place.  
Turkey Roast with Stuffing  
Mashed Potato with Gravy  
Hot Yeast Rolls, Cranberry Sauce  
Vegetable Medley  
Pumpkin Desserts

### A Fall Look Back To June '98 Kindergarten Field Day

Last June all of the Kindergarten children participated in a "WATER" theme Field Day that was the culminating event to our water environment projects (The Pond, The River, The Lake & The Ocean). The children had a very special day, actively involved in water events which related to many of the topics we had learned about. Our events included "The Life Jacket Dress-Up Relay," "The Soggy Ocean Sponge Pass," "The Lucky Ducky Race," "The Bubble Run," "The Rainbow Squirt Letter Spray," "Bail the Boat," "Singing in the Rain," and "The Light House Obstacle Course" (which included rowing the boat, leap frogging, crossing the beaver dam and swimming the channel). This was a very important day for us as it was a special time for all of our Kindergarten children (AM,

### Great News

The Jordan-Small School PTA is off to a great start! There were over 25 people (9 teachers) at our first meeting. Where were you? You were greatly missed!

Topics covered were: Officers' duties, Questionnaire results, Treasurer's report, Present PTA programs, and Future PTA activities.

We will be forming several committees at our October meetings to initiate: Parent education, Social events, Fund-raising and Student education.

Please come and be involved! Choose what meeting time is best for you.

Monday, November 30 at 3:45 in the library baby-sitting will be available with snack and juice provided.

OR

Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria.  
See you then!

### Cubscout News

#### Scouting For Food & Bottle Drive

Cubscouts from PACK 800 will be in your neighborhood soon distributing Scouting for Food bags. On Saturday November 7th, the scouts will be returning to collect food for the Raymond Food Pantry. Please help the boys help your fellow neighbors by donating nonperishable food items such as Canned Goods, Dry mixes, Pasta, Rice and Toiletry Items.

Remember the Ice Storm? We do. Last year we collected over 2500 food items and the stock was depleted due to the storm. Let's not let it happen again.

Donation boxes will also be located at area merchants should you not receive a visit from a Scout.

And while you're at it..... Why not clean out your basement or garage at the same time! The Pack will be collecting returnable bottles and cans on November 7th as well. The proceeds from this will help defray the cost of Pack functions including an overnight camping trip to Massachusetts.

Bottles can also be dropped off at Kokatosi Campground on November 7th from 1-3 if you wish.

For more information please call 655-2048 or 655-5359.

The boys and leaders of Pack 800 wish to thank you in advance for your support of both of these projects. The Pack would also like to extend its gratitude to Kokatosi for the use of their facilities.

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