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Redevelopment of the Public Works Property

By Nicole Briand

We are excited to announce that the Town has hired Richardson & Associates to develop a Master Site Plan for the redevelopment of the public works waterfront property! Richardson & Associates will be working in partnership with Baker Design Consultants to:

1. Develop an inventory of all existing data (aerial topography, floodplain, wetlands, shoreland zoning, etc.).
2. Evaluate feasibility of repurposing existing infrastructure, including but not limited to, public works garage, yellow building, slab foundation.
3. Develop Master Site Plan for the redevelopment of the property, showing context and connectivity within the town and other town owned waterfront properties.

To begin the process, we have created a short survey to gather input to help guide the consultant's designs. The survey can be completed online at www.bowdoinham.com or at Celebrate.

Then we will be holding a **Public Meeting on Thursday, September 20th at 6pm at Town Hall** to:

- Discuss Goals & Objectives
- Review Summary & Analysis
- Review Program Overview
- Discuss Design Alternatives
- Discuss Pros and Cons of Design Alternatives
- Discuss Next Steps

We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Nicole Briand at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com.



Friday, September 7th & Saturday, September 8th
(See page 3 for details.)

*****Maily Waterfront Park will be closed to vehicle and boat traffic on Saturday, September 8th starting at 7:00am.*****

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 7th

5:30pm: **Bowdoinham Community School's 10th Annual 5K Chicken Run & Kids' 1-mile Fun Run**
at Community School

7:30pm: **Mainely Improv**
at Town Hall, 13 School St
Sponsored by Merrymeeting Arts Center

Saturday, September 8th

10:00am: **Parade**
Route: Fire Station (Post Rd) to Main St; down Main St to River Rd; then River Rd to Ridge Rd to Cemetery Rd to Center St; back to Fire Station

11:30am: **Coin Scramble**

12:30pm: **Citizen of Year Award**

1:00pm: **Lobster Crate Races**

3:30pm: **KenDucky Derby Race**

8:00pm: **FIREWORKS!**

Bowdoinham Community School's 11th Annual 5K Chicken Run

Join us in running, jogging, or walking through the lovely streets of Bowdoinham. Registration through our website is free and open until Thursday, September 6th at 6pm: www.5kchickenrun.com.

All proceeds benefit the Bowdoinham Community School. We hope to see you there!

ACTIVITIES

(SATURDAY)

9:30am-3pm: **Bowdoinham's Best**
at Merrymeeting Hall

11am: **Waterfront Opens**

11am-3pm: **Silent Auction**

11am-6pm: **Kids Activities**
Bouncy House, Obstacle Course, (\$5 Hand Stamp)
Facepainting
Balloon Twisting
Jay the Strolling Magician

11am-4pm: **Local Myths Exhibit**
at Merrymeeting Arts Center

11am-4pm: **Art Studio Open House**
Come make cord bracelets, work with salt dough and help us paint a mural on our building.

11am-6pm: **Petting Zoo**

2-6pm: **Horse Wagon Rides**

4:30-6:30pm: **Chewonki's Hero Adaptions**

4:30-6:30pm: **Facepainting & Balloon Twisting**
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MUSIC AT THE GAZEBO

(SATURDAY)

11:00am: **Bob White**
A local hero, "Bob the Bus Driver" will be performing.

12:15pm: **Mid Coast High Winds Flute Ensemble**
Experience firsthand their exciting repertoire of pieces.

1:30pm: **Cantatio**
A striking Classy Brassy Trio.

2:45pm: **Maine Marimba Ensemble**
Returns with their contemporary Zimbabwean music.

4:00pm: **Year of the Dog**
Great classic country and rock.

5:15pm: **The Melotonins and Watersong students**
Students young and old take the stage to perform.

6:30pm: **Cribstone**
Their tremdous harmonies are like CS and N.

7:45pm: **Earl Bigelow & the Motown Affair**
Famous for their rhythm and blues with a Motown Flair.

For more information, please visit our website (www.bowdoinham.com) or visit us on Facebook!

Celebrate Pie Contest

Come one, come all pie bakers! Enter the Celebrate Pie Contest and take a chance to win \$50 for first place, \$25 for second place, or \$10 for third place. There will be young pie baker's category as well, for those 12 and under. Pies should be dropped off at the Village Masonic Lodge on September 7th, between 3-5:30pm, judging begins at 5:30pm.

Any questions please call Susan Brown at 837-0401 or email brown_531@myfairpoint.net

Best of Bowdoinham Harvest and Craft Exhibition

Bring your entries to the Merrymeeting Hall on Friday, September 7th, 4:00 to 6:30pm

Arts & Crafts, Recycled Creations, Flowers & Floral Designs, Bowdoinham-Grown Fruits & Vegetables, Canned Goods & this year's special category - My Story.

Contact Adelaida at 522-1880 or at adelaidagaviria@gmail.com with questions.

Age Friendly Bowdoinham

By *Rachelle Tome*

The Advisory Committee on Aging is continuing its transition to become the Advisory Committee on Age-Friendly Bowdoinham.

Coordinating activities, services and advocacy for our older residents will continue to be a priority. This includes Wellness clinic for flu shots, social activities, such as cribbage and line dancing, workshops on relevant topics like elder abuse, or field trips to interesting places such as local museums. Our goal is to expand this important work to include all ages, including those nearing retirement or those who may have just recently retired.

We are asking for your input and invite you to share your ideas, or better yet, join one of our committees. Membership on ACOA committees includes community members as well as Advisory Committee representatives. Current committees include Programs and Activities, Celebrate Bowdoinham and Wellness.

Are there topics you are interested in learning about, such as retirement planning, Social Security or estate planning? Perhaps there is a craft you'd like to learn more about or a cooking class you'd like to try. Ideas can be shared at our monthly meetings, which are currently held at the Town Office on the second Monday of each month at 2:30pm. You can also share your comments by contacting Missy at the Town Office. We hope to hear from you soon!

The ACOA also has opening is seeking new members, please consider joining us at an upcoming meeting. Meeting details as well as a hard copy calendar of the many activities offered each month are available at the Town Landing, Bowdoinham Public Library, and at the Town Office. For more information about upcoming events follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AgeFriendlyBowdoinham/>. You can also call Missy at the Town Office to be added to our mailing list: 207-666-5531.

Maine Craft Weekend

By *Lynn Sternfels*

Maine Craft Weekend is October 13th and 14th this year and is scheduled in conjunction with the American craft week. It will be a public, educational, community oriented family friendly weekend with events happening all over the state.

For the first time, Bowdoinham will be on the map for this weekend statewide event. The Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans will be participating with a show and

Margaret Chase Smith

By *Joanne Savoie*

Join us for the "Margaret Chase Smith, a Biography" sponsored by the "Loose Ladies Book Club" & Bowdoinham Public Library.

Illustrated Presentation by Dr. David Richards of the Margaret Chase Smith Library October 18, 2018 at 1:00pm Coombs Municipal Building, Kendall Room, 13 School St. Bowdoinham. (Community Read: There are books on Margaret Chase Smith on loan at the Library 666-8405). Refreshments will be served.

This program will examine the life, career, and legacy of Margaret Chase Smith. Born in Skowhegan in 1897 before women had the right to vote, she went on to serve in the US House of Rep-

resentatives from 1940 to 1949 and the United States Senate from 1949 to 1973. She came to national prominence in 1950 when she denounced McCarthyism in her famous "Declaration of Conscience" speech. Much of her congressional work was done on such prominent committees as Appropriations, Armed Services, and Aeronautical and Space Sciences. Along the way, she was considered as a vice presidential candidate in 1952 by Dwight Eisenhower and ran for the Republican presidential nomination in 1964. She lost her only election in 1972 and then retired home to Skowhegan, where she oversaw the creation of the Margaret Chase Smith Library. For the last dozen years of her life, this library was the forum where she was able to pass on her legacies of aspirations and service, especially to young people.

sale at the Merrymeeting Arts Center. On the 13th and 14th of October, the guild will welcome visitors from 10am to 4pm. The following two Sundays, October 21st and October 28th, the gallery will be open from 10am to 1pm.

Come join your local artists and see their work, which will include: fiber arts, pottery, jewelry, painting, fine art photography, woodworking and more. See what is happening around the state by going to mainecraftweekend.org (after Sept 1) to find a listing of all the events and an interactive map so you can plan a route.

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Fire Rescue News

By Chief Arthur Frizzle

On behalf of Bowdoinham Fire Rescue, thank you for your continued support. We took delivery of our new truck, Squad 4, in early July. Squad 4 replaces our two oldest trucks and has been set up to handle primarily forestry, traffic safety and EMS duties but also carries our second extrication tool and other equipment that will make it a great first response vehicle for any call we handle.

Did you know Bowdoinham has never had a boat for water rescue? Until now that is. The Bowdoinham Fire Rescue Association was able to obtain Brunswick Fire Department's old boat after they upgraded. This came at no cost to the Town of Bowdoinham and provides another great resource to help protect our residents and those that visit. The boat came to us at the perfect time, we handled two water rescues in its first two weeks in service. Coincidentally the new Squad 4 was set up with a tow package so the new Squad 4 and boat will complement each other perfectly.

Now that the dog days of summer are slowly winding down we are moving to what many consider to be the best time of year in Maine. Some may argue that point but either way it also brings with it peak hurricane season for New England. Last October's wind storm was a little reminder to be prepared. Are you ready for an extended power outage? Do you know alternate routes to get around flooded or blocked roads? Is your generator set up correctly so carbon monoxide will not be a concern? A little planning and preparation now will save you a lot of headaches when it counts.

Bowdoinham Fire Rescue is always eager to assist when we can, if you have any questions please contact us at 666-3505 or by email afizzle@gmail.com.

Are You Prepared?

By Rodger Heidgerken, Administrative Intern

What do you do if severe weather, a natural disaster, or a power outage happens? Many people would respond by rushing to the nearest grocery store to buy food, water, and equipment while hundreds of other individuals are frantically doing the same. What happens if there is nothing left once you get there or you can't even make it to the grocery store in the first place? The Bowdoinham Fire Department and EMS suggest that these are the type of questions you should be asking yourself to avoid getting stuck in a state of emergency.

While the Bowdoinham Fire Department and EMS, Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office, and the Bowdoinham Town Office are here to assist you as much as they can in these circumstances, there are some things that **YOU SHOULD** do for yourself to be ready for when these emergencies come.

1. Make sure that you have some means of getting information from the Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, or Town Office during an emergency. This may mean opting in to Sagadahoc County's CodeRED emergency messaging system, following them on Facebook, checking the town website during an emergency, or knowing which radio station to tune into in case of emergency. <http://sagacounty.com/departments/ema/emergency-notification/>

2. Write down important information (important phone numbers, insurance information, directions, medications) on paper and keep it with you or in your car for times where you do not have access to your phone, the internet, or other people.

3. Always try and have a plan of action

so that everyone you live with knows what to do when an emergency comes.

Some items you should always have with you, in your car, at home, or close by:

1. Supplies to change a tire on your car (spare tire, jack, and lug wrench).
2. A first aid kit.
3. Water and non-perishable food (enough for 72 hours).
4. Reflective clothing, a flare, or a reflective triangle for when you need to be seen or noticed.
5. Emergency Blanket (mylar or fabric) in case of an emergency in cold weather.
6. A flashlight.
7. Extra batteries of many sizes (most common: AAA, AA) and a rechargeable portable electronic device charger.
8. Spare cash and necessary personal information written down on paper (blood type, allergies, phone numbers, etc.).
9. Workman's gloves for car repairs, cold weather, or situations that involve lots of sharp objects.
10. An extra rain jacket or winter jacket to help in the case you are stuck in cold weather.
11. A shovel or traction tool as well as an ice scraper and brush in the case your car is stuck in deep snow or ice.
12. A lighter and candles for warmth and light in the chance you get stuck during winter.
13. A multi-tool suitable for fixing things in a variety of situations (also recommended: a glass breaker).
14. A bag of gear that you deem necessary to have with you at all times, in your car, or close by.

Because you are the only person that you can fully rely on, make sure that you are prepared at all times.



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News from Merrymeeting Arts Center

By Jan Marks

It was a great summer in Bowdoinham, and a great summer for the Merrymeeting Arts Center. Thanks to the generosity of Peggy and Seth Muir, MAC is now the proud owner and custodian of Bryce Muir's legendary Local Myths Wood Sculpture collection, a group of 12 pieces that whimsically portray the 12 months of the year and the local animals associated with them. Not only does this mean the sculptures will be kept as a precious part of our community, they will serve to preserve the legacy that was Bryce and his love of our natural environment, and to remind us of his belief in "art for everyone", the principle upon which the Merrymeeting Arts Center was founded. The Local Myths collection and accompanying stories provide rich educational opportunities, especially for our elementary schools.

More thanks to everyone in the community for helping to make our 10th Anniversary Celebration such a success. It was the grandest endeavor that MAC has undertaken to date, and showed us we can do anything to which we put our minds and talents. For those who missed it, the event included a gala reception including the presentation of the gift of the Local Myths collection, music by jazz singer Kim Kalesti, with an original song commemorating the occasion, improv theatre skits by Mainely Improv, games, art making and outdoor activities down at the river front, and a concert by the Wicked Good Band.

From a fundraising point of view, the Anniversary Celebration exceeded our expectations! The money raised will allow MAC to pay our debts and balance our books, and to plan for much needed renovations to the studio space, including making the building more weathertight, so as to provide a safer, more comfortable environment for the classes and programs that take place in the studio, even in winter!

The proceeds from the Anniversary Celebration will also provide for the care and maintenance of the Local Myths collection, enable us to plan more events and exhibits, help to support the classes at the studio, and, with the continued support of the community, allow MAC to offer scholarships for people who might not otherwise be able to participate in classes and learn to explore and develop their artistic natures.

MAC participated in this year's Open Farm Day, hosting many visitors at the Gallery, and arts and crafts at the Studio. We extend a special thanks to Jennifer Stonebraker and teen volunteers for helping to make it such a good experience for all of the young, and not so young, budding artists who visited the Studio to try their hands at making art.

As we embark upon our second decade, MAC is looking ahead to long range plans, as well as expanded activities at the Center. Guided by Bryce's notion of "art for everyone", we hope to offer more classes and programs, host more exhibits of both local and regional artists, and have more exhibits dedicated to the work of those among us who may not have exhibited their work before, or are looking for a leg up in breaking into the world of becoming a professional artist. As always, we welcome ideas from the community as to what kinds of classes and/or exhibits you would like to see at MAC.

Upcoming Events

Celebrate Bowdoinham

* Friday Night at 7:30pm, the improv theatre group Mainely Improv will be at the Town Hall. If you missed them at the Anniversary Celebration, this is your chance to be entertained by this amazingly talented group.

* Saturday at the Gallery will be open from 10-3. It will be the last day of the Local Myths exhibit. Work by Jane Page-Conway, Susan Drucker, and Manon Whittlesey will also be on display.

* Saturday at the Arts Studio will also be 10-3, including mural painting on the Studio Building, making cord bracelets and working with salt dough.



Pies (from the Celebrate Pie Contest) will be sold by the slice under the tent next to the Art Studio. Money raised will go to support art class scholarships and to the Bowdoinham Historical Society's renovation of Merrymeeting Hall.

Guild of Artisans Show
October 13 and 14, 10-4;
and October 21 and 28, 10-1.

Music for children and their caregivers with Matt Loosigian
Tuesdays, 9/11-10/16.
Pre-registration is required. Fee - \$75/individuals, \$110/families.

Pre-school art with Jennifer Stonebraker
Wednesday mornings, 10-10:45, beginning 9/12.

Canvas Floor Cloths with Kate Cutko,
a 2 day workshop on Sunday,
9/23 and 9/30, and again on 10/21 and 10/28. Pre-registration required.

Please check our Facebook page for new information, cancellations and updates about classes and workshops. For questions, please contact merrymeetingartstudio@gmail.com.

Call for Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers, including a volunteer coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our website at merrymeetingartscenter.org, or contact merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com, or by calling (207) 370-5002.

BCDI News

By Kathy Montejo, BCDI Chair

Let's Continue the Conversation!
Join us under the BCDI Tent at
Celebrate!

Last fall, the Bowdoinham Community Development Initiative (BCDI) hosted two Community Conversation events where we asked Bowdoinham residents "what do you love about the Bowdoinham village area?" and "what would make the village area even better?" We were so pleased to have over 100 residents participate in this community discussion. Many great ideas were shared and out of these discussions launched such current programs as Peary's Garden - a community garden where residents can lease plots to grow their own produce, the acceptance of WIC and EBT card transactions for local SNAP recipients at the Farmer's Market and the kayak storage racks at the Waterfront Park. These projects were all planned and implemented by local resident volunteers who are dedicated to our community.

The Merrymeeting Place community center project was also brainstormed as a result of the Community Conversations program, and the planning and preparations are underway by the Historical Society which is working hard to bring

this project to fruition.

We are now ready to "continue the conversation" and BCDI is able to help facilitate the next level of other projects that were brainstormed last fall. Some of these topics include:

- 1) Working to improve Village Aesthetics with plantings, public art, murals, banners, lighting and an informational kiosk.
- 2) Working to improve Village Amenities such as the installation of trash cans along the waterfront park and other public spaces and the installation of more benches and seating areas in the village public places.
- 3) Helping to develop a children's natural play area, park and playground.
- 4) Help to build a safer swimming area.
- 5) Developing a Food Co-op.
- 6) Attracting a beer hall, coffee house or bakery to the Village area.
- 7) Establishing a Community Development Corporation to hold and manage village properties.

Volunteers and interested community members are needed to help work on these projects to bring them forward. We invite you to stop by the BCDI tent at Celebrate Bowdoinham on Saturday, September 8th and let us know what your



thoughts and ideas are regarding the above listed potential community projects.

We want to hear your reasons why you love Bowdoinham and your thoughts and ideas on what would make our community an even better place to work, live and play. We look forward to hearing from you and sharing in more conversations. Please don't be shy - stop by and let's continue the conversation!

Don't forget that BCDI is a membership organization. We count on membership contributions to cover about one-third of the BCDI operational budget. Membership contributions begin at just \$10 per year. To become a member, or renew your membership for 2018, please visit the BCDI website (www.bcdimaine.org) or contact us at bcdi.maine@gmail.com.

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News from Bowdoinham Historical Society

By Betsy Steen

2 018 THEME: Bowdoinham Fires, and the Men, Women, and Equipment that Fight Them

Events

Celebrate Bowdoinham Saturday, September 8th Fire Related Display will be at the BHS Tent in the waterfront. AND Bowdoinham's Best will be back at Merrymeeting Hall. Be sure to stop by the Hall and see all of Bowdoinham's Best and take a tour to see all the work we've been doing. Bill Stanton will also be at the Hall with Bowdoinham's Best, selling prints of his wonderful paintings to help us raise money for the Hall.

BHS's Super Yard Sale Saturday, September 15, 9am-4pm Rent a Table space and sell your treasures If you don't want a table, we will happily accept donations of your old treasures for the Yard Sale. Call 666-8161—or email bayviewess@comcast.net

Heads Up! We have already had some terrific donations!! (*It's fun sorting and pricing and arranging. Want to help?*)

RABIES CLINIC

There will be a rabies clinic at the Bowdoinham Town Hall on Saturday, October 27th from 9am to 11:00am. You may also register your dog(s) for the 2019 year at that time.

Fees are \$6.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$11.00 for a "fully equipped" dog.

Please license your dog(s) annually on or before January 1st.

Pamela Ross
Town Clerk

All proceeds will go to Merrymeeting Hall - A Community Center for Bowdoinham.

Water Witch Talk

Sunday, 10/21 at 3:00pm Rick Ellis will have the Water Witch at Merrymeeting Hall to talk about her restoration. Refreshments will be provided.

Projects

Restoration of 1798 Fire Hand Tub Phenix by Paul Baines & Bowdoinham Historical Society.

Spearheading creating A Community Center for Bowdoinham at Merrymeeting Hall. (formerly Merrymeeting Grange Hall). We are still raising money for the foundation, for heat, for handicapped access, and much more.

You can send a check to PO box 101; go to our webpage to donate via PayPal or a credit card, or go to Facebook to donate there. Please help us make this Bowdoinham dream a Bowdoinham reality EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS! Donations in Kind or of Time and Expertise and very welcome too!

We raised \$1000 from the two concert suppers and the Open Farm Day BBQ strawberry shortcake sale for Merrymeeting Hall!!

DON'T MISS IT!!

**Saturday, Sept 15th, 9am-4pm
at The Meeting House**

Support Bowdoinham's Historical Society, find some new treasures or make some money selling yours, and chat with your neighbors.

***Bowdoinham Historical Society:
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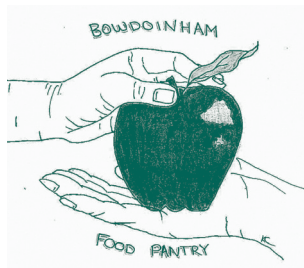
Food Pantry News

By Lily Montgomery

Summer has been busy at the pantry, with fresh food coming in by the bushel each week. Local farmers and gardeners from Bowdoinham have been incredibly generous with their produce, and the Merrymeeting Gleaners have been working hard to get beautiful vegetables into the pantry that would otherwise go to waste. We are so grateful for this bounty!

Backpack Program

Each week during the school year, our amazing volunteers pack up bags full of food for students in need at the Bowdoinham Community School. The goal is to send home food that is nutritious and can be easily prepared by a student of any age. This program was a huge success last year, and we look forward to getting going again this fall. We had about 20 students at Bowdoinham Community School participate last year and anticipate similar numbers in the months ahead. A huge THANK YOU to our hard working volunteers who make this program



possible!!

Interested in donating to the backpack program? We'll be collecting both food and cash donations at Celebrate Bowdoin-

ham! Please note that we cannot send food home with students in glass jars, so plastic or cans are preferred. Top needed items:

- mac & cheese
- pasta sauce, meat sauce, alfredo sauce
- canned chicken
- canned soup and stews (preferably with an easy pull top)
- small boxes of pancake mix
- peanut butter & jelly
- good quality granola or breakfast bars
- boxes or bags of non-sugary cereal
- boxes of oatmeal packets
- just add water... muffin or cookie mix.

Celebrate Bowdoinham

Please come see us at Celebrate Bowdoinham (Saturday, September 8). We will have a table down at the waterfront with information and volunteers on hand to answer any questions, accept donations and chat about the work we are doing.

The pantry is open every Wednesday from 3-5pm and is located at 9 Main St. in Bowdoinham. All Bowdoin and Bowdoinham residents are welcome, with no income verification required.

We are so grateful to the FHC for housing the pantry, and to all of our volunteers, donors, and neighbors who make the pantry possible! THANK YOU!

Questions? Interested in volunteering, visiting, or donating? Please contact Lily Montgomery, Program Coordinator at 751-7779 or bowdoinhamfoodpantry@gmail.com.

A Professional Learning Community

By Chris Lajoie, Principal,
Bowdoinham Community School

Gearing up for the start of another school year, we the staff of the Bowdoinham Community School recommitted ourselves as a professional learning community (PLC). The concept of the PLC has been active in the education world for more than twenty years, and re-frames schools as learning organizations for both students and the adults in the school. When a school exists as a PLC, you see:

- A collaborative culture;
- Structures that allow educators learn together and hone their practice;
- A focus on school goals that lead to improved learning for all students;
- An ongoing process of reflection and continuous improvement.

If you have visited our school recently,

you will have noticed that we don't have teachers who shut the door to their classroom and teach in isolation. We have been growing a PLC culture where teams of teachers and their principal work, learn, and improve together. In 2017 we had one of the highest proficiency rates in literacy on the state assessment. I am convinced it is due in large part to how we have grown together as a faculty in our understanding and practice of teaching literacy. We want to apply what we have learned with our success in literacy to other areas where we need to grow.

John Hattie has reviewed decades of educational research involving millions of students. He has ranked the practices and conditions that lead to the greatest increase in student achievement. At the very top of the list – the condition that has the most impact on student learning – is collective teacher efficacy. School professionals working together toward common goals, getting better together, is the most important thing

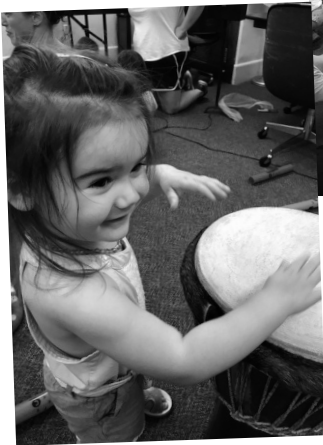
a school can do to benefit students. As a Bowdoinham PLC, this is what we are about.

Our goals for this year are to have more students meeting and exceeding grade level expectations in literacy, and significantly more students achieving expectations in math. On top of that we are committed to fostering the love of learning in our students: providing students more opportunities to read high-interest books, to grow as communicators and problem solvers, and to participate in enrichment opportunities both within and outside the school day (visit enrichbhm.org to learn more).

As a PLC we haven't got it all figured out, but we are committed to continually learning and growing together. Our kids deserve that.

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Bowdoinham Public Library Rocked this Summer!



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Libraries Rock

By Kate Cutko, Library Director

Libraries Rock was the theme for the summer reading program and boy, did ours rock! Jennifer Stonebraker led us in a project inspired by Keith Haring and 80's Hip Hop. Susan Brown organized a wonderful production of Peter and the Wolf with 7 musicians and narrated by Chris LaJoie. Matt Donovan played his electric guitar and we saw old footage of the Beatles. We made instruments out of recycled plastic and old irrigation pipes! We played instruments from all over the globe thanks to David Whittlesey and Zeb Kelley. Thank you to my rockstar volunteers: Joan Knight, Cassandra Hensley, Marlene Hensley and Spencer Coker.



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Community Calendar

September

7th

10th Annual Chicken Run
Community School, 5:30pm

Mainely Improv
Town Hall, 7:30pm

9th

**Celebrate Bowdoinham
Maily Waterfront Park**

15th

BHS Annual Yard Sale, 9am-4pm
The Meeting House

20th

**Waterfront Redevelopment Meeting
Town Hall, 6:00pm**

October

13th & 14th

Maine Craft Weekend
Merrymeeting Arts Center, 10am-4pm

18th

Margaret Chase Smith, a Biography
Kendall Room, 1pm

21st

Water Witch Talk
Merrymeeting Hall, 3pm

28th

Rabies Clinic, 9-11am
Town Hall

Town Board & Committee Meetings

All meetings are open to the public and held in Kendall Room at John C. Coombs Municipal Building, 13 School Street.

Select Board

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of Month at 5:30pm

Planning Board*

4th Thursday of Month at 7:00pm

Comprehensive Planning Committee*

2nd Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

Age Friendly Bowdoinham

2nd Monday of Month at 2:30pm

Community Development Advisory Committee*

1st Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

*Committee has openings for new members.

For a complete listing of events, please visit the Town's Calendar at www.bowdoinham.com/calendar.

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