



As we enter into the winter months and holiday season, I want to wish you and your family a safe, memorable month of celebrating, honoring traditions, and spending time with loved ones. During this time, I'd like to thank all the staff, and families for all they do for this community of learners. I feel blessed to be working here in Wells and have enjoyed getting to know everyone better these past few months. I look forward to an exciting new year filled with new learning, and growth.

~April Noble



November 17th was the first Breakfast of Champions. This event was to honor students who were recognized for demonstrating our core values of respect, responsibility, honesty, trustworthiness or compassion. We will have our next recognition in a few months for additional students who are recognized by staff.



Cheering on our State Champs!

### How do students earn hoot loot?

Purpose of earning Hoot Loot:

- Student shows "above and beyond" expected behavior in the areas of our core values: Honesty, trustworthy, compassion, responsibility and respect.
- Bringing this type of behavior to students attention is a way to recognize and reinforce what we expect as lifelong learners.



Expected behaviors: (not earning hoot loot)

- Walking quietly in the halls
- Working quietly
- Completing assignments
- Handing in homework
- Raising your hand
- Taking care of your own belongings

"Above and Beyond" behaviors that would earn hoot loot:

- Demonstrating any of our core values
- Working with a students who is having a struggle
- Helping someone else in need (fall on playground, picking up books etc)
- Showing expected behaviors when others are not

### Drop off note:

Many families drop their children off in the morning. The flow of traffic is smooth, for the most part, and does not need a lot of supervision. When you arrive at the school, please have your child exit **on the curb side**. A few families are exiting on the road side, and with two lanes of traffic, there is potential for accidents. It is very important NOT to let your children exit on the driver's side of the vehicle. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all families and students safe. *A Reminder that students cannot be dropped off before 8:30. There is no supervision until 8:30. Thank you for your cooperation*

### Winter clothing

Brrrr.....did it get cold fast! Despite the colder weather, students are still arriving to school in shorts and short sleeve shirts. I realize every child's internal temperature runs differently, so I trust that as parents you are monitoring the clothing your child is wearing for outdoor play. We will plan to go outside every day unless it is raining or the wind chill does not allow us to go outside. We will follow the child care weather watch as published on the [Maine.gov](http://Maine.gov) website when making determinations of when to stay inside, but teachers can use their discretion for taking a quick outside break, even on cold days. Please plan for outdoor activity time each day. There is no option for your child to stay inside when others are going out unless it is documented in a doctor's note and provided to our school nurse. If you are in need of support for coats, hats, mittens, or boots, please contact your child's teacher, administration or the school counselor.

