

# **Canaan Elementary School**

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End of the Year Update

**Class award ceremonies will be held in individual classrooms this year.** If your child is going to receive an award, their teacher will contact you and invite you to the classroom ceremony. If you have a question, give your child's teacher a call or an email.

I believe this is a good time to revisit some of the things we have implemented or improved upon this year in Canaan. We are very concerned with the reading, writing and math scores our students receive on local, State, and National Assessments. In an effort to raise these scores and student achievement, we are providing students with 2.5 hours a day of language arts and 1 hour a day working with math. We know this back-to-basics approach is being reinforced at home. Next year we will be a Needs Improvement School and our NECAP Scores must go up.

- Seldon Fitzgerald speech finalists were: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Alexis Washburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Sarah Reichenbach, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Liam Smith
- The sixth grade will be visiting SAM's for a step up day on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:45 p.m. Grades K-5 will be having their step up day the last day of school (June 15<sup>th</sup>) from 10:00-10:30 a.m. This will be a great opportunity to meet next year's teacher and see the classmates they will be having next year.
- Sixth grade promotion will be held on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.
- The Field Day will be held on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Bar Harbor on Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Tessier's class will be having awards and Kindergarten graduation at 9:00 a.m. and Mrs. Foley will hold her ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Last day of school will be Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Students get out at Noon. There will be breakfast served but lunch will not be available. Grades K-5 step up day 10-10:30 a.m.

Teachers have contacted parents concerning the retention or possible retention of students. Parents will be notified of their child's placement for next year via the rank card on June 15<sup>th</sup>, the last day of school.

I would like to extend a personal thank you to the many community volunteers we have at Canaan School. Their efforts are very much appreciated by the Canaan Staff, students, community and the Principal. They have made the students' educational experience much more productive. Canaan Elementary School is a better place because of their efforts. It does take a whole village to raise a child.

If you have a child that you are interested in enrolling in the pre-K classroom, please contact the school for an application.

I would like to thank the people in Canaan for making my ninth year in Canaan so rewarding. Canaan is a great town and we are developing some outstanding young citizens. There are some wonderful things happening at Canaan Elementary School. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you and your children again in 77 days.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Swindells  
Principal