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Principal

Caring is our first commitment!

Welcome to North Elementary! North Elementary is a small, rural school serving about 200 students in kindergarten and grade 1. Primarily, students who attend North Elementary live in the town of Skowhegan. Other children from Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock and Smithfield may also attend with principal approval and with the parent providing transportation. In 2007-08, sixty-three percent of North Elementary families are eligible for Free and Reduced Hot Lunch.

This is the school's first year providing full day programming for kindergarten students. There are six kindergarten classes, three first grade classes, and one multiage class (K/1). North Elementary also has a state of the art program called Functional Life Skills. This program serves students who require more than 60% of their day in a special education setting. Many supports are available to the students and families of North Elementary including: resource room instruction, speech/language therapy, Reading Recovery® instruction, Title I Reading instruction, and social skills training. Through a partnership with Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP), before and after school care is also offered to families.

The teachers at North Elementary School have been teaching for two to thirty years. It is a hard working group who continue to seek ways to improve their instruction and the environment at North Elementary. Classroom teachers are supported by an extremely capable group of specialists including teachers of: art, music, physical education, special education and reading. Paraprofessionals are a part of every classroom at some point in each school day. The support that they provide is an integral part of our instructional program.

Parents are a very important part of the North Elementary community of learners. There is an active group of parent volunteers and Parent Involvement Committee members. These parents support classroom instruction by volunteering their time in the classroom and often through participation in school wide planning and events. Parents and other community members often comment about the positive climate and culture surrounding the students of "North El."

Visitors are always welcome to the school. Due to the safety concerns, please use our main entrance where the office is located. Visitors are asked to announce their arrival, sign in and take a visitor's badge before moving about the building. Feel free to come be a part of the North Elementary Family!

