

Great Salt Bay School

Weekly Bulletin - April 30, 2021

The mission of the Great Salt Bay School is to provide a nurturing, safe and enjoyable environment in which all children are challenged and inspired to pursue excellence in all aspects of their education.

Striving to Be Better Than Our Best!

Calendar Update

May 3 - 7 - National Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4 - Staff Appreciation Day

May 4 - GSB Baseball @ Bristol (3:45)

May 6 - GSB Baseball & Softball vs. Nobleboro (Home - 3:45)

May 6 - PTO Meeting (5:30)

May 26 - K-3 Bike Rodeo

June 15 - 8th Grade Graduation (Time TBD)

June 17 - Last Day of School



GET READY FOR GSB PTO JOG-A-THON!

What is it?

Each grade runs an outdoor course for 15 minutes during the school day and all students participate!

What do you have to do?

Students will bring home sponsorship envelopes about a week before the JOG-A-THON.

Please send back the envelope with donations from friends and family.

When is it?

Tuesday, May 18th (Rain date May 19)

What is it for?

This is THE major fundraiser of the year for the GSB PTO.

Funds support curriculum supplies, school events like the Welcome Back Dinner and Staff Appreciation Day, scholarships, etc.

All money raised by grades K-6 goes to the PTO.

Half of the money raised by the 7th grade goes toward their 8th grade end of year activities and half goes to the PTO.

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For more information, email gsbpto@gmail.com

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month

“Tick Aware and Tick Alert”

10 Steps to Prevent Tick Bites

<https://www.ticksinmaine.com/index.php?page=prevention>

1. **Wear light-colored clothing** so you can see ticks more easily.
2. **Tuck your pant legs into your socks and your shirt into your pants** when walking in woods, brush, or tall grass. Deer ticks attach to clothing and then walk upward.
3. **Use a tick repellent that contains 20%-40% DEET or Picaradin on skin and clothing.** These products include Off[®], Cutter[®], Repel[®], Ultrathon[®] and Natrapel[®]. The American Academy of Pediatrics states that DEET is safe for children, but recommends that lower concentrations (10%) be used, and applied by an adult. Be aware that DEET will dissolve plastics and varnish.
4. **OR pre-treat your clothing** with a product that contains permethrin, such as Permanone[®] or Duranon[®], which both repel and kill ticks and remain effective through several wash cycles. They should be sprayed on clothing only (not skin). Outdoor clothing stores sell pre-treated tick-repellent clothing which remains effective through 70 wash cycles (the life of the garment).
5. **Protect your pets** by using tick repellents, acaricides and Lyme vaccines for dogs as recommended by your vet.
6. **[Do the Tick Check](#)** whenever you've been outdoors! Inspect yourself and [your pets](#) after being outdoors. Ticks often attach in body folds, behind knees, ears, in the pelvic region and on scalps. Showering removes unattached ticks, but not attached ticks.
7. **Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks.**
8. **Use caution in wooded and bushy areas with leaf litter.** Walk in the center of trails.
9. **Avoid introducing ticks to your property.** Don't hang infested deer hides in your back yard!
10. **[Take steps to control ticks](#)** by reducing tick habitat.

Bus Reminder - Drop Off

To ensure the safety of our K - 2 students, our Transportation Policy states:

Students in grades K-2 will not be allowed to depart the bus unless there is a known, visible adult greeting the student. If no known, visible adult is present to greet the student, and attempts to reach the parent through the school by the bus driver have been unsuccessful, the student will be returned to school to await pick up by his/her parent.

EXCEPTION: If the K-2 student is departing the bus with an older sibling/relative in grades 5-8 who is the after school sitter for this student as indicated on the Drop Off Permission form, a known, visible adult greeting the student will not be required.

Parents and guardians are asked to have the “known” adult meet their K - 2 child at the bus stop. Also, if a different adult will be meeting their K-2 child at the bus stop, the school should be notified.