



# JES Monthly



## UPCOMING EVENTS By : Lani Fitzsimmons

- January 1st no school
- January 2nd PTO mtg
- January 3rd. games @Beals
- January 8th school board mtg
- January 9th games @ Cherryfield
- January 12th movie night Prek-3rd
- January 15th. no school
- January 17th home game vs Harrington
- January 18th games@ Fort O Brian
- January 19th 2nd quarter ends movie night 4th-8th grade
- January 22nd home games vs Milbridge
- January 24th games @ Harrington
- January 25th early release
- January 26th. report cards go home
- January 31st. home game vs DWM



## PRE K-2



I asked the Pre K-2 teachers 3 questions on what their plans are, what they are doing for fun this winter and what their students are learning.

Pre k- I asked Mrs. Jessica what fun activities are you going to do with your kids and she said "we're going to put together gingerbread cookies and play with fake snow."

Kindergarten- I asked Mrs. Beal what fun activities are you going to do with your students and she said "We are going to make snowmen and make themselves gingerbread cookies."

First- I asked Miss. Robinson what fun things you are going to do with your kids and she said "We have outdoor school Monday and Friday and we have Christmas stations."

Second- I asked Miss. Tia what fun thing she was going to do with your kids and she said "We have done how to draw and decorate her room and we are doing ornaments Friday."

By:Kassidy Beal



## 3rd-5th News

3rd grade- The 3rd grade teacher said that she had done many fun things with her 3rd graders like making salt dough cookies and scratch off ornaments for her tree in he class.

4th grade-what fun activities have you done she said winter EDGE and they are going to do Christmas rotations.

5th grade-what fun activities have you done she said that they are going to do the rotations to and they are doing a seaweed project

-written by: Lani



## 6-8th Grade News By:Bella

Hey, this is Bella from the 7th grade class and I am here to report what the upper end aka 6-8th grade class room news.

And this is what is happening in Mrs. Carvers class 6th grade is working with fractions, decimals, and percents. Their IXL for this week is ordering fractions, decimals, and percentages.

7th grade is doing scientific notation aswell as - and + exponents. Eighth grade is doing 2 step equations.

Maine history is learning about first people who came to Maine. Algebra 1 is learning about slope pointers formulas.

This is what is happening. The 6th graders just finished the novel Tuck Everlasting and they are gonna start reading a new novel after break. They also are writing fantasy stories . 7th grade just finished Freak the Mighty. In her US History class with 7th grade they are studying the westward expansion. In her journalism class they are just finishing up their winter country essays.

This is what the kids in Mrs. Lyons class.6th,7th,and 8th grade are starting a new chapter about minerals : what they are used for. In her geography class with the 6th graders they are learning about Africa and are gonna read a long walk to water. In tech they are learning about how to use spreadsheets and exoplanets. "



## INTERVIEW WITH THE MUSIC TEACHER

By Khinlei Chandler

I interviewed the music teacher this week and I asked him a few questions. The first question I asked was do you enjoy teaching music? His answer was "Yes." The second question was why did you become a music teacher? He said "I love music so much that I thinks about it a lot, and I love that the kids learn so much."



## GIRLS BALL

By Taya Woods

I asked Khinlei what she thinks the team could work on. She said we could work on attitude, sportsmanship, and teamwork. I asked Reagan the same thing and she said "We need more motivation, however every team needs more of that so we are doing pretty good."

Yesterday 12/20/23 JES girls took the win against Beals Elementary. Both teams did very good.



Ms. Carolyn and her cat.

## My Interview with Ms. Carolyn

By Caroline Carver



A seashell drawing by Ms. Carolyn.

This past week I had the opportunity to interview our new art teacher, Carolyn Sirkin, or most commonly referred to by her students as Ms. Carolyn. Ms. Sirkin grew up just outside of New York City and lived in Brooklyn for many years. She has been teaching art since 1990. Her favorite style of art is ceramics.

I asked her about her favorite art piece she has ever created. She described it as a clay/ceramic piece of a female in a dress running up a staircase and hanging over her arm is a yellow monkey. It sounds creative and fun.

When asked who her favorite artist is, she replied, "do I have to pick one?" A true lover of art she chose: Frida Khalo, Patti Smith, Jean-Michel and Basquiat.

Rural Maine is certainly a change from the cities she has lived in, like Los Angeles and New York City. I asked what she likes/dislikes most about Downeast Maine. She shares the same likes/dislikes as many Mainers in that she likes living by the sea but dislikes the high heating costs that come with New England winters.

Please join me in welcoming her to our school and our community. We are fortunate to have her.



## BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys basketball season started off by playing in a Machias tournament only losing to Elm Street, but winning the tournament! They've done very well, and had a very big win against Milbridge on Tuesday, with over a 10 point win! 3 for 5, only losing to the Cutler, still doing very well.

I interviewed Maddox and asked "What do you think the team needs to improve on?" He responded "There's not a whole lot we need to work on, because we are doing very good, but taking the ball down could use a little work nobody's perfect, and I can admit I do it too."

I think he responded very well to that question. Then I asked him "Do you think you'll win tournaments?" He said "Yes, i'm not trying to sound cocky, but our team has the skills and people to make it all the way." That was a great interview from my point of view and he responded very confidently about his team.

Me personally I love to watch boys basketball because, they get very aggressive and do great things, especially our team! Sadly this year we are losing the 8th graders that means, Anderson, Koben, and Owen won't be here.

-Reagan Robinson



## STUDENT COUNCIL

By: Mrs. Barton

A new student group has been established at JES. Through an election process that included essay writing, peer votes, and teacher recommendations, 9 students were chosen for this first iteration of the JES student council. Student council members made their public debut passing out hot chocolate and greeting families who came to our holiday concert. Members are 8th graders Khinlei Chandler, Taya Woods, And Rozlyn Fenton, 7th graders Reagan Robinson, Caroline Carver, and Isabella Parker, and 6th graders Kassidy Beal, Leena Howard, and Lani Fitzsimmons.