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Principal's Message

Dear Weatherbee Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Weatherbee School, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our school and community. Weatherbee is an exceptional school having earned the national distinction of being a RAMP School and a Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence, Lighthouse School. We are very proud and thankful of the support our school receives from the RSU 22 community. Education at Weatherbee School is designed to meet the needs of each individual student, as they work toward attainment of state and local education standards, develop social skills, and experiment with new areas of learning. To increase the degree of educational success, it is imperative that teachers, families, and administration communicate openly, and frequently concerning the progress of students.

Weatherbee is committed to you and your child. We will work diligently to support the needs of our students and strive to create valuable, positive educational experiences each day. Our partnership and relationship with caregivers is essential to students' success. Our school makes a concerted effort to create and promote a powerful relationship between home and school. The weekly school newsletter (The Weatherbee Weekly) will provide whole school updates and we will continue to offer community events (virtually or in person as safety allows) like Open House, parent/guardian/teacher conferences and informational meetings.

Our school has a proud tradition of academic excellence, and with your help, we will continue to thrive as a dynamic learning community..

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cyr

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Principal

What Makes Weatherbee Special?

Weatherbee School is a community of approximately 280 students in grades three, four and five. There are 13 classrooms (currently four in grade 3, five in grade 4 and four in grade 5). In order to satisfy individual needs and interests, specialized instruction is available in academic interventions. Settings that accommodate these needs extend from the general classroom to small group instruction as well as club activities. The Gifted and Talented Program, Library, Art, Music, SEAL (Social Emotional Academic Learning), Technology and Physical Education are also provided. Weatherbee has a Lit Lab as tier II academic services for identified students. We also offer special education programs and a full time school counseling program.

Weatherbee School is a caring community dedicated to providing an appropriate space in which all members learn and grow together. We strive toward excellence, demonstrate best effort, display mutual respect, foster a spirit of trust and understand that learning is an exciting and an essential part of being.

Weatherbee School has a clearly defined School Safety Protocol, which is reviewed frequently by its School Safety Committee. The School Safety Protocol also includes fire drills, shelter in place, intruder in the school, weapon on campus and fuel line, waterline, sewer line break procedures.

Purpose of Student/Parent/Guardian Handbook

The purpose of the Weatherbee School Student-Parent Handbook is to inform students, parents, school staff and community members regarding procedures, expectations and policies. The handbook will reference several current School Board Policies. Please contact the school office should you need clarification on any components included in this handbook.

If you wish to review the policies set by the school board, please visit our website, www.rsu22.us. Click on the Board of Directors link and select District Policies.

IMPORTANT

If there is a conflict between the Weatherbee School Student-Parent Handbook (School Procedures) and Policy (School Board), the policy will be the governing factor.

MISSION STATEMENT

All Weatherbee School staff ARE committed to joining students, parents and community in providing a safe, positive and challenging learning environment, which enables all students to reach their individual potential.

VISION: RSU 22 is committed to the optimal learning of all students. To achieve our mission we are further committed to:

- ...fostering and modeling a love of learning

- ...developing self-reliant, creative, and responsible citizens
- ...providing the necessary resources
- ...creating a community of respect and caring

RSU22 Belief Statement: Education enables all students to learn the skills, acquire the knowledge, and develop the attitudes necessary for them to reach their potential as citizens who can meet the challenges of a changing global society. We believe that:

- All citizens in our communities share the responsibility to educate our children and themselves,
- Our schools are community support systems and should welcome and encourage all members of our communities to participate, and
- Our schools will have a supportive and empowering atmosphere for all students and community members.

Attendance

Each student's school attendance record is very important. Our school's average daily attendance is 97%. This figure is monitored annually by the federal government for compliance with NCLB Law. Children form habits at an early age. Therefore, it is important that they attend school regularly.

If your child has a fever or has been sick during the night or before leaving for school, please keep your child home. Parents are required to call the school office at 862-3254 or email wboffice@rsu22.us, notifying us that your child will not be in attendance that day and why. School policy stipulates that we contact the parent if a child is absent and the school has not been notified and/or has not been provided with a reason. If we do not receive communication regarding a child's absence it is automatically unexcused.

On the day your child returns to school after an absence, a temperature check will be mandatory upon return.

The following are acceptable excuses for pupil absence:

- A. Personal illness
- B. Appointments with health professionals that cannot be made outside of the regular school day.
- C. Observances of recognized religious holidays when the observance is required during a regular school day.
- D. Emergency family situations.
- E. Planned absence for personal or educational purposes which has been approved in advance.*

* Please note: Prior approval for personal/educational absence that exceeds 4 days must be given by the building principal. Parents are required to complete a "Planned Absence Approval Form" prior to the absence. Parents are asked to contact the school office, and the classroom teacher, notifying them of the

student's pending absence. Reasonable time (a minimum of three school days) is needed to prepare schoolwork requested prior to the planned absences.

A student in our school is considered truant if he/she has the equivalent of **7 full days of unexcused absences or 5 consecutive school days of unexcused absences during the school year**. Parents will be notified with a written notice. We may request a meeting to address this issue if truancy continues to be a problem.

Important: *The doors to Weatherbee School open at 8:30 a.m. Morning announcements promptly start at 8:50 a.m. It helps the child tremendously if they arrive closer to 8:30 a.m. than 8:50 a.m. to prepare them to start their day promptly. Students arriving after 8:50 a.m. are tardy. If your child needs to be tardy the expectation is that you escort your child into the building and sign them in. This procedure will help us document excused vs. unexcused tardies.*

Birthday Party Invitation Policy

Birthday parties are one of the highlights of childhood – for both the celebrant and the guest. However, there are few of us that can invite an entire class to a birthday party or accommodate 25 plus children in our homes. There are inevitably some children who get left out. This is often followed by hurt feelings, envy, and tears. Just as we try and shelter your children from other uncomfortable social situations such as taunting and put downs, we try and buffer them from situations that make them feel excluded because as children they are often unable to understand adult realities.

Birthdays or other party invitations may be handed out at school ONLY if all students in the classroom are invited. Prior permission must be given by the classroom teacher. If you plan an after school party at your home, please be aware that buses may be full and unable to transport additional students. Permission from the bus company must be ascertained at 862-3984.

We ask for your help in this matter by not sending any birthday invitations to be passed out at school, at recess, or on the way home. Please mail them, hand deliver them to the friend's home, or make phone invitations. If you choose to invite the entire class you may have your child distribute invitations at school.

Busing

R.S.U. # 22 has contracted with Cyr Bus Company to transport students. Their office is located adjacent to Weatherbee School, and the phone number is **862-3984**. Your child may receive special permission to ride to school on the Reeds Brook bus if invited to participate in a Weatherbee program that is held in the morning.

Cancellation of School

Cancellation of school takes place only during circumstances such as extreme weather, power failure or public crisis. The Board of Directors and Administration are aware of the hardship which can be caused by an abrupt cancellation. Therefore, school will not be canceled unless a significant safety risk has been determined. Every practical means is used to notify parents in a timely manner of a cancellation, including radio, television, Facebook and the School Messenger Instant Alert System.

Cell Phones & Other Technology That Allows Calling or Texting

Cell phones should be kept in the student's backpack during the school day. **Students who need to contact parents during the school day must make their calls through the school phones.** Cell phones or other technology devices (iWatches, fitness tracker or other devices) **being used inappropriately** (making calls, checking and sending texts, taking pictures) during school hours will be subject to the following guidelines:

- 1. First offense – Phone/device confiscated and returned to student at the end of the day. Parent is contacted.**
- 2. Second offense – Phone/device confiscated and returned to the parent upon parent request.**
- 3. Third offense-Student loses privilege to have the device at school.**

Classroom Visitors:

For the safety and protection of our students, all visitors to our building must enter the main entrance and check in at the office. All entrances to the building will be locked during school hours. The school policy is to accept only those visitors who have legitimate business at the school. You will need to sign our visitor's log and acquire a visitor's pass. Upon exiting the school, please sign-out in the office and drop off your visitor's pass. Parents wishing to speak to staff members should first email staff to schedule a time to meet during a non-instructional time.

Code of Conduct

Adopted by the RSU #22 Board of Directors on September 3, 2003; updated May, 2022

The Student Code of Conduct applies to students who are on school property, who are in attendance at school or at any school-sponsored activity, or whose conduct at any time or place directly interferes with

the operations, discipline, or general welfare of the school. The Code of Conduct document can be viewed at <http://www.rsu22.us/about/code-of-conduct/>

The Student Conduct Policy may also apply to the following policies available on the RSU district policy page:

- JKE-R Expulsion of Students
- JICIA Weapons, Violence and School Safety
- JICK Bullying
- JK Student Discipline
- JKD Suspension of Students
- JKF Disciplinary Removal of Students With Disabilities

Communications and Notices

A special area for notices and other communication is set up in the main entryway to our school. Public notices/announcements and handouts must first be approved by the Superintendent of Schools. All notices and communication must also receive prior approval from our school principal.

Frequent communication between home and school is key to student success in school. Teachers and parents are encouraged to communicate with each other frequently in the following ways:

- Telephone
- E-mail
- Notes and letters
- Scheduled conferences and meetings

It is important that teachers not be interrupted during instructional time. We request that you leave a voicemail message when calling to speak to a specific teacher. Or, we encourage you to email the teacher.

Please regularly check out the school website (<http://weatherbee.rsu22.us/>) for current information and a copy of the latest school newsletter.

If your child's long-term before or after school plan changes, you must contact Cyr Bus to make arrangements as well as contact WB Office at wboffice@rsu22.us. ***We ask that communication to WB Office is sent by 2:00pm to ensure safe communication for after school plans.***

Conferences

Scheduled Parent/Teacher Conferences occur once during the school year, usually in mid- November. Parents may select a conference appointment via online sign up, or by calling the school office directly. These conferences will be virtual.

Some parents are hesitant about participating in conferences, but our teachers can do a much better job if they can share their understanding of the student directly with the parent(s). It is not necessary to wait for the regular conference time if a parent has a special concern. Remember, parent conferences are encouraged and can be arranged at any time during the school year. Face to face conversation regarding students' progress serves students well.

Contact Information Sheet

On the first day of school, student contact information sheets will be sent home. This form needs to be completed and verified for accuracy. Returning the form signed promptly and completely is **extremely important**. Please help us by making sure all telephone numbers and addresses are accurate and clearly written. Should information change throughout the year, please notify us immediately.

Custody

If there is a court order that relates to the custody of your child, his or her residency education placement or restraining orders, please provide a copy to the office so that it can be included in your child's file. In the case of shared custody, we are obligated to provide information to both parents. The principal, teacher or staff member has the authority to deny the release of students to unauthorized or unknown persons. If you have a particular concern about your child's privacy, please contact the principal.

Drug and Alcohol Use by Students

Drug and/or alcohol use by students is unacceptable and the school adheres to School Board Policy which includes presentation/education, intervention and discipline. School staff will follow the identified policy should drug and/or alcohol use become a question at the school.

Food Services

A lunch program is provided for all children attending Weatherbee School, breakfast is also available. Students sign up for lunch and milk with their classroom teacher each morning. Each school in our district has an electronic Point of Service meal payment system – NUTRIKIDS. Please see myschoolbucks.com for details. **This year, breakfast and lunch are free for all students.**

Each student has an ID number or PIN (personal identification number) which stays with the student until he/she graduates. Students at Weatherbee School enter their PIN each time they go through the lunch or breakfast line. PINs should be kept confidential. Thank you for your support and feel free to contact Kathy Kittridge at kkittridge@rsu22.us or 862-3543 with questions or concerns.

Fundraising Activities

All Weatherbee School fundraising activities must be approved by the building principal first and superintendent second. A Fundraiser Form may be obtained from the school office.

Harassment / Hazing

Weatherbee School recognizes the right to each student to perform in an atmosphere which is free of harassment/hazing. Please note the R.S.U. #22 hazing statement below:

Hazing is defined as “any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health of a student.”

Hazing behavior is unacceptable at Weatherbee School.

Health Office and Medications

The medication needs of children are monitored by the school nurse. Weatherbee School has three additional staff members who may administer medication daily: a part-time health aide and two administrative assistants. Medication administration is regulated by district policy. Medications are given in school only when medically necessary, and must be in the original/prescription container accompanied by a permission slip signed by the doctor and parent. Parents are responsible for transporting medication to and from school.

The school nurse is assigned to Weatherbee School three days each week. The nurse maintains health records, performs yearly vision and hearing checks on all 3rd and 5th graders, and addresses plans for children with medical needs. She also oversees first aid, immunization compliance and medication administration and other functions of the health office.

All students in public schools must be properly immunized by state law. The school nurse contacts all parents/guardians of students who do not have documentation of required immunizations.

Homework

Homework is a way of reinforcing and enriching the concepts we learn in school each day. Your child will be assigned homework on a regular basis. Homework should provide extra practice on learned skills; provide an opportunity for students to learn good work habits, provide an opportunity for growth in responsibility and to provide parents with an opportunity to see what their child is learning and how well he or she is doing. It is important for students and parents to understand that make-up work cannot replicate classroom instructions.

Insurance

School insurance is available to all students. A packet will be available for each student during the first week of school in the fall. The purchase of this program is optional. Completed insurance forms are returned to the insurance carrier who supplies the school with a list of insured. The school does not pay medical bills of children who are injured in an accident at school.

Lost and Found

All lost and found items should be brought to the area outside of the gym. If a student loses an item, he or she should check in the lost and found. We recommend you mark items with the owner's name in an easily visible location. Periodically, unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Newsletters

The Weatherbee School Website (<http://weatherbee.rsu22.us/>) is an amazing place to find all the information you need to help you navigate the world at Weatherbee School. There is a school calendar, Electronic Backpack, link to the Weatherbee Weekly (weekly newsletter), links to teacher websites and much more.

Community Flyers and events will be uploaded to the Community Event's Folder and/or the electronic backpack on our website. This allows families access information that is lost or misplaced. Paper copies are available upon request.

The Weatherbee Weekly is published each Friday. On Fridays, an email from the Weatherbee Office is sent to the primary and secondary person on the student's contact sheet.

Nuisance or Educational Distraction Items

Education distractions or nuisance items are discouraged. Examples of these distractions are trading cards, music devices, hand-held games, electronic devices, Fidget Spinners, Stuffed animals etc.

Parties/Food Items

No food will be allowed to be sent in for sharing. R.S.U. #22 does not accept unsolicited food items at school (i.e., birthday cupcakes). This is to better manage our district's wellness policy guidelines, food allergy safety and to prioritize non-food* rewards and treats. (*Regarding birthdays, Weatherbee School announces each student's birthday.) Rest assured, that we recognize how special this day is to our children and reach out to give them this special recognition.

We sincerely appreciate your efforts to support our policies and to understand our rationale for implementing them.

Playground Rules & Cold Weather Guidelines Supervision

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise and time spent outside affords students an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom. However, there are times when it is not safe for children to be outdoors.

When properly clothed, elementary school-aged children can participate in safe, vigorous play in an outdoor environment in most weather conditions. Increased caution is necessary during temperatures less than 0 degrees Fahrenheit. Children have a greater body surface area to weight ratio than adults and 50% of heat loss may occur from head and hands. Hypothermia results when the rate of the body's heat loss is greater than the body's rate of producing heat. Temperature plus wind velocity, or wind chill,

is a prominent factor in determining cold weather safety. As the speed of the wind increases, it carries heat away from the body quicker. The younger the child the less physical adaptive reactions they have to cold stress.

Therefore, when the outdoor temperature is zero or higher and the wind chill factor is zero or higher five minutes before scheduled recess (on The Weather Channel for Hampden, ME), children will be allowed to play outdoors with adult supervision for an appropriate length of time. Children should arrive at school adequately dressed with warm clothing (snow)pants, hats, scarfs, mittens/gloves and boots. Also, students go outside in drizzly weather and water repellent jackets can be a good idea. We keep minimal extra outside clothing for students at school. Please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the upcoming weather when they leave home in the morning.

Three adults are on the playground during the regularly scheduled lunch recess. The playground is not supervised after school and students are expected to leave for home immediately following dismissal. For the safety of all children, strict standards have been established that must be followed by everyone. Each class reads and discusses the playground rules.

- All students must stay on the playground and in view of the duty teachers.
- No throwing rocks, wood-chips, snow or ice.
- Report injuries to the duty teacher.
- Walk to and from the playground.
- Students are encouraged “to solve problems by talking them out” before involving the duty teacher.
- Solving problems in a “physical manner” (i.e., punching, kicking, shoving, fighting) is strictly forbidden.
- Refrain from eating on the playground.
- Rough play that may result in bodily injury or torn clothing is prohibited.
- “Chasing games or other physical games” are at the discretion of the duty teachers.
- Students are expected to use the creative playground appropriately: including using the swings for swinging, the slides for sliding, etc.

Toys: **We ask that toys be left at home.** Electronic games and virtual reality games are only permissible on bus rides to and from school. Baseball bats and baseballs are prohibited.

A typical consequence for inappropriate behavior on the playground is loss of recess time. Students will be asked to reflect quietly away from peers. Students who have lost their recess privilege will stay in the office during recess.

Promotions/Retention

Promotions and retentions are based on an evaluation of academic, physical, social and emotional growth. The primary reasons for considering retention are:

- Academic readiness for the next grade level.
- Social immaturity.
- Frequent or long absences.

Promotion/retention meetings are scheduled with parents in May and early June. Parental involvement and support is necessary in any retention decision.

Restorative Practices

Weatherbee School classrooms are warm, lively, spontaneous, yet orderly environments for students to grow and learn. Teachers model the behaviors they expect from students and work to build a strong relationship and respectful learning community in their classrooms. Consistent, fair approaches to classroom and management and sensitivity to individual needs are components of the disciplinary system. (See Positive Behavior Matrix below)

	ALL SETTINGS	CLASSROOM	HALLWAY	BATHROOM	LUNCH ROOM	RECESS	BUS	TECHNOLOGY	ARRIVAL/ DISMISSAL
CARING	- INCLUDE OTHERS - CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES - UNDERSTAND OTHERS' FEELINGS	- ACCEPT AND OFFER HELP - USE CARING WORDS	- ACKNOWLEDGE OTHERS SILENTLY	- CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF	- WAIT PATIENTLY	- TAKE TURNS - CHECK IN WITH OTHERS	- WAIT YOUR TURN	- CLEAN YOUR DEVICE	- HELP OTHERS
ALWAYS RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE	- FOLLOW DIRECTIONS THE FIRST TIME - USE YOUR MANNERS	- LISTEN TO THE SPEAKER - USE SCHOOL PROPERTY APPROPRIATELY	- MOVE QUIETLY AND CALMLY - KEEP THE FLOORS AND WALLS CLEAN	- RESPECT OTHER'S PRIVACY - FLUSH THE TOILET	- KEEP YOUR AREA CLEAN - PICK UP AFTER YOURSELF	- PLAY BY THE RULES - RETURN TO CLASS READY TO WORK	- LISTEN TO THE DRIVER AND ADULTS - KEEP YOUR BELONGINGS WITH YOU	- CHARGE YOUR DEVICE EVERY DAY - STAY ON APPROPRIATE SITES	- LISTEN TO ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DUTY TEACHERS
TRUTHFUL	- TELL THE TRUTH - REPORT ISSUES TO AN ADULT - OWN YOUR ACTIONS	- BE A MODEL FOR OTHER STUDENTS - ADVOCATE FOR YOUR LEARNING	- TRAVEL TO WHERE YOU HAVE PERMISSION	- TAKE CARE OF YOUR BUSINESS	- GET PERMISSION BEFORE LEAVING YOUR TABLE	- REPORT ANY PROBLEMS TO THE DUTY TEACHER	- FOLLOW THE BUS SOPS	- KEEP YOUR INFORMATION PRIVATE	- GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR DESTINATION
SAFE	- WALK - WEAR A MASK - KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF - MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCE	- KEEP YOUR SPACE ORGANIZED	- WALK ON THE RIGHT	- WASH YOUR HANDS	- STAY IN YOUR SEAT - KEEP THE CONVERSATION AT YOUR TABLE	- USE EQUIPMENT CORRECTLY - WASH/SANITIZE BEFORE AND AFTER	- STAY IN YOUR SEAT - FACE FORWARD - WEAR A MASK	- CLOSE DEVICE AND CARRY IT WITH TWO HANDS	- WALK - STAY IN YOUR OWN SPACE
VOICE LEVEL		1-2	0-1	0-1	1-2	2-3	0-1		0-1

The Weatherbee Way is our behavior standards, based on mutual respect and trust for one's self and others. Inappropriate behaviors are handled in a positive and consistent manner. Teachers have the

authority and responsibility to maintain discipline in the classroom. When a student is having a problem the teacher may: have the student do a written reflection, conference with the student, conference with the parent(s), use classroom disciplinary procedures, or refer the situation directly to the principal. There are several behaviors that warrant automatic office referral including hitting, pushing down, kicking, spitting, biting, violent play, inappropriate touch, threatening, taking others property, sexual comments, defacing property, defiance, refusal to work and aggression towards staff. Our approach to behavior at Weatherbee is restorative. This means that we focus on the harm done and how to repair the situation. A structure we use to facilitate this process is a circle. We believe students are learning and that behavior is an important component of their social and emotional experience. When possible, we use restorative processes to come together to discuss what happened and help students make it right with the affected students. This approach invests in a long-term resolution. True justice occurs when students can own their behavior and make it right with the affected party.

Students may lose a privilege or be assigned restorative recess or detention. This is for those students with undesirable patterns of attendance, tardiness or conduct, as well as other disciplinary problems.

Significant behavioral infractions of the Student Conduct Policy (JKE-R) may require suspension (in-school or out-of-school). Students whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the instructional process at the discretion of the school administrator may be immediately removed from school. In such cases, the notice of charges, explanation of evidence, and the student's opportunity to present his/her/their version of the incident, shall be arranged as soon as practical after removal of the student from school. Per policy, parents will be contacted prior to scheduling the suspension.. [The Student Code of Conduct aligned to the following policies available on the RSU 22 district policy page:](#)

[JKE-R Expulsion of Students](#)

[JICIA Weapons, Violence and School Safety](#)

[JICK Bullying](#)

[JK Student Discipline](#)

[JKD Suspension of Students](#)

[JKF Disciplinary Removal of Students With Disabilities](#)

School Dress

Weatherbee School administration recognizes that the primary responsibility for the dress and appearance of students rests with the individual students and their caregivers. Clothing choices should be appropriate for an academic work environment, and not create a disruptive influence on the educational setting or affect the health or safety of others. The determination of what is or is not disruptive is an administrative decision.

Students are encouraged to use sound judgment and reflect respect for themselves and others in dress and grooming. In keeping with the beliefs of Weatherbee that teaching respect and fostering pride are important components of education, the following restrictions on dress shall be enforced:

- Articles that promote or encourage the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco are prohibited. According to district policy, “Articles of clothing that are sexual, vulgar, lewd or indecent or include insulting words (e.g., racial/ethnic slurs), are prohibited.”
- Clothing may not be revealing (for example, tops that reveal the midriff or cleavage; clothing or sheer fabrics that expose underwear or private body parts; revealing rips and tears; and skirts and any shorts worn that are less than mid-thigh length).
- Tank top straps are required to be one (1) inch wide. If they are less, a shirt will be required underneath.
- Clothing and hairstyles must allow for full participation in all aspects of the school program.
- Apparel, jewelry, makeup or footwear that present a safety concern or affect the orderly operation of the school may be prohibited.

If a student is not dressed appropriately for school, the student will be required to call home for a change of clothing or will be provided other clothes by the school.

The dress code is designed to create and maintain a learning environment. It is not a commentary on the taste, style, or parents’ style of dress. Many people may dress differently outside of the school; that is fine, but these are the Weatherbee School’s expectations at school and school functions.

Testing Programs

- NWEA | Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Computer based assessments given at each grade level three times per year: September, January & May.
- Fountas & Pinnell (F&P) | Fluency screenings are given three times a year at all grade levels: September, January & June.
- Fall Writing Prompt | given to all students.
- Spring State Testing for grades 3-5 (NWEA Reading, Math, & Language Usage)
- MEA Science | Grade 5 only in May.
- NAEP * | National Assessment of Education Progress. This test is completed as required by the federal government. Generally, Weatherbee participates every other year at the fourth grade level.

Visitors/Volunteers

Volunteerism is encouraged at Weatherbee School. We offer a variety of options for volunteers. Per policy, volunteers are required to complete a registration sheet and submit references and a copy of a current Maine Driver’s License. R.S.U. #22 will check your background through the public criminal history records check.

All volunteers must adhere to FERPA. The **Family Rights and Privacy Act** (FERPA) protects the confidentiality of information about students. This act makes it very clear that academic, behavioral, or any other information cannot be discussed or shared in writing without parental permission.

As a volunteer on a field trip, in the classroom, or on the playground you might observe or hear things about students which fall under the protection of the Family Rights and Privacy Act. We expect that you don't or won't discuss information you may hear with any other volunteer, parent or person outside of the school. If you feel that it is necessary, you can pass the information along to the student's teacher.

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