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KATAHDIN LEARNING PROJECT NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION IS TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO ENGAGE IN LEARNING WITH THE COMMUNITY THROUGH REAL PROJECTS IN NATURE AND THE COMMUNITIES OF THE KATAHDIN REGION.

KATAHDIN STUDENTS PARTNER WITH PATTEN WOMEN’S CLUB

Mrs. CariLynn Hanson and her junior high students worked with the Patten Women’s Club to solve a community problem. Students gathered information about the use of lumens in the Patten Academy Park in order to address the need for safer lighting, which would result in additional park usage in this special community space. Students not only collected information, they presented it to the town of Patten in order to further their project and solve the problem.



PROMOTING MENTORSHIP IN KATAHDIN WOODS AND WATERS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Katahdin High School students assisted elementary students on a ski trip into the monument. Prior to the trip, students taught first graders about Leave No Trace ethics, mammals of the area, and how to practice safety and skill when utilizing skis. Students plan to come together to write op-eds about their experience for local newspapers.

CLIMATE CHANGE INSTITUTE VISITS SCHOOLS

Laura Hartman, a University of Maine graduate student in the Climate Change Institute and School of Earth and Climate Science, has made several visits to 6th grade at Katahdin Elementary School. During her visits, Ms. Hartman spoke to the class about rocks, volcanoes and rivers. She discussed fossils and how they are formed. She also brought rocks and shared interesting pictures with students.



NATURE EXPLORATION ASSISTS WRITING CURRICULUM

Ms. Lynda Kinson and her second grade students at Katahdin Elementary School have been integrating snowshoeing experiences with writing. Students snowshoed weekly on school property and documented their walks through the use of iPads. Then, students wrote personal narratives about snowshoeing. Students also wrote informational texts about snowshoes. To conclude their winter's work students created their own iMovie documenting individual discoveries.



MEDWAY SCHOOLS CONTINUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROJECT

Junior high students at the Medway Middle School continue to work on the Medway Historical Society project through a service learning fundraiser. Mrs. Alyssa Dickinson, Ms. Dawn Pray, mentors and students staffed to represent the project while community members came together to show support.

CASCO BAY HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS UP WITH KATAHDIN REGION STUDENTS FOR SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS

Two schools came together to learn about the Katahdin Region and complete a number of service learning projects. Together they completed projects that benefited the region and also provided valuable learning opportunities. Students plan to create an annual event that would work to accomplish similar tasks in the coming years.

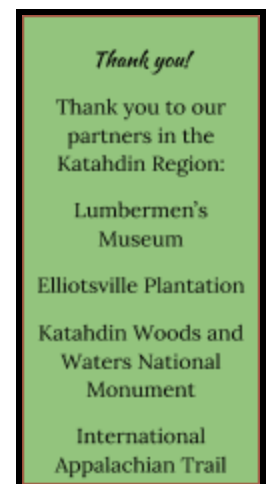


UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 28- PARK TO EVERY CLASSROOM TRAINING AT BRYANT POND

MAY 19- FIDDLERS AND FIDDLEHEAD FESTIVAL IN PATTEN, MAINE

JUNE 21 & 22- KATAHDIN LEARNING PROJECT TEACHER CAMP AT NEOC



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