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To: Families and staff of SU #69
From: Kate Clark, Superintendent of Schools
Re: Holiday Safeguards

Hello Everyone,

As we come to our winter break, I would like to wish everyone laughter and fun this holiday season and best wishes for a happy New Year!

Even while we enjoy time with families and friends, we know we are not done yet with our safety protocols and our extreme reliance on one another to fight this pandemic. With cases continuing to rise, I would be remiss if I did not address the caution needed to keep schools open after the break. Please read this important reminder and keep it on file in case you need any of the resources below.

- As you know, the safest way to celebrate is in person with your immediate family and with friends and other family members electronically.
- This link will take you to United States CDC's recommendations for safe holiday activities: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>
- Here is the link to Maine's travel restrictions, please note that NH and Vermont are the only states to which we can travel without a quarantine: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/travel.shtml>
- In the event that you cannot follow these recommendations, please err on the side of caution and quarantine before returning to school or sending your child(ren) to school after break.
- If you have any questions or you wonder whether or not you should quarantine, email your school nurse or principal. Even over the break, we would want to work with you to brainstorm solutions if you find yourself questioning your situation.
- Alternatively, you could reach out to the Central Office. The office will be open 8am-4pm on December 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 and until 11:30 on December 31st. 207-763-3818.

We are so lucky to live in this beautiful corner of the world, where there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors! Here are some links to some activities that might be of interest to you, and could perhaps be safer alternatives to in person gatherings (this is just my research, not meant to be an exhaustive list or a sponsorship of any specific business):

- Maine Coast Heritage Trust: <https://www.mcht.org/>
- Camden State Park: https://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/trail_activities/camden_trail_conditions.shtml
- Camden Snow Bowl: <https://www.camdensnowbowl.com/>
- Boothbay Botanical Gardens Driving Tour: <https://www.mainegardens.org/events-exhibits/gardens-aglow/>

See you next year!

Kate