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## Area schools prepare to start new year

Summer vacation is coming to a close, and it's time for Washington County and Charlotte County students to start the new school year. Area schools will be opening on the following dates.

Bay Ridge Elementary School students in Cutler begin classes on Tuesday, September 4.

The students at Beatrice Rafferty School in Pleasant Point will be returning to class on Wednesday, August 29.

All of the students through Grade 9 will be going back to school in Calais on Wednesday, August 29, and the sophomore, junior and senior classes at Calais High School the next day, Thursday, August 30.

Half of the Campobello Island Consolidated School kindergartners, as well as students in grades 1 to 5, begin classes on Tuesday, September 4, and the other half of the Kindergarten class starts on Wednesday, September 5, while the rest of the students will begin on September 6.

The students at Charlotte Elementary School begin the new year on Wednesday, August 29.

Half of the Deer Island Community School kindergartners, as well as students in grades 1 to 5, return to school on Tuesday, September 4, and the other half of the

Kindergarten class on Wednesday, September 5, while the rest of the students start school on Thursday, September 6.

Students at the Elm Street School in East Machias go back to class on Tuesday, September 4.

Eastport Elementary School's first student day is Wednesday, August 29. Freshmen at Shead High School also start that day, while upperclassmen go back to class on Thursday, August 30.

Students at the Edmunds Consolidated School return to class on Wednesday, August 29.

Half of the Grand Manan Community School kindergartners, as well as students in grades 1 through 5, start school on Tuesday, September 4, and the other half of the Kindergarten class on Wednesday, September 5, while the rest of the students start on Thursday, September 6.

The Lubec Consolidated School students go back to school on Tuesday, September 4.

Freshmen at Machias Memorial High School start the school year on Tuesday, September 4, and the rest of the school on Wednesday, September 5. Rose M. Gaffney School in Machias starts the school year on Tuesday, September 4.

The Fort O'Brien School in Machiasport will reopen on Tuesday, September 4.

Pembroke Elementary School students go back to school on Tuesday, September 4, and that day 4 is also the first day of the school year at Perry Elementary School.

The first day of school for freshmen and new students at Washington Academy in East Machias is Tuesday, September 4. Students in grades 10, 11 and 12 return to class on Wednesday, September 5.

Whiting Village School students start class on Tuesday, September 4.

Students in Woodland Elementary School and Woodland Junior/Senior High School begin classes on Wednesday, August 29.

## School to pilot arts integration program

by Quinn Sluzenski

On August 21 Eastport Elementary School teachers began a two-day arts integration training. Following the passing of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act in 2015, schools across the nation have worked to use the arts in all classrooms in order to improve educational outcomes. However, no schools in Maine have developed a full arts integration program. The Maine Alliance for Arts Education is working with Eastport Elementary School teachers and administration to create a pilot program for arts integration in the state.

Susan Potters, executive director of the Maine Alliance for Arts Education, explained during a press conference that the goal of this program is twofold: to improve academic grades and to foster engaged and empowered students. She mentioned that studies suggest that using arts in academics, not just in an art class but integrated with math, literature and other subjects, improves learning outcomes for struggling students. A much greater focus than grades is the hope that this program will help develop community and love of learning in students. Potters expressed that, for arts integration, "engagement means empowering them that they can have ideas and use those ideas to

access what is unique about them. ... Students can welcome each other with everyone welcome at the table, because everyone brings something unique."

Principal Paul Theriault pushed back against the goal of improving grades at all, arguing that it distracts from the more important focus on the uniqueness and worth of students. Potters agreed that the primary target needs to be about individuality and engagement.

Over the two days of training, Eastport teachers engaged with each other and teaching artists from the Maine Alliance for Arts Education to learn about approaches for integrating the arts into their particular subjects. The training had the teachers learning about activities and strategies through participating in hands-on exercises they may use in the classroom.

At the start of the training, Potters expressed gratitude to the administration and teachers of Eastport Elementary School for being so willing to embrace this new program.

Both Eastport faculty and the Maine Alliance for Arts Education representatives expressed optimism about what arts integration will be able to do for the students in Eastport and eventually schools all over Maine.

## CONFEDERATE FLAG (from page 1)

However, because the port authority is a quasi-municipal entity, the inner basin is considered by many to represent the city.

At the council meeting, Zeigler read a statement outlining the number of Maine and Eastport lives lost in the Civil War while they were fighting to preserve the union and end the enslavement of people. "Flying the flag," she read, "is a painful reminder that many people still believe in white supremacy, and it is a means to intimidate and terrorize non-whites." The resolution stated, "The Confederate flag does not represent the good people of Eastport, Maine."

Bradbury said that she wholeheartedly supports the resolution and that it would be wise for the city to distance itself from such a hateful symbol.

Councillor Rocky Archer, however, disagreed, stating that both he and his son have Confederate flags. "I do not take offense at that flag." He pointed to pirate flags and the harmful history of pirates. "Some people find Canadian flags offensive," Archer said.

Archer then mentioned that taking away the right to fly the flag would be just one more right taken away.

Bradbury responded that his white privilege was revealing itself. "You can stand as clearly as you want to on the wrong side of history," she told him, and then stressed that the resolution in no way takes away his right to fly the flag on his private property but rather states that as elected officials the city does not support the flag as a symbol.

The vote on the resolution was a tie, with Bradbury and council President Gilbert Murphy in favor of it and Emery and Archer opposed. With the tie vote the resolution failed to pass.

Councillor Shannon Emery was not present. Murphy explained that she is now working in Bangor and has not submitted her resignation or discussed her plans as an elected official. Councillors need to miss three consecutive regular meetings to be removed from their position.

### Barbecue take-out eyed for Quoddy Village

Quoddy Village may have a barbecue take-out if the owner, Jo Sutton, can find a location for her business, Rob's Backyard Bar-B-Q. While the council granted her a victualer's license, the current location of her take-out is in a residential only area. Code Enforcement Officer Robert Scott explained that the business has to be located in a different zone unless there is a zoning change. If Sutton wants to operate at her current location, across the street

from the former Grossman's site, she would need to file an application for change of zone with the planning board. A public hearing would need to be held, with the planning board making a recommendation to the council,

which would then vote on whether to change the zone or not.

Bradbury summarized for Sutton by saying that the granting of the victualer's license would allow her to operate in a different location while the request for zoning change went through the process. Sutton said that she had filed such paperwork, but Robert Scott replied that he had not received it. The council voted unanimously in favor of granting the victualer license.

### Sale of former city hall approved

The council approved the sale of the former city hall building at 78 High Street for a drastically lower price than its \$98,000 listed price. Bradbury was the lone dissenting vote to the prospective buyer's offer of \$45,000. She noted that the city had gotten into some "tricky situations" in the past with real estate transactions and suggested putting it back out for sale with a listing price closer to the \$45,000 amount. "I think many people would be interested" if they knew it were half the current asking price, she said. "It would make an equal playing field." Murphy, Emery and Archer disagreed.

In other business the council voted to amend the city charter to conform with a change in state requirements to the deadline for nomination papers.

Council meetings will be held in the Shead High School band room on the first floor rather than in the second-floor library.

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**City Councillor Rocky Archer**

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