



FAIRMOUNT NEWSLETTER

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The Tale of the Salmon

By news reporter David R.

Since December, the 4th grade students of Fairmount School have been taking care of salmon. There are 400 eggs in two tanks. They are doing this so salmon will return to the Kenduskeag Stream.

Mr. Legere is in charge of this project. He arranges for the salmon to be brought to Fairmount every year. The salmon will be released in May into the Kenduskeag Stream. At this point they will be fry.

When asked about the salmon project, 4th grade teacher Mrs. Schmick says, "It's very exciting to see it happen before your eyes. Reading it in a book, even though Come Back, Salmon was a great book, it isn't the same as seeing it happen for real."

Many people can agree with that statement. If asked, they would say the salmon project is exciting and interesting too. For example, student Cody says, "I think the salmon project is good for the education of Fairmount School."

Salmon go to the sea to grow. Then they come back to spawn. Then they go to the sea again. Some Atlantic salmon can live to spawn three or four times.

In freshwater, salmon go through eyed egg, alevin, fry and parr. Then when they turn to smolt, they turn their noses to the ocean. There, they turn into adult salmon. They eat for a while, then spawn in fresh water. Once having spawned, they are called kelt.

A female salmon may lay 1,000 eggs per lb. of their body weight. That means a salmon may lay over 10,000 eggs! Unfortunately not all will survive. Many die while at sea. So out of every 100 eggs, only 2 or 3 survive.

Based on what has happened in the past, the salmon project should turn out well. There is hope. They might survive. And salmon might once more flourish in the rivers, streams, and lakes of Maine.



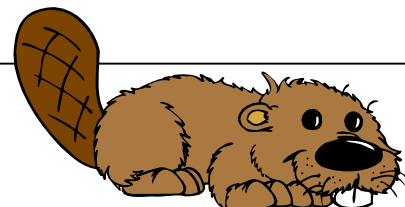
Every year the University of Maine Museum of Art visits the regional K-12 art show at the Bangor Mall and chooses pieces of student art for their Vincent Hartgen Traveling Art Exhibit Program. This year they chose two works by Fairmount students. They chose a colorful foil relief of flowers by Hannah Fishburn and a detailed fantasy map by Emma Payne. The students will receive certificates of award at a school award ceremony later this year. Congratulations!

PTO Corner:

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 27 from 6-7. Please come join us as we discuss how to best use the proceeds from the Spring Fair and plan new events! Parent volunteers are needed and appreciated!

► We have been made aware that a beaver has created a pond in the woods behind the Downeast School. The beaver will be trapped and relocated. However, the pond is quite large and poses a safety hazard should children decide to play in or around this area. This pond extends from the Rainbow Mobile Home Park to the school, and we are concerned that parents may not be aware that this pond has been created and therefore have not warned their children of the possible dangers of playing in the woods. This pond encompasses approximately 12 acres and is quite deep in places, not to mention very cold. Please advise your children not to play in this area.

The Bangor School Department values and encourages parental involvement in the education of its students. Parents are encouraged to review our schools Parent Compact developed under No Child Left Behind/Title one on our school web page within www.bangorschools.net



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*The Maine State Police provide a website www.3.informe.org/sor listing registered sex offenders. Parents are encouraged to monitor this site on a regular basis and to talk with their children about safety procedures.