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Dear Canaan Parents/Guardians:

Our first week back has been very productive. We were glad for the break but now we are ready to press on.

Thank you to all the students and parents who were able to attend the Spring Concert/Fine Arts Night. The staff and I were extremely pleased with the excellent turn out. The students did a great job on their performances and their art work. Thank you especially to Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Kiger for all the work they put into this event. Listed below are some upcoming events:

- Lego club for grades 2-6 will be held on May 2 and May 23. Please remember to pick your child up at 3:30 p.m.
- PTF meeting on Thursday, May 3 at 3 p.m.
- Kindergarten screening will take place on Friday, May 4th. There will be no school for the current kindergarten students on the 4th.
- Scholastic Book Fair will be held from May 4-11<sup>th</sup>
- Mr. Christopher will be taking his classes to the Central Maine Bowling lanes on May 8, 9 and 10. Check with your child's teacher for when their class will be bowling.
- Fifth grade will be conducting MEA testing during May 7<sup>th</sup> – 18th.

We would like to encourage all of you to attend as many school functions as you can. Contact your child's teachers to see if you can help in anyway, they would be most grateful. If you have any questions call your child's teacher or me.

Please continue to read with your children at home. I know the extra time you have spent at home drilling your sons/daughters on their math facts will pay off. Please continue to use flashcards at home every night. The staff at Canaan appreciates all your extra efforts.

I urge all parents to insist that their children wear a helmet while riding their bike. Bike helmets do save lives and it is a State Law. Please help us prevent any needless tragedy, thank you.

Just a reminder, Wednesday, May 16th is early release day; students will be served lunch and then load the busses at noon. Please feel free to call or stop in with any questions or problems. Thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Steve Swindells  
Principal