

Fiddlehead News



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Welcome Back! Let's Connect.

Dear Fiddlehead Families,

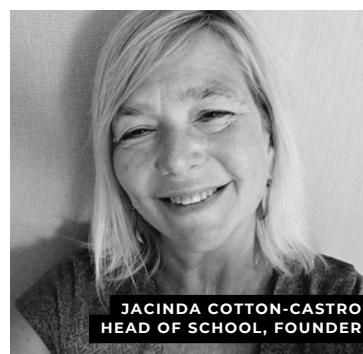
What a joy it has been to hear the halls come alive with laughter, curiosity, and the boundless creativity of your children. Fall is such a beautiful season of connection and Fiddlehead is proud to be participating in an upcoming community celebration at the beloved Norumbega Cidery in New Gloucester.

The **Big Falls Music and Cider Fest** is this Saturday, September 7 and I encourage you to stop by and visit - and maybe enjoy some face-painting at the Fiddlehead booth. Use **promo code bigfalls24** to receive 10% off tickets (children are free). We can't wait to see you there!

Let's continue to nurture our students' growth and wonder as we savor these moments together.

With warmth and joy,

-Jacinda



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Our **Private Music Program** begins September 16, offering lessons in voice, piano, guitar, and violin/fiddle. Email rhondab@fiddleheadschoool.org for more info.

And a handful of spots remain in our **Enrichment Program!** Email enrichment@fiddleheadschoool.org to learn more.



Spotlight: Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning is an integral aspect of student-led exploration at Fiddlehead. We are fortunate to offer three different, local outdoor learning sites to groups paired by grade levels including: Libby Hill Forest Preserve, Thompson's Orchard, and Norumbega/Talking Brook Public Lands.

At Fiddlehead we believe that time outside deepens and enriches one's learning and appreciation of academics, the natural world, our specific ecosystems here in Maine, and most importantly, ourselves.

We are committed to weekly time at our off-site locations all year round and we emphasize a respect for the natural world built on an understanding of interconnectedness.

Curriculum is always evolving and curated to meet each grade level. Students focus on different aspects to integrate outdoor learning into their school-based learning and vice versa. We align our teaching and student work with the seasons and incorporate consistent routines at all grade levels.

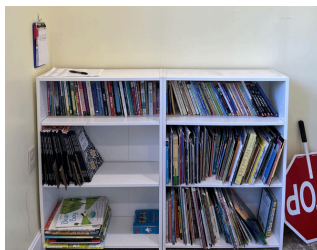
If you have any questions, please reach out to Seal Rossignol, Fiddlehead Outdoor Learning Coordinator, at sealr@fiddleheadschoo.org.

What's Growing in the Garden

Our Fiddlehead garden was busy growing yummy veggies this summer! What a joy it was to share in this learning and see students get their hands dirty growing food from tiny seeds. We're proud to help them discover this amazing skill that nurtures a sense of independence and self-reliance. Best of all, students will get to munch on fresh tomatoes, radishes, beans, and more straight from the garden!



Our Little Library



We're excited to share that our lobby now features a charming little library, stocked with books for all ages to inspire our students' love of reading. We welcome any donations to help our library grow—feel free to drop off gently used books and contribute to our vibrant reading community!