

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

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## WELCOME TO THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR!

Our teachers, ed. techs, admin assistants, related services providers, and leadership team are happy to see students and families again! Whether you are part of our preschool program, our Portland or Brewer site-based programs, or our outreach programs, we hope your school year is off to a great start!

Margaret Airey, admin assistant, showing one of our ESY preschoolers some love this summer.



## SUMMER MEMORIES

We had a fun and educational summer here at MECDDHH/GBSD. Between our extended school year (ESY) program, family playgroup meetups, our annual Family Learning Day in July, and a Back to School BBQ & Island Campus Cleanup, we were busy! It's always nice to stay connected with students and families throughout the summer.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Deaf Culture Festival: 9/28, 9am-4pm @ MECDDHH/GBSD.
- School Board meeting: 10/3, 5:30pm @ MECDDHH/GBSD Cafeteria
- Community Unity Commemoration of last year's tragedy in Lewiston: 10/26, 12pm, @ Brick South in Portland
- The return of Kids Like Me for middle/high school students this fall!

For more info: [www.mecdhh.org/events/](http://www.mecdhh.org/events/)

## DID YOU KNOW?

- We currently serve over 700 students across the State of Maine.
- Our campus on Mackworth Island houses a preschool and most of our staff offices.
- We have an office in Bangor where 5 of our northern staff work.
- We have 3 dedicated classrooms in Portland Public Schools: East End Community School, Lyman Moore Middle School, and Portland High School.

SEPTEMBER IS



DEAF AWARENESS MONTH

