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# Boxberry School Routes

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## Learning Expedition: Dinosaurs and Beyond

### Fossils & Meteorites With Bruce Barrett

Bruce, Myles' and Oliver's dad, visited with an impressive collection of fossils, petrified wood, and meteorites. The collection will be displayed at the new Maine Gem & Mineral Museum in Bethel next fall. Boxberrians loved learning about the artifacts, holding them and discovering that some of them were from around the time of the dinosaurs. This was a great way to end our learning expedition, making real connections to pre-historical times and what remains of these objects today.



Bruce holds a slice of a petrified tree from the Jurassic period.

James reads the information known about this tree to the school.

Below: Bruce points out some specimens of rock that have fallen from different planets & the moon.



## Hands-On Learning

Boxberry took a field trip to the Maine Art Glass Studio, where they learned about Jim Nutting's profession as an artist and biologist and his unique stained glass dioramas containing insects from all over the world. Mr. Nutting also has a collection of live insects, which he allows students to hold or touch. Please check his studio out in Livermore Falls, just outside of Lewsiton, as it is located in a beautiful cathedral. The studio also showcases and sells some amazing art by him and other local artists. Right: Veda points to a tropical blue morpho butterfly in one of Nutting's stained glass houses.



Left: James holds a walking stick as Calvin looks on behind him. Right: Raquel holds one in her hands in front of her. Many Boxberrians were very brave and tried holding several of the insects Mr. Nutting pulled out. In his collection he has a tarantula, many walking sticks, hissing beetles, a black widow spider (which he did NOT pull out) and many more!

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## Presentations & Potluck Night



Left: Myles presents his research on the Utahraptor while Sophie holds his watercolor pencil drawing/painting. All the Periwinklers did an amazing job with their art, research, and presentations!!!

Green room students blew the crowd away with their recorder performance! Dawson led them in almost complete unison and they seemed very proud of their hard work! All Boxberry students also sang all their chorus songs with Kristen with excitement and accuracy.




XC Skiing on Fridays will Begin at Carter's in Oxford, As soon as we have Snow! Think Snow!



Left: Sophie sings part of a Taylor Swift song for Dawson's class. Bravo Sophie! What a brave act!  
Right: In our new Buddy Mentoring program, James plays a game with Green room students, Abby and Willa (middle). Green room students choose an activity and play with their buddy at quiet time for 30 minutes on Tuesdays!





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become  
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## OUR MISSION:

The mission of the  
Boxberry School is to  
identify and nurture  
academic and creative  
potential in an  
environment that  
embraces each child's  
natural enthusiasm for  
discovery.



## About Our Organization...

The Boxberry School was  
founded in 2003 by a group of  
parents, grandparents and other  
caregivers committed to creating  
an environment of educational  
excellence, responsive to  
individual strengths and  
interests while nurturing the  
creative spirit of each child.  
We rely on an active parent  
base and community support to  
help keep this vision alive.

As the only school of its kind  
in the area, the Boxberry  
School is an exceptional choice  
for families interested in  
affordable alternatives for K-6  
education in the Oxford Hills  
area. Please contact the school  
regarding tuition and financial  
aid, as well as part-time  
options.

# PHILOSOPHY

- Our supportive culture fosters effective communication skills, creative problem-solving techniques, critical thinking, self-confidence and respect for others.
- The academic curriculum is enhanced by foreign language, art, music, drama, environmental studies, outdoor education, creative movement and cultural studies.
- Our small class sizes allow for interactive learning and individualized attention.
- Our multi-age classrooms create positive learning opportunities:
  - Older students mentor younger classmates and develop a sense of responsibility.
  - Younger students are consistently introduced to higher-level concepts at an earlier age.
- An active parent base stays engaged in all aspects of their children's education and helps to keep Boxberry an affordable option for education in the area.
- Field trips, guest speakers and community service projects emphasize the importance of volunteerism and involve students in the greater Oxford Hills community.
- Our teachers use the **Maine Learning Results** as the backbone to their curriculum. Methods of the **Responsive Classroom** encourage teamwork, character-growth, active involvement and academic engagement. **Expeditionary Learning** units are challenging projects developed to enhance teaching across the subject areas of math, literacy, science and social studies.