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# STRIVE Newsletter

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## Mission Statement

To assist tweens, teens and young adults with intellectual and emotional disabilities in utilizing resources within their community so they can participate as viable members of the community.

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## STRIVE ROCKS! Dance Marathon

# STRIVEROCKS



## DANCE MARATHON 2011

PORTLAND'S ONLY ALL NIGHT DANCE MARATHON —  
TO BENEFIT TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

## CAN YOU DANCE ALL NIGHT?!

Join over 400 Dancers on March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
at the USM Sullivan Gym

Pledge Packets are available and Registration can be found at [www.firstgiving.com/STRIVE!](http://www.firstgiving.com/STRIVE!)  
Start fundraising now for the year's biggest dance party!

Prizes will be awarded to the top 10 fundraisers—  
we're talking flat screen TV, digital cameras and much more!

Visit [www.striverocks.org](http://www.striverocks.org) for more information

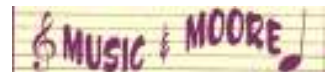
If you would like someone from STRIVE to drop off information to you and your friends  
just give us a call! 207-774-6278!

DM2011 Presenting Sponsor:



DM 2011 Sponsors:

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# STRIVE NEWS

## February Vacation Camp

### Calling All Campers!

### Feb. 22-25<sup>th</sup>

February Camp is right around the corner!  
Make sure you sign up today!  
Contact: Katie Collins at 207-774-6278

Activities will include:

- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Sports
- Games
- Snow Tubing
- Movies
- And much more!



## STRIVE Night at the Maine Red Claws

*It is not too late to purchase tickets to the STRIVE Night Game at the Maine Red Claws!*

Join us on  
**JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm  
At the Portland Expo  
**Maine Red Claws vs. Dakota**

Tickets are ONLY \$7  
For each ticket sold \$2 supports STRIVE!

Order online

[https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2/Buy.asp?EventID53340&promocode=STRIVE.](https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2/Buy.asp?EventID53340&promocode=STRIVE)

Or call

Ray at (207) 210-6655.



## STRIVE U News



**Applications for the STRIVE U Class of 2013 are now available.**

Completed applications and related forms are due by  
5:00pm on Tuesday, February 1, 2011.

To receive an application, contact Erin Berg at 207-774-6278  
or [eberg@pssl-services.org](mailto:eberg@pssl-services.org)

If you're thinking about applying to  
STRIVE U, but want more information first, you can schedule a  
tour of our campus by contacting Erin Berg.

## STRIVE Legacy Program



**Introducing the STRIVE Legacy Program**  
**Leave A Gift. Leave A Legacy.**

STRIVE would like to introduce it's newest venture in fundraising as well as sustainability. What better way to give to STRIVE than to plan ahead and incorporate STRIVE into your planned giving. We understand that times are economically difficult for many people these days. That is why STRIVE has started a "Legacy Program" and would be happy to discuss how to write in our organization into your planned giving account.

For more information on STRIVE's Legacy Program please contact Peter Brown at (207) 774-6278 or [pbrown@pssl-services.org](mailto:pbrown@pssl-services.org)

# STRIVE NEWS

## Dance Marathon Planning Committee

What do you want to see at this year's Dance Marathon? Help us make this DM bigger and better than ever!

**DM Planning Committee is a great way to get your ideas heard!**

**Meetings are open to high school and college students, parents, business owners, and anyone interested in making the 7th Annual Dance Marathon ROCK!**

*All meetings will take place Tuesdays 3:30 at STRIVE*

**January 4:** Discuss Activities, Games & Prizes

**January 18:** Food, Drinks, Give-a-Ways

**February 1:** Phone-a-thon

**February 15:** Finalize Theme Hours

**February 22:** Finalize Song Lists

**March 1:** Fold T-shirts & Stuff Bags

## Three Points for STRIVE Update

It is not too late to pledge through the "3 Points for STRIVE" campaign with the Maine Red Claws! For each three pointer hit during this season your donation will go to benefit STRIVE!

To download a pledge card visit: [www.pslstrive.org](http://www.pslstrive.org)

STRIVE is honored to be working with the following supporters



## Next STEP New Semester Starting

Next STEP will be starting a new semester on **January 3, 2011** and enrollment is still open.

Two courses are being offered: Independent Living Skills, held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Everyday Math, held Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Independent Living Skills** give an individual the opportunity to be as self-sufficient as possible. Some of the skills that will be taught in this class are washing/drying clothes, ironing, cooking/cleaning, personal safety, kitchen safety, hygiene, health, transportation, and familiarity with community resources.

**Everyday Math** familiarizes students with math that individuals are confronted with outside of the classroom. Topics that will be covered are addition/subtraction, multiplication/division, money math, using a check book, rounding, tax, and gratuity.

*Please visit [www.pslstrive.org](http://www.pslstrive.org) to obtain more information, a fact sheet and the application.*

*If you have any questions please contact, Meghan Sawicki Next STEP Program Coordinator at [msawicki@pslservices.org](mailto:msawicki@pslservices.org) or 207-774-6278 ext 211.*

## WINTER WEATHER STORM CLOSING:

In the event of inclement weather conditions please know that STRIVE will post closings on the following:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/STRIVEation](http://www.facebook.com/STRIVEation) Website: [www.pslstrive.org](http://www.pslstrive.org)

And on local news channels: WMTW, WCSH & WGME

Feel free to call the office if you are unsure of a closing.

# Volunteer News

## Thank you STRIVE Supporters!

Thank you to everyone who donated to STRIVE in December  
We appreciate your generous support.

Katharine Mann	John and Barbara Graves
Kathryan Dillenback	Mary Miller
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Charles & Anne Golec	Laverne Northrop
David & Sally Howe	Peter and Gerri Bridgman
Alonzo & Mary Fake	Jon and Gisele Wine
	Andrew Greene

## TWEEN Friday Afternoon Socials

Are you between the ages of 11 and 14?  
Are you looking to make some new friends?!  
Then join us every Friday afternoon from  
3:30 to 5:30 at the STRIVE Center!

### January's Calendar of Events:

January 7: *Maine Wildlife Day!*  
January 14: *Zumba*  
January 21: *Flash Back Theme Night!*  
January 28: *STRIVE Winter Olympics*



## Easy Ways to Help Support STRIVE!



**Follow Us on Facebook**  
Daily Updates  
STRIVE Pictures

To stay connected visit:  
[facebook.com/STRIVENation](https://facebook.com/STRIVENation)



**Can Redemption Program**  
Get a Green Bag at STRIVE & drop off your cans at a Hannaford Grocery Store. The deposits will go to STRIVE! Every 5 cents counts!



There's no reason not to. You search... We give!

**Change your Search Engine**  
Change your search Engine to GoodSearch and pick STRIVE as your charity!

For each search you do, 1¢ is donated to STRIVE!

**BookWorks!**

**BOOK BAG GRAB BAG**  
Cost: \$10

### Buy Books!

Are you interested in specific genres of books?!  
Support BookWorks by ordering a Book Bag Grab Bag of your favorite variety. \$10

## STRIVE WISH LIST

General Office Supplies	Frozen Pizzas
xBox 360 and/or Wii video games	Paper Cutter
Sports Equipment	Storage Shed
Volunteers to work shifts at Bookworks!	Craft Supplies
Painting Paper/Watercolor Paper	Markers
	Scissors

## BookWorks! Open Shifts

BookWorks! is run completely through the help of volunteers! We're always looking for eager volunteers to help run the used bookstore. Come once, or come weekly!

### Shifts Available:

Mondays: 2—4pm  
Tuesdays: 10am-12pm & 2-6pm  
Wednesdays: 10am—3pm 3—5pm biweekly, 5—6pm  
Thursdays: 11am—12pm; 2—3pm & 4—6  
Fridays: 10am—12:30pm 1:30pm—3pm, 4—5pm  
Saturdays: 10am—2pm

To sign up or to learn more please contact Katie Collins  
At 207-774-6278 x207 or [kcollins@pslstrive.org](mailto:kcollins@pslstrive.org)

**Theme Night:  
JaNuArY 21, 2011**



**Join STRIVE for a Night of  
"Blasts from the Past!"**

**That's Right!  
We will be doing some disco dancing &  
dancing like an Egyptian!!**

**Prizes will be given for the  
best costumes! So make sure to dust off  
those bell bottoms & leg warmers!**



**Member  
Spot Light:  
J.P. Brower**

**Favorite Food:** Pizza

**Favorite Movie:** Shrek

**Any Siblings?** Yes! David,  
Susan, Bill and Kathy

**If you could have 1 holiday every day, what would it be?**  
Christmas

**Coollest thing you've done at STRIVE:**  
Cooking & Arts and Crafts

**If you could choose an actor to star in your life story, who  
would it be?** Tim Allen

**Favorite song right now:** "I'm a Believer" from Shrek

**If you could go anywhere for Spring Break where would you  
go & why?** Boston- I like that place

**Favorite thing to do during the winter months:**  
Play in the snow

**What are you excited for in 2011?:**  
"It's a New Year!"



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Daniel Lowe	January 1	Bryan Knight	January 18
Lindsay Roberge	January 1	Chris Flagg	January 18
Bruce Andrews	January 5	Jonathan Brink	January 18
Tim Larson	January 7	Jamie Flynn	January 19
Lindsay Wallace	January 9	Mallory Wade	January 22
Tom Schrank	January 10	Billy Petroska	January 23
Meghan Robinson	January 13	Samantha Mitchell	January 24
Virginia Herring	January 13	Sean Wilcox	January 25
Noah Warner	January 14	Jason Laughlin	January 26
Christopher Dickerman	January 14	Bret Taylor	January 26
Anthony Herrick	January 15	Kristina Smith	January 29
Brook Post	January 16	Kimberly Creamer	January 30
Trevor Ashbaum	January 17	Patrick Diehl	January 30

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM STRIVE!**

# Members' Page

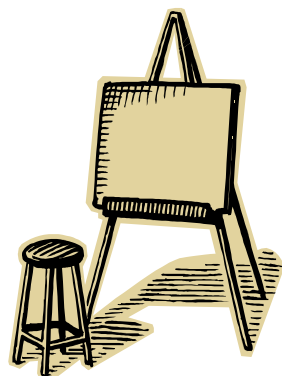
## Aktion Club Sponsors a Local Family for the Holiday!



*Tis the giving season!!*

It has become a tradition that each year Aktion Club generously supports a local Maine Family for the holidays— and this year was no exception. Throughout the year Aktion club fundraises to be able to give back to a family in need in our community. This year Aktion raised more than \$150 through organizing a coat check at the STRIVE Auction and through hosting a pancake breakfast. This year Aktion Club adopted a family of 3 and bought toys, games, hats, gloves, flannel sheets, fleece blankets, a lamp and personal hygiene items. On behalf of all of the staff at STRIVE we want to congratulate the Aktion Club on doing such a Great job!

### Monday Night Wellness Series



*Art Class*  
*January 3-March 14*  
*Mondays 5:30-7:00*

Start the year off with a hands-on class to get your creative juices flowing! From beading to painting, students will learn to express themselves through a variety of art forms in classes presented by local guest artists

Questions? Contact Kate Reingold at 774-6278 ext. 216 or [kreingold@pslservices.org](mailto:kreingold@pslservices.org)

### January Events

Advisory Board Meeting:  
 January 7 & 21 from 5:00– 5:45pm

Aktion Club:  
 January 5 & 19 from 3:30-4:00pm

Monday Night Wellness Series:  
 November 10—December 15 from 5:30—7:00pm

Wednesday Night Educational Class:  
 November 10—December 15 from 6:00—8:00pm

Theme Night: Flash Back!  
 January 21- from 6:00-9:00pm

Dance Marathon Planning Committee:  
 January 4 & 18

STRIVE Night at the Red Claws:  
 Thursday, January 6

STRIVE is CLOSED:  
 Monday, January 17

Upcoming Events  
 STRIVE is CLOSED:  
 Monday, February 21

February Camp:  
 February 22– 25

STRIVE ROCKS! Dance Marathon  
 March 5 & 6th

Wednesday Night Educational Class:  
 Money Management– March 2- April 20

### Wednesday Night Educational Class



*On The Job -Skills Class*  
*January 5- February 9*  
*Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm*

Are you ready for your first job? This class will help you get to work on employment skills and workplace etiquette. As well as perfecting your resume and acing the interview!

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# STRIVE PICTURES



Nate and Aphrodite are keeping score while Camp STRIVE bowls.



Long Time Friends  
Pete Brown & Bob (aka Santa!)



Nate, Eric & Katie at Opportunity Skate in Falmouth



Aphrodite & Emma during Camp STRIVE!



Nate D. creating a masterpiece during Camp STRIVE



Do you have pictures that you would like to share with us? If so please send them to [info@pslstrive.org](mailto:info@pslstrive.org)



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