

Union Elementary School



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Dates to Remember

Monday, September 11th

First day of school for PK & K

Wednesday, September 20th

Early Release Day-
Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday, September 20th

UES PTC Meeting @ UES
6:00 p.m. All parents invited to
attend!

Wednesday, October 4th

School Picture Day

Friday, October 6th

No School- Workshop Day

Monday, October 9th

No School- Indigenous Peoples' Day

UES Open House

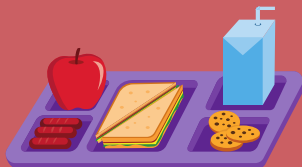
We had a good turnout for our Open House on August 31st! Students and families got a chance to reconnect with each other and spend some time with this year's classroom teacher to learn about behavior and academic expectations for this school year.



UES PTC Meeting

The first UES PTC meeting will be held here at the school at 6:00 p.m. on September 20th. All parents and guardians are invited and encouraged to attend. We have many ideas for events this school year and would welcome any other suggestions from parents! We hope to see you here!

School Lunch & Breakfast



This school year breakfast and lunch are once again free of charge! Milk is also free if a student brings their lunch from home. The only time a student would be charged is if they get 2 milks in which case the milk is .50.

AIO Weekend Meals Program

Last week students received forms to sign up for the weekend meal program. Pre K and Kindergarten students will bring their papers home today if you haven't already gotten them. The students who return this form will receive a bag every Friday here at school from the AIO Food Pantry. There is no cost to enroll and no qualification guidelines. Everyone is welcome to sign up! These bags contain a selection of fun, healthy, easy to prepare snacks and meals. If you need a new form just contact the office. The first bags will go home Friday!

Students recognized for positive behaviors!!

Our PBIS monthly theme for September is Respect/Manners- I will show respect by using good manners.

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized this week for our targeted positive behavior:

- 1st Grade- Ryker Skidgel & Malachi Calderwood
- 2nd Grade- Markie Bowen & Isabelle Cahill
- 3rd Grade- Jett Gamage & Hanah Thompson
- 4th Grade- Aubree Esancy & Greensley Corbin Peters
- 5th Grade- Alice LaPorte & Kyle Jensen
- 6th Grade- Kallie Wyman & Deven Reilly

Super Citizens



Each week Mr. White interviews a different student for the newsletter. He tends to start with students new to the school so we can all get to know them a little better. Here is this week's Student Feature....

Student Feature: Linkyn Smith Grade: 6



I like UES because: I've already made more friends than I thought I would.

My favorite books include: The Amulet Series

My favorite tv shows and movies include: Stranger Things and I-Robot

My favorite singers and bands include: Jack Black and 21 Pilots

My Favorite foods include: Pizza and #10 from Subway

My hobbies include: Legos and Arts & Crafts

When I grow up I want to be: a Professional Chef

If I could live anywhere in the world I'd live in a hotel at Disneyland and not be charged for anything.

Pictures Wanted!!!!

Each UES family is asked to submit one or two family or individual student pictures which show them having fun this summer. Pictures can be emailed to Allison_davis@rus40.org. Mrs. Davis will compile all the photos and create a slideshow for our lobby display monitor. Students really enjoy seeing themselves "on tv." We hope to have the slideshow complete by Sept 22nd. so please send in those photos!



NWEA Through Year Assessment Results

Spring NWEA Information - Although you will find information regarding Spring '23 NWEA data as compared to Fall '22 NWEA data, the reader should be aware that both validity and reliability should be challenged. Last spring's NWEA was a Through Year assessment which served as the Maine Education Assessments for math and reading. The questions do not adjust depending on right or wrong answers like the traditional NWEAs, but rather represent a summative assessment or "final exam" for the year. Because it's two different types of tests it's difficult to draw hard conclusions. Moving forward, we will use spring of '24's data to measure growth as compared to spring of '23's data. These are similar tests which make it much more valid and reliable.

- Other factors or variables the reader should also be aware of include:
 - Many times high achieving students don't reach their growth goal, because their RIT score is already so high. The margin for error becomes very small.
 - NWEAs, especially the ThroughYear Assessment, is as much an exercise in grit and perseverance as much as it is a tool designed to measure proficiency. A student must sustain a high level of effort for 60 plus minutes per assessment.
 - Students in special education have Individualized Education Plans with goals and objectives which are used to measure their growth, not NWEAs.

% who met or exceeded their projected RIT growth goal				
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	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
Math	9:18 = 50%	3:15 = 20%	8:10 = 80%	8:14 = 57%
Reading	7:19 = 39%	3:15 = 20%	4:11 = 36%	7:14 = 50%



Warren Soccer for Grades PK-6

The sign-ups for Warren Soccer were last week. You can contact John Leach of Warren Rec. ASAP if you have a child who would like to participate. The charge for playing for the Warren Rec team is \$45 or \$60 for a family. You can contact John Leach of Warren Recreation at 542-6883 or e-mail @ recreation@warrenmaine.org.



WALDOBORO REC YOUTH SOCCER

REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPT. 7TH

COST: \$35/RESIDENT \$45/NONRESIDENT

K-2ND SATURDAYS
9-10:15AM @ A.D. GRAY

3RD-4TH 2 GAMES PER WEEK
VS WALDOBORO AND WARREN

5TH-6TH 2 GAMES PER WEEK
IN MIDCOAST LEAGUE

DATES: SEPT. 16 - OCT. 21ST

REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE
FOUND AT THE WALDOBORO
TOWN OFFICE OR AT
WWW.WALDOBOROMAINE.ORG



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