

Boo!



Union Elementary School

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October 20, 2023



Dates to Remember

October 23-27

Scholastic Book Fair @ UES

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**Friday, October 27th**

Booktoberfest 5:00-6:30 p.m.

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Friday, November 3rd

Grades 3 & 4 to Old Fort Western

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**Wednesday, November 8th**

Strawbridge Studios picture retakes

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Thursday, November 9th

Parent/Teacher Conferences Grades 5 & 6

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**Thursday, November 9th**

PTC Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

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Friday, November 10th

Veteran's Day observed- No School

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**Parent/Teacher Conferences**

November 13 - Grades PK-6

November 14 - Grades PK-4

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Wednesday, November 15th

Early Release Day

Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m.



Gaga Pit

UES would like to thank parent volunteers David McKellar, Rich Weimer, Dan Taylor and Ethan Evangelos for constructing a Gaga Pit last Friday, October 13th. Their skilled carpentry prowess had this project done in record time! Thanks to their efforts, along with the financial support from the UES PTC, students can now enjoy the popular game of "gaga ball". It's a safe alternative to dodgeball where players slap or hit the ball at other players at or below the knees. If you're hit... you're out. It's a fun game which encourages physical activity while utilizing conflict resolution skills and individual accountability for the good of the group. Rules are posted and theoretically, students will be able to govern themselves without adults having to referee. We played the first ever official game of Gaga at Union Elementary on Monday and students had a blast!



Update on school photos

Quite a few parents have been wondering when school pictures will be coming back. We have been told by Strawbridge Studios that the turn around time is usually 3-4 weeks. It has been a little over 2 weeks since pictures were taken. Picture retake day is on November 8th so they will definitely be back by then!

Booktoberfest

Friday, October 27th
5:00-6:30 p.m.

Students and their families are invited to join us here at UES on Friday, 10/27 for Booktoberfest.

5:00- Students go to classrooms to check in with teacher to be entered in raffle.
5:10 Costume parade around the flagpole and announcement of \$10 Scholastic Book Fair drawing winners.
After the parade students and their families will enter the school for themed activities in the classrooms, the Scholastic Book Fair in the library and free pizza!

Students recognized for positive behaviors!!

Our PBIS monthly theme for October is Fairness/Kindness- I will show kindness by treating others and myself fairly.

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

- Pre K - Brooke Grass & Deakin Kennefick
- Kindergarten - Brooke Wiemer & Everett Finnemore
- 1st Grade - Bristol Wilcox & Jason Corbett
- 2nd Grade - Lexie Hopkins & Natalie Moody
- 3rd Grade - Stefan Dudley & Benny Taylor
- 4th Grade - Jack Girtman & Ivy Lima
- 5th Grade - Kallie Wyman & Uly Dougherty
- 6th Grade - Bailey Doucette & Deven Reilly

Super Citizens



Student Feature: Oliver Carpentier Grade: 3



I like UES because - I can learn lots of stuff like math, reading, and writing. My favorite subject is writing. I like it because I can go back and add more details and fix it.

My favorite books include - Dripping Fang Series, Elephant and Piggy Books.

My favorite tv shows and movies include - The Floor is Lava on Netflix

My favorite singers and bands include - Basically, anything my parents put on the radio in the car.

My favorite foods include - Cheese pizza, chicken tenders, vanilla ice cream with rainbow sprinkles and whipped cream.

My hobbies include - My dad and I play with our remote controlled cars. We both have Jeeps and they go through mud and rock-climb and stuff. Mine is gray and my dad's is silver and black. I also like playing soccer.

When I grow up I want to be - I don't know yet, but maybe a mechanic.

If I could live anywhere in the world I'd live in - probably here in Union or in Hollywood, near the big sign. I would go on the mountains and look at the city.

UES PTC held its first meeting of the year!!!

Here are the highlights from the meeting:

1. The group voted last spring to fund the building of a Gaga Pit. This project is now complete and students in grades 3-6 have been playing all week!
2. The building of a sandbox, which was also approved last spring, did not happen. A company will be installing some new playground equipment at the end of this month, thanks to a PreK Expansion Grant. This will be a great addition to the upper playground.
3. Action Items:
 - a. Voted to approve reimbursement for supplies for a parent volunteer for overseeing a garden project with several classes.
 - b. Voted to approve funding for Scholastic Book Fair \$10 raffle prizes to one student from each class following the Costume Walk during Booktoberfest to be held on Friday, October 27th from 5:00-6:30.
 - c. Voted to approve funding for Booktoberfest's dinner.
4. Initial Planning stages were discussed regarding the upcoming Gingerbread Gala to be held on Friday, December 8 from 6:00-7:30.
5. The PTC also agreed to support the following projects: A Family Movie Night in February, 2nd Annual Spring Fling Dinner and Raffle in March, Bus Driver Appreciation in April, Teacher Appreciation in May.
6. **Next Mtg: Thursday, November 9th 6:00 p.m.**

WINTER YOUTH BOYS BASKETBALL CLINICS

2023-2024 Season

GRADES 3-6

at MEDOMAK VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLINIC

DATES

NOVEMBER 4th Grades 3/4 Grades 5/6

NOVEMBER 18th Grades 3/4 Grades 5/6

9:00-10:30 10:30-12:00

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Participants will be able to register at the clinics.

You can also email or call Coach DePatsy and

Coach Starr. THIS PROGRAM WILL BEGIN ON

NOVEMBER 20th AND END ON JANUARY 20th.

Coach DePatsy 207-542-3671

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Coach Starr 207-975-4145

GIRLS YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINICS

Medomak Valley High School and Medomak Middle School will be the site for upcoming girls youth basketball clinics.

The clinics will be run by MVHS Girls Varsity Head Coach Lindsay Vinal and Assistant Richie Oliver on Saturday, November 4th and 18th with the program starting on November 20th.

The November 4th clinic will be at MVHS from 1-2:30 for grades 3 & 4, and 2:30-4 for grades 5 & 6.

The November 18th clinic will be at MMS from 9-10:30 for grades 3 & 4, and 10:30 - 12 for grades 5 & 6.

Participants can register at the clinic for the upcoming season which will run Monday, November 20th - Saturday, January 20th.

For more information, or to sign up, contact Coach Vinal at vinallindsay@gmail.com



Union Fire Department Visit
 Thank you to the Union Fire Department for coming to Union Elementary School last week! They did fire prevention and safety presentations for each grade level. Younger grades got to get a tour of the fire engine and emergency vehicle parked in front of the school. The firefighters even ate lunch with students! Thank you to our Union Firefighters for all you do for our community!



Parents and/or Guardians,

With the school year off to a fantastic start, I thought I would introduce myself. I (Erik Minzner) am the new art teacher at Union Elementary School and Prescott Memorial School. Previous art teachers, Mrs. Casas and Mr. Lufkin, are both still with RSU 40. Sherry Casas is the middle school art teacher and Anthony Lufkin is now at the high school. It has been fun letting the students know they will be seen again as they both were well loved and appreciated in the role I now hold. What's new is that art is now a year round subject. I am 2 ½ days in each building and I meet with PK-6 students for a 40 minute class each week. This will be an exciting change for the students and staff alike as I try to integrate art with classroom lessons. I have appreciated such a warm welcome to both schools and I am looking forward to the year / years ahead with all "our students."

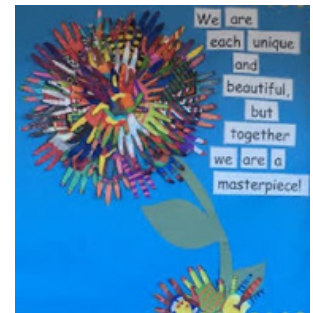


While I am new to teaching, I have 25 plus years of experience as a professional artist. My experience as an artist is as a landscape painter, but I have an appreciation for many types and styles of art and will gear lessons towards student interests in order to meet federal and state standards.

I am also the parent of two outstanding students. Andrew is my 14 year old son and Lina is my 11 year old daughter. Both attend Great Salt Bay School in Damariscotta and are avid soccer players.



While the first few weeks of any school special are largely about routines and expectations, I am trying to get some art in too. Attached is a photo of the first art project we are making as a school wide community project. All students made unique hand drawings which will be assembled in the next week or so in the manner of the photo with the idea that while we are each unique, we are one in community while we learn, grow and get creative.



While this article is long enough, I thought I would include one other piece from the art room. I have read to all ages Barry Saltzberg's "Beautiful Oops." While the book is a little young, and perhaps silly, for the bigs, it provides a great message that within every mistake there is a possibility to grow, learn, and even transform it into something beautiful. And secretly the bigs like the littles' books anyways.

Thanks for your time and please feel free to email me. I also welcome parents into the art room as volunteers or simply just to see what we are up to. I am also trying to put together a really fun, and hopefully memorable, field trip for 5-6th graders. They will be working on a choice based art project and I could use some chaperones (more info to come soon). Where my time is split between two schools, I will always do my best to accommodate any potential meet up or drop in. I look forward to meeting more of you through school events and through the education of "our students."

Thank you,

Erik Minzner (Mr. Minzner or Mr. M)
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Great Pumpkin Raffle

The 4th Grade is having a GREAT PUMPKIN RAFFLE! All next week you can buy a ticket to win a pumpkin! The money we raise will be used for special gifts for Veterans. We will bring tickets to your room each morning. The last chance to buy tickets will be Friday (10/27) morning. We will announce the winners of the pumpkins on Friday (10/27) afternoon! We hope you win a pumpkin!



THE MVHS PLAYERS PRESENT



Disney
**THE LITTLE
MERMAID**

Music by ALAN MENKEN Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER Book by DOUG WRIGHT

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film
produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker
and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements

November 3, 4, 10, 11 @ 7:00PM Reserved.....\$14.00
5 & 12 @ 2:00PM General Admission:
Adults.....\$12.00
Students & Seniors.....\$10.00

Purchase tickets @ <http://msad40.tix.com>
or call 207-832-5389 x333 for reservations

Vose Library Presents



Tuesday, October 31

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Recognizing that Union is a rural town with limited options for children to enjoy "Trick or Treat" in a safe and fun arena, this year Vose Library will once again be using its parking lot for Trunk or Treat. Simply stated, this is a trick or treat event in one location. Treats are handed out from decorated vehicles.

We will need volunteers to decorate their cars (not too scary, please!) and hand out goodies! If you have ever wished that you got a few trick-or-treaters and/or miss seeing children enjoying the holiday, we promise that you'll have a great time! We will be giving a People's Choice award to the vehicle with the most votes. We have 24 parking places available, so please sign up your vehicle no later than Saturday, October 28 by calling the library (785-4733) or Joyce Grotton (785-2651). Cars for Trunk or Treat need to be here to set up from 4-4:30.

Parents: We are so excited to offer this event to you and your children. Please understand that to make this a success we need to have vehicles, so spread the word to your friends and family. Decorating a car could make a great family or group project!

Thank you