



Union Elementary School

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December 22, 2023



Dates to Remember

December 25th - January 1st
Christmas Vacation
No School

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**Tuesday, January 2nd**  
School resumes

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Thursday, January 4th
4th Grade Skiing @ Snowbowl

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**Wednesday, January 10th**  
Early Release Day  
Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m.

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Thursday, January 11th
4th Grade Skiing @ Snowbowl

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**Monday, January 15th**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
**No School**

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Thursday, January 18th
4th Grade Skiing @ Snowbowl

Principal's Remarks

After reviewing the language in the RSU40 Wellness Policy JLDA which states "food and beverages served at parties or celebrations during the school day should meet federal Smart Snack standards", it is clear that that language does not line up perfectly with the language in our Handbook which states, "Gum, candy, soda, "Energy" drinks, and other caffeine drinks are not allowed."

We addressed this matter at our last staff meeting and developed the following change to the Handbook which will be updated by the end of January -

"Candy may be included for occasional classroom celebrations, however should not be used as rewards for students. We understand that parents occasionally bring in cookies, cupcakes, or other snacks for birthday or holiday celebrations as that is part of the culture in many elementary schools, however, whenever this happens we will request that those parents also provide a healthier option for the students. Soda, energy drinks, and other caffeine drinks are not allowed. Gum is not allowed unless it is part of a child's individualized plan."

Fourth grade spread Christmas Cheer for all to hear!



Students recognized for positive behaviors!!

Our PBIS monthly theme for December is Compassion - I will be understanding and caring of others.

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

Pre K - Chloe Brown & Zoe Brown

Kindergarten - Addie Hatch & Ashton Bowen

1st Grade - Malachi Calderwood & Kimber Dodge

2nd Grade - Jillian Blake & Brooks Snell

3rd Grade - Jett Gamage & Aaliyah Stanton

5th Grade - Lauren Lorentzen & Calvin Ward

6th Grade - Scott Wilson & Ashlynn Ott



Super Citizens

Student Feature: Brooklyn Moody

Grade 4



I like UES because - I get to learn and see my friends. I also like that we have Spanish and Art every week. Me llamo Brooklyn!

My favorite books include - Dolphin Tale Series. My Nana gives me a book each month. Dragon Girls Series. That book is about girls who train dragons to be nice to people.

I like to watch: Family Switch. It's about a mom and daughter who traded ages and a father and a son who did the same. It was really funny. I also like Sam and Cat. Arianna Grande is Cat. I also like the Barbie Movie

My favorite singers and bands include - Arianna Grande, Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish, Luke Combs and the Barbie Movie soundtrack. I like Hip Hop and Country music.

My favorite foods include - Bacon pizza, plain noodles, chocolate ice cream, mozzarella sticks, mac and cheese, my mom's grilled cheese.

My hobbies include - gymnastics (I've been doing that since I was three), I like to play softball, basketball, football and cheering.

When I grow up I want to be - a gymnast, an actor, or work with my parents at The Meat Shop (we process pigs, deer, moose, bear, cows and we sell mugs, t-shirts and sweatshirts) or HPT (Handy Portable Toilets). We have a lot of those out there - probably around 300!

If I could live anywhere in the world I'd live in - Los Angeles, Maine, or Florida.

MMS Wrestling

MMS Wrestling begins on Wednesday, January 17 and is open to all RSU 40 students grades 5-8. Students interested in participating should sign up in the MMS main office. A current sports physical is required to start on January 17. Sports physicals are good for two years. Required forms are: Sports participation form, Concussion Information sheet and COVID consent form and can be found at www.rsu40.org. Click on "Programs", "Athletics" and then "Athletic Forms". FMI or to sign-up contact Mr. Lash at 542-1475 or matthew_lash@rsu40.org.

A Special Community Christmas Dinner

● **December 25**

11am - 2pm

● **Masonic Lodge**
149 Sennebec Rd

*May not have
the means
to have a
big meal?
Please come!*

*Have no
family or friends
to share
christmas with?
Please come!*

*Friends & Family far away?
Don't want to cook on Christmas Day?*

*Celebrate with friendly people
and holiday cheer.*

*Join us for a turkey dinner
at a happy time of year.*

● *Christmas Carols 11am - noon*

● *Turkey Dinner Noon - 2pm*

*Elderly and
do not want
to cook a
big meal
for two?
Please come!*

● *Christmas Cookie Station
for those who love
Christmas cookies*

Please tell your friends & neighbors about this!

**Call Linda Mountainland 207-701-1898
to reserve pickup or delivery of meals**