

# Union Elementary School

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## Dates to Remember

**Tuesday, March 5th**

3rd Grade to MRC for  
Learn to Skate Program

**Wednesday, March 6th**

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

**Tuesday, March 12th**

Channel 8 Weather @ UES  
3rd Grade to MRC for  
Learn to Skate Program

**Thursday, March 14th**

2nd Trimester ends

**Friday, March 15th**

Workshop Day- No School

**Tuesday, March 19th**

3rd Grade to MRC for  
Learn to Skate Program

**Friday, March 22nd**

Granite Coast Orthodontics visit-  
8:45-11:45 a.m.  
Trimester 2 Awards Assembly  
@ 2:15 p.m.

## Giving Spring to Come Spring

The kindness project

By 4th grade

4th grade is doing a kindness project and we need your help.

We are giving food to the Come Spring Food Pantry in Union to help the people who need help with affording food. We need you to help us. We will be doing this from March 5th - 23rd . There will be a box in the lobby by the gray bench for donations. Our goal is 100-250 cans of food . Here is a list of food that you could bring.

1. cans of food.
2. bottles of water.
3. pasta.
4. baking ingredients.
5. crackers.
6. apple sauce.
7. rice.
8. mac + cheese.
9. cereal.
10. tea.
11. honey.
12. ramen noodles.
13. Non-perishable foods.

Project Give Spring to Come Spring  
**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP!**

## Staffing Information

Ms. Morin recently resigned from her position as reading interventionist. Mrs. Bruno and Ms. McDaniels will be servicing students in special education, as well as those students who receive reading intervention support. This model is similar to what Friendship Village and Prescott Schools currently employ. We are excited that students will continue to get their needs met by two very caring and supportive professionals.

We are currently advertising for a K-6 classroom support Ed Tech III position to fill the void left with Ms. McDaniel's transfer into her new position. We are also advertising for a Grade 4 classroom teacher for next fall due to Mrs. Munro's pending retirement.

## Student Feature: Alice LaPorte Grade: 5



**I like UES because** - I like hanging out with my friends, helping little kids at lunch, and when we get to go on field trips like when we saw The Nutcracker at the Camden Opera House.

**My favorite books include:** *Charlotte's Web* and the *Mercy Watson Books*

**I like to watch** - Dance Moms on Hulu. It's a show where mom's get into arguments while their kids take dance classes.

**My favorite singers and bands include** - Taylor Swift

**My favorite foods include** - Thai food from Roselyn's Thai Fine Cuisine in Rockland.

**My hobbies include** - Acro-dancing, ice skating, watching tv with my mom and playing outside.

**When I grow up I want to** - be a dancer or Pre-K teacher.

**If I could live anywhere in the world I'd live in** - Florida or Union

## Students recognized for positive behaviors!!

Our PBIS monthly theme for February is Friendship- I will be a good friend to others.

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

Pre K - Logan Miller & Lincoln Fickett

Kindergarten - Wren Manahan & Kylie Dodge

1st Grade - Bristol Wilcox & Ryker Skidgel

2nd Grade - Taavi Ilvonen & Caitlyn Fuller

3rd Grade - Phillip Jura @ Amara Bendtson

4th Grade - Mason Doucette & Aubree Esancy

5th Grade - Kallie Wyman & Alice LaPorte

6th Grade - Ashlynn Ott & Jordan Elwell

## Super Citizens



Contributed by Argy Nestor, member of Union's Sestercentennial Committee

### Why Dance?



#### Indicates Wellness

Some of you know that I'm working on the planning of my town's, Union, Sestercentennial celebration – 250 years! Many hands and minds have been planning since September of 2023. Yes, planning has been underway for 17 months. The culmination of the work will take place on July 19, 20, 21, 2024.

I'm excited that the Union Elementary School is involved in several ways. One way is a dance residency with Chrissy Fowler and Belfast Flying Shoes. Students are learning traditional contra dances during physical education classes. Dance halls were located in our town so it's a great way to tap into the Sestercentennial's focus: Looking Back to Look Ahead. I've had the opportunity to be at school during some of the classes. Between class one and two a 5th grader sent the phys. ed. Teacher, Darcy Kelly, a note that said how much she loved dancing and thanked her for including dancing in class. I watched this student's face during class two. She had a smile from ear to ear and her whole self was engaged. I couldn't help but smile while watching her.

We look forward to sharing another residency program at UES led by Scott Dyer, local storyteller, actor, producer. Mr. Dyer has written a play which puts a unique spin on the history of Union. This production will include all the students PreK-6. We will keep you posted as this residency gains momentum.

### **Pre-K Information:**

A child must be four years old on or before October 15, 2024, to be eligible to register for Pre-K. Priority will be given to students who live in our school district.

We currently have six Pre-K classrooms in our district located at Miller School (2), Union Elementary School (1), Prescott Memorial (1) and Warren Community School (2). Students attend five full days a week. Each Pre-K class is full when it reaches 16 students. Friendship students will have the option of being transported to/from Warren or Miller School based on class sizes.

**Of our 96 seats, we will begin filling 90 seats on March 1st, on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning with students who reside in RSU 40.** We will notify out-of-district requests at the beginning of July 2024 if we have space available. The remaining students will be placed on a waitlist and applications will continue to be collected through September 3rd, at which time the remaining seats will be filled with priority being given to children who fit into the following eligibility categories:

- Children with IEPs
- Multi-language learners
- State agency clients (Children in foster care, kinship care, or with an open child protective case)
- Children who are homeless
- Free & reduced meal eligibility
- Resident of RSU 40

A child will not be considered for placement in a class until registration is fully complete including proof of residency, birth certificate, and immunization record.

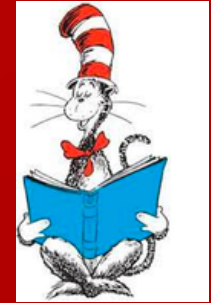
### **Kindergarten:**

A child must be five years old on or before October 15, 2024, to be eligible to register for Kindergarten. If your child was already enrolled with the district for Pre-K, you do not need to do a new registration for enrollment for Kindergarten. You will need to do the annual update of Student Information in the fall. Link will be published on March 1st, 2024 for new Kindergarten registrations.

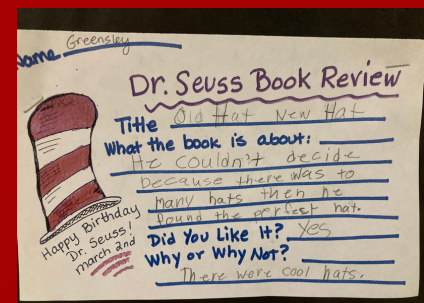
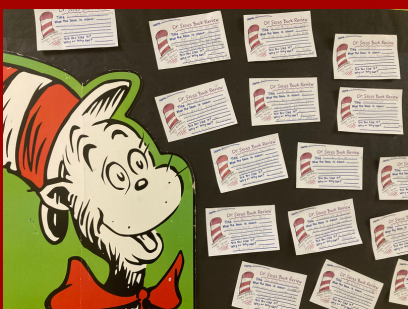
**Please note: If you are an existing family of RSU 40 with a student already enrolled in the district and are registering another child, you will register your child through your Campus Portal account and not from here. If you do not have a Campus Portal account, please contact your child's school.**

**NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION LINK**

# Dr. Seuss Spirit Week @ UES



Reading buddies celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading his books and making Cat in the Hat books! Fourth graders also wrote reviews for some of his books. It was a fun Seuss spirit week!





Baseball Clinic @ Medomak Valley High School

**Dates: *March 3, 10, 17***

**TIMES:**

**Grades 3-6 2:00-3:15**

**Grades 7-8 3:30-4:45**

Donations will be accepted to benefit the MVHS

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Baseball Program

*Questions?*

*Please contact Keith Simmons @ 691-4151*