



# Union Elementary School

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## Dates to Remember

**Wednesday, April 3rd**  
Early Release Day  
Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m.

**April 15-19**  
**April Vacation- No School**

**Tuesday, April 30th**  
UES Student Performance of "The  
Trees Remember" @ 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 8th**  
Early Release Day  
Dismissal @ 1:15 p.m.

**Monday, May 27th**  
**Memorial Day- No School**

**Tuesday, June 4th**  
Field Trip for grades 3 & 4 to the  
Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

**Wednesday, June 5th**  
Field Trip for PreK to The Coastal  
Children's Museum

**Friday, June 7th**  
Mad Science Presentation @ UES

**Tuesday, June 18th**  
Last Student Day (at this point)-  
early release

## Super Citizens

Students recognized for positive behaviors!!

Our PBIS monthly theme for March is  
Cooperation/Teamwork-  
I will work in teams and learn from others.

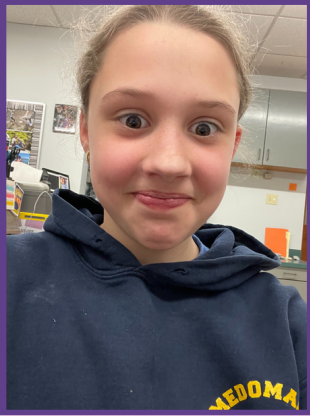
Congratulations to the following students for  
being recognized this week for our targeted  
positive behavior:

- Pre K: Lincoln Fickett & Zoe Brown
- Kindergarten: Addie Hatch & Ella Bendtson
- 1st Grade: Jason Corbett & Alden Evangelos
- 2nd Grade: Charlie Ward & Finnley Grierson
- 3rd Grade: Benny Taylor & Oliver Carpentier
- 4th Grade: Eli Wood & Brayden Bendtson
- 5th Grade: Hailey Robinson & Bentley Robinson
- 6th Grade: Brigid Mills & Ashlynn Ott



HAPPY  
Easter

## Student Feature: Jules Blake Grade: 6



**I like UES because** - it has a really good field day and Dawn's food.

**My favorite books include-** *Trail* (it was the hardest book I've ever read. It's like 300 pages) and *The Pictures of Hollis Woods* (It's a non-fiction book about a girl who is a really good artist and going through the Foster Care system).

**I like to watch** - Spiderman and The Avengers.

**My favorite singers and bands include** - Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish, Luke Bryan and Blake Shelton

**My favorite foods include** - Shepherd's pie, my mom's mac and cheese, blueberry sauce, my dad's deer steak, Hood's cookie dough ice-cream .

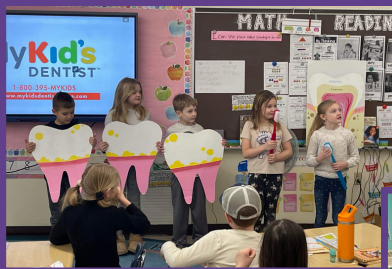
**My hobbies include** - basketball, softball, baseball, soccer, I'm going to play football next fall (maybe tight end).

**When I grow up I want to** - be a mechanical engineer so I can design and build rovers for NASA or run an animal shelter. I like all animals except tarantulas.

**If I could live anywhere in the world I'd live** - Montana (It's really pretty, my aunt lives there) or Russia (I like their accent).

## Granite Coast Orthodontics @ UES

Granite Coast Orthodontics visited Pre-K, K, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade on Friday, 3/22. They talked with each class about proper dental hygiene. The students participated in a Q&A session with Dr. Doug and his assistant Lauren. Students were able to actively participate in "brushing the plaque" off the giant teeth. Each student was sent home with a goody bag containing a new toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, stickers, pencil and more! Thank you Granite Coast Orthodontics for spending your morning educating our young students on proper dental hygiene.



## Read ME Agriculture



Mary Thompson joined the 3rd and 4th graders last week to read a book called *The Wakame Gatherers*. Mrs. Thompson came from Read ME Agriculture, which brings volunteer readers into the classroom to read an agriculture-themed book and share a lesson with students. She brought a personal connection to Japan, the setting of the book. Mrs. Thompson was able to share some artifacts from Japan.

## Knox-Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Winners

Congratulations to the following students for receiving special recognition for the Knox-Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest entitled "May The Forest Be With You Always."

	Classroom Winner	Honorable Mention
K	Ashton Bowen	Rinny Ilvonen
Grade 1	Bristol Wilcox	N/A
Grade 2	Brooks Snell	Isabelle Cahill
Grade 3	Bailey Elwell	Penelope Mabry
Grade 4	Faryn Mills	Evelyn Evangelos
Grade 5	Alice LaPorte	Kallie Wyman
Grade 6	Brigid Mills	Sebastian Langley



Congratulations to Ashton Bowen, Overall Winner for the K-1 Category! This is no small achievement in a field of so many posters. The judges were impressed both by Ashton's conservation message and his incredible use of visuals! The judges loved Ashton's chickadee and other well-drawn forest creatures. His poster will now be entered into the state-level competition!



## Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration Information for 24/25

### Pre-K:

**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.

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.**

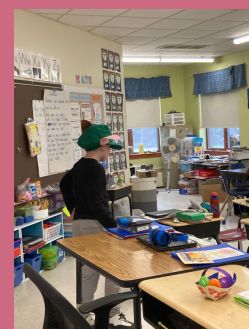
## NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION LINK

## Food Drive for Come Spring Food Pantry

4th Grade held a food drive for Come Spring Food Pantry in Union. They called it Bring Spring to Come Spring. They had two goals - one for 100 foods and the second was 280 foods! They made it to exactly 280 foods! So exciting! Thank you to everyone who donated food. It has all been delivered to the food pantry and they were so grateful! A special thank you to Mr. Gamage for delivering 50 loaves of bread to the pantry! We are a school that loves our community!



**Who are these Easter Bunnies? They had to fill out job applications to become the prized job of Easter Bunny! They made and filled baskets and, with great stealth, delivered the baskets! They'll never reveal their identities - but you may recognize some!**



## Important Information Regarding the Solar Eclipse

### Source: [Parent Tips](#) and [Maine DOE](#)

Children and parents across the country are getting excited for the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, which will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. It will be visible in 15 parts of the United States, including Maine.

In Maine, the eclipse will start at approximately 2:19PM, be at its half-way peak at 3:01 PM and be at full view at 3:31PM. For many of our students, they will be on the bus at this time. According to [NASA](#), people should never gaze directly at the sun during a solar eclipse, even when it is partly or mostly covered by the moon. **UES, along with all RSU40 schools will provide each student with "eclipse glasses."** These glasses were made possible by the **Knox County Emergency Management Association** and are intended as a precautionary measure for safely viewing the eclipse. **We will ensure each student has a pair of glasses and will encourage them to wear them to prevent any possible damage.**

We asked Cook Children's experts how to best prepare for this historic event. [Osaretin Aimuyo M.D.](#), pediatrician at [Cook Children's Pediatrics Arlington](#) and [Michael G. Hunt M.D.](#), Research and Education Director of Ophthalmology at Cook Children's, advise parents on how to protect their family and their eyes.



"A total solar eclipse can be very exciting because it doesn't happen often and is a great opportunity to get kids excited about natural phenomena," says Aimuyo. "It is possible to look directly at the eclipse, but it *must* be done with proper eye protection to prevent blindness or permanent 'stamps' of the sun on the eye. There are glasses with specialized filters designed specifically for viewing an eclipse. [The American Astronomical Society](#) publishes a list of vendors who sell ISO-certified eclipse glasses."

**Wearing solar eclipse glasses** - Hunt explains that solar eclipse glasses are worn the same way you wear regular sunglasses. They can be worn directly over your regular glasses or contact lenses. However, Hunt emphasizes that you should not put them on or take them off while you are looking at the sun. "The simple order for using solar eclipse glasses is this: look away, put them on, watch the eclipse, look away, take them off."

**Hunt shares the safest way to use a pair of solar eclipse glasses:**

1. Prepare your glasses by folding them into the correct configuration if needed.
2. While holding the glasses, stand with your body toward the sun, but look down.
3. Still looking down, put the eclipse glasses on.
4. Raise your head and look up at the sun - enjoy the eclipse.
5. Don't remove your solar eclipse glasses if you are still watching the eclipse.

**When can solar eclipse glasses be removed?**

- There is one situation where the glasses can be removed: during the totality phase of a total solar eclipse. This is when the moon has completely blocked out the sun and the sky is dark.
  - With young children, it could be hard to have them remove and replace the glasses at just the right time. It is best to have them keep the glasses on the entire time they look toward the sun.
  - With infants, it is safest for them to remain inside during the eclipse. If they are small enough to fit in a car seat or stroller with a canopy, you can safely have them outside. Be sure the canopy is drawn so they do not get direct sunlight to their eyes.
- Be prepared to put your solar eclipse glasses back on before totality ends and the partial phase reappears.
- To remove the glasses, look away from the sun and remove the glasses.

**Please click on the links below for additional information regarding the eclipse.**

[Eclipses](#)

[2024 Solar Eclipse](#)

# Free Community Breakfast

Easter Sunday Morning  
March 31st

**7am - 10am**

Union Masonic Lodge  
149 Sennebec Rd. Union

on the menu:

**Scrambled Eggs**

**French Toast**

**Pancakes**

**Bacon**

**Muffins**

Hosted by John & Linda Mountainland