

# Union Elementary School

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## Dates to Remember

**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

**Wednesday, June 19th**

**Juneteenth- No School**

**Thursday, June 20th**

**Last Student Day (at this time)**  
Early Release Day



## Principal's Remarks

### Toys and Stuffed Animals

Moving forward, we are discouraging students from bringing toys and stuffed animals to school. Items are being lost, traded, ruined in the mud, etc. Students in ACE will be able to use the existing inventory of toys they have in the closet. Students should not bring their own "stuffies" or toys. Thank you for your understanding.

### New Staff Member

Amber May will join our team beginning Monday, April 22nd. She'll serve as our Ed Tech who will support K-6 classrooms. Our students are familiar with Mrs. May as she subbed in this building several times last fall and winter.

### Students View the Eclipse!!!

Students had the rare opportunity to view the solar eclipse Monday, April 8th. Although many families chose to keep their children home or dismiss them early to watch this wonderful spectacle, the remaining 41 students met on the basketball courts for a school-wide viewing of their own. I was amazed at the students' level of maturity they exhibited. They were engaged and safe, while being amazed at what they saw. We delayed the departure for an additional seven minutes in order for students to take in as much of this experience as possible.



## Student Feature: Hailey Robinson Grade: 5



**I like UES because** - everyone's nice and we get to play games and do crafts at ACE.

**My favorite books include:** *Snow Treasure*. It's about German soldiers trying to find gold in Norway.

**I like to watch** - Dance moms and One Tree Hill.

**My favorite singers and bands include** - Taylor Swift and Arianna Grande.

**My favorite foods include** - tacos with rice on the side, strawberry shortcake.

**My hobbies include** - cooking, ice skating (I've been doing it for two years) and drawing random stuff.

**Why I grow up I want to be** - A baker and ice skating teacher.

**If I could live anywhere in the world I'd live** - Maine because I feel like it has nice places with great views.

## Students recognized for positive behaviors!!

Our PBIS monthly theme for April is - Conflict Resolution.  
I will choose positive ways to resolve conflicts.

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

Pre K: Brayson Gamage & Keller Grindle

Kindergarten: Ella Bendtson & Addie Hatch

1st Grade: Jason Corbett & Alden Evangelos

2nd Grade: Finnley Grierson & Levi Yenor

3rd Grade: Amara Bendtson & Phillip Jura

4th Grade: Arianna Hildings & Sully Seeger

5th Grade: Alice LaPorte & Calvin Ward

6th Grade: Sebastian Langley & Bailey Doucette

## Super Citizens



## Happy Earth Day!

4th grade cleaned up the playground and parking lot for Earth Day!  
There was a lot of trash out there! It looks so much better! The boys won the most collected trash but the girls were a close second!





### 3rd Grade Teaches Us About Habitats

Third grade has been working hard on information writing. This genre of writing involves researching, taking notes, processing what they read, and creating a piece of writing which teaches the reader essential information on the topic. This includes proper formatting, paraphrasing and several revisions to make sure grammar and punctuation is correct. Below you will find a few excerpts from published pieces produced in Mrs. Stotz's class.

#### *The Alpine* - By Penelope Mabry

There are very few animals that can survive in the harsh climate of the alpine. Only some animals thrive in this habitat. Even though the alpine has a harsh climate in has unforgettable beauty.

There are certain animals that have adapted to survive in this unforgiving climate of the alpine. A grizzly bear lives on top of the mountain in the summer but to survive the cold they hibernate. A snow leopard coat helps it blend in with its surroundings and sneak up on their prey to catch their food. /the snowy owl has thick feathers to keep them warm and these feathers make water fall off their backs.

The alpine has a very harsh climate. It only has two seasons. The temperature is 40-60 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer, but in the winter it's -30 degrees Fahrenheit. Also, the snowy mountains make it harder for herbivores to find food.

In conclusion, the alpine is an unforgiving habitat that is hard to survive in, but it's still a beautiful habitat you will never forget.

#### *Tropical Rainforest* - By Clancy Clalderwood

Have you ever heard about the most amazing Habitat ever? in my opinion it is a tropical rainforest. The first reason is tropical rainforests are located along the Equator. The second reason is it rains a lot in the tropical rainforest. The third reason is the plants that grow in the tropical rainforest like orchids and coconut trees are the plants I love. Finally here's the fact about the rainforest - the average temperature is 75 to 80° Fahrenheit or 24 to 30° Celsius. I'm glad we know a lot about the rainforest because it is such an amazing place to be. I hope you go by airplane ticket and visit the tropical rainforest.

#### *The Desert* - By Bailey Elwell

Have you ever seen the desert? It's the most sandy place you'll ever see! First off, I mostly like the desert of its differences. Why? Because it's much hotter and sandier than most places. Secondly, the plants there are so cool like cacti and tumbleweeds. They are different as well because they are spiky and grow differently unlike other plants. Also, the animals are amazing even if they're poisonous, like some snakes such as king cobras and snakes. Finally there are very few clouds to protect the earth, that's why it's so hot in the desert in the day and cold at night. In summary, if you'd like a different place to see, the desert is a great place to visit.

### 2024 UES Yearbooks for Sale

Once again, UES will be offering a yearbook to those interested in purchasing one. We are ordering a maximum number of 80 yearbooks, and given we will continue to provide each 6th grader with a free copy, that leaves 69 left for others to order. 6th grade parents will not need to order one as we will do that on our own. All others who are interested, please complete the form that was sent home this week and submit payment no later than May 1, 2024 to the school office. The cost of the yearbook is \$12.



### **A.C.E. (After-school Children's Enrichment)**

Childcare Openings (Ages 4 - 12)  
Before (7-8:30) \$25/Week and  
After Care (3:15 - 5:30) \$50/Week  
Locations: Union, Waldoboro and Warren  
Schools

It is the intent of A.C.E. or the After-school Children's Enrichment program to provide a social, structured, and safe out of school time environment for the students of the MSAD #40 school district. The program works to incorporate a mix of educational and recreational activities that are fun, interesting, affordable and safe for children ages 4 to 12 when school is not in session.

Additional Care: Early Releases, Workshop Days, Vacation and Summer  
Please contact Stacey Fowler for an application @ 701-8407 or [ace.stacey@yahoo.com](mailto:ace.stacey@yahoo.com)

## **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**