



Union Elementary School

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May 17, 2024



Dates to Remember

Wednesday, May 12 - June 9th
UES Art Show @ Vose Library
During normal library hours

Friday, May 17th
Contradance @ UES 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21st
UES PTC Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
All parents are welcome to attend!

Monday, May 27th
Memorial Day- No School

Thursday, May 30th
Field Trip for grades K & 1 to
Merryspring Nature Center

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

Friday, June 14th
Students vs. Staff Basketball Game
2:15-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18th
Trimester 3 Awards - 1:45-2:30 p.m.
6th Grade Promotion - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19th
Juneteenth- No School

Thursday, June 20th
Last Student Day
Field Day 9:00-11:20 a.m.
Early Release Day - dismissal @ 1:15 p.m.

Principal's Remarks

Local Politician Visits UES!!!

Our very own Representative Bill Plueker came to speak to both our 6th and 4th grades about his role in state politics. He shared several examples of the type of work he and other colleagues work on including:

- creating and managing the state budget that supports its citizens' needs without overburdening the taxpayers.
- listening to constituents (people who voted to elect them), sponsoring bills, and voting to accept or reject those bills.
- the election process and including why we have term limits.
- various committee work
- ensuring the three branches of government provide checks and balances so we have a fair process involved in all decision making.

As an Independent, Representative Plueker spoke on his convictions to speak to issues without having the pressure of having to vote along party lines. He mentioned that the hardest part of his job is having to juggle his home jobs (farmer and substitute teacher) and being a supportive dad, while also being a Representative. He shared that a large part of the job is the amount of negotiating and compromising involved in decisions which makes a positive impact on the community.

I have no doubt that our students have more knowledge around how our government works after listening to and speaking with Representative Plueker.



Students recognized for positive behaviors!!

Our PBIS monthly theme for May is - Responsibility.
I will successfully do my jobs.

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

Pre K: Brooke Grass & Chloe Brown

Kindergarten: Caroline Girtman & Ella Bendtson

1st Grade: Malachi Calderwood & Kimber Dodge

2nd Grade: Bailey Robinson & Zella Stotz

3rd Grade: Stefan Dudley & Jett Gamage.

4th Grade: Sully Seeger & Callie Heath

5th Grade: Lauren Lorentzen & Jaxson Boehlke

6th Grade: Jules Blake & Kyle Jensen



Super Citizens

Mrs. Davis Strong!!!

A member of our PTC and employee of Adventure Advertising, Jessica Sukeforth, recently asked me and I gave my full support to embark on a project designed to show our love, appreciation, and support to Mrs. Davis. As you are now well aware, Mrs. Davis is battling her second bout with cancer. She is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments AND still working full-time! She is a warrior and we want to show her that we have her back by wearing swag with her name on the front. By clicking the [Davis Strong Link](#) you will be able to see clothing options (short-sleeve T's, long-sleeve T's and sweatshirts, all in adult or youth sized) to purchase. There are two options for delivery. 1. Pick up at Adventure Advertising or 2. Delivered to your address. To make things as simple as possible, if you live locally, click "pick up". This eliminates the S/H charge. Your order will be individually packaged, make its way to UES, and you may pick it up here at school. There is a two week turnaround on all orders.

These swag purchases are completely optional, but we hope that you will consider this opportunity. All proceeds will go directly to Mrs. Davis and help defray some of the costs associated with travel, hotel accommodations in Boston, and meals. Although taking some of the expense burden off her plate will be beneficial, more importantly, seeing students, staff, parents and community members wearing these t-shirts will show her how much we appreciate all she has done, is doing, and will do in the future for our school. Please submit your order no later than 5/24/24. There is a two week turnaround for your order.

Thank you, Mr. White and Ms. Sukeforth

Contradancing @ UES

Students participated in the last classes of the Contradancing Residency with Belfast Flying Shoes performer Chrissy Fowler this week. There will be a community event this Friday, 5/17, from 6:00-7:00 PM where all members of the public are invited to watch and/or dance. We hope to see you here!



UES PTC MEETING

**Tuesday, May 21st
6:00 p.m.
All parents and guardians are
welcome to attend!**



Calling all parents!!!

I realize it is late in the year, however it's never too late for a good thing! There have been some recent inquiries about getting our PTC active again. We are shifting our mindset from trying to accommodate the various schedule restrictions people have to setting a date and doing the best business we can with those who can make it. **The next meeting is scheduled for May 21st at 6:00PM.** We can discuss the current budget and set goals for what we want to accomplish the rest of this year as well as set the table for next year.



UES Bikes for Books Program



Dear UES Families:

The Union Masonic Lodge will once again sponsor the Bikes For Books Program. One boy and one girl from each of the following grade spans (PreK-K, 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6) will be randomly selected from a pool of tickets to win a bike and a helmet.

Here is how it works:

Students need to take their completed reading log to Mrs. Barrows who will add 7 tickets for each log beginning **May 1st through May 31st**. Students can read on their own, or can be read to. The ultimate goal is to reward students for their reading. The more they read, the more tickets they earn! Each entry will need to be verified by an adult's initials. Students can get a new reading log in their classroom or from Mrs. Barrows in the library.

Winners will be announced during our 3rd Trimester Awards Ceremony on the last day of school.

4th Grade- Real Jobs in Maine

The fourth grade classroom hosted Christine Simmonds, Managing Editor of The Courier-Gazette, on Friday, May 10, as part of Real Jobs in Maine program. This program, introduces students to career fields which exist within the state. We get inspired to think about what careers are possible in Maine. The students prepared for the visit ahead of time by creating a list of questions for the visitor. They take turns asking the questions, write down the answers they receive, and then create short reports about that person and their career.



Thank you Historical Society!!!

UES would like to thank the Union Historical Society for donating two copies of Bridges to the Past: Union, Maine to our library. This picturesque book, by David Shaub / Ruth Shaw, contains many photos which depict the older homes, farms, and businesses from historic Union, and will provide another resource for our students to make connections with our community. Thank you to Mary Thompson for delivering these books to our library!

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.

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.

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**

Friday, June 14 Students vs. Staff Basketball Game (2:15-3:00)

Because of many scheduling conflicts for both students and staff, we are unable to hold a nighttime game. We want to support the students' strong wishes to keep this tradition alive so we have carved out some time from 2:15-3:00 p.m. on June 14th. The entire school will be in the gym to watch this sure-to-be hotly-contested event. This is not a fundraiser so there will be no admission nor any "friendly bribes" to adjust the score. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend!!!

Details at this point:

Players: All 6th graders vs. Mrs. Snell, Mrs. Stotz, Mrs. Todd, Mr. Minzer, Ms. Howard, Ms. Katie, Ms. Thompson
Scorekeeper: Mrs. Munro
Announcer: Mrs. Davis
Ref: Mr. White

Medomak Valley Boys 2024 Summer Basketball Camp Grades 2-9

Boys Youth Summer Basketball Camp and Panther Pride Camp will be held at Medomak Valley High School

Panther Pride Camp

JUNE 24-26 (Monday-Wednesday)
Entering grades (5-10) 9:00-12:00
Cost is \$65.00

Boys Youth Summer Basketball Camp

JULY 8-11 (Monday-Thursday)
JULY 15-18 (Monday-Thursday)
Entering grades (2-5) 8:30-10:00
Entering grades (6-9) 10:15-12:00
2 weeks is \$90.00
1 week is \$50.00

Registration will be the first day of each session or you can mail the registration form and payment payable to the
MEDOMAK VALLEY ALL-SPORTS BOOSTERS CLUB
Mail to: Nick DePatsy PO Box 787
Waldoboro, ME 04572

Any questions or concerns please call Coach DePatsy 207-542-3671 or email at nick.depatsy@fivetowns.net

The Sestercentennial Commemorative Coin



The Sestercentennial Commemorative Coin is available for purchase from any of the Sestercentennial committee members including Argy Nestor who you can email@ meartsed@gmail.com to arrange to purchase one. The coins are \$20 each. They will be available at the Union Historical Society and at several upcoming public events happening in Union. Get your coin today!!

Medomak Camp

Register Now!

RSU 40 is excited to invite your child **entering grades 4-5** to attend a free two-week summer program at Medomak Camp in Washington. RSU 40 teachers and staff will teach this enrichment program and include a registered nurse. Space is limited to 100 students so sign up soon! Fill out the form below to register your child. We look forward to an exciting summer of learning and fun!

[REGISTER \(Click Here\)](#)



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PRESENTS
WASHINGTON MAINE
MEDOMAK CAMP
2024
JULY 8TH - JULY 18TH
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9AM - 2PM
FOR STUDENTS
ENTERING
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REGISTER NOW - MAX 100 STUDENTS
GAMES - SWIMMING - OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES LEARNING
- NEW FRIENDSHIPS - SUMMER FUN
**FREE! - TRANSPORTATION, BREAKFAST
AND LUNCH PROVIDED!**
QUESTIONS?
EMAIL: SHERRY_CASAS@RSU40.ORG or
DEANN_VIGUE@RSU40.ORG

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