



Union Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

Wednesday, October 2nd

School Picture Day- forms went home
last week

Monday, October 7th

Tooth Protectors forms due back

Friday, October 11th

No School- Workshop Day

Monday, October 14th

No School- Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 21-25

Scholastic Book Fair @ UES-
more information coming!

Wednesday, October 23rd

Early Release Day- dismissal @ 1:15

Friday, October 25th

Booktoberfest at UES.

More information to come!

Wednesday, October 30th

Tooth Protectors Dental Clinic @ UES

Principal's Remarks

Being Present Matters!

Students who miss 2-4 days of school in September are likely to be chronically absent for the year (Owens, 2014). Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing school more than 10% of the time. This means that students who miss 16.5 days of school by the end of the year (for whatever reason - excused or unexcused) are considered chronically absent. There is a correlation between student attendance and being successful in school, so we obviously encourage students to attend whenever they are healthy. Being at school allows students to benefit from classroom discussions and develop social skills by being with other classmates. As of September 27th, we have 24 students who met the criteria for being chronically absent. We realize this is a small sample size, but we want parents to be aware that being present in school is important. Periodically, chronically absent students meet the threshold of being truant and this designation sparks additional repercussions in accordance with our school board adopted Truancy Policy. Please do what you can to have your child attend school if they are healthy. Thank you.

Phones.....

Maine State Police Detective Josh Lander is coming to The Ronald E. Dolloff auditorium on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 from 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm to speak to the district's parents about online safety and the dangers of cyber attacks and crimes and overall general safety for students in our complicated world. Parents of students of all ages are encouraged to attend.

We have seen a large increase in the number of students at UES who have phones. I highly encourage you to attend this informational session. Students can access, in many cases, unfiltered access to various sites. This level of repeated exposure to inappropriate material is desensitizing students and making the waters complicated in differentiating between right and wrong. We all want students to have a strong moral compass to help them navigate their way into adulthood and attending this workshop will undoubtedly provide helpful information to all parents.

Annual Online Registration

Parents must complete the On-Line Registration as part of the enrollment process. Thank you to all of the families who have completed their registrations! We are down to just 10 students whose parents still need to complete the online registration. If you haven't completed your annual registration, please click on the link below. If you can't remember your user name and password, please call Mrs. Davis in the office @ 785-4330 or send a Parent Square message or email.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal

Super Citizens



Students recognized for positive behaviors!!

Our PBIS monthly theme for September is Respect/Manners- I will show respect by using good manners.

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

Pre K- Jack Stotz & Oliver Thompson
Kindergarten- June Bowen & Scarlett Bowen
1st Grade - Brooke Wiemer & Michael Kunn
2nd Grade - Alden Evangelos & Gloria Grubb
3rd Grade - Lauren Burns & Jillian Blake
4th Grade - Clancey Calderwood & Penelope Mabry
5th Grade - Mason Doucette & Evelyn Evangelos
6th Grade - Colby Calderwood & Evie Buczac

Student Feature: Alder Hancock Grade: 5



I like UES because it's fun. It's smaller than I'm used to. There's less chaos.

My favorite books include: *Harry Potter Series* and *The Hatchet Series*

My favorite shows I like to watch include: *Our Planet*. It's like a nature show.

My favorite songs, singers and bands include: I like pop music. I like Michael Jackson songs - my favorite is *Beat It*.

My favorite foods include: sushi and my dad's pepperoni pizza. I also like my mom's salads.

My hobbies include: soccer, reading, and playing in the woods near my house.

When I grow up I want to be: a doctor, maybe work on brains.

A couple of my pet peeves include: I don't like when my cat keeps me up at night.

When I grow up I'd like to: live in Maine. I came from Atlanta, Georgia and there was a ton of traffic there. There's like no traffic here.

Tooth Protectors Dental Clinic



Sign up forms were sent home with all UES students last week for the Tooth Protectors Dental Clinic that is happening on 10/30/24. If you would like your child to receive this dental service, please complete and sign the Tooth Protectors Dental Permission form, one per child, and return to UES as soon as possible OR you can fill out the electronic permission form and pay for services at this link:

<https://www.toothprotectors.org/permission-form/>

- Services are FREE to those with active MaineCare Insurance
- Fees available for self-pay patients
- Tooth Protectors can bill other dental insurances

Book Fair information and Booktober Festival Night Details!!!

UES will be holding our Scholastic Book Fair the week of October 21-25. GREAT NEWS!!!! We are excited to announce that the Pullen Foundation, a non-profit town account overseen by a committee of volunteers, has agreed to provide a \$20 donation for each child so they can purchase books. We have 125 students so that's a \$2,500 donation from the Pullen Committee towards literacy for kids! How cool is that? Because we will be purchasing so much from Scholastic Books, they are likely to provide Ms. Barrows with additional funding for the library thanks to their purchasing incentive program. It's a gift that multiplies in value and you can't beat that!

Students will be able to go to the Book Fair throughout the week with their individual order form valued at \$20. Teachers will allow their students to browse and make final purchases no later than Thursday the 24th. This will allow parents to utilize the Booktober Festival Night on Friday, October 25th to purchase books beyond the \$20 mark, if they so choose.

Booktober Festival Night Details!

October 25th- 5:00-6:30 pm

5:00 Costume Parade

5:15-6:00 Classroom Literacy activities and Bookfair final purchases.

6:00-6:30 Dinner- Pizza, apples, carrots, water and ice-cream sandwiches



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1 PICK YOUR PACKAGE(S) ELIGE SUS PAQUETES

FAMILY PACKAGE \$64

4 - 8x10s
6 - 5x7s
4 - 4x6s
4 - 3x5s
8 - 2x3s

*Order online to choose a background on every sheet.
*Real tu pedido online para elegir un fondo en cada hoja.

A \$44

3 - 8x10s
2 - 5x7s
2 - 4x6s
4 - 3x5s
8 - 2x3s

B \$38

1 - 8x10
2 - 5x7s
2 - 4x6s
4 - 3x5s
8 - 2x3s

C \$32

2 - 5x7s
2 - 4x6s
4 - 3x5s
8 - 2x3s

D \$25

2 - 5x7s
4 - 3x5s
8 - 2x3s

E \$22

1 - 5x7
2 - 3x5s
8 - 2x3s

F \$17

4 - 3x5s
8 - 2x3s

G \$12

2 - 3x5s
4 - 2x3s

+ Package \$5

FRIENDSHIP PACK

4 - 2x3s
3 - Bookmarks

Must choose your package above and bubble in the (F) bubble next to your package to get the Friendship Pack for \$5.
Debes elegir tu paquete arriba y marcar la burbujita (F) al lado de tu paquete para obtener el Paquete de la Amistad por \$5.

2 OPTIONS OPCIONES

1 Classic Border Borde Clásico \$7

More border options online!
Más opciones de borde en línea!

2 Retouch Retoque \$10

Includes Blemishes, Braces Not Included.
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3 Year Año \$5

Applies to ALL Prints in Package.
Aplica a TODAS las imágenes en el paquete.
More personalization options online!
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B8

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A LA CARTE

L \$15

1 - 8x10

M \$15

2 - 5x7s

N \$15

4 - 3x5s

3 PAY ONLINE OR PLACE PAYMENT IN ENVELOPE

GET MORE ONLINE! ¡Compre en línea! Tenemos más excelentes opciones en línea.
Want to **build your own package**? Add a **name** to your prints?
Choose from more **background options**? Buy a **digital download** of your image?
Purchase **additional prints** at discounted prices? Go online for more options!

FILL IN BUBBLES COMPLETELY
Llene las burbujas completamente.
Example:

UES Fall Pictures

Fall picture day is next week on Wednesday, October 2nd. The link at the bottom of the order form will allow parents to sign up to receive updates via email regarding their child's school portraits. These updates include promotions, additional deals and the ability to order more pictures at a later time. When entering student information, parents should be sure to enter the student's name as it is on file at the school. Paper order forms went home last week. If you need another form, please get one in the office from Mrs. Davis before picture day.

Community Fund Raiser

Fire and Rescue

Sat. Oct. 12 Noon to 3pm

Union Masonic Lodge

Come join us for some family fun

Games:

Cornhole
Horseshoes
DJ w/ Karaoke
Face Painting
Bouncy House

Food:

Hot Dogs
Hamburgers
Salads

donate \$\$ please!

Also! a Dunk Tank

(members of fire & rescue crews will be here)

\$1 per Ball - 5 balls for \$3 Please bring \$1 bills!

Salad Bar Returns!

Salad Bar starts next week for students in grades 3-6! Every Tuesday and Thursday salad bar will be offered to student in grades 3-6 as a lunch alternative.