

Union Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

Friday, October 11th No School- Workshop Day

Monday, October 14th No School- Indigenous Peoples' Day

Thursday, October 17th

STEP Ice Skating @ MRC for 3rd graders

Friday, October 18th

Coffee with the Counselor 8:30 a.m.-8:55 a.m. here @ UES

October 21-25

Scholastic Book Fair @ UES

Wednesday, October 23rd

Early Release Day- dismissal @ 1:15

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**Thursday, October 24th** 

STEP Ice Skating @ MRC for 3rd graders

Friday, October 25th

Booktoberfest at UES 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30th
Tooth Protectors Dental Clinic @ UES

**Thursday, October 31st** 

STEP Ice Skating @ MRC for 3rd graders

Friday, November 1st Workshop Day- No School

Wednesday, November 6th

Early Release Day- dismissal @ 1:15

Thursday, October 24th
STEP Ice Skating @ MRC for
3rd graders

## **Principal's Remarks**

#### **New Procedure for Dismissal in place**

In keeping with our number one priority of maintaining student safety, we have implemented a new procedure for parent pick up.

- Each family's car has been issued a number which needs to be placed in the lower right side of the windshield. Numbers have been given out to all students. Additional numbers were handed out this week to students who have two households or two vehicles. If you need another number, please let Mrs. Davis know.
- Parents or family members who are picking up students will need to drive to the front door, where a staff member will radio in the number to another staff member in the lobby, who will subsequently dismiss that student. Students will have already been lined up around the perimeter of the lobby so communication should go smoothly. Students will need to remember the number which is associated with their family car. We are confident that this will be a quick learning experience for them.
- We have found when we dismiss students in this manner during inclement weather, it is much safer and efficient.

#### **Union Fire Department visit**

Thank you to several members of the Union Fire Department who came to UES this week as part of Fire Safety Week. Our students learned ways to prevent fires from occuring and the importance of having a fire escape plan and working smoke detectors in their homes. Many students also got a chance to learn about some of the safety equipment firefighters use while on a call. This is an annual event which brings a necessary town service to the school to educate our students about fire safety and we are appreciative of their efforts to inform some of the youngest and most impressionable members of our town. Thank you UFD for volunteering your time to educate our students!!!

## **Super Citizens**

#### Students recognized for positive behaviors!!

Our PBIS monthly theme for October is Fairness/Kindness. I will show kindness by treating others and myself fairly.

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

Pre K- Karsyn Bragg & Jackson Newman
Kindergarten- Keller Grindle & Lincoln Fickett
1st Grade - Michael Lemoi & Orion Bellen
2nd Grade - Tegen Bernardo & Ezra Miller
3rd Grade - Zella Stotz & Grace Boehlke
4th Grade - Benny Taylor & Everitt Williams
5th Grade - Brooklyn Moody & Callie Heath

6th Grade - Hailey Robinson & Ellsie Snider-Knapp















I like UES because all my friends are here and the teachers help us learn a lot. A couple of my favorite books are: The Eyes and the Impossible. It's about a dog who can run at the speed of light and and I also like The Forgotten Girl.

My favorite show is: Grey's Anatomy. My favorite character is Meredith.

My favorite singers include: Taylor Swift, Olivia Rodrigo, Sabrina Carpenter and Arianna Grande. My favorite song is Espresso by Sabrina Carpenter

My favorite foods include: my dad's chicken and rice dish with his fancy flatbread and my mom's mac and cheese. I like strawberry sorbet for dessert.

My hobbies include: dancing at Studio Red and figure skating at MRC.

A pet peeve of mine is when I say something and someone else says the same thing and they get credit. I also don't like it when people talk over me.

When I grow up I'd like to live in Japan. I'm trying to learn Japanese right now on the Duolingo app.



#### **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 ASAP 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 that 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 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Costume Parade

**5:15 -6:00 p.m.** Classroom Literacy activities and Bookfair final purchases. **6:00-6:30 p.m.** Dinner- Pizza, apples, carrots, water and ice-cream sandwiches

































#### **Books Donated to UES!**

Thanks to the generosity of the Farnsworth Art Museum, who in partnership with the Strand Theatre and the Indigo Arts Alliance, UES received several wonderful books to add to our library. The following books (Ellen's Broom, My name is Sangoel, When I Wrap My Hair, Frizzy, Beat the Story-Drum, Pum, Pum, Swim Team, & Something, Someday) which I'm sure will be well received by our students as the messages are positive and the illustrations are stunning.







