

Union Elementary School

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Scott A. White, Principal

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October 4, 2024

Dates to Remember

Monday, October 7th

Tooth Protectors forms due back

Tuesday, October 8th

New dismissal procedure begins- see information in Mr. White's column

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

October 21-25

Scholastic Book Fair @ UES

Wednesday, October 23rd

Early Release Day- dismissal @ 1:15

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

Principal's Remarks

Important Dismissal Information

1. We respectfully request that PreK parents come in and dismiss their children at 2:45pm. This allows room in the circle for the rest of the cars for the remaining parent pick ups, which begins at 3:15pm. Parents are usually gone within 8-10 minutes and then buses take the remaining students home.

2. Last period ends at 3:15pm so we are asking parents not to dismiss grades K-6 prior to that time. Many of our students are missing 15-20 minutes of instruction in the afternoon on a regular basis because of being dismissed early. Although we certainly understand children may need to get to afternoon appointments, we can surmise some parents/grandparents are coming early to avoid the slight traffic congestion during regular dismissal times. We hope moving forward that we see a reduction in the number of early dismissals. Thank you for your understanding.

3. **New Procedure!!!** In keeping with our number one priority of maintaining student safety, we will be implementing a new dismissal procedure for parent pick ups next week.

- Each family's car will be issued a number which needs to be placed in the lower right side of the windshield. We will hand these numbers to parents on Monday, October 7th.
- Beginning Tuesday, October 8th, parents 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.

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- McKenna Sabins & Dustin Young
Kindergarten- Olivia Burns & Wesley Wilcox
1st Grade - Addie Hatch & Ben Paulsen
2nd Grade - Veda Parent & Alden Evangelos
3rd Grade - Brooks Snell & Markie Bowen
4th Grade - Hanah Thompson & Jett Gamage
5th Grade - Brayden Bendtson & Greensley Corbin-Peters
6th Grade - Bentley Robinson & Fallyn Kirkham

Kindness
=MATTERS=



Student Feature: Evie Buczacz Grade: 6

I like UES because I'm learning a lot more than I did at my other school.

One of my favorite books is *Katie the Cat Sitter*. I'm reading that one now.

My favorite shows I like to watch include: The Animé Series *Demonlayer*.

My favorite songs, singers and bands include: Eminem and some other rappers. I don't care for country music though.

My favorite foods include: pasta with butter and Parmesan cheese, garlic bread, and cantaloupe. I'd have cotton candy ice cream for dessert.

My hobbies include: talking with friends from my old school and digital drawing on my iPad.

When I grow up I want to be: an artist or an animator.

A pet peeves of mine is when people argue about pointless things like one thing being better than another thing.

When I grow up I'd like to live in Maine. I've never really been anywhere else so yeah I like Maine.

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 by Monday, October 7th 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.

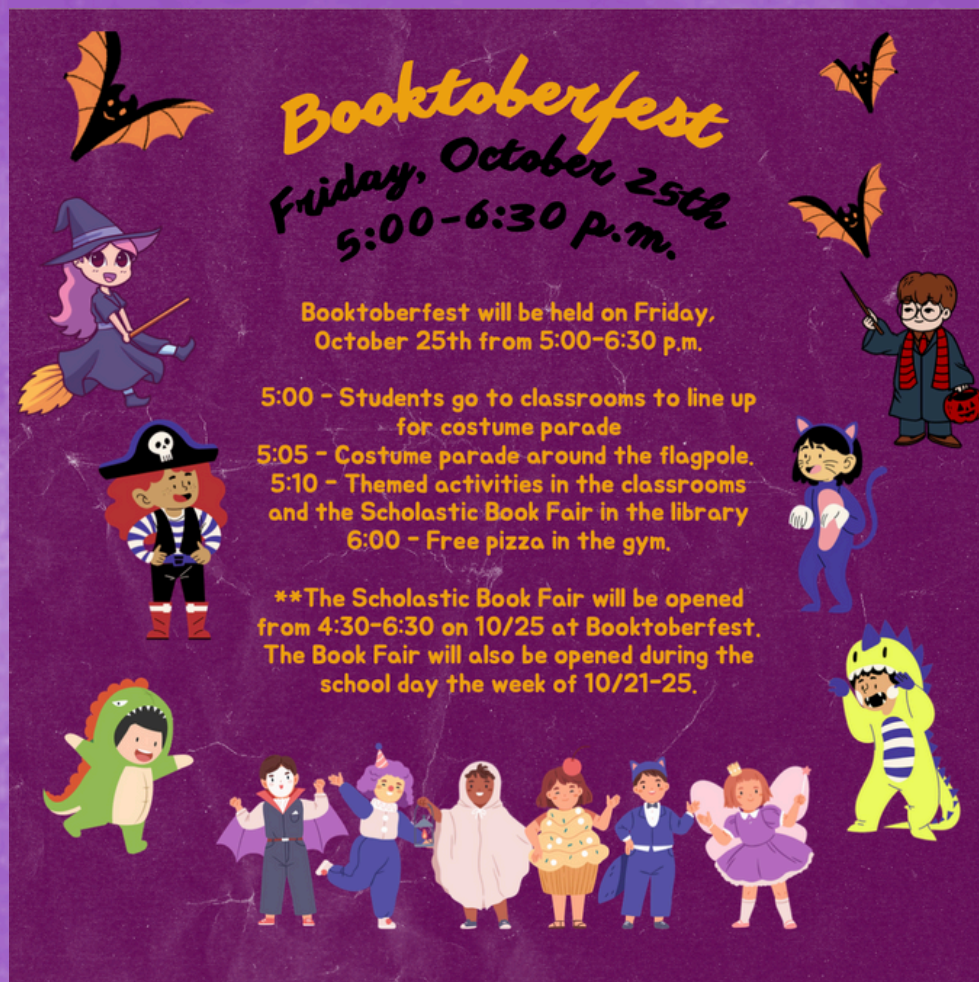
Booktober Festival Night Details!

October 25th- 5:00-6:30 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



SCHOOL COUNSELING

2024-2025



This Month in School Counseling

CLASSROOM LESSONS

This month in classroom lessons, we will be focusing on Bullying Prevention using the Second Step curriculum. Students will learn how to recognize, refuse, and report bullying. Students will also learn ways that bystanders, people who witness bullying, can help.

SMALL GROUPS

This month I will be leading groups focused on friendship skills and managing feelings.

OCTOBER IS
NATIONAL
BULLYING
AWARENESS
MONTH



Coffee with the Counselor

Any interested parents/guardians are invited to join me for the first Coffee with the Counselor event of the year. This month I will be presenting on executive function skills. I will also give a brief overview of my role and classroom lessons for the year. Coffee will be provided.

Friday, October 18th
8:30 - 8:55




Contact

Please feel free to call, email, or send a ParentSquare Message to discuss your child's needs!


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THE MVHS PLAYERS PRESENT




Guys and DOLLS



A Musical Fable of Broadway
Based on a Story and Characters of Damon Runyon

Music and Lyrics by: FRANK LOEDGER
Book by: JO SWERLING + ABE BURROWS



November 1, 2, 8, 9 @ 7:00 PM
3 & 10 @ 2:00 PM

Reserved.....\$15.00
General Admission:
Adults.....\$13.00
Students & Seniors.....\$10.00

Purchase tickets at <https://msad40.tix.com>
Or call 207-832-5389 x333 for reservations

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.mtishows.com

Community Fund Raiser

Fire and Rescue

Sat. Oct. 12 Noon to 3pm
Union Masonic Lodge



Come join us for some family fun

Games:	Food:
Cornhole	Hot Dogs
Horseshoes	Hamburgers
DJ w/ Karaoke	Salads
Face Painting	donate \$\$ please!
Bouncy House	

Also! a Dunk Tank

(members of fire & rescue crews will be here)

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