



Union Elementary School

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Clint Rankin, Principal
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October 31, 2025



Dates to Remember

Friday, October 31st

Costume Parade @ 2:30 p.m.

Friday, November 7th
Workshop Day- No School

Tuesday, November 11th
Veterans Day- No School

Wednesday, November 12th
School Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, November 19th
Early Release Day- dismissal @ 1:15

Thursday, November 20th
Tooth Protectors @ UES

Monday, November 24th
Parent/Teacher Conferences
3:30-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25th
Parent/Teacher Conferences
3:30-6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Vacation
November 26-28
No School

Wednesday, December 10th
Early Release Day- dismissal @ 1:15

December 24 - January 4
Holiday Break- No School

Monday, January 5th
School Resumes

Weekly Principal Message

Dear UES Students and Parents,

What a fun Friday seeing students dressed up in costumes for our annual Costume Parade. Thank you for coming out to watch if you were able to do so. We will be starting up our Parent Teacher Committee again shortly. Please click [here](#) to complete an interest survey. We need your support and gladly welcome input!

This upcoming week is a shortened week, with no school on Friday Nov, 7th. Thus, students have a three day weekend, return to school on Monday the 10th, then also have Tuesday the 11th off for Veteran's Day. It is hard to believe we are finishing Trimester 1 this Wednesday and our first round of report cards will follow shortly.

Thank you for your outpouring of support! The book fair brought in \$6,471 in sales which allowed us to raise \$2,900 for our school. Additionally, thanks to the hard work, generosity, and active participation of our school community, we raised \$4,567 through the 2025 Hannaford Helps Schools Program. These combined resources will be used to benefit our school in meaningful ways, such as bringing in additional local authors, purchasing manipulatives and small group resources, library supplies, and providing additional enrichment opportunities for students here at UES and as field trips. Thank you for continuing to pour into our students and school community.

Hope you have a spooktacular weekend,

Dr. Rankin,

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

Pre K - Dawson Reilly & Gemma Tracey

Kindergarten - Noah Secotte & Scarlett Alley

1st Grade - Henry Mehrmann & John Bickford

2nd Grade - Kirill Searles & Ben Paulsen

3rd Grade - Zakk Dempsey & Wyatt Fridley

4th Grade - Noah Hancock & Dominic Siranda

5th Grade - Aaliyah Stanton & Benny Taylor

6th Grade - Aubree Esancy & Brayden Bendtson

Super Citizens



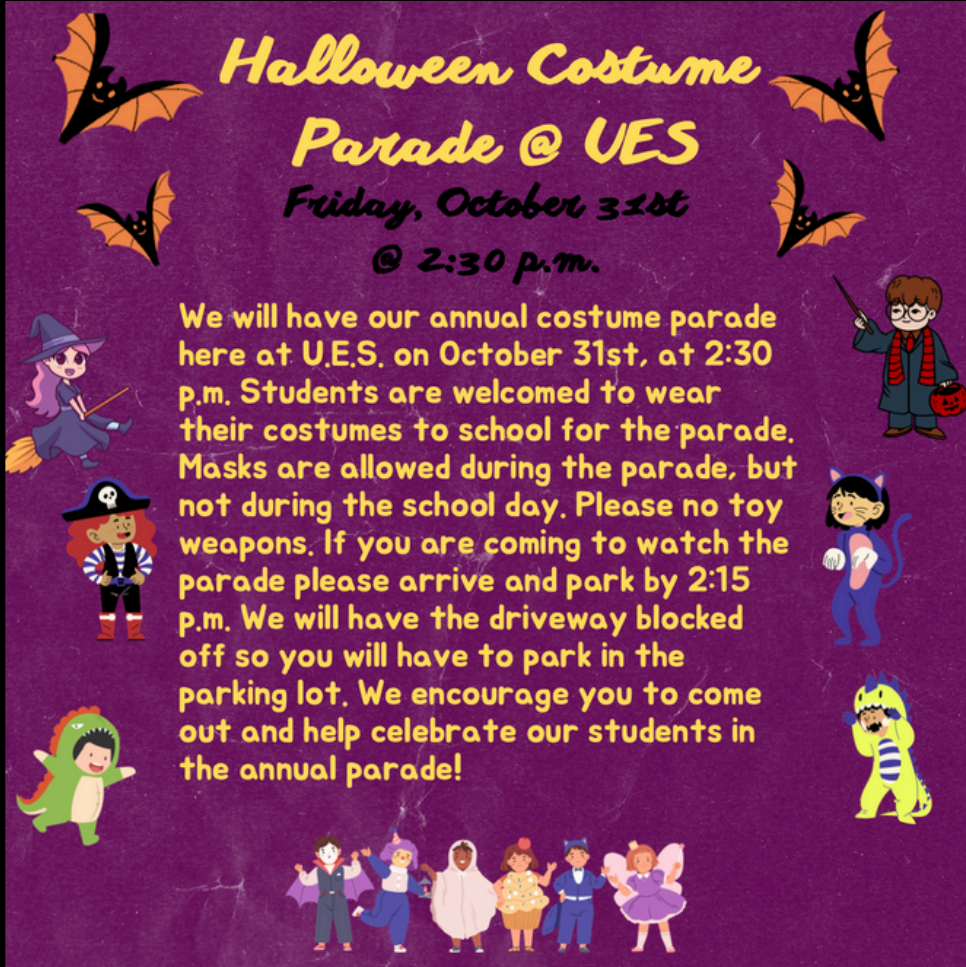
Kindness
MATTERS

Halloween Costume Parade @ UES

Friday, October 31st

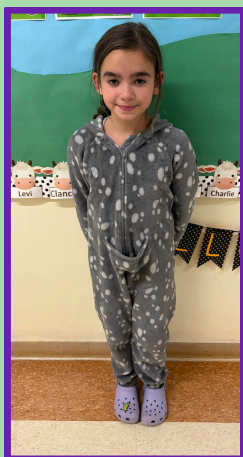
@ 2:30 p.m.

We will have our annual costume parade here at U.E.S. on October 31st, at 2:30 p.m. Students are welcomed to wear their costumes to school for the parade. Masks are allowed during the parade, but not during the school day. Please no toy weapons. If you are coming to watch the parade please arrive and park by 2:15 p.m. We will have the driveway blocked off so you will have to park in the parking lot. We encourage you to come out and help celebrate our students in the annual parade!



Student Feature: Natalie Moody

Grade 4



I like UES because: I like the teachers, especially Ms. Donlin because she is nice and kind.

My favorite books include: I like graphic novels like *Smile* and *Sisters*.

My favorite shows I like to watch include: My favorite show to watch is Fuller House. I watch it over and over.

My favorite songs, singers, and bands include: I listen to country because my father likes it and won't change it!

My favorite food is: Noodles! All kinds.

My hobbies include: I like coloring and sports like gymnastics and doing stunts.

When I grow up I want to be: A 4th grade teacher or a pediatrician.

A couple of my pet peeves include: My dog! He is a wrecking ball and won't sit still.

If I could live anywhere I would live: in the Bahamas!

Child Safety in Cars

The Knox County Sheriff's Department visited the school this week to observe school arrival and how children are seated in vehicles. They will be doing this periodically during the school year at arrival or dismissal. Below is a reminder of the ages for children to be in car seats. The biggest thing to remember is that children under 12 should not be in the front seat of the vehicle unless another spot is unavailable.

Child Safety Seat Quick Reference

All Maine's laws require children be "Properly Secured". This page is designed to assist in identifying and enforcing child passenger safety laws.

Each section below is concluded with a number in parenthesis. This is the paragraph that follows the offense of Title 29-A section 2081 in order to charge the proper offense. **Fines are located on page 32.**

- A child must ride rear facing until the age of 24 months (2-A)
- A child must ride in a rear facing, or forward facing 5-point harness car seat until they are 55 lbs. (2-B)
- Rear facing car seats can NEVER be installed in front of an active air bag. (2-A)
- Car seat harnesses must be snug. You should not be able to pinch excess harness at child's shoulders. (2-A, 2-B)
- Harness Clip should be at child's armpit level. (2-A, 2-B)
- The harness should be coming out of the car seat's harness slot at or below the child's shoulders while riding rear facing (2-A)
- The harness should be coming out of the car seat's harness slot at or above the child's shoulders while riding facing forward. (2-B)
- The car seat should be installed in the vehicle tightly. The tightness should be checked at the belt path (where belt goes through car seat). The car seat should not move more than one-inch side to side or front to back. (2-A, 2-B)
- The car seat needs to be secured to the vehicle using a seat belt or the lower anchors, NOT both. (2-A, 2-B)
- Children must ride in a forward-facing harness seat or a Booster Seat until they are 8 years-of-age, 80 lbs., and 4'9" tall. (3-A)
- Booster seats can only be used with a lap and shoulder belt. (3-A)
- Children must ride in the back seat (when available) until they are 12-years-old (3-C)

If an officer needs assistance in prosecuting any violation, please contact Retired Sgt. Lance Mitchell at: mitchjl18@yahoo.com



Tooth Protectors Dental Clinic Thursday, November 20th

Sign up forms were sent home with all UES students for the Tooth Protectors Dental Clinic. 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 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

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, 11/24 from 3:30-7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, 11/25 from 3:30- 6:30 p.m. Classroom teachers will be sending out their sign up schedules on ParentSquare within the next few weeks.



Strawbridge Picture Orders

Did you miss ordering fall photos? You can still go to strawbridge.net to order them! Once you get there, choose the red "order now" button. That will take you to a spot to put in the code to order. The code for fall pictures is FM489299. You will need your child's Student ID number. Please call Mrs. Davis at the school to get that information.

Picture Retake Day

If your child had their picture taken for fall photos but you want to do a retake, Strawbridge Studios will be here on Wednesday, November 12th for photo retakes. If you ordered pictures you need to bring them in to the photographer if you want retakes. If your child wasn't here on picture day they will have their photo taken on this day as well. If your child is doing retakes, please contact the school ahead of time so we know which students will need to be photographed. Thank you!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us at Vose Library this Halloween for a festive evening of costumes, candy and community fun!

Date : 31 October, 2025

Time : 05:00PM - 7:00PM

Location : 392 Common Rd,
Union, ME 04862

INTERESTED
IN HOSTING A
TRUNK?

Contact the library to register your car:
→ librarian@voselibrary.org or 785-4733

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to the Pullen Fund, students, parents and staff for making the Scholastic Book Fair a success this year! We had a lot of fun and got some great books to read.

-Ms. Barrows



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES: **Food Assistance During the Government Shutdown**

If you or your family are worried about food during the government shutdown, help is available.

- **School Meals will Remain Available for All Students**

All students can still get free breakfast and lunch at school every day.

- **Find Local Food Assistance**

If your family needs food support, call 211, or visit the Good Shepherd Food Bank's Food Pantry Locator to find help near you. Visit www.gsfb.org/get-help/food-map or scan the QR code.



- **General Assistance**

Families can apply for General Assistance, which can help meet basic needs including food, housing, utilities, medical costs and more. Visit www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/programs-services/general-assistance.

- **Continue to Apply or Renew SNAP Benefits**

You can still apply for or renew SNAP during the shutdown. If you qualify, doing this now will help make sure your benefits are ready as soon as funding resumes. Apply or renew at: www.mymaineconnection.gov.

WINTER YOUTH GIRLS BASKETBALL CLINIC

2025-2026 SEASON

AT MEDOMAK VALLEY HIGH
SCHOOL

CLINIC DATE:

NOVEMBER 15TH

GRADES 3&4 - 12:30-2:00
GRADES 5&6 - 2:00-3:30

PARTICIPANTS WILL NEED TO REGISTER FOR THE
UPCOMING YOUTH SEASON ON THIS DATE. IF YOU CAN
NOT ATTEND THE CLINIC BUT WANT TO PLAY , PLEASE
CONTACT EITHER LINDSAY VINAL OR DUSTY STARR.

COACH VINAL: VINALLINDSAY@GMAIL.COM (207)701-1048

COACH STARR: DSTARRJR21@ICLOUD.COM (207) 975- 4145

WINTER YOUTH BOYS BASKETBALL CLINICS

2025-2026 Season

GRADES 3-6

at MEDOMAK VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

CLINIC DATE

NOVEMBER 1st	Grades 3/4	9:00-10:30
	Grades 5/6	10:30-12:00

NOVEMBER 15th	Grades 3/4	9:00-10:30
	Grades 5/6	10:30-12:00

Participants will be able to register at the clinics. If you are unable to
attend the clinics you can email or call Coach Nick DePatsy and Coach
Dusty Starr. THIS PROGRAM WILL BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 1st AND
END ON JANUARY 24.

Coach DePatsy	207-542-3671	nick.depatsy@fivetowns.net
Coach Starr	207-975-4145	dstarrjr21@icloud.com

MEDOMAK

Holiday CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST 9AM-2PM

MEDOMAK MIDDLE SCHOOL
WALDOBORO, MAINE

FREE
FOR KIDS
UNDER 5

LOCAL & HANDMADE

WARM
FOOD

\$1
ADMISSION



THE MVHS PLAYERS PRESENT

GREASE

Book, Music, and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey



November 7, 8, 14 & 15 @ 7:00 PM - 9 & 16 @ 2:00 PM

Reserved.....\$20.00

General Admission:

Adults.....\$15.00

Students & Seniors.....\$10.00



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1959
HIGH SCHOOL

Purchase tickets at <https://msad40.tix.com>

Or call 207-832-5389 x333 for reservations

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