



Union Elementary School

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November 21, 2025



Dates to Remember

Monday, November 24th

UES Food Drive
Last Day for Donations

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

Friday, December 5th

1st Trimester Assembly @
2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10th

Early Release Day- dismissal
@ 1:15 p.m.

Friday, December 12th

Report Cards posted
on Parent Square

Friday, December 19th

Winter Concert @ UES @
1:30 p.m.

December 24 - January 4
Holiday Break- No School

Monday, January 5th
School Resumes

Weekly Principal Message

Dear Students and Families,

Thanksgiving break is almost here! But first, we have two days of learning and fun next week. On Tuesday the 25th we will be having a schoolwide PBIS (positive behavioral interventions and supports) celebration where students have autonomy in selecting their celebration activity. Some examples of choices are extra recess, Bonanza, 3D snowflake making, board games, and art projects.

Thank you for bringing in your food donations. We will be taking them to the food bank at the end of the day Monday, the 24th. Classes are competing for the most non-perishable items and the winning grade will receive extended recess! Please send in any remaining items Monday.

We hope to see everyone at parent teacher conferences this upcoming Monday and Tuesday. If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's teacher to schedule. A few slots still remain open.

We will continue to promote the school spirit store [here](#) and the [Parent Teacher Committee \(PTC\)](#) for the month of November. In December, we will schedule our first PTC meeting for early January. Be on the lookout!

Wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving Break. We have much to be thankful for here at Union Elementary. We are grateful to all our families for your continued support and grateful to teach and interact daily with each and every one of our amazing students.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Dr. Rankin, Principal

Students recognized for positive behaviors!!

Our PBIS monthly theme for November is Positive Attitude- I will show a growth mindset.

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

Pre K - Hallie Saroka & Evelyn Wood

Kindergarten - Karter Pushard & Ezra Barkowski-Petit

1st Grade - Zoe Brown & Stella Boyer

2nd Grade - Lucas Small & Ben Paulsen

3rd Grade - Vinny Thibodeau & Alden Evangelos

4th Grade - Karlee Legere & Charlie Ward

5th Grade - Clancey Calderwood & Penny Mabry

6th Grade - Eli Wood & Mason Wyllie

Super Citizens



**Think
Positive**

Student Feature: Caydence Batista Grade 4



I like UES because: it has a GaGa pit. My last school didn't.

My favorite books include: *Dog Man*, *Diary of Wimpy Kids*, and *Wings of Fire*.

My favorite songs, singers, and bands include: Morgan Wallen

My favorite food is: Sushi & hibachi

My hobbies include: Crocheting (I even made a jellyfish) and drawing. I like to draw anime.

When I grow up I want to be: A crossguard and then an astronaut.

My pet peeve is: When my brother says my name over and over..

If I could live anywhere I would live at: the beach or Stitch Land!

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 have sent out their sign up schedules on ParentSquare. If you have any questions call the school @ 785-4330.



Union Elementary School 1st Trimester Awards Assembly



Parents and family members are invited to attend the 1st Trimester Awards Assembly here at UES on Friday, December 5th beginning @ 2:00 p.m. The awards that will be presented will be Effort, Citizenship, Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies, Writing, Scholar, Art, P.E., Music, and Health. Hope to see you here!!



COLD WEATHER ALERT

Please be sure your child comes to school prepared for outdoor recess. While there are occasional days students spend recess indoors, most days they are outside for a period of 30 minutes at lunchtime. We recommend that all students have appropriate outer-wear including a jacket, hat, gloves/mittens and when the snow flies, snowpants and boots. All students are expected to go outside for recess when the temperature, including wind chill, is above 10 degrees.

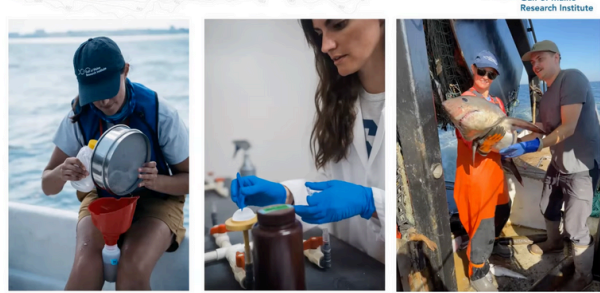
GRMI Scientist to Go

UES sixth graders joined a GMRI Scientist to Go this week. Sam Bengs, a GMRI Research Associate in a Fisheries Ecology Lab, discussed her research using environmental DNA to assess the habitat use of fish and plankton species in the Gulf of Maine. Greensley, Danielle, Ivy and Will had great questions that Sam answered. We wondered:

- What does eDNA stand for? (A: environmental deoxyribonucleic acid)
- How can you tell if plankton are healthy? (A: color, smell, etc)
- Have you ever been in a dangerous situation at your job? (A: Yes!)
- How long does it usually take to find the DNA of an sample? (A: Collecting water samples, separating the DNA and freezing the sample is quick, but once frozen the sample can last forever).

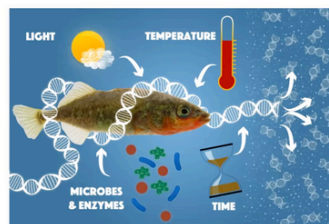
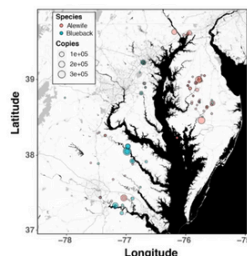


Research is FUN!



Environmental DNA


- **eDNA** – DNA released from an organism into the environment (secreted feces, mucous, gametes, shed skin and hair, carcasses)



Big Fish in 5th Grade

Dr. Rankin joined 5th graders for a round of Big Fish. Students added producers, decomposers and fish food to their ponds in hopes of creating a healthy level of carbon dioxide before adding their Big Fish. Congrats to Hanah, Benny and Phillip for being the first to create healthy pond ecosystems!





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FOOD DRIVE

Canned Soup Food Drive for Come Spring Food Pantry!

Let's work together to help families in our community!
We are collecting cans of soup for the Come Spring Food Pantry now until Thanksgiving break.

Each class will compete to see who can collect the most cans per student. This makes it fair for every class, no matter the size.

Prize: The class with the highest average number of cans per student will earn an extra recess!

Bring your cans to your classroom collection box.
Every can counts. Let's fill the shelves and show our school spirit by giving back to others!

Items Will Be Collected

NOVEMBER
10-25

Drop Off Location

Union Elementary School
1070 Heald Hwy
Union, Maine

FREE TURKEY DINNER

Union Masonic
Lodge

*Join us at the
Masonic Lodge
or, take your
dinner home*



Saturday
November 22, 3pm - 6pm

On the menu:

*Turkey
Ham
Mashed Potatoes
Squash
Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Rolls
Assorted Desserts*



Donations accepted

*Contact Linda at 207-701 1898
if delivery is needed*

