

Union Elementary School

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December 5, 2025

Dates to Remember

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

Thursday, January 8th
3rd Grade Ice Skating @ MRC

Wednesday, January 14th
Early Release Day- dismissal
@ 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 15th
3rd Grade Ice Skating @ MRC

Monday, January 19th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
No School

Weekly Principal Message

Dear Students and Families,

As we wrap up another great week, we are reminded of all the fun and learning activities here at UES! This week students made edible ornaments and went today to decorate the trees on the Common. We will end the day with our first award ceremony of the year at 2:00. I am excited to see all the families who will attend!

This upcoming Wednesday, December 10th, is our last early release day of the year. We hope to see many of you at our Winter Concert on Friday, December 19th at 1:30.

The snow is here and that means sledding at recess! As a reminder, if it is above 10 degrees with the wind chill we will have recess. Students are encouraged to bring their snow gear from home for recess and sledding. We have a nice collection of snow pants, boots, jackets, etc. that students may use if they forget theirs at home or need to borrow for the day. This allows all students to participate in the fun.

Wishing everyone a warm, restful weekend,

Dr. Rankin, Principal

Students recognized for positive behaviors!!

Our PBIS monthly theme for December is Compassion- I will be understanding and caring of others.

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

Pre K - Eva Kelly & Nelson Tolman III

Kindergarten - Damon Grindle & Oliver Thompson

1st Grade - Stella Boyer & Scarlett Bowen

2nd Grade - Addie Hatch & Phoebe Bonatakis

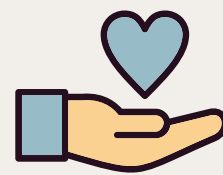
3rd Grade - Kimber Dodge & Tegen Bernardo

4th Grade - Karlee Legere & Lexie Hopkins

5th Grade - Hanah Thompson & Aaliyah Stanton

6th Grade - Ayva Dalfonso & Will McKellar

Super Citizens



Student Feature: Zella Stotz Grade 4



I like UES because: my mom works here and I get to see her every day!

My favorite books include: The *I Survive* book series

My favorite show to watch: Fuller House

My favorite song is: Picture to Burn by Taylor Swift

My favorite food is: strawberries

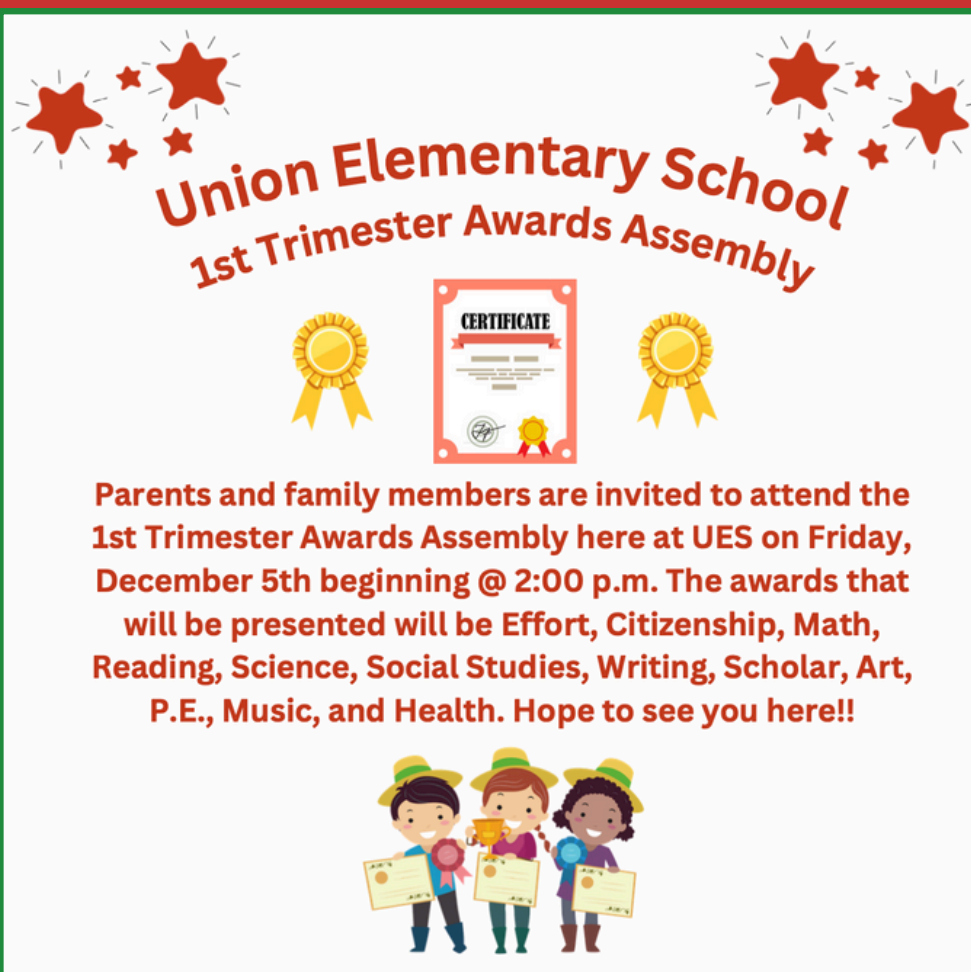
My hobby is: Skiing!

When I grow up I want to be: an interior designer

My pet peeve is: When my brother comes into my room and starts messing things up!

If I could live anywhere I would live in: Florida





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, snowpants and boots. All students are expected to go outside for recess when the temperature, including wind chill, is above 10 degrees.

Christmas Tree Lighting on the Union Common

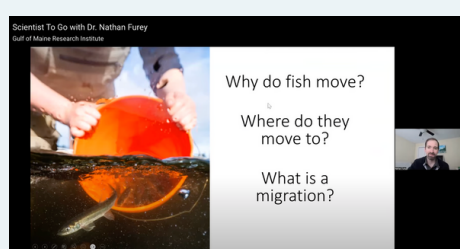
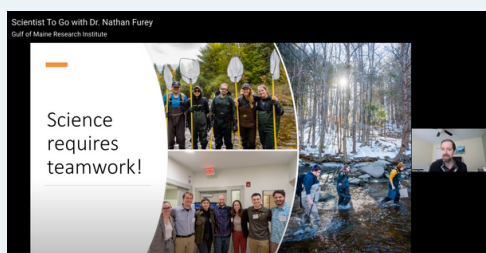
Don't miss it, Christmas in the Country on the Union Common, will be on Sunday, December 7th this year. Beginning at 5pm, there will be cocoa and cookies, carols, and of course SANTA CLAUS!



Open House at the Robbins House on the Union Common

The Union Historical Society will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, December 7 from 3:30 to 5:00. This event will be held at the Robbins House on the Common across from Camden National Bank. There will be popcorn and cranberry garland making for the children along with popcorn balls and apple cider. Come in to explore what the Historical Society has to offer! Items include files on houses in Town, histories of the early families, Civil War soldier adventures, and items connected to the book, "Come Spring" written by Ben Ames Williams. There is an organ and a one-horse shay made in Union, a restored map from the 1800's of the State of Maine, and Native American artifacts found in Union. We welcome volunteers to help us with our collection and to welcome our visitors on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Come explore what your Historical Society has to offer!

5th Grade- GMRI Scientist to Go



Fifth graders joined a GMRI Scientist to Go this week with Dr. Nathan Furey, an Associate Professor and researcher at the University of New Hampshire who studies fish ecology and animal movements. Benny, Penny, Brodie, Viv, Oliver, and Phillip had great questions that Nathan answered. A few of the things we wondered:

- How do fish know what season it is? (A: they "feel" it in the water temperatures)
- What is a typical migration number? (A: some migrate in billions, while others travel in small groups)
- How do you tag a fish? (A: some fish are taken out of the water, sedated, and have surgery to insert the tag)
- Do fish sleep? (A: It's difficult to know! Fish "rest," but there's no way to tell if they are really asleep.)
- If a fish passes a transponder then dies, what happens? (A: the tag will keep sending a message to the transponder. The computer will show that the fish has stopped moving. Sometimes, that dead fish is eaten by a new fish and they see that movement!)