



# Union Elementary School

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## Dates to Remember

### January 12-15

NWEA testing Grades 3-6

### Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Ice Skating @ MRC

### Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
No School

### Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Ice Skating @ MRC  
Northern Stars Planetarium at  
UES

### Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Skiing @ Camden  
Snow Bowl

### Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Ice Skating @ MRC  
Grades 5 & 6 to GRMI

### Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Skiing @ Camden  
Snow Bowl

## Weekly Principal Message

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to 2026! We have finished our first week back and have dived into learning and fun. Many students began new math and reading units across school. Students enjoyed sledding at recess and Tooth Protectors came today to finish scheduled dental cleanings.

Next week students in third through sixth grade will take their NWEA state exams. Please help your child get a full night's rest to be prepared. We value the academic results of NWEA and how informative it can be while also recognizing it is a test and not a single definition of any child's performance.

Looking forward to a full week of school next week, minus early dismissal on Wednesday. Thank you for all you do.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and rejuvenating weekend,

Dr. Rankin, Principal

## Students recognized for positive behaviors!

Our PBIS monthly theme for January is Honesty/Trust - I will be truthful and trustworthy. Congratulations to the following students for being recognized this week for our targeted positive behavior:

**Pre K - Hallie Saroka & Everett Conway**  
**Kindergarten - Eva Kelly & Emma Hawes**  
**1st Grade - June Brown & Kyrian Searles**  
**2nd Grade - Brooke Wiemer & Steven Manning**  
**3rd Grade - Wyatt Fridley & Zakk Dempsey**  
**4th Grade - Karlee Legere & Finnley Grierson**  
**5th Grade - Penny Mabry & Clancey Calderwood**  
**6th Grade - Isaac Parent & Alder Hancock**

## Super Citizens



### Student Feature: Tao Boyer 4th Grade

**I like UES because:** of my teachers and having lunch with Dr. Rankin  
**My favorite book:** *The Adventures of TinTin*  
**My favorite show to watch:** Ninjago and Thomas  
**My favorite type of music is:** Jazz- all of it  
**My favorite food is:** quiche  
**My hobby is:** Legos. I'm working on building a secret bridge & dock.  
**When I grow up I want to be:** a musician, an engineer and a sherpa  
**If I could live anywhere I would live in:** Tibet

### New UES Bottle Drive Sign

Have you seen our new bottle drive sign? UES would like to thank Erick Anderson of Andersigns for the generous donation of the sign!! Dave McKellar has been the parent volunteer who has been returning our bottles and cans to Union Redemption for many years now. Mr. McKellar contacted Mr. Anderson to make the sign. Mr. Anderson then not only made the sign but also donated it. We are very lucky to have such generous community members.





## Attention Parents of PreK- 2<sup>nd</sup> graders

The Town of Union would like to host their own signups for Rec Basketball this year. Let's see if we can get enough kiddos out to play! We are looking for students in grades PK-2. We would like to try to have one PreK/K team and one 1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup> grade team. Sign-ups will be held January 13 & 14 from 5:30-6:30 pm at the Union Town Office, in the downstairs meeting room. Please park out back. The cost will be \$35.00 per child/ \$60.00 per family. If you have any questions, please reach out to:

Chris Packard  
Parks & Rec. Dept. Liaison  
Town of Union  
207-785-3658  
Email: [codeenforcement@union.maine.gov](mailto:codeenforcement@union.maine.gov)



## Wet Clothes

We are requesting that all students have an extra set of clothes every day! So many students are getting wet at recess, even through their snowpants. If they happen to come home with clothes that have been borrowed from school, please wash and return those clothes. Thank you so much for your help!

## 3rd Grade Ice Skating

Third graders had a wonderful time at MRC for their first skating lesson. The Monica Kelly Skating Program allows area 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to learn to skate free of charge.

