



Union Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

Wednesday, January 28th

4th Grade Skiing @ Camden
Snow Bowl

Thursday, January 29th

3rd Grade Ice Skating @ MRC
Grades 5 & 6 to GRMI

Tuesday, February 3rd

Northern Stars Planetarium at
UES

Wednesday, February 4th

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

Tuesday, February 10th

1st UES Parent Teacher
Committee Meeting
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11th

4th Grade Skiing @ Camden
Snow Bowl

February 16-20

No School- February Vacation

Wednesday, February 25th

3rd Grade Ice Skating @ MRC

Friday, March 6th

4th Grade Skiing @ Camden
Snow Bowl

Weekly Principal Message

Dear Students and Families,

Next week is our last week of January before February arrives! This week we had a delayed start on Thursday due to snow and this caused us to reschedule our planetarium experience until February 3rd. This upcoming week has some potentially tricky weather patterns that may amount to delays or cancellations. However, Tuesday we will have extended recess to allow for additional sledding time!

Last week students finished their i-Ready Diagnostic in Math. Individual student reports will go home next week and this week you should have received reports detailing students' performance on NWEA. As a reminder, we use these benchmarks to help create action plans for students, but a test does not solely define a student's ability or performance. We are very pleased with the results. In fact, The Maine Department of Education celebrated Union Elementary for the significant growth our students have demonstrated in reading achievement in third grade!

Next week fourth graders begin their annual learn to ski/snowboard program with Camden Snow Bowl on Wednesday, third grade has ice skating on Thursday, and fifth graders will venture to Portland to experience the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in a special field trip. There is lots of excitement happening.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend on this particularly cold one!

In partnership,

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 - Finlay Embleton & Aspen Hunt

Kindergarten - Oliver Thompson & McKenna Sabins

1st Grade - Scarlett Bowen & Keller Grindle

2nd Grade - Phoebe Bonatakis & Rinny Ilvonen

3rd Grade - Jason Corbett & Alden Evangelos

4th Grade - Grace Boehlke & Levi Yenor

5th Grade - Benny Taylor & Jett Gamage

6th Grade - Bentley Cushman & Mason Wyllie

Super Citizens



Student Feature: Addie Hatch 2nd Grade



I like UES because I like how they keep us safe and we do fun activities.

My favorite books include: *Baby Sitter's Club* and *Junie B. Jones* books

My favorite show to watch: "In Your Dreams"

My favorite singer is: Taylor Swift

My favorite food is: pasta

My hobbies include: I like to go swimming

When I grow up I want to be: a science teacher like my mom. She is so cool.

If I could live anywhere I would live: not in Florida because of hurricanes but with my Lolli

Free winter coats



We have had a donation of new winter coats! If you would like one for your child, please contact Mrs. Davis in the office. We have a total of 12 coats so let us know ASAP if you would like one. Thank you to Maine Water Company for the donation!

UES PTC MEETING

Tuesday, February 10th

5:30-6:30 p.m.

**All parents and guardians are
welcome to attend!**



MMS Wrestling Sign Ups Grades 5-8

MMS Wrestling for RSU 40 boys & girls Grades 5-8 began on Jan 20. Please email Mr. Lash if you plan to wrestle. Reminder that each athlete needs a sports physical before the first practice. The three required forms are the Sports Participation Form, Concussion Information Sheet and the Acknowledgement and Consent Form. Those forms can be found in the MMS main office or on the Athletics page at www.rsu40.org. Click on "Programs" and then "Athletics".

FMI, please contact Matt Lash at matthew_lash@rsu40.org or Coach Steven Genthner at stevegenthner6@gmail.com. Week one practices will be Tuesday, Jan 20, Thursday, Jan 22 and Friday, Jan 23 6:30-8 in the MVHS cafe. Practices week two and beyond will be 6-7:30 in the MMS gym. The season runs through March 28, with meets on Wednesdays and Saturdays in February and March.



Cold and flu season is here!

While we always prefer that students attend school every day, it is important that children stay home when they are unable to learn due to feeling unwell or are contagious.

There are simple procedures we can all take to limit the spread of illness during this time. Please remind your child to wash their hands often and cover coughs and sneezes. Talk to your child's health care provider about precautions. Some guidelines from our health staff for attending school include:

Vomiting, diarrhea: A child with these conditions should be kept at home until symptoms have resolved for 12 hours and the child is able to keep down food and liquid. Consult your doctor if fever and stomach pains persist or your child appears dehydrated.

Cold, sore throat, cough: Children average six to eight colds per year. If cold and cough symptoms are associated with a fever or they do not readily improve, call your doctor. Your child may attend school if there is no fever.

Fever: Your child may attend school with a temperature less than 100 degrees. A child should be fever free, without the use of medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

If a student attends school with any of the above symptoms, school personnel may call a parent/guardian and ask that the child be taken out of school.

Parents/guardians are asked to furnish the school with the name and telephone number of two people the school may contact in an emergency if parents/guardians cannot be reached.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school nurse, Michele Cooney, at 785-4330 or your child's doctor. Together we can keep our students and staff healthy and in school.