



# Union Elementary School

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## Dates to Remember

### February 16-20

No School- February Vacation  
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### Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

100<sup>th</sup> Day of School  
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### Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Ice Skating @ MRC  
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### March 2-6

Dr. Seuss Week @ UES  
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### Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

Early Release Day- dismissal  
@ 1:15 p.m.  
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### Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Skiing @ Camden  
Snow Bowl  
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### Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Trimester 2 Ends  
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### Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

Workshop Day - No School  
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### Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Trimester 2 Assembly 2:15 p.m.  
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### Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Author Visit Grades 3-6  
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### Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

Author Visit Grades PK-2

## Weekly Principal Message

Winter break is here! To kick off the fun, we had our sledding party today in recognition of the hard work and positive behaviors of students. Students enjoyed an extra hour of fun with dedicated outside sledding time and a movie party in the gym.

The fun doesn't stop there, though! When we return on Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup> it will be our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school celebration. Students are encouraged to join in on the fun and dress up as if they were 100 years old! We look forward to seeing the student and staff creativity when we come back after break.

The week we come back to school after break is a full week of instruction and we look forward to seeing every student back at school ready to learn. Both our reading and math curriculums build off of each day, and a full lesson often takes multiple days. Thus, daily attendance is crucial.

Third graders have their final ice skating excursion of the year on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>. We have our final ski day in fourth grade the following week.

Wishing everyone a much deserved and enjoyable break that is full of relaxation and rejuvenation. See everyone in a week!

In partnership,

Dr. Rankin, Principal

## Students recognized for positive behaviors!

Our PBIS monthly theme for February is Friendship - I will be a good friend to others. Congratulations to the following students for being recognized this week for our targeted positive behavior:

Pre K - Aspen Hunt & Blake Grass  
Kindergarten - Eva Kelly & Emma Hawes  
1st Grade - John Bickford & Xavier Pushard  
2nd Grade - Caroline Girtman & Phoebe Bonatakis  
3rd Grade - Veda Parent & Vinny Thibodeau  
4th Grade - Grace Boehlke & Tao Boyer  
5th Grade - Benny Taylor & Vivienne Buczac  
6th Grade - Evelyn Evangelos & Greensley Corbin-Peters

## Super Citizens



friendship

### Student Feature: Gloria Grubb 3rd Grade



**I like UES because** I like field day, field trips and I love the teachers.  
**My favorite books include:** *Ramona & Beezus* books  
**My favorite show to watch:** I like to watch cat videos. I have 12 cats!  
**My favorite singers include:** Billie Eilish & Taylor Swift  
**My favorite food is:** ice cream! I like chocolate lava cake.  
**My hobbies include:** I like to play video games with my cousins.  
**When I grow up I want to be:** a photographer!  
**If I could live anywhere I would live:** in California- I want to see a cactus there!



In the library, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and Black History Month, students in Pre K to 6th grades read books about Dr. King and other Black Americans. Each student added their thumb print and signature to the peace sign. All students also added colored pieces of paper to make a rainbow.





# DR. SEUSS WEEK

## MARCH 2-6

**MONDAY,  
MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**CAT IN THE HAT  
DAY**  
WEAR YOUR  
FAVORITE HAT!

**TUESDAY,  
MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**FOX IN SOX  
DAY**  
WEAR YOUR WACKY  
OR MISMATCHED  
SOCKS!

**WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**GREEN EGGS  
AND HAM DAY**  
WEAR GREEN!

**THURSDAY,  
MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>**

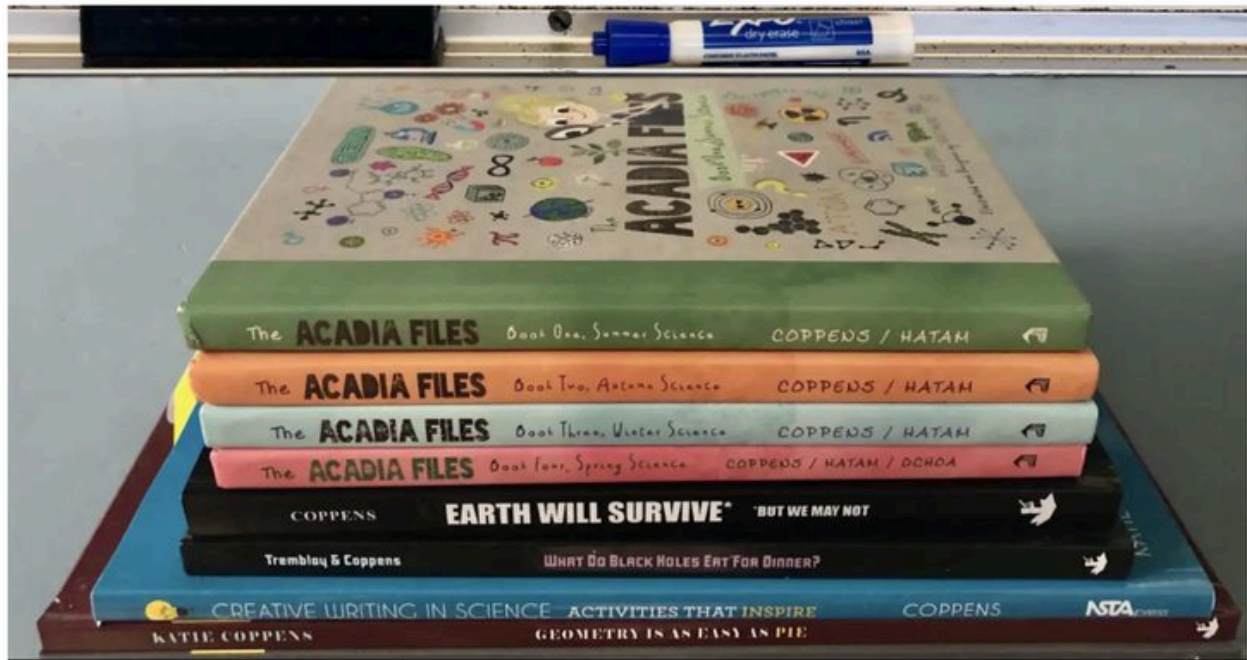
**FAVORITE SEUSS  
CHARACTER DAY**  
DRESS UP LIKE YOUR  
FAVORITE DR. SEUSS  
CHARACTER!

**FRIDAY,  
MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE SLEEP  
BOOK DAY**  
WEAR PAJAMAS!

# Union Elementary School students to receive author-signed books during Maine Authors Week

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UNION — Students at Union Elementary School have a big week ahead of them this coming March. The school has announced it will host two award-winning Maine authors for a two-day residency focused on science and local heritage, said Principal Clint Rankin.

"Thanks to recent funding from the Pullen Fund and the Hannaford Helps Schools program, every single student at the school will go home with their own personal, signed copy of one of the authors' books," he said, in a news release.

The event kicks off on Wednesday, March 25, with a visit from author Katie Coppens.

A middle-school teacher and recipient of the 2022 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, Coppens is well-known for *The Acadia Files*, a series that uses a fictional narrator to teach real-world science. She will be leading the students through hands-on experiments to show how science isn't just in a textbook, but in their own backyards.

On Thursday, March 26, the focus shifts to Maine's wildlife and geography with author and filmmaker Tonya Shevenell.

Shevenell, the creator of *The Maine Birthday Book*, will share her experiences exploring the state, including a 190-mile trek across Maine for her documentary film, and talk about the real-life animals that inspire her stories.

The highlight of the week for many will be the book giveaway. The goal, said Rankin, is to ensure no child was left out of the experience.

"It is a rare thing to be able to put a brand-new, signed book into the hands of every student in the building," said Rankin. "We are so grateful to the William Pullen Fund and Hannaford's. Their support means that when our students leave school on Thursday, they aren't just taking home a book—they're taking home a connection to two incredible Maine role models."

The authors will spend the two days rotating through grade levels, offering age-appropriate workshops for everyone from Pre-K to 6th grade. By the end of the week, every student will have had the chance to meet an author and start (or grow) their own home library.

Serving the community of Union, Union Elementary is part of RSU 40 and focuses on creating meaningful, community-based learning opportunities for all students.



KATIE COPPENS



Katie Coppens is a mom and a middle school science teacher. Both roles influence her writing. Katie's goal is to write books that encourage kids to see the interconnectedness of concepts and be curious about the world around them.

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(Coppens is pronounced Cope-ins)