



Union Elementary School

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March 13, 2026



Dates to Remember

Friday, March 20th

Report Cards sent on
ParentSquare
Trimester 2 Assembly @UES
2:00 p.m.

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### Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Katie Coppens, Author  
Visiting Grades 3-6

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Thursday, March 26th

Tonya Shevenell, Author
Visiting Grades PK-2

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### Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

Family Movie Night @ UES  
6:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 1st

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

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### Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Spring School Picture Day

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April 20-24

Spring Break - No school

Weekly Principal Message

Dear Students and Parents,

What an interesting week with warmer weather and a little rain - spring is coming! The trimester officially ended yesterday. It is hard to believe we are finished with two thirds of the school year! Our awards ceremony is this upcoming Friday the 20th. We will celebrate what our students have accomplished - and that is a lot! Report cards will be sent on ParentSquare on Friday, March 20th.

This last week 5th grade had a virtual field trip with GMRI featuring their "Scientist to Go" series. Next week 2nd and 3rd have virtual field trips with Acadia National Park focusing on "What Do Rangers Do".

As we continue to trek through the year, we are thankful for our students and families and your commitment to UES. Thank you for ensuring your kids are in their seats learning each day and ready for the fun!

As a reminder, the PTC is sponsoring a Movie Night in the gym on Friday the 27th. More details to follow.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend,

Dr. Rankin, Principal

Students recognized for positive behaviors!

Our PBIS monthly theme for March is Cooperation/ Teamwork - I will work in teams and learn from others. Congratulations to the following students for being recognized this week for our targeted positive behavior:

Pre K - Everett Conway & Hallie Saroka
Kindergarten - Jack Stotz & Henry Bickford
1st Grade - Stella Boyer & Deakin Kenefick
2nd Grade - Addie Hatch & Michael Lemoi
3rd Grade - Zakk Dempsey & Jason Corbett
4th Grade - Taavi Ilvonen & Bailey Robinson
5th Grade - Penny Mabry & Jett Gamage
6th Grade - Nolan Fridley & Brooklyn Moody

Super Citizens



Student Feature: Olivia Burns 1st Grade



I like UES because art is so creative & the school is challenging for me.

My favorite books include: *Pig the Pug*

My favorite show to watch: *The Royalty Family*

My favorite singers include: Taylor Swift

My favorite food is: chicken rice & corn

My hobbies include: playing with my neighbors. We play cops & robbers.

When I grow up I want to be: a PreK teacher

Any pet peeves? My brother - he uses my toys!

If I could live anywhere I would live: with my neighbors. They are my friends.

Important Update: Early Pickup Policy

We started modifying the early pickup procedures to better support student achievement this past week. Students are actively engaged in learning until 3:10 PM, and consistent attendance is vital.

- Early pickups will be recorded until 3:10 PM.
- These will be marked as unexcused unless a parent or guardian provides a valid reason for the absence.
- We are committed to addressing the regional trend of chronic absenteeism here at Union, and we appreciate your partnership in ensuring our students get the most out of their school day.

Dr. Seuss Week



UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2ND TRIMESTER AWARDS ASSEMBLY



Parents and family members are invited to attend the 2nd Trimester Awards Assembly here at UES on Friday, March 20th 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!!



Strawbridge Studios Spring Pictures

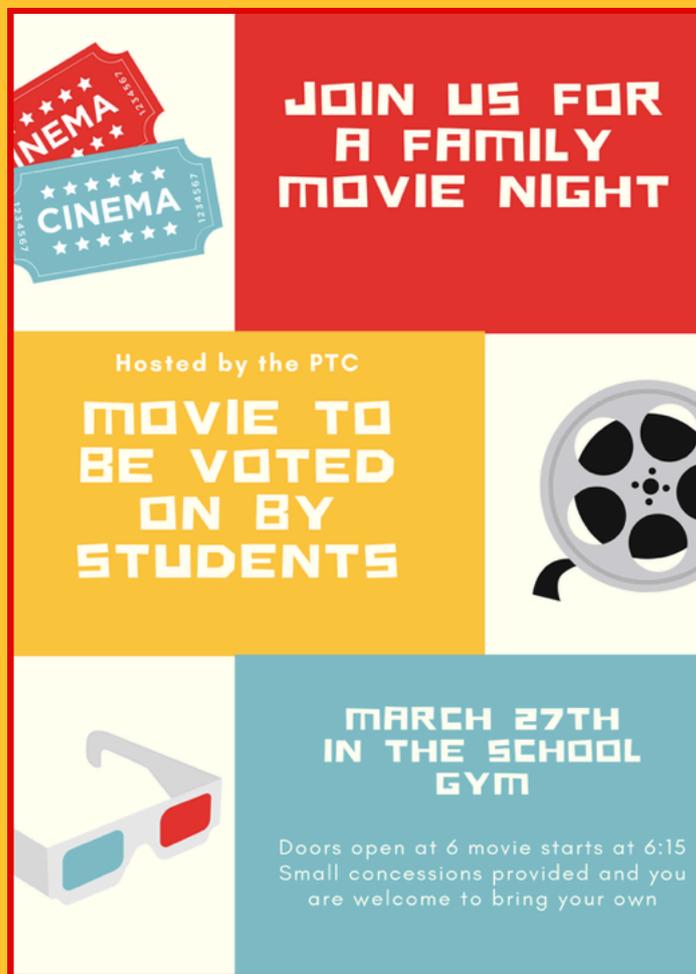


Spring pictures will be taken here at UES on Friday, April 10th. Students will get a proof about 2 weeks after photos are taken and parents can order at that time if they would like.



The Town of Union is holding an Easter Public Breakfast on Saturday, April 4th from 7 - 10 a.m. at the Union Masonic Lodge @ 149 Sennebec Rd.

At 10 a.m. that morning there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on the Union Common. It will start promptly at 10 sharp.



JOIN US FOR A FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Hosted by the PTC

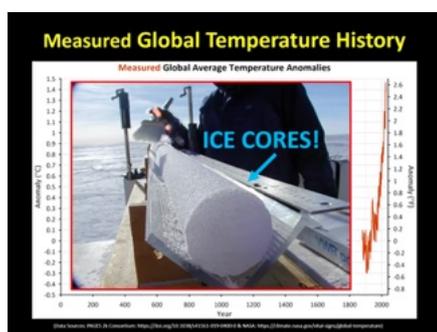
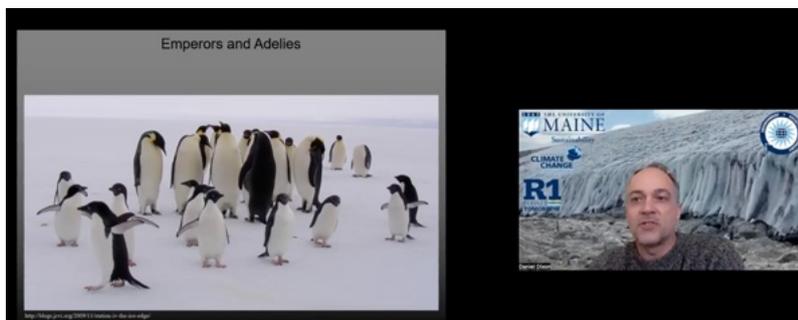
MOVIE TO BE VOTED ON BY STUDENTS

MARCH 27TH IN THE SCHOOL GYM

Doors open at 6 movie starts at 6:15
Small concessions provided and you are welcome to bring your own

GMRI Scientist to Go!

On Tuesday, March 10th, sixth graders joined another GMRI Scientist to Go! session. Our guest scientist was Dr. Dan Dixon, who currently works for the University of Maine as the Director of Sustainability. Dr. Dixon spoke about using ice cores to help measure global temperature history and how that informs climate change. His stories and photos of Antarctic expeditions were incredibly engaging!



REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40

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ATTENTION – RESIDENTS OF REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 40

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration

Pre-Kindergarten - A child who will be four on or before October 15, 2026 is eligible to attend Pre-Kindergarten. This is a 5 day per week program. We anticipate having six Pre-K classrooms in our district:

- Friendship Village School 1 classroom (combined w/ K)
- Miller School: 2 classrooms
- Prescott Memorial School: 1 classroom
- Union Elementary School: 1 classroom
- Warren Community School: 1 classroom

Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning with students who reside in RSU 40. At the beginning of July, we will notify out-of-district requests if we have space available. The remaining students will be placed on a waitlist, and we will continue to collect applications through September 2, at which time the remaining seats will be filled with priority for children in the following categories:

- Children with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)
- Multi-language learners
- State agency clients
- Children who are experiencing homelessness
- Children who are eligible for free and reduced school meals
- Residents of RSU 40

To be considered for placement, registration must be complete, including proof of residency, birth certificate, and immunization records.

Pre-K children who reside within RSU 40 will qualify for district-provided transportation to the Pre-K program of the home school within the district. RSU 40 residents who wish to enroll in Pre-K in a district school that is not their “home” school are eligible to register, space permitting, but will be responsible for their own transportation.

Kindergarten – A child who will be five on or before October 15, 2026 is eligible to attend Kindergarten.

Please register your child for Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten online by filling out the form that can be found at RSU40.org, or by calling the school your child will be attending. You do not need to register if your child has attended Pre-K in RSU 40.

FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE SCHOOL – 832-5057

MILLER SCHOOL – 832-2103

PRESCOTT MEMORIAL SCHOOL – 845-2424

UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 785-4330

WARREN COMMUNITY SCHOOL – 273-2001

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Registration for Little League ENDS March 20th



MV SOFTBALL CLINIC

@ MVHS

NO COST

NO SIGN UP

JUST SHOW UP

**We have added hitting/slapping
We have added pitching/catching**

MARCH 15

**Pitching/catching
(3-5 grade) 4-5 pm
Hitting & slapping
(3-5 grade) 5-6pm
Pitching/catching
(6-8 grade) 6-7pm
Hitting & slapping
(6-8 grade) 7-8 pm**

Registration is open for the 2026 season of Medomak Valley Little League. The link to register is on the Medomak Valley Little League page on FB. The post was dated 2/11/26. It is suggested you use a desktop or laptop computer to register instead of a phone.

MV Baseball Clinic

Baseball clinic run by MVHS baseball March 15 at MVHS. No cost, donations accepted! Bring gloves, bats, helmets (will have bats and helmets if needed)
Grades 3-5 2pm-3:30pm
Grades 6-8 3:30pm-5pm

Medomak Valley Little League Tryouts

Tryouts will be held inside the the MVHS gym March 22nd and 29th.

Softball 4-530

Baseball 6-730

Players trying out for majors must attend at least one day but, you are highly encouraged to attend both.



March 14: Owls of Maine

Start:
End:
March 14, 2026 10:00 am
March 14, 2026 11:00 am

A live owl is the highlight of this program, which introduces participants to the owls native to Maine and New England. Using pictures and sounds, participants will learn the identifying characteristics and calls of each owl. Then, using talons, wings, and skulls, we explore the adaptations of these silent nocturnal hunters. This program ends with an intimate and detailed look at live owls, bringing these creatures of the night into the light!

The Owls
are Coming to Gibbs!

3/14/26 @10am
in the Bryant Room



Learn More:

Since 1985, Chewonki has been home to a collection of ambassadors. Birds, reptiles, mammals, and amphibians arrive at our campus with injuries or conditions that prevent their return to the wild. Our teachers are extensively trained and take deep pleasure in making connections with students, and in passing on a lifelong appreciation for the value of wildlife and nature.

UMAINE INCLUSIVE EDUCATION MICRO- CREDENTIAL BUNDLE

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES!

*Families are invited to participate in a **free**, self-paced, online learning opportunity through the UMaine System. This is a great way to build knowledge about inclusive practices and better understand the IEP process, all on your own schedule!*



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