

# Union Elementary School

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March 6, 2026

## Dates to Remember

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**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

UES PTC Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.  
All parents welcome!

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**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Trimester 2 Ends  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Skiing @ Camden  
Snow Bowl

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**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

This date is now a regular  
school day!

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**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Trimester 2 Assembly  
2:00 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

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

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

## Weekly Principal Message

Dear Students and Families,

What an action-packed week! To celebrate Read Across America, our halls were filled with themed outfits, guest readers, and a cozy pajama-day finale. We would love to expand this initiative in the future by inviting parents and community members to read to our students. If you are interested in volunteering, please message Mrs. Davis or Mrs. Barrows.

Our fourth graders enjoyed their second ski and snowboard adventure this week; their third and final lesson is scheduled for next Thursday.

As a reminder, next Friday the 13th is now an official school day to make up for recent snow days. To keep things light and fun, we are hosting a "Superstition Theme" dress-up day! We encourage students to wear all black (like a black cat) to join the festivities.

### Important Update: Early Pickup Policy

**Effective this Monday, we are modifying our early pickup procedures to better support student achievement. 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.**

Next week we have a Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) meeting on Tuesday. It is hard to believe our second trimester comes to an end on Thursday the 12th! As a reminder, students who have missed work have until the end of the trimester (Thursday) to turn in missing assignments for credit. We hope to see you all the following week at our second awards ceremony!

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and warmer 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 - Ellie Hatch & Nelson Tolman  
Kindergarten - Emma Hawes & Eva Kelly  
1st Grade - Stella Boyer & Wesley Wilcox  
2nd Grade - Rinny Ilvonen & Kylie Dodge  
3rd Grade - Ezra Miller & Ryker Skidgel  
4th Grade - Lucas Oliveira & Finnley Grierson  
5th Grade - Oliver Carpentier & Hanah Thompson  
6th Grade - Mason Wyllie & Alder Hancock

## Super Citizens



## Student Feature: Malachi Calderwood 3rd Grade



**I like UES because** everybody is kind to me.

**My favorite books include:** *Cat in the Hat*

**My favorite show to watch:** Toy Cops and the Lego Movies

**My favorite singers include:** The Dropkick Murphys

**My favorite food is:** spaghetti & meatballs

**My hobbies include:** playing with my remote control cars

**When I grow up I want to be:** an engineer like my dad

**Any pet peeves?** No, I'm pretty chill. My mom calls me Mellow Yellow.

**If I could live anywhere I would live:** in Union, Maine because there are no big storms.

The Town of Union is holding an Easter Public Breakfast on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m. - 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.

# Read Across America

Union Elementary School celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Seuss this week! We had wonderful community members and staff read books to students all week! Many thanks to Dr. Thomas Ambrose, superintendent for RSU40, Danielle Fagonde, assistant superintendent for RSU 40, Police Officer Josh Lemoi, Union Town Manager Todd Souza, Donna Munro, retired teacher, Rachel Wilcox, Nurse Practitioner, Ms. Megan, Ms. Katie and Mrs. Mac! It has been a fantastic week of reading at Union Elementary School!



# UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1ST TRIMESTER AWARDS ASSEMBLY



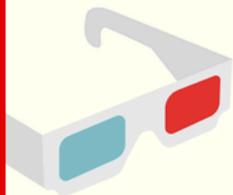
Parents and family members are invited to attend the 2nd Trimester Awards Assembly here at UES on Friday, March 20th beginning @ 2:00 p.m. The awards that will be presented will be Effort, Citizenship, Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies, Writing, Scholar, Art, P.E., Music, and Health. Hope to see you here!!



## 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

MV SOFTBALL CLINICS

@ MVHS

NO COST

NO SIGN UP

JUST SHOW UP

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

March 8

Pitching/catching  
(3-5 grade) 4-5 pm

Throwing & Fielding  
(3-5 grade) 5-6 pm

Pitching/catching  
(6-8 grade) 6-7 pm

Throwing & Fielding  
(6-8 grade) 7-8 pm

MARCH 15

Pitching/catching  
(3-5 grade) 4-5 pm

Hitting & slapping  
(3-5 grade) 5-6 pm

Pitching/catching  
(6-8 grade) 6-7 pm

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.**

Baseball clinics run by MVHS baseball March 8 & 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/Registration

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.

**Registration for Little League ENDS March 20th.**



### 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!



SCAN ME

## Winter Fun Day Camden Hills State Park

**When:** Saturday, March 7, 2026

**10AM—2PM**

**Where:** 280 Belfast Road, Camden

**Activities Include:**  
Mammal Tracking Display  
Winter Camping Display  
Warming Fire & Hut  
Hot cocoa while it lasts  
Sliding, XC-skiing and Snow Shoeing

Lots of FUN  
with or  
without snow!

**Maine State Parks Ski & Snowshoe Trailer**  
with free snowshoe and cross-country  
ski rentals.

**NOTE:** The trailer will be at the park  
from 2/26-3/9 with free  
equipment loans,

TAKE IT  
OUTSIDE!



All events free with  
paid park admission!

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Ages 12 & older \$1.50 Under 12 & over 65 free

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