



Union Elementary School

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May 29, 2026



Dates to Remember

May 4 - June 5th
Bikes for Books

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**Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Informational night @ MMS  
5<sup>th</sup> grade - 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> grade - 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

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Monday, June 8th
MVHS Seniors March @ UES
@ 1:00 p.m.
Staff vs. Student Basketball
Games
5th Grade Game @ 1:15 p.m.
6th Grade Game @ 2:15 p.m.

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**Wednesday, June 10th**  
Field Trip to Drift Inn Beach - PreK

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Friday, June 12th
1:00 PK Celebration
2:00 Kindergarten Celebration
Grades 5 & 6 Field Trip to
Urban Air

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**Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Trimester 3 Awards Assembly &  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade promotion  
beginning  
@ 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, June 17th
Last Student Day
Field Day
Ice Cream Social for Perfect
Attendance

Weekly Principal Message

Dear Students and Families,

WOW! What an action-packed week we have had! First, our students finished their NWEA and i-Ready exams with great success, showing remarkable progress. More detailed information will be shared next week as it becomes available. Then, in typical Union fashion, once our work was done, we had some fun! All students engaged with Elder John Bear Mitchell of the Penobscot Nation in an immersive cultural learning experience. Additionally, our Kindergarten through 2nd-grade students went on an epic Puffin cruise. We are incredibly thankful for the parent chaperones who helped make these opportunities possible.

While the school year is winding down, our learning is not. Students still have critical new concepts to master before the year ends. We are actively balancing this final push of academic work with celebratory year-end fun.

To help keep our momentum going, we have an attendance incentive starting this Monday, so be sure to check out the attached Ice Cream Social Flyer! Currently, our school's attendance is in the top 5% of the nation. Keeping this up opens the door to incredible future funding, place-based learning experiences, and specialized curriculums we otherwise might not be able to implement.

Thank you for your incredible partnership. Next week, we will send out an optional survey requesting your feedback on what worked well this year and how we can continue to improve.

Have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing 100% of our students back on Monday!

Warmly,
Dr. Rankin, Principal

Students recognized for positive behaviors!

Our PBIS monthly theme for May is Responsibility.
I will successfully do my jobs.

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized this week for our targeted positive behavior:

Pre K - Dawson Reilly & Finlay Embleton

Kindergarten - Damon Grindle & Eva Kelly

1st Grade - June Bowen & Stella Boyer

2nd Grade - Kylie Dodge & Kirill Searles

3rd Grade - Bristol Wilcox & Tegen Bernardo

4th Grade - Lauren Burns & Tao Boyer

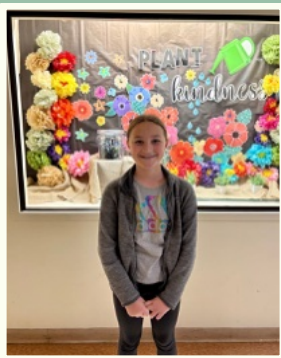
5th Grade - Benny Taylor & Clancey Calderwood

6th Grade - Greensley Corbin-Peters & Ayva Dalfonso

Super Citizens



Student Feature: Evelyn Evangelos 6th Grade



I like UES because: I can help in the cafeteria and after lunch. I like that we can still go to the upper playground sometimes! And, all the teachers are nice.

My favorite books include: *The Wild Path*. It's got this girl named Claire in it and her brother was sent to a boarding school. She owns two horses and finds two wild horses in the woods.

My favorite song/singer: I like Charlie Puth and Sabrina Carpenter.

My favorite foods include: Chicken, beef and salad. My parents make good steaks and pork chops. I like fruits, too, like strawberries and raspberries.

My hobbies include: Gardening, horseback riding, riding my bike and the four wheeler.

When I grow up I want to be: an electrician

My pet peeve is: my brother bothering me when I am trying to do my homework

If I could live anywhere I would live: HERE! Vacations are different, though, and I would travel.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration Information for 26/27

Pre-Kindergarten:

A child must be four years old on or before October 15, 2026, to be eligible to register for Pre-K. Priority will be given to students who live in our school district. Students attend five full days a week. Each Pre-K class is full when it reaches 16 students. Please register ASAP if you would like your child to attend Pre-K in the fall!

A child will not be considered for placement in a class until registration is fully complete including proof of residency, birth certificate, and immunization record.

Kindergarten:

A child must be five years old on or before October 15, 2026, to be eligible to register for Kindergarten. If your child was already enrolled with the district for Pre-K, you do not need to do a new registration for enrollment for Kindergarten. You will need to do the annual update of Student Information in the fall.

Please note: If you are an existing family of RSU 40 with a student already enrolled in the district and are registering another child, you will register your child through your [Infinite Campus Portal](#) account. If you do not have a Infinite Campus Portal account, please contact Mrs. Davis in the office @ 785-4330.

[New student registration](#)

John Bear Mitchell

John Bear Mitchell, a renowned citizen of the Penobscot Nation, University of Maine Wabanaki Center Outreach and Student Development Coordinator, and lecturer of Wabanaki and multicultural studies, visited Union Elementary School on Wednesday. Through traditional drumming, singing, and storytelling, John Bear captivated students and staff across all grade levels, including our youngest Pre-K learners, with his extraordinary ability to engage audiences.

The visit served as the culminating experience of a school-wide Wabanaki Studies initiative in which students explored Wabanaki history, culture, storytelling, and Indigenous worldviews through grade-level learning experiences designed to deepen understanding and appreciation of the People of the Dawndland.

John Bear's authentic storytelling and dynamic presentation brought classroom lessons to life in a meaningful and unforgettable way. His visit reinforced Union Elementary School's commitment to creating rich, inclusive educational experiences that inspire curiosity, empathy, and lifelong learning. Thank you to the Pullen Fund for allowing UES to experience presentations such as the one the students enjoyed this week!



YOU'RE INVITED! UNION ELEMENTARY

ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

THE PERFECT ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE!

WANT TO EAT
ICE CREAM ON
THE LAST DAY
OF SCHOOL?

STAY PERFECT!

100% ATTENDANCE REQUIRED!

(No Absences of Any Kind – Not Excused, Not Unexcused!)

HELP US BEAT CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM!



CURRENT
RATE:
7.5%

WE ARE IN THE
TOP 5% OF
THE NATION!
LET'S KEEP IT
THIS LOW!

WHY IT MATTERS:

MORE FUNDING!

PLACE-BASED
LEARNING!

NEW CURRICULUMS!

COMMUNITY
FIELD LESSONS!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL DURING FIELD DAY!

COME ENJOY ICE CREAM,
TOPPINGS, & FUN!

KEEP SHOWING UP! LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST YEAR EVER!

#UNIONELEMENTARY #ATTENDANCEMATTERS #PERFECTATTENDANCE

UES Bikes for Books Program



The Union Masonic Lodge will once again sponsor the Bikes for Books program here at UES! One boy and one girl from each of the following grade spans (PK-K, 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6) will be randomly selected from a pool of tickets to win a bike and a helmet.

Here is how it works:

Students need to take their completed reading log to Mrs. Barrows in the library who will add 7 tickets for each log from 5/4-6/5. Students can read on their own or can be read to. The ultimate goal is to reward students for their reading! The more they read, the more tickets they earn. Each entry will need to be verified with an adult's initials. Students can get new reading logs from their classroom teacher or from Mrs. Barrows.

Winners will be announced during our 3rd Trimester Awards Assembly on Tuesday, June 16th.

UNEARTH A STORY

**READ BOOKS.
EARN PRIZES.
HAVE FUN!**



Summer Reading
at Vose Library



*Kids & adults are
welcome to participate!*

- Register for free in person: June 28 – July 4
- Final check-in: by August 9
- Raffle drawing: August 15

Here's how it works:

1. Sign up at the library and pick YOUR own reading goal. Big or small, you decide!
2. Check in every week at the library or via email to collect a cool brag tag, grab a craft, and earn raffle tickets for a chance to win BIG prizes.
3. Finish your goal and earn a reward, every single person who completes their goal gets one!

RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE:

-  **BIKES**
-  **A PIZZA PARTY AT THE LIBRARY**
-  **OTHER FUN PRIZES**
-  **GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL SPOTS**



Learn More at voselibrary.org or hello@voselibrary.org



TIE-DYE T-SHIRTS FOR FIELD DAY!

NEXT WEEK (JUNE 1-5), STUDENTS WILL BE CREATING TIE-DYE SHIRTS DURING THEIR SCHEDULED LIBRARY TIME TO WEAR FOR FIELD DAY!

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH A PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT BY THE DAY OF THEIR LIBRARY CLASS NEXT WEEK. WE WILL TIE-DYE THE SHIRTS AND ADD EACH STUDENT'S LAST NAME TO THE BACK.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE THIS FUN PROJECT A SUCCESS! PLEASE LABEL THE SHIRT TAG WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME BEFORE SENDING IT TO SCHOOL. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE'S COLORFUL CREATIONS!

HERE IS THE LIBRARY SCHEDULE:

**PK - TUESDAY
K - WEDNESDAY
1 - WEDNESDAY
2 - FRIDAY
3 - THURSDAY
4 - TUESDAY
5 - THURSDAY
6 - THURSDAY**

UNION ELEMENTARY ART @ VOSE LIBRARY

SHOW

DISCOVER A WORLD OF ART.



MAY 2026

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RECEPTION DATE

PRE-K COLOR WHEEL

4 - 5:30 PM

SHOW RUNS TO JUNE 5TH AND
AVAILABLE DURING LIBRARY HOURS

WWW.VOSELIBRARY.ORG

Join us for the Union Elementary School Art Show at the Vose Library this May, celebrating the creativity and imagination of our young artists. Featuring artwork from Pre-K through grade 6, the exhibit highlights a wide range of student expression, skill, and exploration. The show will remain on display all of May through June 5 during regular library hours.

**Medomak Valley Boys 2026
Summer Basketball Camp
Grades 2-10**

NOTE: BOYS YOUTH SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP AND PANTHER PRIDE CAMP will be held at the MEDOMAK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Boys Youth Summer Basketball Camp

JUNE 29-JULY 2 (Monday-Thursday)

JULY 6-9 (Monday-Thursday)

Entering grades (2-5) 8:30-10:00

Entering grades (6-10) 10:15-12:00

2 weeks is \$90.00

1 week is \$50.00

Panther Pride Camp

JULY 20-22 (Monday-Wednesday)

Entering grades (5-10) 9:00-12:00

Cost is \$65.00

Registration will be the first day of each session or you can mail the registration

form and payment payable to the

MEDOMAK VALLEY ALL-SPORTS BOOSTERS CLUB

Mail to: Nick DePatsy PO Box 787

Waldoboro, ME 04572

Any questions or concerns please call Coach DePatsy at 207-542-3671

or email at nick.depatsy@fivetowns.net

**Medomak Valley Girls Summer Basketball Camp
Grades 2-9**

Date: July 13-17 (Monday- Friday)

Location: Medomak Valley MiddleSchool

Cost: \$50.00

Times: Grades 2-5 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Grades 6-9 11:15 am - 1:15 pm

* Registration will be held the first day of camp or you can mail registration form

and payment payable to

MEDOMAK VALLEY BOOSTERS CLUB

To Lindsay Vinal at 76 Balsam Dr Waldoboro ME 04572

Any questions please contact Coach Vinal at 207-701-1048 or email at

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