

# Vine Street School

October 2016

## Important Dates & Reminders

- 7 Teacher Inservice  
NO SCHOOL
- 10 Columbus Day  
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- 17 PTO, 6:00
- 18 PEAK Night,
- 28 School Pride Day-  
WEAR RED
- PTO Fall Festival  
5:30-7:00



*Autumn leaves float  
quietly down  
And form a carpet on  
the ground  
But when those leaves  
are stepped upon  
Listen for the crackling  
sound!*

<http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems1.html>



### Recommended From Our Library

#### Mystery Month

Detective LaRue-Mark Teague  
39 Clues-Rick Riordan

## Principal's Message

The Vine Street School is proud to promote a culture of literacy. We consider it one of our greatest privileges to pass along our love of reading to our students. We know that strong literacy skills are the foundation for a lifetime of learning and achievement.

Parents often ask what they can do to help their children become better readers. Fortunately, the answer is easy! Read with them—often. Each day, your child will bring home books that teachers have selected for them that are “just right” for their reading level. Students have practiced reading these books at school. By listening to your child read these texts at home, you are helping your child build

fluency.

Students also love to be read to by an adult. Spend time every day reading to your child. Your child has the opportunity to check out books from our library. We invite parents to do the same—come check out some of your old favorites to share with your child or browse through our comprehensive collection to find new stories to love. Our librarian is available to help you find great titles.

If your child is in second or third grade, do not think they are too old for you to read to them. Choose an exciting chapter book that might be too difficult for your child to read, but one that you can experience together through a read aloud.

### Exciting Information About Spelling



To support *ReadyGen*, our K-5 literacy program, teachers will be using *Words Their Way*, a developmental spelling, vocabulary and phonics, approach to the teaching of spelling in their classrooms this year.

*Words Their Way* matches teachers' instructional model of providing differentiated instruction to respond to the strengths of each of their learners. We are pleased to offer this research-based approach to spelling instruction.

Thank you for the support you offer in supporting your child's literacy development by encouraging your child's participating in the various school activities that promote reading.

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### Fall Events

During the month of October, there will be two very special events for Vine Street School students and their families. On October 18th, staff will present a literacy PEAK night. PEAK Nights are sponsored by our Title I program and are designed to give staff, students and families the opportunity to come together to share our love of literacy. This year, some of our second graders will be presenting a dramatic reading of Chris Van Dusen's *The Circus Ship*. Literacy Coach Curtis and Principal Silk will share some information with parents about literacy at the Vine Street School and how parents can help their children at home. Principal Silk will also explain the new reading challenge for students. Following this brief presentation, students and their families can visit classrooms to experience reading across many genres.

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, the PTO will host their annual Fall Festival from 5:30-7:00. There will be games, activities and food. Students, staff and their families are invited to join in the fun! Students may wear costumes, but since we have many younger students—no scary costumes or toy weapons, please.



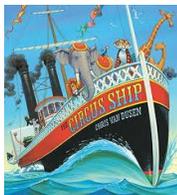
### Ram Pride

Congratulations to Harrison and Shannon, the winners of this year's Punt and Pass Competition. During regular third grade physical education classes, PE Instructor, Mr. Marks, gave students the opportunity to show off their football skills. This competition was held at all of Bangor's elementary schools. Harrison and Shannon were recognized for their achievement by Superintendent Webb at the September 30<sup>th</sup> Bangor High School Football game against South Portland. It was wonderful to see other Vine Street alums, Zachary and Gabby, receiving a certificate for winning their grade levels at Fairmount. Way to go Vine Street!

### Vine Street Literacy Night!

Wednesday, Oct. 18th 6pm-7pm

Reader's Theatre!

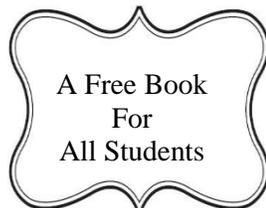


Listen to Read Alouds!

### Check books out of the library!

Complete a reading chart with your child as you travel throughout the building exploring a variety of genres:

- Poetry
- Fractured Fairy Tales
- Nonfiction
- Historical Fiction
- Personal Narratives
- Wordless Picture books



### October Themes

PreK-Friends

K-Comparing Numbers 0- to 5;  
Living Together-This is Home.

1-Fluently Add and Subtract within 10;  
Connecting to the World

2-Working with Equal Groups;  
Understanding Communities;  
Clark-Aquaponics

3-Applying Properties for Multiplication;  
Observing the World Around Us;  
Life Cycles of Plants

