

Vine Street School

November, 2016



Important Dates & Reminders

- 4 Quarter 1 Ends
- 10 Veterans Day Assembly, 2:15
- 11 Veterans Day NO SCHOOL
- 14 Volunteer Training, 5:45 PTO, 6:00
- 18 School Pride Day Wear Red
- 21 Turkey Challenges (Recess) Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00
- 22 Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00-3:00 and 4:00-7:00 NO SCHOOL
- 23 NO SCHOOL
- 28 Book Fair



Principal's Message



Veteran's Day is next Friday, November 11th. November 11th was chosen as the day to honor our Veterans because it was on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month that hostilities ceased in World War I—known at the time as “The Great War.” At this time, the day was called Armistice Day. In 1954, Congress changed the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

Many of our Vine Street School families have connections to the military. For all who have served, we thank you for your service. For all who have loved ones serving away from home our thoughts are with you, and we join you in wishing for their safe, speedy return home. If you have a child in our school that has a loved

one serving away from home, please let us know so we can be a positive support.

The Vine Street School will hold a short assembly in honor of Veterans Day on November 10th at 2:15. Students and staff will gather in the gymnasium at the end of the day. Representatives from Bangor High School JROTC will present the colors. Attendees will say the Pledge of Allegiance and then members of the James F. Doughty School will sing the National Anthem. Mrs. Silk will speak briefly about the important contributions our veterans have made to our country. The JFDS chorus will close the ceremony with a patriotic song. Family members are welcome to attend this assembly.

Fall Festival



They have done it again! Our PTO put on a fabulous fall festival for students and families. Thanks to a small group of committed volunteers, there were plenty of games and activities for students and their families. The Farmers' Market was a huge success with lots of pumpkins, beets, carrots and gourds for families to take to make a harvest dinner. There was even some basil and cilantro that grew in the aquaponics tank! Thank you to the Bangor High School Student Council and the Vine Street alumni that are attending the James F. Doughty School for being such excellent volunteers during the event.



Gobble Up A Great Book

Recommended From Our Library

November Theme: Elections

Duck for President-Doreen Cronin

Vote-Eileen Christelow

Voting in an Election-John Hamilton

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Turkey Challenge

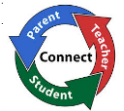
Thank you to everyone who attended our Literacy PEAK Night on October 18th. We were so proud of our second grade student readers—they did a great job on their readers theatre interpretation of *The Circus Ship*. The staff loved interacting with parents and students as they shared a variety of reading genres. One part of the evening involved a challenge for our students. Students each received a Turkey Challenge worksheet. As students read from each genre on the worksheet, they can color in the corresponding feather on the Turkey. When all the feathers are colored, students can bring their worksheet in to school to receive a certificate and a new book. If you were unable to attend the Literacy PEAK Night, or you do not have a Turkey Challenge worksheet, let us know. We would be happy to get you another copy. Already 15 students have completed the challenge. Their turkeys are proudly displayed in the main hallway. Please encourage your child to participate in this fun challenge that will give them the opportunity to explore many genres of reading. The response to this activity has been so positive, we are already planning another reading challenge for December—stay tuned for more details!



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences

As impossible as it seems, the first quarter is over! Staff are so excited to meet with parents to share each student's progress. Parent-teacher conferences are on November 21st and 22nd. You have received a letter from your child's teacher asking you to identify some times that would work for you to come in for a conference. Please complete the form and return it to the school as soon as possible. We all want our students to succeed and have a great learning experience at the Vine Street School. To help make conferences more productive, it is always a good idea to plan ahead. The Harvard Family Project has prepared a tip sheet for parents to help them prepare for their child's conference. A copy of that document is attached to this newsletter.



Parents often ask us what their children are doing in school. The box to the right gives some basic information about each grade level including the math topic and the theme of the reading unit. The books in italics are the main books teachers will use throughout the unit to teach a variety of skills.



Third Grade Parents

DATE CHANGE! Please note the date change: The third grade All City Spring Concert will be on March 4th. The date in our beginning of the year communications was inaccurate. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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PreK

Community; Author-Alexander Day

Kindergarten

Thanksgiving
Math: Comparing Numbers 0-10; Classifying & Comparing Data

Reading: "Then and Now"-- *The Little House*; *Four Seasons Make a Year*

First

Math: Subtraction Facts to 20-Using Strategies

Reading-"Becoming a Classroom Citizen"-- *A Fine, Fine School*, *The Recess Queen*

Second

Math: Subtract within 100 using strategies

Reading: "Making Decisions"-- *Alexander Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday*; *A Chair for My Mother*

Third

Maps and Globes
Math: Fluently multiply and divide within 100

Reading: "Connecting Character, Culture and Community"-- *The Year of Miss Agnes*; *The Athabascans and Frog Princess*