

Vine Street School

February, 2017



Important Dates & Reminders

February

- 13 Crazy Hair Day
- 14 Character Day
- 15 Hats & Shades Day
- 16 School PRIDE Day-Wear Red
- Third Grade Winter Concert 6:00
- 17 Freaky Friday Mix It Up Day
- 19- Vacation 26
- 27 PreK/K Registration 4:00-7:00

Principal's Message



Winters in Maine can be long and cold. One way to beat the cold is to embrace it. The excessive amount of ice this year caused challenges for students trying to play during recess. The grassy part of the playground has become an ice rink. Unfortunately, without skates, playing on the ice can be hazardous. Many students have enjoyed scooting around on their knees, but some children wanted more adventure. We were able to set up a course for students to run on a snowy area and then slide on the ice. This has provided hours of fun for our students during recess. It is exciting to watch them slide quickly along the ice—they always come up with a huge smile.

We have a lot of activities planned

for the first few weeks of February. Please plan to join us for the third grade winter concert on February 16th at 6:00. This is a highlight for the school every year. Mrs. Small and the students always put on a great show! During the week before vacation, we will hold our annual Winterfest. Each day students will have the opportunity to dress up for the theme of the day. This is their opportunity to get creative! The 100th day of school will also be this month. That will also be an opportunity to help students understand the important role the number 100 has in our number system. We will continue the *I Love Reading Challenge* until February vacation. Staff challenged students to build their reading stamina. If you need a copy of the record sheet, contact us!



2017-2018 PreK and Kindergarten Registration

The Vine Street School will accept registrations for PreK and kindergarten students for the 2017-2018 school year beginning on Monday, February 27, 2017 from 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m.. It is very important for planning purposes that we know how many children will be attending our PreK and kindergarten classes next year. Children who currently attend our PreK and live in the Vine Street District will automatically be enrolled in a kindergarten class next year. Those parents do not need to attend the Monday night registration session. If you know of any child in the Vine Street School district who will be four or five years old on or before October 15, 2017, please let the school know so we can contact them about the registration process.



Recommended From Our Library
February Theme:
Teeth and the Dentist

Open Wide Teeth Inside by Laurie Keller
Doctor DeSoto by William Steig

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Walking School Bus

There is exciting news to share! The Vine Street School has received a grant to begin a walking school bus program. The school will coordinate with volunteers to walk to school each day. Along the way, the group will stop at several “bus stops” to pick up students who would like to walk to school. The coordinator of the program will be Ms. Deidre Johnson, an educational technician here at the Vine Street School. Ms. Johnson will be sending out notices soon to find out which students would be interested in participating in this program. Once families have returned the notices, we will create a route that will pick up as many students as possible. It may not be possible for the route to pick up all interested students, but we will do our best! If you would like to volunteer for this program, call the school.



Winter Festival

Students will not want to miss a single day next week at the Vine Street School. In addition to being the week before vacation, staff have several activities planned for students. Mr. Pangburn and Mr. Marks will be hosting the first ever Vine Street School Winter Olympics. Second and third grade students have signed up to participate in activities that will test their athletic skill. Tuesday will be the 100th Day of School. Many classes will be doing special activities focusing on the importance of the number 100 in our number system. Thursday will be the third grade winter concert. Each day of the week will also have a theme. Monday will be Crazy Hair Day. Tuesday will be Character Day. Students may dress up as their favorite book character. Wednesday will be Hats and Shades Day. Thursday will be school Pride Day-wear Bangor’s school colors of cardinal red and white! Friday will be Freaky Friday/Mixed Up Day-everything will be mixed up! Let’s gear up for a great week of learning and fun and keep our attendance above the 95% mark. Thank you!

Free Parent Workshop

Preventing Anxiety and Depression:
Skills We Can and Should Be Teaching
Our Children

Thursday, March 2, 2017
6:30-8:30

Peakes Auditorium
Bangor High School
885 Broadway
Bangor

Featured Speaker
Lynn Lyons, LICSW

For more
Information
See Attached Flyer



Winter Learning

PreK Big Day: Using
Your Imagination



K Counting Numbers
Learning About Each Other and
the world

1st Comparing Two-Digit Numbers;
100 Day; Planting for the Future

2nd Numbers to 1000; Pioneering
New Ideas and New Worlds

3rd Multiples of 10; Using Operations
to Solve Problems; Seeking
Explanations; Weather and
Climate