

Vine Street School

May 2017



Important Dates & Reminders

May

- 4 **Grade 3 All City Chorus, 5:30 at BHS**
- 11 **MEA Writing-Grade 3**
- 15 **School Play, 6:00**
- 15- **Bogo Book Fair 19**
- 17 **K-1 Field Trip to BHS Concert**
- 17 **Grade 3 Step Up Day to Fairmount**
- 18 **Arbor Day Ceremony 2:00**
- 26 **Memorial Day Assembly, 2:30**



Suggested Books from the Library Theme-STEM



- Iggy Peck, Architect*
By Andrea Beaty
- The Most Magnificent Thing*
By Ashley Spires
- Rosie Revere, Engineer*
By Andrea Beaty

Principal's Message

May is here and with the warmer weather we can see summer on the horizon. However, before we can close the school doors on the last day of school we have a lot of learning left to do! The last few weeks of school are very important---help us to keep our students focused on finishing strong. Students in kindergarten through grade 3 will be working on Ready Gen reading and writing units. Each student will continue to develop his/her reading skills. One of the strengths of the Ready Gen reading series is that the teacher is able to accelerate each child according to what he or she knows and is able to do. That means each child is reading "just right" books designed to meet his/her specific needs.

In PreK, students will be finishing the final units of Big Day for PreK. We are so proud of the work our youngest students have done this year! They have learned their numbers and letters as well as early reading skills. They will be ready for kindergarten next fall!

In math, all students will complete the final math topics of the year and strive to master fluency for their grade level math facts. Please continue to help your child practice the math facts for their grade. Being fluent with math facts frees up brain power to tackle more difficult math problems.

This month, attendance is particularly important. We have many special events planned for May. Teachers will begin giving end of year assessments as well. Please help us get back up to our goal of 95% attendance.



2017-2018 PreK and Kindergarten Registration

The Vine Street School is continuing to accept registrations for PreK and kindergarten students for the 2017-2018 school year. 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. These parents do not need to complete a new registration packet. 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.

Academic Excellence for All



Beauty is a Beast

The Vine Street School is proud to present our first full length play in several years. Second and third grade students under the direction of Mrs. Timms, with help from Mrs. Sherry and Mrs. Douglas, have been practicing for two months to bring this production to life. *Beauty is a Beast* is a twist on a familiar classic. This rendition of the fairy tale was written by D.M. Larson, who has graciously granted us permission to use and perform his play free of charge. In this version, Beauty is a princess who is, indeed beautiful on the outside, but not so much on the inside. Beauty’s fairy godmother sets in action a plan to help Beauty understand that outward appearances are not as important as the person you are on the inside. The students will be performing their play on Monday, May 15th at 6:00 in the newly remodeled gymnasium. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the presentation.

Play Source: D.M. Larson at www.Freedrama.net



Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing with every imaginable piece of clothing. Please take a moment to look through the items to see if anything belongs to your family. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the year.



Walking School Bus

Last week, Vine Street started a walking school bus program. The Walking School Bus is a great way for students and staff to start each day with a walk to school. Beginning each day with 30 minutes of exercise is a healthy habit that could last a lifetime. On the walk, students, staff and volunteers have been able to practice pedestrian safety. While walking, the group has had wide ranging conversations about the budding trees and flowers, types of birds that are flying or feeding along the route and about interesting architecture or places of historical interest along the route. Staff have also enjoyed talking to students one-on-one or in small groups about everything from their favorite books to what is good on the hot lunch menu.

All students are welcome to join us on the Walking School Bus. The “bus” starts at Silver Road and West Broadway each morning at 8:00. Sometimes we have community volunteers join the bus. On the first day of walking, members of the Bangor Fire Department walked with the group with a fire Engine following along. That was a special treat! For the rest of the year, representatives from UM football will be joining the group each Wednesday morning. Keep an eye on the website to see when other special visitors will be joining us. Call the school if you would like more information about the Walking School Bus.



Spring Learning



PreK-Moving On, Literacy and Math Concepts

Kindergarten-Exploring Communities, Comparing Shapes and Measuring Attributes

First Grade-Celebrating Diversity, Reasoning with Shapes and Their Attributes, Circles and Rectangles

Second Grade-Changing the World, Graphs, Data and Shapes and Their Attributes

Third Grade-Becoming an Active Citizen, Attributes of Two-Dimensional Shapes and Solving Perimeter Problems