

October



2017

Vine Street School

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- 6th BHS Football Night
- 9th Columbus/Indigenous People Day
NO SCHOOL
- 12th School Committee, 7:00
- 16th PTO, 6:00
- 17th Literacy PEAK Night
- 20th Fall Festival
- 24th School Committee, 7:00
- 26th Picture Retakes
- 27th School PRIDE Day-Wear Red



Principal's Message

As the principal of the Vine Street School, I try to maintain a culture of literacy. The more students read, the better readers they will become. Each year, the staff and I try to find ways to motivate children to read as much as possible. Last year, students responded very positively to our reading challenges. This year we were inspired by the PTO's international activities, so we decided to add a twist to the challenges. We are calling this year's program *Passport to Reading*. Each student will receive a "passport" at the literacy PEAK Night on October 17th. Each month, students will have opportunities to collect stamps in their passport by successfully completing reading challenges. Students will receive a free book for every five stamps collected! October's challenges

are explained on the next page of this newsletter. Parents can help their children succeed in many ways. Help students make a plan to choose which books they will read during the challenge. Encourage children to read by setting aside time each day just for that purpose. Make it a family event by reading some of the books together. Rich conversations about books are a great way to help children have a deeper comprehension of their reading. If you are unsure how to start a conversation about text or want to learn more about how you can help your child develop better reading skills, please join us for the literacy PEAK Night. Our literacy coach, Mrs. Curtis, will be giving parents tips on best practices for encouraging reading at home.

PTO Fall Festival



Mark your calendars! It's time for the PTO's annual **Fall Festival**. On October 20th, plan to join other Vine Street School families and staff as we celebrate the fall season. PTO volunteers have been hard at work planning for the big event. There will be games in the gymnasium, snacks in the cafeteria and a farmers' market in the lobby. The scarecrow and sunflower photo cutout stations will be available for anyone who wants to get a picture. Students are welcome to wear costumes.

Academic Excellence for All

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October Theme: Celebrating Diversity
Recommended from our library:
Skin Again-Bell Hooks
Fish in a Tree-Linda Mullaly Hunt





Ram Pride

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 6! The Bangor High School football team has invited Vine Street students and their families to attend the Bangor vs. Portland game. The Elementary School Night at BHS football is an annual event that students look forward to every year. Families and students will meet before the game and march in together. Vine Street students sit together to cheer on their home team, the Bangor Rams. There will be a recognition ceremony for the grade 3 winners of the football skills competition held earlier this year. Scarlett H. and Jayden P. are the Vine Street School winners. This event is free of charge for all Vine Street students and their families. This year, we have a special treat. The Bangor High School Booster Club will give every Bangor elementary student in attendance a free bag of popcorn! Students will bring home a flyer later this week with all the details. Please plan to join the fun. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school.



Passport to Reading-October Challenges

The Passport to Reading Program will officially kick off at the literacy PEAK Night on October 17th. At that time, students will receive detailed instructions about how the program will work. If students want to get a jump start on their reading, here is a “Sneak Peak” at this month’s challenges.

From Mrs. Dionne—read any of the books depicted on a painted poster currently hanging in the halls of the Vine Street School.

From Mrs. Robertson—read a fairy tale.

From Mrs. Douglas—Read a book by Patricia MacLachlan (*Sarah Plain and Tall*) or Eric Litwin (*Pete the Cat*)

From Mrs. Silk—Read a book of poetry

From Vine Street Staff—read a book related to our feature country of the month—Japan

Did You Know?

Research has clearly shown that when parents are involved in their children’s education, there are positive benefits. Some of the outcomes associated with parental involvement include:

- Higher grades
- Higher test scores
- Increased graduation rates
- Better school attendance
- Increased motivation
- Higher self-esteem
- Decrease in the use of drugs and alcohol.

The earlier parental involvement begins, the more powerful the effects! Learn how you can get involved at our next PTO meeting on October 16th!

Source:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Final_Parent_Involvement_Fact_Sheet_14732_7.pdf

What We Will Learn This Month

Prek-Families

K-Numbers 0 to 10; Living Together-This is Home: *Life in a Pond*

1-Addition Facts to 20—Use Strategies; Connecting to Our World: *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?*

2-Add within 100 Using Strategies; Understanding Communities: *Friends Around the World*

3-Apply Properties: Multiplication Facts For 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8; Life Cycles of Plants, Downeast to Bangor: The Wabanakis, Observing the World Around Us: *Treasure In the Trees*

