

# Vine Street School

April, 2018

## April

- 9 Class Color Day  
PTO, 6:00 p.m.
- 10 PreK/K  
Registration,  
4:00-6:00  
  
Twin Day  
  
City Council  
Budget  
Workshop,  
5:15 p.m.
- 11 Wacky Socks Day  
  
School  
Committee,  
7:00 p.m.
- 12 School Play,  
*Barnyard Ruckus*  
6:00 p.m.
- 13 Gear Day
- 25 School  
Committee,  
7:00 p.m.

## Principal's Report

The first week of April has been a very busy week at the Vine Street School. Our third grade students participated in the annual State Assessments. They took tests in reading, math, writing, and English. I am beyond proud of how hard these soon-to-be fourth graders worked to show what they know and are able to do. They modeled our core values of responsibility and ambition. Kudos to each and every one of them.

I am so excited about the play next week! As many of you remember, we made it a priority to renovate the gymnasium in 2016. The beautiful new floor and curtains inspired us to put on a full production play last year. Mrs. Timms and Mrs. Douglas did an amazing job directing students in a production of *Beauty is a Beast* which was performed to a packed house. This year, second and third grade students, again under Mrs. Timms's and Mrs. Douglas's direction,

are ready to share a performance with our school family. The play is called *Barnyard Ruckus*. Over the past few weeks students have been diligently getting ready for the big show. They have worked hard, and if rehearsals are any indication, we are all in for a treat next Thursday. We hope you are able to attend to support our young performers.

This is the time of the year when citizens have the opportunity to learn more about the school budget. The City Council will discuss the school budget at a workshop on April 10<sup>th</sup>. You can also watch the local access channel to hear a presentation of the budget from the School Committee's April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please be informed about the budget and plan to vote at the public referendum in June.

Enjoy April vacation—I hope we have warm weather!



The Vine Street School Drama Club Presents:

**BARNYARD RUCKUS**

**April 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

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Library Theme:  
Poetry  
*Mirror Mirror*  
By Marilyn Singer

*Grumbles From the Forest*  
By Jane Yolen





## Kindness Week

In the book *Wonder*, the teacher gives students a precept each month to ponder and apply. One month he writes on the board, “When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind.” Given all that is going on in our world today, it is important to remember that being kind costs nothing and can have long lasting effects. The Bangor School Department sets aside the week before April vacation as Kindness Week. While kindness should be part of all of our daily lives, during this week staff will model, teach and discuss how small acts of kindness can make someone’s day. There is a document attached to this newsletter giving parents ideas about how they can raise a compassionate child.

Next week will also be an opportunity for students to participate in theme days. The themes for each day:

**Monday:** Wear Your Class Colors! (PreK-orange or white, K-Red or white, 1-Blue or white, 2-Green or black, 3-Purple or black)

**Tuesday:** Twin Day-Work with a friend to dress alike

**Wednesday:** Wacky Sock Day

**Thursday:** Celebrate Kindness Day

**Friday:** Gear Day-wear gear from your favorite college or branch of the military



## Passport to Reading-April Challenges

Mrs. Curtis-A book about Spring

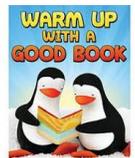
Mrs. Morris-A book about kindness

Mr. Whitney-A book about an animal showing kindness

Mrs. Gilpin-A fairy tale

Mrs. Silk-A Nonfiction Book

Vine Street Staff-A book about Spain



## What We Will Learn This Month

PreK: Nature All Around Us

K-Reading: Knowing About Patterns and Structures. Anchor Texts: *Plant Patterns*, *Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature*. Informational Writing and How to Books. Math-Identify and Describe Shapes.

1-Reading: Observing the Messages of the Natural World. Anchor Texts: *Our World in Space: Planets, The Sun*. Constructed Response Writing. Math-Time; Identifying Shapes and Their Attributes.

2-Reading: Pioneering New Ideas and New Worlds. Anchor Texts: *Pioneers to the West*, *Going West*, Writing Poetry. Math-Working with Length.

3-Reading: Becoming an Active Citizen. Anchor Texts: *Brave Girl*, *Back of the Bus*, *Below Deck: A Titanic Story*, Constructed Response Writing. Math-Solve Time, Capacity and Math Problems.

School Focus Country: Spain

