



Vine Street School

May, 2018

May

- 9 School Committee, 7:00
- 10 All City Concert Grade 3-Bangor High School, 5:30
- 18 PTO Spring Festival, 5:30
- 23 Step Up Day to Fairmount, 12:30
- 28 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL

Spring Song

Frogs croak
 Rains soak.
 Chicks peep
 Crickets leap.
 Bees hum
 Robins come.
 Birds sing
 It's spring!



Principal's Message

The weather this past weekend was amazing—spring has finally arrived! The warmer weather reminds us that summer---and the end of this school year---are rapidly approaching. As exciting as this is, please remember that we have a lot of learning left to do in this school year! Due to the winter weather school closure days, we will be going to school until June 20th. Teachers will be following curriculum right up until the final days of school. Expect daily lessons in math and reading every day. Students will continue to bring home the books they have been practicing in school. It is so important to continue to have your child read these “just right” books as often as possible. Each reading develops their skills in fluency and automaticity.

Teachers at all grade levels will be assessing each student during May and June. All students will work 1:1 with

their teacher to get an accurate reading level.

Students in grades K-3 will take an end-of-the-year math test in late May or early June. Once this is completed, students will have two weeks of instruction that will give them a preview of next year's curriculum.

In addition to the end-of-the-year assessments in reading and math, there will be assessments in spelling, writing and math fact fluency. These assessments will show us how much each child has grown in each area this year. This data will also help teachers plan individualized instruction for the first few weeks of the 2018-2019 school year.

Please help us to finish this year strong. Make sure your child comes to school each day on time and ready to learn. These last weeks of school are critical learning times.

All City Concert



The month of May means it is time again for the third grade All City Concert. Please join us on May 10th at Bangor High School at 5:30 for a musical presentation by students from across the city. Vine Street third grade students will join classes from Fourteenth Street, Downeast, Abraham Lincoln and Fruit Street to showcase the work they have done this year in music class. This is always a great show and a highlight of our year.

Library Theme: Ocean
Dory Story
 by Jerry Pallotta

Manfish: The Story of Jacques Cousteau.
 By Jennifer Berne



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PTO Spring Fair

Be sure to mark your calendars for May 18th! It is time for the PTO's annual Spring Fair. The fair will begin at 5:30 and end at 7:00. The PTO has established new guidelines for the activities this year. Instead of paying for each event, families may buy one bracelet that will allow access to all the games and events. The cost is \$5 for one bracelet or \$10 for all the children in the family. There are two options to get 50% off the admission costs. If a family brings in \$20 or more of Box Tops for Education, the PTO will take \$5 off the admission cost. The second way to get a discount is by volunteering to help. This event needs many people to help it run smoothly. If you can help, please call the school to let them know. Any parent who volunteers for a half-hour shift will earn \$5 off the cost of their child's admission. All volunteers must be volunteer-trained. For more information, call the school at 941-6300.

Passport to Reading-May Challenges



Mr. Whitney-A book with a hero in it
Mrs. Silk-A book with a super hero or an animal hero in it
Mrs. Clark-A book about Spring
Mrs. Robertson-A book that has a mother in it
Mrs. Timms-A book with a character that has a job you would like when you grow up
Vine Street Staff-Books about Canada

What We Will Learn This Month

Prek-Moving On: Going New Places, Trying New Things, I Can Do It!, We're Big Now!

Kindergarten-Reading-Exploring Communities, *On the Town: A Community Adventure* and *Places in My Neighborhood*; Math-Analyze, Compare and Create Shapes and Describe and Compare Measurable Attributes.

Grade 1-Reading-Celebrating Diversity, *One Classroom, Many Cultures* and *A Picnic in October*; Math-Reasoning With Shapes and Their Attributes and Equal Shares of Circles and Rectangles.

Grade 2-Reading-Changing the World, *68 Ways to Save the Planet Before Bedtime* and *On Meadowview Street*; Math-Graphs and Data; Shapes and Their Attributes; Mapping Unit.

Grade 3-Becoming an Active Citizen, *Brave Girl* and *Back of the Bus and Below Deck*: Math-Attributes of Two-Dimensional Shapes and Solving Perimeter Problems: STEMscopes-Electricity and Magnets; Downeast to Bangor.

