

Vine Street School

November, 2018



November

- 5th PTO Eat Out Uno's
- 9th Veterans' Day Assembly, 2:00
- 12th Veterans' Day- NO SCHOOL
- 19th Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 20th Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 21st Thanksgiving Break-NO SCHOOL

Principal's Message

Kindness and thankfulness are qualities that we are focusing on throughout this school year. Staff are using the text, *Bear Says Thanks* to help students understand these important concepts. November is a special month where we focus our attention on being thankful. I am so looking forward to an extended break after parent teacher conferences to spend a long weekend celebrating Thanksgiving with my family. It is my favorite holiday of the year! Before that day of thankfulness, our country has dedicated November 11th as a day for us to give thanks to a special group of people—the veterans of our armed forces who have

voluntarily dedicated a portion of their lives to ensure that we can all enjoy the freedoms we cherish. In 1919, November 11th was designated as Armistice Day to commemorate the first anniversary of the end of the first World War which officially ended at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. In 1938, Veterans Day became a national holiday. Veterans Day is a day of celebration and honor. Vine Street will have a short assembly on Friday, November 9th at 2:00 to honor our nation's veterans. This will be a short assembly. Parents and friends are welcome to join us.



I Want You



to Read and Think

Recommended this month-
Graphic Novels
El Deafo by Cece Bell
Amulet by Kazu Kibuishi
Quarterback Rush by Carl Bowen

PTO Fall Festival



Fall Festival is an annual event that is a favorite for staff and students alike. This year, we had a huge turnout with students (and some parents) dressed in fun costumes. There were a lot of harvest themed games, face painting, a farmers' market, sack races, an arts and craft station where students made stained glass candy corns, popcorn and a special "scary" room. Thank you to the PTO for organizing this event. A very special thanks to the many Bangor High School and JFDS volunteers. We could not have run this event without you!

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Tips from the School Nurse Surviving the Cold and Flu Season/When to Stay Home

As everyone knows this time of year presents plenty of opportunities for illness to spread. A child must be kept home at least 24 hours after a fever (greater than 100° F), vomiting, or diarrhea. If your child is prescribed antibiotics, they must remain home for 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Keeping ill children at home protects other children, their family, and the school staff from infection. Here are some guidelines to help you decide when to keep your child at home. If symptoms persist after 24 hours or worsen, call your pediatrician.

Symptom:	Keep your child home if:
Fever	He/she has a morning temperature of 101 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, or temperature is below 100 but they are achy, pale, or tired
Stomach Ache	He/she has had episodes of vomiting or diarrhea, in the past 24 hours and feels tired or ill.
Sneezing or Runny Nose	He/she has a fever and is sneezing a lot and/or his/her nose won't stop running.
Sore Throat	He/she has tender, swollen glands, red or white coloring of throat, and a fever of 100 or higher.
Cough	He/she has a fever, coughs frequently – disrupting the class, or the cough sounds like a bark or is accompanied by a sore throat or wheezing.
Ear Ache	His/her pain is constant or severe – a sign of otitis media.
Rash	The rash blisters, develops pus, or is uncomfortable – which signals chicken pox or impetigo – and/or has a fever of 100 or higher.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 19th-20th

The Vine Street School will hold parent teacher conferences on November 19th and 20th. Please note that there is NO SCHOOL for students all week. Classroom teachers will contact their students' parents to set up conference times. If you would like to meet with other educators (Title I, PE, Art, Special Ed., etc.), please indicate your request on the form the classroom teacher sends you. It is so important that parents and teachers work together to help children be successful in school. The Bangor School Department sets aside these days in November for parent-teacher conferences, but parents can schedule a meeting any time they have a concern. At the conference you can expect your child's teacher to talk to you about where your child has strengths and weaknesses as well as a plan for instruction to accelerate your child. Expect an open and honest conversation about how your child can have the most success in school. Please be sure to arrive on time as teachers have multiple conferences each day. If a parent is late to a conference, in consideration of other parents, the conference will end at the appointed time. The parent(s) may meet again at a later date to finish this important conversation.

November Themes

PreK-Our Community

Kindergarten-Understanding Then and Now: *Farming Then and Now*, Opinion Writing, Classifying and Counting Data

First Grade-Becoming a Classroom Citizen: *Far From Home*, Information Writing, Subtraction Facts to 20

Second Grade-Making Decisions: *Alexander Who Used To Be Rich Last Sunday*, Extended Response Writing, Subtract within 100 Using Strategies

Third Grade-Observing the World Around Us: *Treasure in the Trees*, Constructed Response Writing, Fluently Multiply and Divide by 100

