



# Vine Street School

## December, 2018

### Important Dates & Reminders

#### December

4-PTO Dine Out  
Night at Applebees

10-PTO (Tentative)  
6:00

10-14  
Craft week

21 Bangor Day

22-Winter Break  
Begins

January 2  
School Resumes



December Reading  
Theme: Worldless  
Picture Books

*Chalk* by Bill Thompson

*Wolf in the Snow* by  
Matthew Cordell

*The Snowman* By  
Raymond Briggs

*Flashlight* by Lizi Boyd

### Principal's Message

As unbelievable as it may be, December is here! I hope you all enjoyed a fabulous Thanksgiving. Mid-November through the end of December is my favorite time of year. It is a time when we make more time for the important things in life—giving thanks, spending time with friends and families, celebrating family traditions and making memories that will last a lifetime. I want to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season.

One of the things I am most thankful for is being able to work for the Bangor School Department at the Vine Street School. This is a great place to work and learn. I am fortunate to spend my days with a dedicated, caring staff, and your amazing children. Thank you for the privilege of entrusting us with the important job of building an educational

foundation for your children.

Throughout the year, the Vine Street School benefits from the support of the community. Bangor has a proud tradition of supporting its school system including smaller, neighborhood schools such as Vine Street. Businesses, service organizations, and individuals are incredibly generous in sharing their time, talents, and resources. This is a time for us to give back to our Community. From the return from Thanksgiving break until the winter break, we will engage in many activities that celebrate the spirit of the season. You can read more about our plans later on in this newsletter.

During the month of December, please be sure to make attendance at school a priority for your child. We will be continuing with our regular academic schedule. We have lots of learning to do!



#### Welcome New Staff

Please help us in welcoming the newest members of the Vine Street School family. We have two educational technicians joining our team. Ms. Deidre Johnson has returned to Mrs. Timms room after taking a short break to pursue an educational opportunity. Students and staff were thrilled to have her return! The second new educational technician, Ms. Deann Deveau, is also working in Mrs. Timms' room. Ms. Deveau is a familiar face as her daughter is a second grade student in our school. Welcome to Ms. Johnson and Ms. Deveau.

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### Winter Gear

Mother Nature has certainly been generous with providing us with an early winter! While many adults may have preferred a longer fall season, students are loving the snow. They are having such a good time during recesses! As a reminder to parents, children must have boots, snowpants, a winter coat, and mittens to play in the snow. If any parent needs assistance purchasing winter gear for their child, please contact our guidance counselor, Dana Morris.



### Craft Week

The staff of the Vine Street School are thrilled to announce the Second Annual Craft Week. Last year, staff and students had a great time spending a week together after school creating winter crafts. Over a hundred students attended every day. It was crazy, but so much fun!! We are excited to do it again this year. Notices are going home with students today. Please let us know as soon as possible which days your child is available to join us. On Thursday, we will compile the groups. We will sign students up for as many days as possible. You will receive a note next Friday, December 7, letting you know which day(s) your child is scheduled to attend. Students who turn in forms after Thursday, December 6 will be placed in groups only if there is space available. We are looking forward to next week



### Bangor Day

Please join the Bangor School Department in celebrating living, working and learning in Bangor. We are starting immediately with a chance for children to learn the importance of giving back to their community. From now until the Winter Break, we will be collecting non-perishable food goods for the Good Shepherd Food Bank. There is a table set up in the lobby where students can put their donations. Suggested items include pasta, peanut butter, and canned fruits and vegetables, and canned meats such as tuna fish. There are already several items on the table—thank you! On December 20<sup>th</sup> and again on December 21<sup>st</sup>, a representative from the Bangor School Department will collect donations from Vine Street as well as Bangor's other 10 schools to make one large donation to the food bank. Students may also donate change for the Bangor Fuel Assistance Program. Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> is Bangor Day. Students are invited to support their school by wearing Bangor's colors of Cardinal Red and White. If your child has Bangor gear from an outside activity, he/she is encouraged to wear it! Go Bangor Rams! Friday afternoon will be a fun afternoon for all students. PreK and Kindergarten will finish up their mini units on Gingerbread, while students in grades 1-3 will spend the afternoon on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities.

## What We Are Learning This Month

**PreK**—Going Green, All Kinds of Animals, and Animal Homes

**K**-Informational Writing, "How-to" Books; Reading-Predicting Change, *Come On, Rain & The Snowy Day*; Understand Addition and Subtraction

**1**-Informational Writing; Reading-Making Choices-*The Winners' Choice & Hunter's Money Jar*; Work with Addition and Subtraction Equations and Represent and Interpret Data

**2**-Information Writing; Reading-Building Ideas-*Theodore Roosevelt, the Adventurous President & Marching with Aunt Susan*; Solving Problems Using Addition and Subtraction

**3**-Opinion Writing; Reading-Connecting Character, Culture & Community-*The Year of Miss Agnes & The Athabascans and the Frog Princess*; Connect Area to Multiplication and Addition and Represent and Interpret Data

# WINTER



## READING CHALLENGE



### STUDENT CHALLENGE

Winter is here! It is one of my favorite seasons! My challenge for you is to read a winter book. You can read any book that has anything to do with winter, and I will give you a charm for your necklace.



### PRINCIPAL'S CHALLENGE:

It is a holiday season for many countries and cultures around the world. Read a book about any holiday, and I will give you a charm for your necklace.

## SPECIAL DECEMBER CHALLENGE

This month you get to do the choosing! Just keep track of 3 books you have chosen to read. If For each book you read (including Nella and my challenge), you will get a bead or charm for your necklace. If you read 5 books, Mrs. Curtis will give you a free book!

