

Vine Street School

March, 2019

Important Dates & Reminders

March

- 8 Teacher
Inservice
NO SCHOOL
- 11 PTO, 6:00
- 14 Academic
Showcase, 5:00
- 21 Beauty & the
Beast at JFDS,
10:00

March into Reading



March Reading
Theme: Math
Madness

*One Grain of
Rice* by Demi

The Lion's Share
by Matthew
McElligott

*Grandfather
Tang* by Ann
Tompert

Principal's Message

March is a special month in the Bangor School system. Every year, during the month of March, we make mathematics our focus. We have many events planned for this month. Each Monday, during lunch we will celebrate March Math Madness with math-related activities and games. Every Friday, I will set aside time in the afternoon to give students who are ready the Principal's Math Challenge. This math fact fluency activity challenges students to take the end of the year math fact fluency assessment for their grade level. When students demonstrate proficiency, they receive a certificate and a medal. So far this year, we have had 7 students meet the challenge. Those students are now working to try to meet the standard for the next grade level. If you need more information about this challenge, ask your child to come to the office for

an informational handout with all the details.

On March 14 (π day-do you see what I did there?), we will hold the annual Academic Showcase. During this evening, students will be able to share examples of what they have learned this year. The Title I teacher, Mrs. Bishop has something special for families during the Academic Showcase. She has planned math activities for each grade level. Parents will learn more about how they can help their children become better mathematicians, and have fun at the same time.

Don't forget to stay until the very end of the Academic Showcase. Physical education teachers Mr. Marks and Mr. Pangburn have planned a presentation where students at each grade level will show off the dance moves they have been practicing in PE. Be sure to join us.

Welcome New Staff



Please help us in welcoming the newest member of the Vine Street School family. Ms. Kathleen Dufresne has joined our team as a Title I tutor. She will work with students in grades K-3 on math and literacy. Ms. Dufresne recently finished a long-term substitute teaching position in fifth grade at the Fairmount School, so she is familiar with our system. Ms. Dufresne particularly enjoys sharing her love of mathematics with children. We are excited to have her as part of our team!

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Beauty and the Beast at JFDS

The principal of the James F. Doughty School, Mr. Hackett, has invited the Vine Street School to attend a special performance of the JFDS Drama Club's spring play, *Beauty and the Beast*. One of the advantages of being next door to one of Bangor's elite middle schools is the opportunity to be able to access events like this one. Students and staff will walk down to JFDS the morning of March 21 and return in time for lunch.



Lunch Choice Pilot

There is exciting news for students! Bangor's food service program will be piloting a lunch choice pilot for the first two weeks of March. March menus have already gone home. You will notice that each day, students may choose from an entree or a sandwich. Both choices come with all the other parts of the meal (milk, fruit/vegetable, etc.) This is a terrific way for students to have options for their lunch time meal. Students taking a school lunch will select their choice in the morning. This will allow the kitchen staff to prepare the correct number of each choice. Either lunch choice is free of charge for all Vine Street School students. Students who have been carrying a cold lunch all year may want to give the lunch choice program a try. It is free and convenient!



Academic Showcase/PEAK Night

The annual Academic Showcase is almost here! Mark your calendars for March 14 and join us here at the Vine Street School at 5:00 to share in a celebration of our students' learning. To kick the event off, Title I teacher, Julie Bishop, has planned a math activity for students and their families. Each classroom will have math games available that are appropriate for the age group, work on a specific math skill, and most importantly, are fun! Playing games together as a family is a great way to help students build skills in many different areas. Following the game activities, parents and friends will have an opportunity to see examples of student work proudly displayed throughout the school. The final part of the evening will take place in the gymnasium where the physical education instructors Mr. Marks and Mr. Pangburn will provide an opportunity for students to perform some of the dances they have learned in PE class.

What We Are Learning This Month

PreK-Growing Up Healthy

K-Informational, "How-to" Books; Learning About Each Other and the World, *Making Music* and *Clothes in Many Cultures*; Compose and Decompose Numbers 11-19

1-Narrative Writing; Planting for the Future, *The Life Cycle of an Apple Tree* and *How a Tree Grows*; Using Models and Strategies to Add and Subtract Ones and Tens

2-Poetry; Pioneering New Ideas and New Worlds; *Pioneers in the West* and *Going West*; Add and Subtract within 1000 Using Models and Strategies

3-Constructed Response Writing; Seeking Explanations, *Weather*, *On the Same Day in March* and *Living Through a Natural Disaster*; Understanding Fractions as Numbers