

# Vine Street School

## May, 2019



### May

- 2 All City Concert, 5:30
- 6 After School Club Presentation: Bike Safety
- 10 Spring Fair Work Committee, 6:00
- 13 PTO, 6:00
- 15 K-1 to BHS for Concert, 10:00
- 17 Spring Fair, 5:30-7:30  
Book Fair
- 20 Grade 3 to UM for Bangor Symphony, 9:15
- 21 After School Club: Bike Rodeo
- 22 Fairmount Step Up Day, 12:30
- 24 Memorial Day Assembly, 2:15
- 30 Parent Night at Fairmount

**Reading Theme-Spring Animals**  
*Hatching Chicks in Room 6*  
By Caroline Arnold  
*Frogs*  
By Melanie Mitchell  
*Bear Wants More*  
Karma Wilson

### Principal's Message

There is a famous saying that "April showers bring May flowers." So far it seems as if the April showers have just continued into May. My backyard has enough water that I feel like I could drop a line and catch some fish! I have no doubt that the weather will warm up this month, it always does this time of year.

As a principal, I actually like it when the weather stays cooler in May and June. It makes it easier to keep students focused on the hard work we still have left to do in this school year. While it is tempting to want to jump into our summer activities as soon as the days get longer and warmer, I would ask that parents help keep their children on their school routines until the end of the year. Our curriculum pacing guides take us right through the last weeks of school. That means teachers will be continuing to introduce important

concepts right through June. It is essential that children come to school rested and ready to learn each day.

One of my favorite end of the year activities is the "Step Up to Math Unit" at each grade level. Near the end of May and through June, teachers will be giving students an introduction to math concepts they will be studying next year. These lessons help children build foundational knowledge that will help them be more successful in the first weeks of the 2019-2020 school year.

Students will also be taking end of the year assessments in reading, math and writing. It is so exciting to see the growth each child has made over the course of the school year.

There are many events coming up in May and June. I have listed them in this newsletter. If you have any questions about upcoming activities, please contact the school.

### Attendance



As you know, attendance in school is a key factor in a student's academic success. It is very difficult for students to make up lessons they have missed when they are out of school. Much of the learning each day comes from the rich discussions and interactive activities students have with each other. The State of Maine recognizes the importance of school attendance and holds each student and school accountable. Please help us reach the State's goal of 95% average daily attendance. We are slightly below that now. You can follow our status on the bulletin boards near the office. Every student, every day matters!

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Over the week-long April break, physical education instructors, Jason Pangburn, and Justin Marks transformed the Vine Street School gymnasium into an exciting safari theme. It was an amazing transformation. Students are able to practice and try to master different parts of the course during their physical education classes. The Vine Street School Safari is a yearly tradition. Staff take pictures of students from the younger grades on the obstacle course and then use those pictures to make posters. When Mr. Pangburn and Mr. Marks set up the course, they put up the posters the students made when they were just “Littles”. It is amazing to see the transformation in these children just in the few years they have been at Vine Street School.

Thank You



for making a  
difference

Happy Teacher  
Appreciation Week

### Teacher Appreciation

The week of May 6-10 is designated as Teacher Appreciation Week. We are fortunate at the Vine Street School to have great teachers! We appreciate our teachers for all the work they do to help our children be successful learners. The PTO will be helping to celebrate staff with a special breakfast and lunch. Students are encouraged to thank their teacher(s) by writing them a note or drawing a picture. Parents are also welcome to send notes or cards of appreciation.



### What We Will Learn This Month



**PreK**-Moving On-Going New Places and Trying New Things

**Kindergarten**-Opinion and Persuasive Writing of All Kinds; Exploring Communities-*On the Town, A Community Adventure* and *Places in My Neighborhood*; Analyze and Compare Shapes & Describing and Comparing Measurable Attributes

**Grade 1**-Opinion Writing; Celebrating Diversity-*One Classroom, Many Cultures* and *A Picnic in October*; Reasoning with Shapes and Their Attributes & Equal Shares of Circles and Rectangles

**Grade 2**-Opinion Writing; Changing the World-*68 Ways to Save the Planet Before Bedtime* and *On Meadowview Street*; Shapes and Their Attributes

**Grade 3**-Fairy Tales; Becoming An Active Citizen-*What is a Government?* and *Who Created Government and a More Perfect Union*; Attributes of Two-Dimensional Shapes & Solving Perimeter Problems

